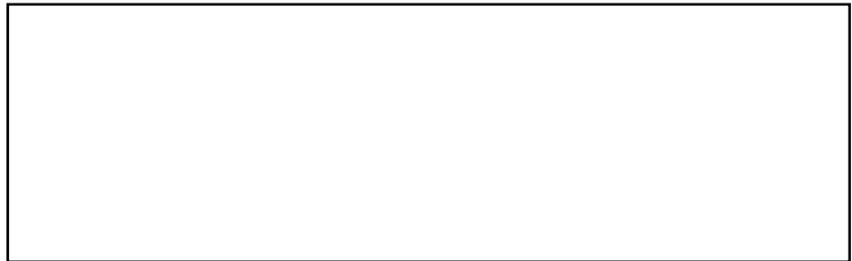

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

As always, I’d like to thank our members and neighbors for your support of the SVLPOA! Your new board has planned some events we think will be fun – starting with what I think must be the annual Chicken-que on Memorial weekend – May 28th. It’s always a good time with great food and maybe this year we won’t have any rain!

Our breakfast special on Mother’s Day will be Chile Rellenos – a favorite!

May is jam-packed since we have a community-wide yard sale the weekend of May 13-15 (haven’t had one of those in a while) and the Gleaners will be here on May 4th and May 19th with their food bank. Thank you Mark Sahf for volunteering to run this for the valley – and thank you Gleaners! Other events being planned are the Annual July 4th parade and BBQ, a pig roast, a Western/ Square dance dinner, maybe another Duck Race, a Cook-Off or two and of course, Halloween and Christmas dinner. Let’s not forget monthly karaoke and breakfasts either!

We are always open to new ideas and appreciate those of you who attend the meetings and volunteer at events. We welcome new people to help and bring fresh ideas. Thanks to Trenton Reid and his bunch for doing a bang-up job on the Easter Egg Hunt – and Lori – thanks for the donation of all the stuffed animals! To Peggy and Richard and the young people from Jack’s Lavender Farm – thank you for your hard work in making the bar area a special place. There were several others who helped make the project possible and added terrific ideas – thank you everyone! And a quick note of thanks to Kristin Langdale for her awesome work editing this newsletter and to Connie for helping with all things Spring Valley! I appreciate you!

Along with the rest of the board, I’m looking forward to a great year of fun events – and getting back to normal! See you ‘round the valley!

Contact Information

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Services	911
Sheriff Dispatch	707-263-2690
CDF- Clearlake Oaks	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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Com. Center Rental - Connie Sager	707-303-0797

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

May

May 4 th	Wed	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
May 4 th	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm
May 8 th	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8-11am (Mother's Day)
May 8 th	Sun	Mother's Day Painting with Ryn. (See article) Community Center 1pm-3pm
May 13-15 th	Fri.-Sun	Valley wide sale. Community Center or your Residence Fri-Sat 8-4pm Sun 8-12pm
May 19 th	Thurs	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
May 19 th	Thurs	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
May 21 st .	Sat	Spring Valley Campground Meeting Community Center 10 am
May 28 th	Sat	Chicken Que Community Center. Bar opens at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm

June

June 1 st	Wed	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
June 1 st	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm
June 12 th	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8-11am
June 16 th	Thurs	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
June 16 th	Thurs	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
June 24 th	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm.

July

July 4 th	Mon.	Parade and BBQ to follow at the Community Center 9am-2pm
July 6 th	Wed	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
July 6 th	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm
July 10 th	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8-11am
July 21 st	Thurs	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
July 21 st	Thurs	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
July 29 th	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

August

August 3 rd	Wed	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
August 3 rd	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center 7pm
August 14 th	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8-11am
August 18 th	Thurs	Clearlake Gleamers Food Bank 8-10am Community Center
August 18 th	Thurs	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
August 27 th	Sat	Pig Roast Community Center. Bar opens at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm.

Sunday Breakfast

8 AM – 11 AM

*****MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL – CHILI RELLENO*****

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

I spoke with Yolo County flood and water conservation district. The North Fork of Cache Creek will remain at eleven cubic feet per second thru out the year, they are saving the fifty-thousand-acre feet of water at Indian Valley reservoir. Our community uses about sixty-one-acre feet per year and Indian Valley Reservoir, when full holds three hundred-thousand-acre feet.

April 17th Easter, while on my morning walk, I saw a pair of wood ducks with two ducklings. The next day I saw a hen mallard with eight or ten ducklings. Life is renewing itself. Please be careful driving, of falling a tree or cutting brush; the young of the year are arriving.

In between burn season and weed whip season I was trying to reduce the ground squirrel population. The first week went ok, but unfortunately the second week the traps were sprung, but empty. I am only targeting the colonies around the campsites and bathrooms. Ground squirrels are a public health threat. Around the campsite’s a person could break an ankle, hip or worse on the mounds or holes. Ground squirrels attack Rattle snakes and naturally control their own population by bubonic plague (Google that one) shooting them is too dangerous. Poison works best, but has a fifty percent secondary kill and I can’t do that, so over the past few years I have taken the time, and very time consuming it is, to use two live traps to remove ground squirrels the safest way I can, if you see a trap, please leave it alone. I’ve put in over four hundred house this year, please don’t waste my time.

Although we had a long dry spell, I’ve measured 20.7 inches of rain as of April 22, 2022. Average at my home over the past fourteen seasons is 25.36 inches of rain. Last season was 11 inches.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE (This month) by Mark Sahf.

Firewise Volunteers have been meeting for the past month burning and removing as much fire fuel as possible before the burn permits expire. Volunteers have worked on and cleared over a Dozen properties in the past month. We put most of the weed eating jobs aside because of the burn permit jobs taking priority but we are now in full weed eating mode. If you need help clearing your property of weeds and brush or wood call Win at 707-998-3004 and she will take care of the paperwork and scheduling.

For all those who always wanted to be involved, we need you. We have what I would call a core group of 6-9 volunteers who routinely come out and help. All of these core volunteers are over the age of 60 and almost half are over 70. We need more participation from the community to be able to continue this great program. It's a great way to get the day started with a little exercise and do some community good while chatting with someone in person. We meet on Saturday mornings from 7am to 9am. You don't need to bring any equipment if you don't have any as we have most of what we need. Please consider coming out and helping with the events as I post them on Facebook (Wolf Creek Firewise community). This is our community and it's us that has to take care of it and make it safe and beautiful.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitchem

In the next few days, property owners will be receiving the annual campground letter detailing financial information and what's been happening around the campground and Community Center over the last year. Most of you who live here are aware the lock on the gate fell apart and we've been having trouble getting it replaced but we do have a new lock – *keyed the same as the old one!* It should be in place as you read this. There's been an increase in the squirrel population so we've been trying to trap and relocate them using safe traps. We'll be replacing the old toilets and sinks in the bathrooms before summer arrives now that our septic problem has been fixed! Up at the Community Center, there's a new coat of paint in the bar area – with a southwestern vibe. New stools and artwork – just needed a little TLC! We added a children's area to the main room and a new light for the parking area. The outside got some attention too – small mural and a new tree! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in sprucing up the Center.

We need your input on how you think we can make the campground and Community Center better. With the project to recover the lake here in the valley, there will be significant opportunities to add features and areas for different activities in the campground. We're already looking at the possibility of a community garden ... what are your ideas? The CSA #2 article has more info on the lake recovery project – it's pretty exciting!

Don't forget to give us your ideas. There is a community campground meeting scheduled for May 21 at 10:00am in the Community Center – bring your ideas and let's see what we can get started! Thanks – see you in the campground!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Helen Mitchem

The CSA #2 Advisory Board members are appointed every two years by the Board of Supervisors with the mission of being the liaison between the county and the community of Spring Valley. The board advises and recommends priorities and develops information regarding the specific areas of roads, the dam, bridges and our water system. There are monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the Community Center starting at 7:00pm. Recently, we invited the new Directors of Code Enforcement and Animal Control to meetings that were very informative. There has been increased attention to these areas of concern in our community. If you have a specific concern, please file a complaint/ report with the agency directly. Both have assured us they will investigate all reports.

You may not be aware of the Architectural Committee that exists as required in the CC&R's for the Spring Valley subdivision and members are appointed by the SVLPOA. This committee reviews building plans and its members will work with you in submitting plans to the county for approval. Their stamp is required on all plans.

All property taxes and water fees provide the funding for the CSA #2 budget. Quarterly the budget actuals are reviewed and the board provides input on each new budget. As roads are one area the board deals with, we requested a crack-sealing machine be purchased with a specific eye to maintaining the integrity of Shasta Road. We have also requested only "hot patch" be used for pothole repair as it lasts much longer.

Water fees can only be used for water expenses and the board works to make sure that "water pays for water". Our goal is to be prepared when items in the water system need replacement and still keep rates affordable. We have been able to accomplish that with the help of grants applied for by Special Districts and close monitoring. Coming up this year will be a distribution project on Quail Trail that will provide a loop which should improve water quality throughout the system.

One of the biggest projects overseen by the board is the LAKE RECOVERY. This project started about 12 years ago and through lots of hard work by many people, it looks like things are finally moving forward. It will be a long process but the benefits will outweigh the short-term inconvenience. Special Districts has secured a \$1 million grant to complete the project. Many permits have already been approved and a few others are now pending. The project will return the lake to near original capacity and provide features that will prevent it from filling in as it has over the last 50 years! An engineering firm has been contracted to design what is needed to complete lake recovery. The board is waiting for a timeline that will be shared with the community in a meeting at the Community Center in the next several weeks. Aerial surveys have been made of the project area and we are anxious to see the design.

As part of this project, we have the opportunity to add to and improve areas within the greenbelt (campground and near the Community Center). As asked in the annual campground letter, we hope you will think of ways we can make that area better – for you! Some ideas that will be considered are a helipad – a community garden – a dog park area. It's been called a "wish list" and we're hoping you will add your ideas to the list! Come to an Advisory Board or SVLPOA meeting - leave a note for us at a breakfast – or leave me a message at 707-998=9194. Don't hold back – we have some time to plan and want lots of ideas to choose from! Don't have your idea left out! We want your input! So come join us!

EASTER EGG HUNT by Lori Gomez

Easter Baskets Winners: Kali, Bruno, Mathias, Alexis, Alyssa, and Zoey.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put this event together. Lots of candy, food, stuffed animals, prize baskets and train rides. Something for everyone.

Did you get a look at that scrumptious Easter cake? Yummy!

Thank you to the Community for their generous donations and coming here to show their support. Looked like the kids had a blast. And really, that's why we put on these events.

It's all for the kids!

PAINTING WITH RYN by Kristin Langdale

Painting With Ryn

All Materials Provided

1-3 P.M.

Sunday May 8th

Spring Valley Community Center
2975 Wolf Creek RD
Clearlake Oaks CA 95423

Mother's Day Special!

\$25 Suggested Donation

Call or Text 707-276-6220
To reserve your spot !

VALLEY WIDE YARD SALE by Connie Sager

May 13th,14th and 15th

You can have it in your yard or get a space at the Community Center. I will place the ads, get maps with address of sales. If you would like to be on the map, please let me know. Text or call me: 707-303-0797.

Thank you for your support.