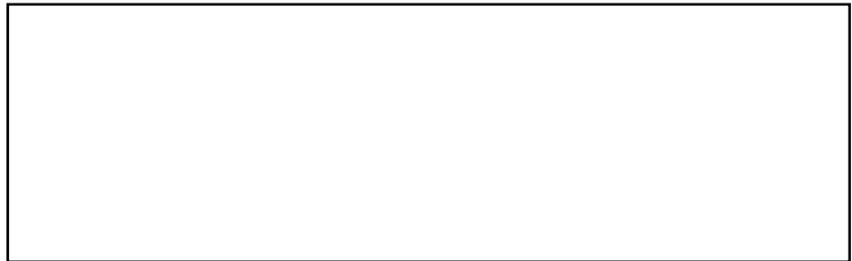

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY MARCH 17TH.



President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! over 100 members so far. Don’t forget to pick up your new strawberry sauce, again at the next That’s what our Nominating Committee will be doing in advance of our March 17th meeting! It’s the annual election of Board members – all positions are open for nomination. Please consider serving in some way! If not on the board – maybe helping at breakfast? Or chair a rummage sale? Or a craft fair? Or a new event you have interest in. It can be fun! Also, when they call, they’ll be asking if you are attending the Member Dinner on March 19th. They’re asking to get a count of how many steaks to buy. Steak, baked potato and salad will be served. The bar will be open there might even be a “member special”! Remember you must be a paid member by February 28 to vote in the election. I’m excited we have

forgot to pick up your new Membership card – take advantage of the “buy 6 get 1 free” deal. We’re on our way back to normal. That darned Covid sure put a damper on our valley events. 2022 will be better! I’d like to thank the breakfast crew for stepping up and getting it done despite our main cook Bobby Keyes feeling under the weather. You were probably surprised to see Mark Currier working his magic at the griddle. Thank you Mark for saving our bacon! And to the rest of the “crew” in the kitchen and those who work the line and the room, thank you. We served about 50. Super Bowl Sunday might have affected the numbers but a good time was had by all! We’re going be having the French Toast with

breakfast on March 13th! Since we actually mailed out newsletters to the whole Valley in February, I’m hoping we’ll meet some new people at upcoming events. Like karaoke the last Friday of the month! Even if you don’t want to sing just stop in and enjoy the “entertainment”. It is really fun! We’d like to ask bakers and goody-makers of the valley to bring a dessert to the Member Dinner. Let’s make this a great “back to normal” affair. Bar will open at 5. Cook (barbecue) your own steak just the way you like it, tell a few stories while watching your steak become your masterpiece! I’ll see you there!

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

March

- March 2nd Wed. EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm.
- March 2nd Wed. CSA #2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm.
- March 13th Sun. SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11 am. (Special French Toast with strawberry sauce)
- March 17th Thur. SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 Pm. (Election of Board Members)
- March 19th Sat. Member Dinner Community Center 5pm-10pm (Just to say Thank You)
- March 25th Fri. Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

April

- April 6th Wed. EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm.
- April 6th Wed. CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm.
- April 10th Sun. SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am (Special to be announced in April)
- April 21st Thurs. SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm
- April 29nd Fri. Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

That’s as far as we go because the new board decides what events to put on the calendar! You can help by coming to a meeting and asking for something you think would be fun ... it never hurts to think outside the box!

Sunday Breakfast

8 AM – 11 AM

Omelet’s, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Belgian Waffles, Hash Browns, Potatoes O’Brien, Sausage and Bacon, Biscuits and Country Gravy. Coffee and Juice Included in the Price.



SVLPOA Members (\$7)
Adults (\$9)
Child Age 3-12 (\$3)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

February 11, 2022. Garbage day, the camp ground gate was left open and a 96 gallon garbage can was stolen. MAY we please have it back? The wind had been blowing for many days. The kind of cold wind that when exposed to it goes right to the bone.

February 16, 2022: It finely got down to 32 degrees, but it wasn’t so bad as I started my morning walks down the levee past Wolf Creek Rd nearing the north fork of Cache Creek. Four wood ducks flushed at the sound of my foot steps, oh how bright their plumage appeared in the peering moning sun light, as the sun rose over castle rock and flooded the creek bed in brilliant sunshine. Later near campsite five, more wood ducks took

flight, kee-wee kee-wee was there calls as they made there escape. I continued down stream just past Yogi Island at Charwins bluff, when a hen mallard began quacking frantically! When the flock exploded into the air, first upstream turning quickly down stream. Flying over me were five drakes and four hens. About a hundred yards beyond the mallards, fling towards Long Valley Rd, was that mature female Bald Eagle. I sat along the creek near a beaver dam for awhile listening to the creek rushing through the dam. I started back on the center trail, it was warm in the sun without the wind, when I got to the ancient stand of valley oaks, fifty or sixty acorn woodpeckers were really moving

around and making some noise. Not a bad morning walk. Near the ball field the wind started to blow, at least I had a few minutes of peace without the wind. On February 19, 2022: Wildflowers were noticed starting to bloom, six weeks early! Whats that big bird doing out in the middle of that field? Well, the big gray bird is a Great Blue Heron. With the grass so short any movement is noticed, quickly caught and eaten. We also have Great Egrets that winter here and black crowned night and green backed herons that spend the spring and summer here to nest. Which is another sight proving the good health of our ecosystem.

A few things that need discust regarding our Valley.by Joe Welz

- 1) Ferral cats, although many people love cats, ferral cats have no place in any native ecosystem. Why? Because they eat prey meant for native predators.
- 2) If your thinking of buying your child a motorcycle. Make a dirt track around your home, because the rest of us are tired of the dust and noise!
- 3) Lastly, a special message to those Corona Cowboys. Glass bottles thrown out in a grassy field in the winter will wait there for the grass to grow up tall, and dry out, then they can start a wildland fire on a hot summers day. Please put litter in it's place and be fire safe.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

Our volunteer group has started helping their neighbors with tree cutting and will be working for a number of residents who have called for help. We could use more volunteers, or if you have a truck, trailer, or other equipment to assist call us (707-998-3004) If you have worked on your property and have a large amount of green

waste, you can burn it if you contact the Clearlake Oaks firehouse and request a burn permit. The permit is limited until the time that Cal Fire states that the wildfire burn season has started. So, you need to act on this now. As I drive around the subdivision I smile when I see all the properties that have been trimmed and

landscaped with fire protection guidelines. All these neighbors are helping to keep their property safer, and helping to keep your home protected from wildfire. For more information on how to protect your home, you can pick up brochures at the Community Center. Thank you to all the residents who are working to keep all of us safe.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

The tree situation in and around the campground is really troubling ... so many large limbs coming down, not to mention whole trees! About a 60-80-foot Digger Pine is the subject of an upcoming removal job this one too big for our volunteers to handle! Joe has been trying to keep up with the clean-up, but it's not easy! I'd like to thank those of you that walk thru the campground regularly and carry garbage bags to pick up some of the things that blow in or are

dropped around the area. While allowed, Joe is burning debris piles as long as the wind doesn't start up. The wind this month has been amazing, right? And the last few nights have been bitter cold! I am looking for a licensed electrician to do some work in the campground if you know someone, please give me a call. Things are going well at the Community Center. The light in the back of the building seems to be working.

We will be putting shade cloth over the lanai as soon as the wet weather is over (did it actually start? Oh yeah, there was that major soaking!) We have lots of staples to pull from the black plastic we had for Halloween. Then we can put up the shade cloth, then it will be ready for summer! By the way, thanks for your ideas on what projects you'd like to see around the campground the list is growing!

That's about it until next time!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Helen Mitcham

We're having a heck of a time getting our election completed! I thought we'd try in January but our by-laws say elections in February. So, we tried last month and didn't have a quorum ... I am confident we'll get the job done this month on March 2nd.

With all the trees coming down lately, our roads have been reduced in width even more than the wear and tear has created. The stretch of Spring Valley Road between Shasta and just beyond the Upper Wolf Creek bridge was getting dangerous. I'm sure someone had to cut a

downed tree out of the roadway in late January. Special Districts came out, cut and took away the worst section but there are still others. The lake recovery project is moving along. You may have heard and seen some drone activity the first part of the month if so, it was probably

surveying the project area. They're using LIDAR technology! We hope to have a project timeline from the engineering company soon. Once that arrives, we'll start planning a meeting to bring the community up to date and get input on the project. The water distribution project on

Quail Trail has been stalled for a time but it should be going out to bid soon, if it hasn't already. The bridge replacements have been delayed and we don't have a new timetable yet. Speaking of water ... Indian Valley Reservoir current level is 48,640-acre feet and they are releasing about 11

cubic feet per second. Capacity is 300,000+ acre feet. We need more rain! Our next meeting (we will elect Chair and Vice-Chair for the year) is March 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Community Center. Join us!

FEBUARY 2ND EaRTH MEETING by Helen Mitcham

The new Director of Code Enforcement, Marcus Beltramo attended the February 2nd 2022 EaRTH meeting as the featured guest. It was quite an interesting and informative meeting. Attendees were informed that Code Enforcement would be focusing on Spring Valley as part of a partnership with the Sheriff in conjunction with the Road Map Task Force. The valley got the attention of the Board of Supervisors last year when they received a list of properties with all types of Code Violations. As you might expect,

the meeting discussion was lively and spirited. Much like the SVLPOA meeting where the Director of Animal Control attended, we were again encouraged to file a formal complaint- it can be anonymous- because without one the process doesn't get started. The Spring Valley Architectural Committee was formed by the CC&Rs to assist new owners in navigating the building process. They review plans and provide the building department a stamped copy of plans indication they meet subdivision and county

codes. All owners should receive a copy of the CC&Rs at the time of purchase. Mr. Beltramo is aware his new department had not been handling and remove existing violations and minimize new ones. The building department will no longer accept plans without the stamp from the Architectural Committee and it seems there have been several requests for review of plans just since the EaRTH meeting. It takes all of us working together to make things happen.

SENIOR PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM by Konocti Senior Support, Inc./Win Cary

Senior Peer Counseling provides weekly visits to your home or local Senior Center. During the weekly visit, counselors provide confidential peer counseling, information regarding resources such as food banks, care giving, housing, and transportation, etc. Our volunteer

counselors are trained to listen to their clients and help them find their own solutions. We serve seniors who are facing a tough time, or just need a friendly visitor. Our services are always free and confidential.

Services this program provides: support network, home visiting, peer support, navigating the system
Populations this program serves: seniors age 54 or older Cost: Free

C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) by Win Cary

In 2016 a group of residents volunteered to pay for and take the 40-hour C.E.R.T. training to be able to help their neighbors in an emergency. Close to 20 people went through the training, then held monthly meetings and training activities. Unfortunately, the first

responder agencies did not want to use volunteers during any activity, whether an emergency or just crowd control. Six years later, most of the original volunteers are no longer living in Spring Valley. North Coast Opportunity is now working on starting up C.E.R.T.

groups throughout Lake County, including on the North Shore. If you were in the C.E.R.T. group before, or if you would like to sign up for a C.E.R.T. group, please let me know. Call me if you have any questions at 707-998-3004. Thank you, Win Cary.

SCAM ALERT INFORMATION by Win Cary

As you embark on 2022 and the upcoming tax season be on the lookout for scams and fraudsters. We continue to see new, sophisticated scams from fraudsters seeking to intercept your personal information. Impersonators may try to contact you by telephone, claiming to represent a business you're familiar with. In some cases, this incoming call may appear to be credible, with the business name registering on your display. Seeing a business name register like this on your device can be convincing, as opposed to a generic unknown number. However, this is part of the intended scam. Scammers can pretend to be

legitimate, but please be sure to guard your personal information. Helpful tips include: • Be cautious of any call, text, or email asking for personal information even if it appears to be credible • Don't click or enter information into an email or text that you are not expecting • Don't engage with anyone trying to initiate a transaction to "refund" you "owed money" using wire transfer, gift card, or Zelle or who requests access to your computer • Don't fall for approved loans, government grants or unclaimed funds – especially those you didn't apply for

• Don't allow remote access to your computer unless you initiated the call to a known service provider • Businesses won't ask for your banking information such as username, password, pin or Zelle detail • If you do engage with a business, contact the business using a trusted phone number • If you are unsure about an e-mail or hyperlink, type the company's' URL address into your web browser instead of clicking on the link Don't send money if a "grandchild" calls for help. Thank you, and be vigilant in protecting your information,

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (SVLPAO)

Due to the size of the newsletter this month, we will have membership forms at the Pantry, at all Community Center events, or from one of your SVLPOA Officers.

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