

# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
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**October 2021 EDITION**



HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN



**President’s Message** By Helen Mitcham

Hello again! Just like old times ... almost! Breakfasts are back in Spring Valley! It was great getting back to some of the things that make Spring Valley such a fun place to live! I’m only sorry more of you weren’t able to attend. The kitchen crew was terrific – didn’t miss a beat – it’s like it had only been a month since the last one! Thank you, Bobby Keyes, for being the griddle master (aren’t you the grill master, too?) and to both Mark’s (Peterson and Sahf) for whipping up scrambled eggs, waffles and hashbrowns and for not burning the bacon! Great job! Our servers Gigi, Vickie, Madelyn, Lorelei, and Ellen for making sure we didn’t run out of anything – thanks! Kristal Johnson did a great job as runner - delivering plates and our coffee servers kept everybody’s cups full. And oh my gosh – thank you Victor for braving the dishes and confirming that the new water heater can keep up with the demand of breakfast! A very big thank you to Cindy Storrs for donating the beautiful bookmarks for all the grandmas and Grandpas who came. Ever wonder how many different ways there are of recognizing grandparents? Oma, Papa, Nana, GiGi, Meemaw – we found out as people came in the door what they were called ... a fun twist!

It sounds like karaoke was a success – about 35 people came to “audition”! Thank you, Ellen Lantosh, for cooking up the enchiladas ... they were a big hit! We celebrated a birthday in the Langdale family with cake and cupcakes. I missed this one (I was at an A’s game – the A’s won 14-2 and the fireworks were very cool!) but I’ll be there next time.

The board is still working on getting the newsletter delivered to your mailbox but we were missing some documents from when the SVLPOA was formed (way back in 1978) so we’ve requested them from the state. I hope we have them in time to start mailing newsletters next month. Cross your fingers.

Upcoming events – **Breakfast** is October 10<sup>th</sup>. **Karaoke** will be October 22 this month (changed so as not to interfere with the Halloween plans). **Halloween** for the Kids will be October 31 at the Community Center. If you’d like to help with donations of candy or goodies or help with activities at the event, please contact me for more information.

The board will host a **Craft Faire** on the weekend of November 6 & 7. We’ve done this in the past and it’s a nice way to share your homemade items and for others to get a start on holiday shopping! It supports your neighbors and community as well. Table rentals will be \$10 for the weekend. Doors will open at 9:00am and close at 3:00pm. We will advertise on social media and newspapers as well. Let’s get the Thanksgiving/ Christmas/ Hannukah season started at this event. Contact either Cindy Storrs, Vickie Hennen or Julie Sahf for information and to secure a table.

Next membership meeting is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. Hope you will join us – maybe you’ll win a prize in our monthly drawings.

**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	1-800-222-1222

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**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**October 2021**

October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat.	Lake County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting 10am
October	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed.	CSA #2 Meeting, Community Center 7pm.
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October	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sun.	Breakfast, Community Center 8am-11am.
October	21 <sup>st</sup>	Thur.	POA/Firewise Meeting, Community Center 6:30 pm.
October	29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri.	Karaoke, Community Center 6pm.
October	31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Halloween party 6:30pm-9:00pm

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**Sunday Breakfast**

- 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

In between 9am on Aug. 28 and 6am on Aug.29 of 2021, an act of vandalizing took place in the campground.

An ancient red willow, possibly one hundred years old was cut in two places' until it broke and fell into the North fork of cache creek blocking the creek but far worse stealing the shade that cool's the water for all the wildlife that lives with in the water and relies on the creek for life its self.

I had put a bench and picnic table there and the site was well used. A beaver had built a dam there helped by residents stacking rocks this was also destroyed with a single Coors beer can left where a bit of the dam remained.

Acts of vandalism like this are very sad because of whoever did this took this shaded relaxing site away from all the residents of this area. Who would take this place away from all of us with this year's heat being the way it is?

It is my faith in my lord and his son that enables me to carry on and I will always do the best I can to create places along the creek to escape the summer's heat.

This is the worse act of vandalizing carried out against a tree and the fourth in recent memory. There were two killed by being hacked to death by machete and a sixty- to seventy-foot-tall gray pine with large fallers wedge's cut on opposite sides of the trunk with only two to three inches of the center of the tree holding it up right (Very dangerous)

What disregard for our scenic beauty what hate and disrespect for our home what was going on in this person's mind while with their bare hands tore down a beaver's dam. Why? Why would this person with such focused hateful drive drop a mature red willow into our creek? Hate is a horrible thing.

The beaver has rebuilt its dam none too soon for there's a bear about and in time the willow will regrow. Just, it will never be the same. Possibly the communities' current grandchildren, children will once again enjoy the shade of this tree by the creek.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE By Win Cary

Due to the Labor Day Weekend, the Firewise volunteers took it easy in September. We did help some residents, but did not have much to take to the green waste recycle.

The annual report to National Firewise is due in November. 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. We need to have one hour of work reported for each house, or 480 hours per year.

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

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING By Win Cary

Lake County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on Sat., Oct 2, 10 am for reviewing how to redistrict the Supervisors in Lake County. They are looking at how the poll numbers have changed in each district, and if they need to divide District 3 into two districts.

If you support dividing District 3 into two districts you may want to attend this meeting, or participate using zoom or your phone. The County Clerk will give you the information for the modern technology.

**Campgrounds** By Helen Mitcham

Well, I don't know about you but I really enjoyed those few days of cooler weather last month ... not to mention the RAIN!!! Loved it – something about the smell of the first rain. We found – and fixed – a problem with the faucet at one of the campsites. Surprisingly, it wasn't as bad as first thought – but it was hot the day the digging was done. Thanks Joe! Another big thank you to all of you that are remembering to keep the gate closed. It does help – limits vandalism for sure. Thanks!

We replaced the water heater at the Community Center and I'm happy to report it is keeping up with the dishwashers (mechanical and human)! We will be installing a motion-activated spotlight for the parking area in the next few days – could be in place by the time you read this. This one's a test ... we might add more for the patio and back of the building if it works well.

Hope you have a great October – a very be-witching month!

**CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD** By Helen Mitcham

It could have been a tense meeting this month but as the saying goes “we dodged a bullet” concerning the water curtailment order that was expected to affect us in Spring Valley. Just after the newsletter went online, Special Districts notified us that the order actually did not apply to us. Special Districts Administrator Scott Harter came to the meeting to answer any questions about the order and our “escape” from it. This may not be the end of that story ... but for now we are not subject to the curtailment order. Most of you have seen the level of the lake and heard news reports about lakes and reservoirs throughout the state being extremely low – so it would be wise for each of us to conserve water usage any way we can. And let's all hope we have a nice, wet winter! We also discussed the signing of the contract for engineering work to reclaim our lake. After so many years, it couldn't have come at a better time and although actual shovel and dozer work won't happen for a while yet – this is progress. On-site meetings are scheduled for mid-month so the interested parties can get a look at the actual areas that will be affected. There will be lots of news on this project as it moves forward.

We heard from Eddie Crandell, our District #3 Supervisor, that a new pilot program has been started – the Road Map Task Force – aimed at revitalizing communities by dealing with building and environmental code violations. Clearlake Oaks was selected by the Board of Supervisors as the pilot area. The task force will be staffed by two deputy sheriffs and code enforcement officers and includes Spring and Long Valleys.

We did make some progress on the pothole situation up on Indian Hill. While this is a problem throughout the valley, if we bring the worst ones to the attention of Special Districts staff, they will get them. More will follow on this persistent problem.

Our next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Community Center. Join us to get more info on these and other topics and to let us know your thoughts and/or concerns.

**Join us for a Spooktacular Halloween Party** by Linda Rayford and Claudia Lindheimer

Calling all Pirates, Ballerinas, Superhero's, Dracula's and Witches too. We've got a Spooky Party planned just for you! We will be hosting at the Community Center on Sunday October 31, 2021 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If you would like to donate candy or webs for the party, we would appreciate it, please contact Claudia Lindheimer at: 707-998-3134 for all donations. There will be candy, games and a spoke house for all children from 7pm-9pm. It's all just a bunch of Hocus Pocus! We will be playing the movie “Hocus Pocus” starting at 7:30 pm until it is over on the patio, bring blankets/warm jackets in case it gets cold.

There is fun to be had by all, for the adults we will be hosting a contest. Present your ugliest mannequin or “stuffed person”. The Mannequin or “stuffed person” has to be a least 5 foot tall. All entries have to be at the Community Center by the evening of October 30<sup>th</sup>. Come dressed in your costume! Join us if you dare!!!

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!** – By Colette Hendrickson

I just want to say thank you to whom ever found my wallet and returned it to the Sherriff's office with everything in it!

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Send this coupon and a check for dues to: SVLPOA, 3005 Wolf Creek Rd., Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423. Or, just drop it off at any SVLPOA Breakfast (2nd Sunday of the month, 8-11 a.m.), other Event, or at the SVLPOA Quarterly Meetings. (Mar, Jun, Sept, and Dec) held the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Center.

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Kung Fu and self-defense taught by instructor Vicki Foster at the Community Center on most Saturdays. The FREE, one-hour classes begin at 10am. Open to those 10 and over.

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