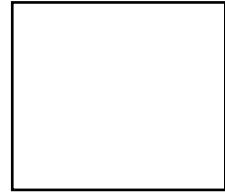


# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
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**APRIL 2022 EDITION**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Helen Mitcham

Hi Spring Valley! Guess who's back? Thank you for your vote of confidence – I'm happy to serve as president for 2022! You know that saying "everything old is new again"? You could say that's our SVLPOA Board ... We have one new member (who's been here before) – Lori Gomez will be our secretary and others just switched places. Vicki Hennen is Vice President, Julie Sahf will remain as Treasurer as will Mark Peterson as Building Coordinator. Jack Smalley wants to help with building things too so he'll work with Mark. Kristin Langdale will continue as Newsletter Editor and Connie Sager will stay on with advertising and building rentals. Win Cary has offered to help get the svlpoa.org website updated and we've already had our first meeting - have lots of fun events on the calendar. Easter Egg Hunt, karaoke the last Friday of every month (unless we have to change it!), a valley-wide yard sale, chicken-que, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and BBQ. We want to bring back the pig roast! A western dinner/dance (did I hear square dancing? Line dancing?), of course Halloween and the annual Christmas dinner with Santa and all! We of course will continue the monthly breakfast.

Our member dinner was wonderful. Lots of fun visiting with neighbors over dinner or around the grill! Thanks to everyone who brought a salad or dessert-yummy! We missed some of you but we were able to turn your steaks into delicious (I hear-I missed it!) Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches at karaoke later in the week. Mark Sahf never disappoints with his creations!

May 2022 News Letter will be our quarterly paper, and will be a little bigger and more information as to what will be going on through the 2022 Year.

Thank you again for all your support

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## 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

### SVLPOA OFFICERS

President –Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Vice President-Vichi Hennen	707-900-1935
Secretary – Lori Gomez	707-317-4711
Treasurer – Julie Sahf	608-235-2738
Bldg. Cord – Mark Peterson/Jack Smalley	650-218-6317
Camp Info. – Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Camp Keys – Pat Larson	707-533-9294
News Letter-Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589
Community Center Rental-Connie Sager	707-303-0797

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## CLEAR LAKE GLEANERS by Mark Sahf

The Clearlake Gleaners has agreed to provide the food as they had in the past at the Cowboy Church.

Volunteers will start distributing food at the Community Center at: 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. **On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, At 8am-10am.**

You will be seeing some of the same faces that were handing out the food at the Cowboy Church. Please be patient with us as we figure out how to best organize and distribute the food as fast as possible.

If you would like to Volunteer, please call Mark Sahf at: 608-513-3780

**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR****April**

- April 6<sup>th</sup> Wed. Clear Lake Gleaners food bank Community Center 8-10am.  
 April 6<sup>th</sup> Wed. EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm.  
 April 6<sup>th</sup> Wed. CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm.  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> Sun. SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am. (Easter Sunday).  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> Sun. Easter Egg Hunt Community Center  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> Thurs. Clear Lake Gleaners food bank Community Center 8-10am.  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> Thurs. SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.  
 April 29<sup>nd</sup> Fri. Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm.

**May**

- May 4<sup>th</sup>. Wed. Clear Lake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am 10am.  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> Sun. SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am.  
 May 13<sup>th</sup>-15 Fri-Sun Valley Wide Sale Community Center or Your Place Fri.&Sat.8am 4pm. Sun.8-12pm  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> Thurs. Clear Lake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am.  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> Thurs. SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. Chicken Que Community Center Bar at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. Karaoke to follow Dinner Community Center 7-10pm (11?)

**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

In February there were several frozen mornings in the early light of the day, thick frost forms covering everything, a true winter wonder land.

The air is so cold it tightens the skin on your face. Gloves are a must as you walk along the creek waiting for the sun to rise over two buck ridges. The sun peers over the ridge illuminating the ice crystals covering the dormant tree's, refracting the light of a billion cut diamonds brilliant greens, blues, reds and purple show themselves as the angle changes moving along the creek, only to disappear as the sun warms

the air melting the frost as the day begins. You'll notice California Quail all puffed up for maximin insulation waiting in the open for the sun to warm the earth so they can begin to feed all the while keeping a watchful eye for those who wish to feed on them.

NOTE: Whether hunted or not, 80% of quail do not live a year. Seems everything likes to eat them.

You can't help but hear the constant squabbling of the scrub jays as they look for breakfast un-like the almost silent Northern Flicker hopping around on the ground looking for bugs a favorite being ants, "God knows we have ants." Hearing the distinctive calls of the pileated woodpecker is always quite a treat when one is about.

Morning fades into day the birds Quiet down and the deer start moving around after sleeping thru the freeze. Surviving another night of those predator's that favor to feed on them, of which there is no shortage. Creatures of the night equal or exceed those of the day.

Wildflowers are all screwed up this year, usually March rain brings April flowers and the grass starts to dry up around mid-May, just not this year.

On another note: To the person or persons tearing down the beaver dam, please stop leaving the sticks on the bank for me to clean-up. Take them home with you! If it hasn't occurred to you Yolo County will be releasing water soon and most beaver dams will be washed down stream. So please stop. Thank You.

Thank you to Charwin and Chris for repairing the electrical panel in the campground.

The lake project is just getting started and vandalism already? A surveyor's flag stake was taken out of the ground and broken. Why? This will only cause the project to take longer, and possible more money.

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### **WOLF CREEK FIREWISE** by Win Cary

You've seen our "Firewise Volunteers Crew" sign out as we have been working in the subdivision. We have trimmed and burned about 4000 pounds of fire fuel during March. We will continue working to help residents with their fire fuel removal.

If you are working on your property and plan to burn the fire fuel waste, you have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to get a burn permit and legally burn on your property. May 1<sup>st</sup> begins the wildfire season, and all burn permits are cancelled. Please let Win know (707-998-3004) the hours and cost you put in on your property for the annual Firewise report due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We need to report that 450-man hours have been worked in an effort to keep our subdivision safe from wildfires.

Tell your homeowners' insurance that your home is in a Firewise zone. Most insurance companies are now offering a discount on your premium if you are in a Firewise zone.

It looks like we are working hard, but we also have a lot of fun and socializing while we help our neighbors. Many hands make light work. Come join us!

## **CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitcham

Well, it's nice to get reports that lots of you are using the campground – some for walking – some for camping – some just for enjoying the wildlife! Around mid-month, the heavy-use areas were sprayed to keep the weed to a minimum. FYI – there are rumblings of getting the ballfield spruced up so we can play a game or two! Many thanks to Charwin for coming with a buddy and checking out the power panel. Some repairs were done that day with more in the works ... Thanks!

There are plans to give the bar area in the Community Center a new coat of paint and to fix the sink and the drain situation. Thank you, Peggy and Richard! We still have lots of staples to remove from the lanai before we put up the shade cloth for summer! And we're going to find the missing motion light that will light up the parking area nearest the lanai.

Keep telling us your ideas for areas around the Center and in the campground. We're adding to the list.

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

Well, we finally held the election for the board! I was elected as the Chair and Jim McDole was elected as Vice-Chair. We'll try to bring your issues to the table and get them resolved. We deal with roads, the dam, the bridges and water issues – we're here to help! We got a report on the EaRTH meeting earlier in the day. Code Enforcement seems to be on everyone's minds. We heard that fines for violations are steep now and all violations – of any kind – will be investigated. We were reminded to call and make a report of violations or problems – just like Animal Control issues. Between us and the SVLPOA, we will invite Code Enforcement to our breakfasts – to get to know us better.

Jim McDole gave us some info on the Architectural Committee that assists property owners when they start the building process. He and Ken Breen have been on the committee for several years and Scott Prewett has offered to help as well. The committee is set up in accordance with the CC&Rs for Spring Valley subdivision. We continue to look for help with the prevailing wage issue for projects in the valley. It's a question for the Board of Sups and Public Works – look for more info in May.

Our meetings are always the first Wednesday of each month – SO April 6 at 7:00pm we'll be bringing updates on all issues in Spring Valley!

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## **NEW FIREHOUSE OF SPRING VALLEY** by Helen Mitcham

It sounds like we can expect our new firehouse to arrive in April!!! It'll be nice when it's back and functional. Thank you, Northshore Fire, for everything you do to keep us safe.

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## **LAKE RECOVERY** by Helen Mitcham

Work has actually started on the engineering portion of lake recovery!!! Surveyors marked key locations and the topographical survey has started! Exciting! We closed the meeting asking for items for the "Wish List" when Lake Recovery gets going in earnest!

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Total Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Valley Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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