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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
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**2023 EDITION**



**HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!**



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## President's Message by Helen Mitcham

First things first ... I hope everyone survived the snow storm without too much inconvenience (who am I kidding!) Personally, I realized I don't own a pair of shoes with any kind of tread helpful for snowy, icy weather! It was beautiful but I was really happy when the power came back on. Thank you to all those utility crews (PG&E, phone and our water guys) that worked through the worst of it and got us back functioning again. Eddie Crandell (our Supervisor) called and asked about the Community Center – along with the logistics guy for Red Cross – to see if we needed a generator. At that time, we'd already been able to make the transfer to generator power from the water plant next door. We can all thank Mark Sahf for checking on that transfer and together with Anthony and Richard and Phil from Special Districts we saved the food in our freezers. But it did identify a glitch that we need to work out before the next emergency.

I'd say the Super Bowl party was a success! The TV worked like a charm and thanks again to Mark and Peggy and Richard and Bryan and Anthony and Claudia for building the menu – and serving in the bar – and bringing the popcorn machine! Who said you can't do an indoor tailgate? It was a busy day starting with breakfast – the Belgian waffles were terrific and the photos of our valley were a real treat for the eyes! Thank you, Nan for sharing them!

Checking the calendar, you may see that we canceled our corned beef dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> in favor of karaoke. It's a change from the "last Friday of the month" but it allows us to host our annual Members dinner! We do want to thank all of you for supporting the SVLPOA this past year! I think it's been a success. Starting with July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and barbecue, all those fun karaoke nights, the really spooktacular Halloween event (and it *was* an event!) right up to the Christmas party and all those gifts for our kids (thanks again Claudia, Anthony and Eric!) it was a good year! And then there's the addition of the TV that creates a whole new set of options! The Member dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup> will be a nice finish to a good year. I've enjoyed serving as President and am proud of the things we accomplished together. Thanks!

Our meeting this month is our **election of new board members**. If you are a current member, you should be getting a call from a member of the nominating committee asking if you would like to be nominated. Please consider saying "yes". We do have board members who will not be returning so we need volunteers. You had to have been a member by February 28 in order to vote in the election.

Please come to this important election meeting! March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

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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-Vicki Hennen	707-900-1935
Secretary –Lori Gomez	707-317-4711
Treasurer – Julie Sahf	608-235-2738
Bldg. Cord - Mark Peterson	650-218-6317
Camp Info. - Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Camp Keys -Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
News Letter-Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589
Co. Center Rental-Connie Sager	707-303-0797

**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**March**

Mar	1	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank <i>(Has been cancelled due to Weather Conditions)</i>
Mar	1	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Mar	1	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Mar	12	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
Mar	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Mar	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm. <i>(Election of new board members)</i>
Mar	17	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm-10:00 Pm. <i>(Different Date This Month)</i>
Mar	25	Sat	SVLPOA Members Dinner Community Center 5pm-10pm

**April**

April	5	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
April	5	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
April	5	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
April	9	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
April	9	Sun.	Easter Egg Hunt Community Center <i>(To Be Announced)</i>
April	20	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
April	20	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
April	28	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 Pm.

**Sunday Breakfast**

8 AM – 11 AM

**All you can eat Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Potatoes O’Brien, Sausage and Bacon,  
Biscuits and Country Gravy.

**Only One Special Order per person, from the Kitchen.**

Omelets, Pancakes, Waffles or any Sunday special  
Unlimited Coffee and Juice Included in the Price.



SVLPOA Members (\$7)

Adults (\$9)

Child Age 3-12 (\$3)

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

In the day use parking area, across the Chalk Mt. Bridge, there is a gate to access Chalk Mountain Flat, I repaired that gate and Charwin Ward brought his dozer down and moved some boulders up against the cable fence and all was good. Soon after there were some very close gun shots but you really could not tell from where and the next morning the hinge side of the gate was unbolted and set aside, left open. A Chalk Mountain resident put it back and tighten the bolts, told me, I chained and locked it. Recently someone removed the hinge side chain and lock may I please have it back? It's worth about thirty dollars.

Disrespect and vandalism cost Community Volunteers many hours of hard labor and the Community much money every year. Both of which could be spent on fun activities for all that live here.

The cuts through the willows to the creek in the park provide shade on hot days near water. Wildlife use them to get around. The one thing that should never happen is for someone to build a fire in any of these spots. Dead dying brush is building up to 25-40 % if it catches fire, it will be like lighting a fuse to disaster so, please no fires in the park, Thank you.

This season has not been going well, had trouble getting a burn permit, been cleaning up several tree's PG&E contractors left lying around. I was able to do a little work on the cuts to the creek, but not much.

Rainfall as of 2-19-2023 is 25.85" IVR storage as of 2-19-2023 is 121,800 ac. ft. and Clearlake as of 2-16-2023 is 4.77 ft on the Rumsey Gauge.

March rain brings April wild flowers, all though this seasons Manzanita blooms was nothing short of spectacular and something is in bloom year-round with this year's rainfall wild flowers maybe quite noticeable.

April is the growth month around here and things start drying up around May 15<sup>th</sup>. Time to start preparing for fire season.

Rope swings along the creek are very dangerous with the water being so shallow, do not put them up. Don't use the ones that are there.

To the rock hunters digging up rocks, please fill in the holes! A kid or horse or old person could get hurt. Thank You.

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

. The Firewise volunteers are filling requests for assistance from our neighbors. The work schedule will be set around the weather. If you have an acre or more, we recommend that you get an Air Quality Control burn permit through Northshore Fire or Air Quality Control in Lakeport to legally dispose the tree and brush waste by burning.

The Firewise volunteers will be holding a Neighborsfest Block Party at the Community Center on Saturday, May 6. Lunch will be available, activities for children, and lots of information to help you keep your home and community safe from wild fires. We hope to have a number of public agencies and local businesses attending and providing information for our residents. If you know of a local business that might want to participate, have them contact me. Look for more information in future newsletters and the "Wolf Creek Firewise Community" Facebook.

THANK YOU to the property owners that kept their property cleared and trimmed, and MANY, MANY THANKS to the volunteers. They are a fantastic group of people!

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## CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

Well, we did need the rain last month but the snow and bitter cold this month did some damage to the beautiful oak trees we all love. We lost lots of large branches – one came down on the roof of the bathroom building. Thankfully, without significant damage but we did lose one big oak ... just laid over. I hate to see that when you look around and see all the ones we lost to fire! We're developing a plan to clean up the downed limbs and brush. We're looking at bringing in a chipper once the debris is put into piles – too big a job to burn them.



We have begun working with Special Districts to improve the procedure for powering up the Community Center during outages. SDA will come out once things go back to normal and assess the generator's ability to run the building as a warming center without jeopardizing the operation of the water plant.

That's about it for now ... stay warm – watch your step it's slippery- see you in the campground!

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## CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

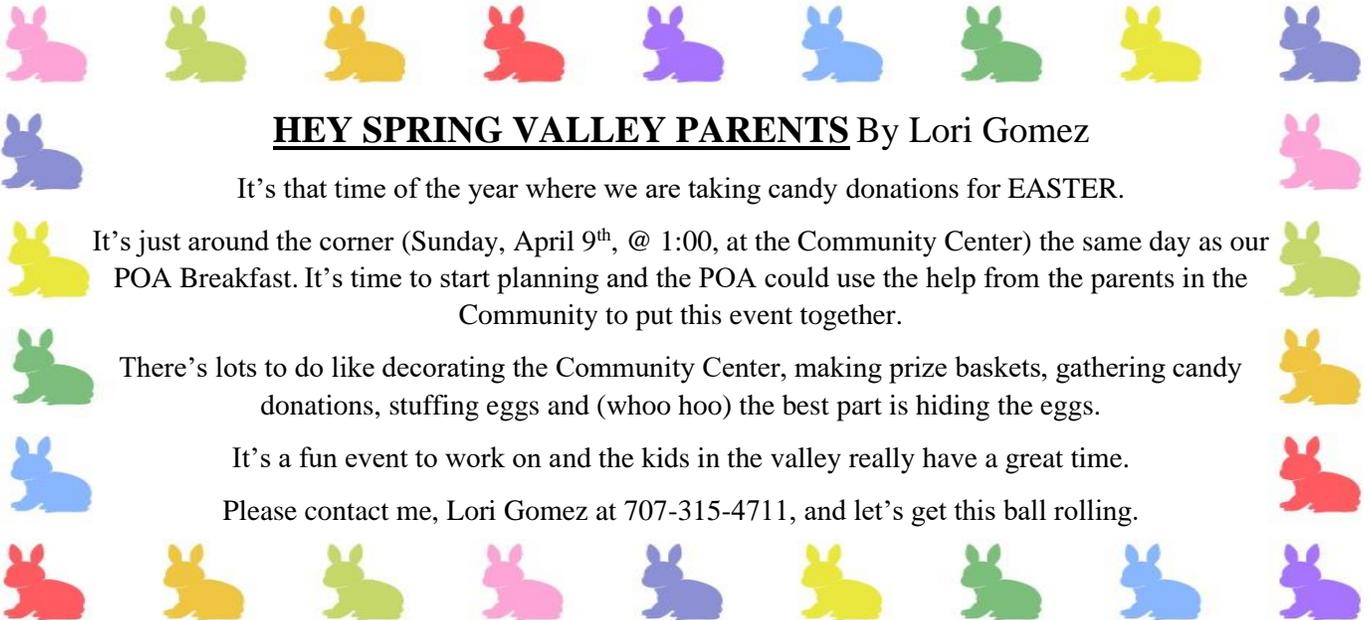
The following are updates to our seven goal items from our February 1, 2023 meeting:

1. The **Quail Trail Water Distribution Project** was part of an IRWM-funded project focused on conservation and reducing the variance between water produced and water sold. Quail Trail was identified as having a substantial history of leaks and leak repairs. The project is complete except for road repairs that will need to wait for warmer weather to finish.
2. **Complete the bridge projects.** Special Districts staff will be going out to weld the metal plates on the Chalk Mountain bridge. We're working to get scheduling/scope details from the engineer at DPW who is the project manager for bridge replacements that are funded by the state. Work associated with bridge approaches is generally just 200' so the specs will identify the limits for each of the three bridges.

4. Northwest Bio survey is updating the studies and putting them into a format that is acceptable so we can **re-establish the ACOE permit for the Lake Recovery project.to the Army Corp.** SDA is waiting for updated biological surveys to resubmit the permit.
5. Jim McDole and Scott Prewett were appointed to a Roads Committee to begin developing a **meaningful plan for road improvements that will include Hot Asphalt Equipment, potholes and road edges.**
6. Chief Mike Cianco has been informed of our **support for the Northshore Fire Protection District and the completion of Station 77** (Spring Valley).
7. Chief Cianco was also informed of our **support for Northshore having an Engine assigned to the valley before fire season.**
8. **Continue to work with Special Districts to produce quality finance reports.** We will begin working with SDA this month on building the next budget. Ed Smith and Cindy Storrs were appointed to the Finance Committee. They will continue to work on the “water paying for water” question.

We have requested a meeting with Anchor QEA to bring the committee and our community up to date on the **Lake Recovery Project.** Changes to the original design have been made to better address the maintenance of a completed lake project. The new design is a two-stage sediment capture, with two coarse sediment ponds that have a design capacity of approximately 6+ years between cleanouts.

The next meeting is March 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Community Center.



**HEY SPRING VALLEY PARENTS** By Lori Gomez

It’s that time of the year where we are taking candy donations for EASTER.

It’s just around the corner (Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:00, at the Community Center) the same day as our POA Breakfast. It’s time to start planning and the POA could use the help from the parents in the Community to put this event together.

There’s lots to do like decorating the Community Center, making prize baskets, gathering candy donations, stuffing eggs and (whoop hoo) the best part is hiding the eggs.

It’s a fun event to work on and the kids in the valley really have a great time.

Please contact me, Lori Gomez at 707-315-4711, and let’s get this ball rolling.

