

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



President’s Message By Helen Mitcham

Yes ... breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month has returned to Spring Valley! Many, many thanks to the set-up crew, all the cooks and servers, and the clean-up crew! We can’t do it without each of you! I’m not naming everyone because it’s hard not to miss someone. Let’s just say it’s a great team effort ... and we’re always looking for more team members!

Speaking of members ... November starts our SVLPOA membership drive. Such a deal at \$10 per person per year. We will be providing member cards this year – with a special twist! Get your membership card punched 10 times at breakfast and get your 11th free! We’re thinking of other ways to thank our members, too! There will be a Members Only dinner – steaks on the BBQ probably in March. We’ll keep you posted on other member deals.

Karaoke night was fun again. We had two new voices to the mic – Christopher and Matt! These guys brought the house down! And of course, Jim and Kris and Zoey and Ellen stepped up as well. Thanks again to “DJ Julie” and Mark in the bar and Vicki at the door. It’s a fun evening for sure. November we’ll be serving homemade minestrone soup and French bread for \$5. (Thanks, Ellen, for volunteering to cook) Karaoke this month will be on the 19th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. We’re waiting for word from the Post Office if we are approved for bulk mail. So, for now, newsletters will be at the Pantry and on our website or via email if you requested it or they are available on the Spring Valley Friends and Neighbors Facebook pages.

Upcoming events – is the **Halloween** party over? Was it yesterday? Hope you didn’t miss It!

DID ANYONE SEE THIS IN THE VALLEY HALLOWEEN NIGHT???



The SVLPOA **Craft Fair** will be on November 6 & 7 from 9:00am to 3:00pm both days. Tables may still be available for \$10 – call Cindy at 831-402-5067. This offers all of us an opportunity to buy items for gift giving (or to keep for yourself!) and supports your neighbors in the process. Please see separate article on this event. **Breakfast** is November 14th from 8:00am to 11:00am and this month we’re having French toast as a special. **Karaoke** will be on November 19th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. There will be NO karaoke in December. How does Christmas **Caroling** sound to you? We have it scheduled for December 16th so get ready to bundle up and let’s sing a carol or two! Our next POA meeting is November 18th at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Please join us!

Contact Information

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Services	911
Sheriff Dispatch	707-263-2690
CDF-Clearlake Oaks (Hwy 20)	707-998-3711
Northshore Fire	707-274-3100
Animal Care and Control	707-263-0278
Special Districts (Water)	707-263-0119
Poison Control	800-222-1222

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SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

November 2021

November 3rd	Wed.	CSA #2 Meeting, Community Center 7pm.
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November 6 th and 7 th	Sat/Sun	Craft Fair Community Center 9am-3pm
November 14th	Sun.	Breakfast, Community Center 8am-11am.
November 18th	Thur.	POA Meeting, Community Center 6:30 pm.
November 19th	Fri.	Karaoke, Community Center 6pm-10pm

December 2021

December 1 st	Wed.	EaRTH Regional Town Hall Meeting, Clearlake Oaks Moose Lodge 4pm.
December 12 th	Sun.	Breakfast, Community Center 8am-11am.
December 16 th	Thur.	Christmas Caroling (time to be announced in December)
December 18 th	Sat.	Christmas Dinner Community Center 6pm.

Sunday Breakfast

SPECIAL THIS MONTH WILL BE FRENCH TOAST!

- OMELETTES
- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- PANCAKES
- BELGIAN WAFFLES
- HASH BROWNS
- POTATOES O'BRIEN
- SAUSAGE and BACON
- BISCUITS and COUNTRY GRAVY
- COFFEE and JUICE (INCLUDED)



SVLPOA Member-(\$7)
ADULTS -(\$9)
CHILD AGE 3-12 (\$3)

ON THE GREENBELT By Joe Welz

Thank you Darran Batzold for helping with the vandalized Red Willow. 35 hours were spent clearing the No. Fork of Cache Creek of the downed tree. The tree could have changed the course of the creek also during high water the tree could be swept downstream crushing anything in its path.

Oct. 19th Anchor Engineering and Towill surveying came to Spring Valley for a site visit in regards to cleaning out the lake, the group looked over the greenbelt for haul routes, silt sites and sedimentation ponds.

Thank God for Mark Curriers decade of hard work creating a blue print and plan to recover Spring Valleys Lake. Mark earned all permits and lobbied a contractor to do the job and that should never be forgotten.

Fall colors started about Oct. 15th Yellow, brown and green very little red, I wish there was more red.

It's raining as I write this, I hope we have an above average winter.

This season I plan to re-visit areas along the creek I've cleaned in the past removing dead vegetation and burning it. What firewood there is will be left in between the basketball court and Wolf Creek.

For those new to wood burning stoves, when you clean them out use a metal bucket take the ash outside dump the ashes on the ground, use your hose to saturate the ashes in to the ground. A paper bag or cardboard box will catch fire and could catch your house on fire.

Pileated Woodpecker spotted by Joe Welz



WOLF CREEK FIREWISE By Win Cary

I am working on the annual report to National Firewise which is due in November. Beginning in November, 2020, the Firewise volunteers have helped 20 neighbors, and 13 neighbors have reported the work they did on their property. The annual totals are 1,494 work hours, 36+ loads to the green waste recycle, 3 dumpsters full, and 69,295 pounds of green waste either recycled or burnt. We need to have one hour of work reported for each house, or 480 hours per year, and we had three times that amount! THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the residents that have worked on their property to help make our area safer from wildfires. If you have been working on your property (mowing or cutting grass, trimming bushes, clearing around your house, etc.) please call 998-3004 or send in your report so we can add your total work hours and/or cost to our report.

Remember, the Firewise meetings have been merged with the POA meeting on the 3rd Thur. of each month. See you there.

Campgrounds By Helen Mitcham

WOW! Ask for rain and ... we got it! I've seen 11.3 inches reported on the valley floor! The creeks were loud – lots of rushing water and I'm sure several gutters overflowing! The ones at the Community Center hadn't been cleaned out in a while and a big thank you goes to Mark and Julie Sahf for checking things out ... and to Mark for cleaning the gutters, diverting some of the runoff and reporting we had problems in the kitchen and one bathroom. Another thank you to

Curtis Dabbs for sealing the kitchen window and fixing the fascia over the bathroom window moving the runoff to the gutter where it should be! We have some more permanent work to be done but that's for better weather. We lost another branch from one of the big oaks near the bathroom building in the campground. Mother Nature has her own methods of trimming trees. No damage to any structures – but I'm wondering about the beaver dams? That's about it for now.

Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD By Helen Mitcham

Our meeting started with a property owner who lost her home in the Pawnee Fire. She has had several roadblocks in what's been a three-year process and wanted to ask about the type of garage she was allowed to build. There was lots of discussion about our zoning and some new info about what CalFire recommends on eaves and roofing. We will get her in touch with the Architectural Committee members for further action.

There was a really interesting meeting with the engineers and a surveyor regarding the lake recovery project. SDA, Advisory Board and property owners were represented. We met first for an overview and then took the tour of key areas that will be a part of the recovery project. We looked at the dam itself, proposed spoil's locations and a few new ones to be considered, locations where rock will or can be extracted, and the collection ponds (weirs). We heard that the entire project will be surveyed using a helicopter with LIDAR technology (we'll be able to notify residents when that will be done to avoid concern over low-flying copters!). There was discussion about the need for meetings to inform residents of progress and expectations for what will happen over the length of the project. Anchor QEA (the engineering firm) will prepare a timeline for our review – maybe by year-end.

As we consider additional projects on things like water distribution, we again asked about the requirement for our projects to be subject to prevailing wage. We asked our Supervisor Eddie Crandell to find out how Butler Keyes was able to complete a road project without the burden of prevailing wage. We look forward to his response.

Some nice work has been done on repairing the Cache Creek bridge – thanks in part to a request from one of the property owners “on the other side”. The work required the use of welding equipment and with the fire danger what it was before October's rain, the repairs were put off until the danger passed. Thanks to that owner and to SDA for getting on it as soon as it was safe.

That's about it for now – our next meeting is November 3rd at 7:00pm in the Community Center. Hope to see you there!

CRAFT FAIR By Helen Mitcham

You are invited to what might be an annual event – **the Spring Valley Craft Fair!** – November 6th & 7th.
9am-3pm both days.

This is your opportunity to browse all the wonderful craft items your neighbors in the valley creates. It's a time to do a little early Christmas shopping - no need to worry about a clogged supply chain – it's all right here! Crafters will be at the Community Center both days. Don't miss it!

Come and enjoy warm baked goods and coffee or tea in the morning and there will be chili for lunch, at a low price of just We'd love to have you bring your own special baked goods for the bake sale – cakes, pies, brownies and cookies! (Yum!)

We will be donating a portion of all sales to the Giambra family and each of the vendors will be donating an item to a silent auction to benefit them as well. There was a fire in their garage that destroyed mechanics tools and equipment that were the source of family income. Along with the tools, the garage and the home's power panel, several valuable motorcycles were lost. Ricky had to be treated at the Davis Burn Center after trying to put the fire out and retrieve some of what was lost. As this goes to print, they are still unable to return home. So, let's come together as a Spring Valley family and help one of our own. How can you go wrong? Warm pastries in the morning ... chili for lunch and goodies to take home for dessert ... handmade treasures for gift-giving (or a special something for yourself!) ... the spirit of the season will be on display!

Tables are still available for \$10 – call Cindy at 831-402-5067. Additional questions, call Julie at 608-235-2738.

Spring Valley Cowboy Church By Pastor Jackie

Hello this is Pastor Jackie. I'm going to be retiring and need a replacement.
People of the Valley, is the Lord leading you to be a pastor? Do you feel the call upon your life for this precious Valley?
If so, please contact me to work out the particulars.
We have a very successful Gleaner food program, 3 times a month at the church and wish for it to continue.
Thank you and God Bless you!

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION [SVLPOA]

MEMBERSHIP FORM (effective 2021) Annual Dues: January 1- December 31. \$10.00 per Member (18 years or older)

Date: _____ Total Memberships _____

Names: _____

First First Last

Phone: _____ Spring Valley Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

(if different) Street or PO Box City/Town Zip Code

Delivery Choices: _____ View Online (At SVLPOA.ORG) _____ Receive by e-mail _____ Store Pickup

e-mail address required for e-vote _____ @ _____

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