

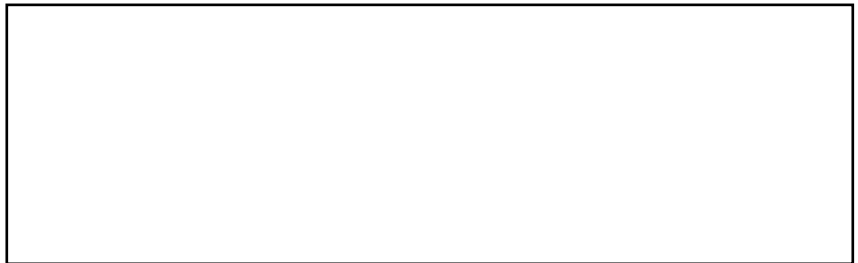
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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
(Online previous and current SVL Newsletter: [svlpoa.org](http://svlpoa.org))



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### **President's Message** by Helen Mitcham

I'm sorry I missed the breakfast on the 12 th ... by all accounts it was – once again terrific! Just a quick note from me – I was in Williamsport, PA at a Little League meeting ...got to see and run (jog) the bases where the Little League World Series is played! It was an item on my “bucket list” and I'm glad I got to see it and meet people from around the world involved with Little League. OK that's all ...

Our Community Center hosted a wedding early in June and other than breakfast, the Center was quiet. The board opted to cancel karaoke on the 24 th because we anticipated a lot of you going to the concert at Cache Creek winery on the same evening – and a lot of board members were going too! Karaoke will return on July 29 th ... with an “open mike “opportunity. Let's see who's funny in our valley!

Our big event this month is, of course, the July 4 th parade and BBQ! Get your entries ready – theme this year is “American Patriot”. Dress up yourself – or your dog – or horse – or quad – or whatever to reflect the Patriot in you and join the festivities. We'll line up across from the Pantry and be ready to start the parade right around 9:00. We'll follow our Grand Marshall to the Center where Bobby Keyes will be grilling up burgers and hot dogs for lunch (brunch?). The dunk tank will be on hand if there's someone you're dying to dunk – or think they need “all wet” – and there will be a water slide for the kids along with some other games. And if we can get the cotton candy machine working – we'll have that too!

It's going to be an old-fashioned 4 th of July celebration. Stop by and have a burger and enjoy a chat with your neighbors – you might even meet a new one!

Please check the calendar for events this month and the ones coming up! We want to see you at as many as you can make. Next newsletter will be bulk mailed as well as on our website.

Hope to see you on the 4 th !

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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

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## SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

### July

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

### August

Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed.	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank-Community Center <b>8-10am.</b>
Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	EaRTH Meeting-Moose Lodge <b>4pm</b>
Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Meeting Community Center <b>7pm</b>
Aug	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast-Community Center <b>8-11am</b>
Aug	18 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank-Community Center <b>8-10am</b>
Aug	18 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	SVLPOA Meeting-Community Center <b>6:30 pm</b>
Aug	26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Karaoke-Community Center <b>5pm-10pm</b>

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### 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)

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### **ON THE GREENBELT** by Joe Welz

A real nice picnic table was donated to the park by a very nice man, a Veteran who served our country, for all of us and shared this fine picnic table with all who use the park. Thank you!

Ducklings, more than I've ever seen a feral duck, Mallards, Woo ducks, and a Merganser. I hope they make it.

Rain Fall over the last fifteen (15) years near the Spring Valley Community Center...

Date	Inches		Date	Inches		Date	Inches
2008	22		2013	22.5		2018	18.9
2009	22		2014	15.5		2019	40.2
2010	30		2015	26		2020	12.6
2011	40		2016	29.6		2021	10.95
2012	20.7		2017	43.15		2022	21.25

A mile away could be different I measure rainfall from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Average is 25" so this last winter 21.25" was not that bad. Just remember the drought in the Western United States is very real.

I'm sure everyone has cut the high weeds around their homes, but if not, please do so. It will help save you home.

I must apologize to all who use the park, there is a very persistent person or persons who keep tearing down the beaver dam. This has been going on for a while at the beaver dam bench and picnic table, I have cleaned the mess up six or seven times, just not anymore. I am sorry but someone is wasting my time and I have other things to do. It is a pity that this person or persons is disrespecting everyone who likes to sit by the creek in the shade on a hot day.

Someone left a real prize in the campsite area, a five-gallon plastic bucket of recycled paint. The bucket was melted on one side making things worse. Please don't leave Hazardous Material where kids can get at it. Thank you.

Over the last year I put in five hundred and ten hours, burned fifteen mornings, took out three standing dead trees, and cleaned up two wood cutting sites that no one wanted.

As a black bird harasses a hawk a family group of crows were dive bombing a bobcat hightailing it to the brush line with a ground squirrel in its mouth, upon reaching the willows the crows lit in the tree above where the cat had entered the brush and squabbled amongst themselves.

There may be a Badger working in the park. If you see a ground squirrel hole eight to twelve inches around keep your dog away from it because your dog will not know how to defend itself against a Badger.

When I look back over the last year the most exciting thing that happened on the greenbelt was when Charwin Ward brought his dozer down to the day use parking area and moved some large rocks up to the fence line. Thank you Charwin!

Be fire safe, Have a cool Summer, Til Next time.

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

I have been talking to a North Shore Fire rep about clear cutting along New Long Valley Rd. from Hwy 20 to Pomo Trail. I hope we can work together to remove most of the fire fuels along that four-mile section up to 20' off the pavement. This is a very large project, and we will need volunteers for eight hours a day for a number of days. If you are interested in clearing our only right-of-way in the event of a wildfire, and are willing to help us with this project, please call 707-998-3004 to get on the volunteer list. Any time you can volunteer, from two hours up, will be very appreciated by the work crew, and by any resident driving New Long Valley Rd. during an evacuation.

A few years ago, I received an estimate of \$20,000 per mile from a licensed tree trimmer. With the help of North Shore Fire crews and equipment, we should be able to get this work completed with very little cost.

Our volunteer group continues to help the neighbors with their removal of fire fuels by trimming or removing trees and cutting grass. So far this year we have taken close to 15,000 tons of tree and brush waste to the Quackenbush recycle center. I have noticed that a number of neighbors have been working on their own properties, and their efforts are appreciated by all the neighbors.

The monthly report of our activities is being discussed on the Property Owner Assoc. meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF** by Win Cary

**2022 SCHEDULE**

**Quackenbush Mountain**

**Resource Recovery & Compost Facility**

**16520 Davis St.**

***Adjacent to Landfill***

**July 15-16**

**September 16-17**

**November 18-19**

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### **E-MAIL SCAMS ALERT** by Win Cary

In a recent phone call to a well-known company, I was informed about email scams. If you receive a notice stating it is from a company you have been doing business with, check to see if the email return address shows "@company name". Most well-known companies have set up their own email domain, so if you receive a notice that looks like the company name, but the email address is not the company name, chances are that it is a scam.

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### **CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitchem

Happy summer everybody! The warm weather is here and some of you are enjoying the creek – and the cool it brings! Comments I’ve heard mention how low the water is –this early in the season ...

The lock should be back on the gate by July 4 th . We will be checking all of the keys we have on hand to be sure they all open the lock! Once we know that, those of you waiting for a key will get one! The gate will be open on July 4 th but please remember after that to lock when you go in or out.

The work on the bathrooms will start shortly after the holiday weekend. We will get new toilets and then we’ll update the sinks!

I’ve had a few people interested in getting the ballfield functional for games we’re going to take a look at what’s needed to make that happen. Who’s up for a game?

Members of the SVLPOA board have been working clearing out the storeroom at the Community Center (YIKES what a job!). And guess what they found? Bats ... bats ... a lot of bats! We have contacted our **exterminator but they are protected and we’re working on a solution to make the Center a little (no a lot!) less attractive to the little devils!**

Plans are still in the works for a light for the basketball court and a “fix” for the ceiling in the biscuit room.

Thanks again to those of you who came to the meeting and gave us your ideas for things to work on in the campground and at the Center. And thanks to those who sent your ideas with their annual payment. We consider all of them!

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

We had a guest from PG& E at our last meeting – Melinda Rivera. She told us that we’d be seeing a lot of activity in the next few months ... and years. They will be marking and surveying this summer and fall looking to harden the overhead lines and consider areas to move facilities to underground. There will be several miles of Spring Valley facilities affected. (We will be working closely to take advantage wherever possible) for digging up and paving just once. Replacing water lines at the same time.

We have asked some questions of SDA concerning the bridge replacements, and how they are currently funded (we don’t want to incur this expense). Our finance committee has met with Scott Harter, SDA Administrator and will have responses to our budget questions at our July 6 meeting.

Scott Hornung, the LAKE RECOVERY PROJECT COORDINATOR will be at our July 6 meeting to bring all of us up to date on where we are with the project and what we can expect in the next few months.

You may have seen digging and big equipment around where the “spoils” from the lake will be deposited.

This meeting will be a good opportunity for you to ask the questions you've been wondering about, and get the latest scoop.

Please come to the next meeting, on JULY 6, 2022 AT 7PM at the COMMUNITY CENTER. it will be a good one!

See you there.

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**Makers Market** by Kristin Langdale

We have started having a Makers Market (Hand Made Items Sale) in the Bar area during the Spring Valley Community Center Breakfast each month. It will be open from 8am-11am every second Sunday of the month It is for local crafters in the valley only.

If you are interested in becoming a participate, please call: Kristin Langdale @707-540-2589.

I will be putting everyone's name in a jar and pulling out a name, once you get picked you will have the choice of doing your sale for that month or can ask to be put back in the Jar for a following month. Once you have your sale you will not be picked again until everyone has had a chance to host a Breakfast.

**Mark Peterson was the lucky person for the month of July 2022 Breakfast.**

Please drop in and see what he has for sale. I believe he is going to have Bird Houses that he has hand made.

Help the locals make a little cash for their pockets, and you to have a chance to pick up a gift or an item for yourself (that's unique and possible one of a kind).

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**CRAFT FAIRE** by Jim Cary

Calling all crafters to start working now and participate in the holiday Craft Faire to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Community Center. We hope to have lots of creative crafts available along with refreshments and coffee. If you would like to have a table reserved, contact Jim Cary at 707-998-3004. More information coming in future newsletters.

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Date: _____	Total Memberships: _____
Name: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> <span>First</span> <span>Last</span> </div>	
Phone: _____	Spring Valley Street Address: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____ City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____	
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