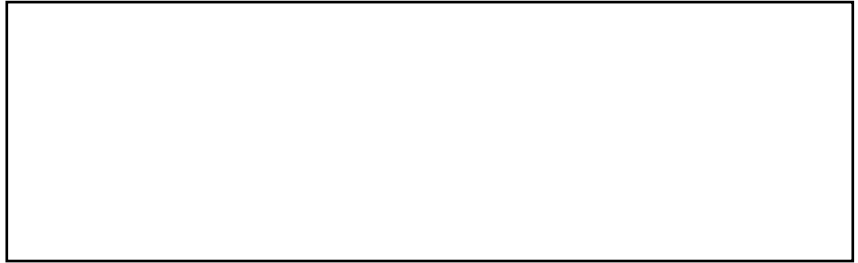

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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



President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

As expected, the new board hit the ground running with the annual Easter Egg Hunt ... Thank you Lori for taking the lead on this fun event for the kids. It was a huge success! And speaking of huge ... What can you say about the April breakfast!!! It was the biggest in recent memory and we apologize for those who waited longer than normal for the specials! We’ve made some changes we think will make things run better next time. And since this will be the Mother’s Day breakfast, we expect a crowd and think we’re ready! We’ll have a special and be served mimosas too!

We hosted a “Battle of the (local) Bands” featuring two of our members Bryan Schwartz and Dirk Widman. By all accounts it was a lot of fun and I have to say it looked like a real concert hall.

We finished out April with karaoke on the 28th. This is always a lot of fun and thanks to Bryan and Mark for the delicious lasagna. We had a couple of new voices this month and thank you Dirk for taking the reins from Julie as DJ. Thank you, Richard and Peggy, for running the bar.

The new board did set up some events for the rest of this year and we welcome your ideas as we get closer to each one. Here’s that tentative calendar:

- May 27 Chicken-que
- June 2-3 Community Yard Sale
- June 24 Spaghetti Feed (Might be a spaghetti Cook-off!!)
- June 30 Karaoke
- July 4 Parade and BBQ
- July 28 Karaoke
- August 26 Pig Roast
- September 16 Street Tacos (This was a big success last year)
- September 29 Karaoke
- October 31 We are scaling this down a bit this year and are actively looking for some of you to help put something together for the kids ... or should we try a costume party for parents?
- December 16 Christmas dinner

That’s what we have for this year ... so far. We are looking for volunteers to help with breakfast and events. We’d like help a day or two in advance of events with setting up the Center. And we always welcome new folks to help serve the food at events. Please consider helping with any of these pieces of the event calendar.

I’m hoping to see all of you at breakfast on the 14th – remember it’s **Mother’s Day** so bring your mom or a mom.

Thanks –

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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
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SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

May

May	3	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
May	3	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
May	3	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
May	6	Sat	Firewise Neighborfest Block Party Community Center 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
May	14	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am

Mother's Day Specials

May	18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
May	18	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
May	27	Sat	Karaoke and Chicken-Que Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

June

June	2-4	Fri-Sun	Community Wide Garage Sale 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
June	7	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
June	7	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
June	7	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
June	11	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am

Father's Day Specials

June	15	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
June	15	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
June	24	Sat	Spaghetti Feed (Might be a Spaghetti Cook-off!! – TBD)
June	30	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 Pm.

July

July	4	Tue	July 4 th Parade and BBQ Community Center 9:30 am - TBD
July	5	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
July	5	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
July	5	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
July	9	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
July	20	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
July	20	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
July	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,
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ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Vandalism is not something volunteers can do anything about, we can shake our heads and wonder why, but ultimately it is the community Volunteers time and community money that the Vandals is stealing from everyone who lives in spring Valley. I guess some people feel that need to destroy or to hurt others to feel better about themselves. That’s not how I was raised.

Long grass is what many predators use to hunt their prey. There is a very small predator that climbs to the top of the long grass and waits with its claws held wide out to grab hold of their victim as they walk through the area. Ticks are present and can cause Lyme Disease if bitten and a red rash appears at the bite site, go to the doctor! Lyme Disease can be treated easily right off but if left un-treated can be quite debilitating as we age.

Snakes should be coming out soon. King, Gopher, Water snakes and of course the Western Diamondback also known as the Pacific Western Rattlesnake.

Please talk to your kids to leave the snakes alone. A few years ago, a child caught a small Rattlesnake and was showing it off, he got bit in the face and died. So be sure to talk to them and tell them to leave all snakes be.

Wildlife gives birth at this time of year, please keep your dogs under control and be careful driving. No one wants to hurt Baby Wildlife.

Rain to date at my home was 37.35” as of April 19th, 2023. Indian Valley Revisor storage 194,300 ac. Ft. Clearlake is full, releasing 297 cu. ft./second.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

I have been contacted that there is a plan to have a wood chipping crew come to Spring Valley. If you would like to take advantage of this program, call Win Cary at 707-998-3004 to get on the list. Your tree

and brush waste will need to be stacked next to the road, cut ends facing the street so the fire crew can easily pick up each limb and put it into the chipper. Wolf Creek volunteers are willing to help you get ready for the chipping crew. Look for more information in future newsletters and the “Wolf Creek Firewise Community” Facebook.

If you have an Air Quality Control burn permit, the final day to allow legal burning is April 30. I thought the permits were good until May 31, but I was mistaken.

The Firewise volunteers are looking forward to seeing you at the **Neighbor Fest Block Party** at the Community Center on Saturday, May 6, from 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be available, activities for children, and lots of information to help you keep your home and community safe from wild fires. We will have a number of public agencies and local businesses attending and providing information for our residents.

THANK YOU to the property owners that kept their property cleared and trimmed. Please let me know how hard you have worked and/or what it has cost you. I need the information by the end of October for the annual report to National Firewise Program.

MANY, MANY THANKS to the volunteers. They are a fantastic group of people!



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Sign up by May 19 for May 26 and May 30 work days

EASTER by Lori Gimez

Well Spring Valley, we had a great turnout for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, and what a beautiful day it turned out to be.

I am truly thankful for the people who volunteered to make this event happen, special thanks to all my helpers, Annie Tyner and Jack Lavender Farm for stuffing the candy in the Easter Eggs. Brian Soutos, Chrissy Howells and her son Conner for helping me hide them. And lets not forget all the wonderful folks who donated candy.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

Lots of work continues on clearing downed tree limbs – seems like there’s another one each day! Joe is looking into chipping the leftovers especially since the burn season ends April 30th and we also took the step of spraying for weed control in areas that get the most use. I’ve had comments – positive ones – about the placement of tables and benches along the creek. When one of the tables at a campsite is replaced, we relocate it to areas we think you’ll enjoy. This is an especially beautiful time of year in the campground area – everything’s getting ready to bud out and soon all the wildflowers will be brightening up the paths.

In the next day or two, you’ll receive the annual Campground letter detailing expenditures from April 1 last year through March 31, 2023 and plans for the upcoming fiscal year. The new budget was submitted and includes repair to the back wall of the Center and painting the entire building. It’s been 20+ years and we need it. We will continue to work on the lighting and electrical system at the Center as well.

Please remember to **close and lock the gate** when you enter or leave. This simple step works to keep vandalism to a minimum. If you need a key or want to make a reservation to stay overnight, please call me at 707-998-9194.

That’s about it for now – check your mailbox this week for the annual letter.

See you in the campground –

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

The following are updates to our seven goal items from our meeting on April 5, 2023:

- 1. Complete Quail Trail Water Project with thanks to the BOS and the contracted company. **Continue to wait for the weather to warm up for paving. Asphalt plant may not be open yet.**
- 2. Complete bridge projects. **No word about bridge projects from DPW.**
- 3. Continue to work with Special Districts to renew or re-establish the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) permit for the Lake Recovery Project. **Special Districts will bring a special presentation to the CSA May 3 meeting. Helen will talk with Scott about any new paperwork to update the “wall”. Cindy will make some posters and quarter paper handouts for the breakfast informing people about the May 3 meeting at 7PM. Helen will put news out on FB and in the newsletter.**
- 4. Establish a meaningful plan for road improvement that will include Hot Asphalt Equipment, potholes and road edges. **Need Special Districts to purchase the hot asphalt and crack fill machines and the materials. (RY10Pro) Will focus on edge repair, potholes, crack sealing. Purchasing the machine and reviewing the priorities will be presented at the 4/6 meeting with Special Districts,**
- 5. Support the Northshore Fire Protection District (NFPD) with completion of Station 77. **Plumbing for the kitchen is in. Rumor that the cement will be poured soon.**
- 6. Support the NFPD in having an Engine assigned to the Valley before fire season. **Chief Mike plans to put engines in the building ASAP, even if it is not yet ready for overnight staffing.**

7. Continue to work with Special Districts to produce quality finance reports. **Budget from Special Districts is better organized this year. The Finance Committee will meet with Special Districts tomorrow (4/6) to review the budget and our priorities. The “water paying for water” (in order to preserve as much of our tax money for roads as possible) goal seems to have encountered a significant deficit this year. The Finance Committee will discuss this with Special Districts staff tomorrow and ask them to look into the matter. CSA will continue to work with Special Districts as this process unfolds.**

Important Note:

Our May 3 meeting will provide a long-awaited update on the lake recovery project. We will start at 7:00 pm – this will be an informative meeting. Please join us!

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