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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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



**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE** by Helen Mitcham

After all the holiday festivities, January was a pretty, quiet month. As mentioned, last month, the POA did buy a big screen TV. It should arrive on January 30th – just in time to get hooked up and allow us to host a SUPER BOWL PARTY. This will be a first for the POA – and hopefully we'll be able to have movie nights (I could watch Top Gun – Maverick one more time!), and more sports events like the World Series, March Madness, the World Cup. There are so many possibilities!

Our first event this month will almost be an all-day one. Breakfast from 8:00am to 11:00am with a Special of Belgian Waffles served with strawberries and whipped cream – YUM! Then a little break to clean up and maybe rearrange the room and right into our indoor Super Bowl tailgate! The menu isn't set yet but rest assured it will be terrific! Dare I say “finger-lickin' good”? The bar will be open – mimosas for breakfast and no doubt a game day special. It would have been even better if the 49ers were in the game but... Don't miss this event – it promises to be a lot of fun!

Please remember you must be a current member of the POA to be able to vote in the election which will be held on March 16th. Your dues must be paid by February 28<sup>th</sup> and all current members, are invited to the annual Member's dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is to say “thank you” for your support over the last year and gives you the opportunity to meet new board members and get together with old and new neighbors. Its usually “cook-your-own” steak, bake potato and salad or veggie of some kind, but we will nail down the menu and let you know by next news-letter. DON'T MISS IT.

There are lots of new things in the works – please see the Vision article by Janine and our Quilters are hoping to get a few new ladies to join their fun (I know first-hand they do beautiful work). POA membership gets you a discount at breakfast and helps us get the newsletter in your hands (or computer) every month.

I hope to see a lot of you on Super Bowl Sunday and at the monthly meeting on February 16th at 6:30pm. Come and hear what's happening in the Valley – bring your questions and your ideas.

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**HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGIL BALSLEY!!! 99 YEARS YOUNG!** By Helen Mitcham

If you've been in the valley for very long, you know Virgil. And if you don't know him, you should because he's been involved with the Community Center since it was a hay barn on Old Long Valley Road! For years, he was the “go-to” guy to fix things at the Center. He and his wife Evelyn cooked at the very first breakfast, I'm sure! He's a regular to this day but he's a customer now! And up until a year or so ago, he was out with his chain saw cutting wood for the fireplace! He and longtime friend Sam Curfman were the first Golden Members of the SVLPOA. He's a true institution here in Spring Valley! And on January 30, he turned 99

Happy 99th Virgil from all of us!

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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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Bldg. Cord - Mark Peterson	650-218-6317
Camp Info. - Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
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News Letter-Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589
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## SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

### February

Feb	1	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Feb	1	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Feb	1	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Feb	12	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am <b>Special - Belgian Waffles with Strawberries and Whipped Cream</b>
Feb	12	Sun	SUPER BOWL PARTY Community Center 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Feb	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Feb	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Feb	24	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 Pm.

### March

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Mar	25	Sat	SVLPOA Member Dinner Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Mar	31	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 Pm.

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## **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)

### **February Special - Belgian Waffles with Strawberries and Whipped Cream**

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

Rainfall: Average for 16 years is 23.50 inches. As of January 19, 2023 I have measured 24.75 inches at my home near the Community Center. Indian Valley Reservoir as of January 19, 2023 at 8:00am was 110,400-acre foot, and rising. Clearlake as of January 17, 2023 was 3.76 feet on the Rumsey Gauge in Lakeport. Spring Valley is known for its springs boiling up out of the ground. The ground is saturated, please stay on the trails. DO NOT tear up the terrain.

February, most years there is a warm period, if it gets up around 70 degrees, I suggest spraying herbicide. You will not stop weed growth but you'll sure slow it down. April is weed growth month by May the grass will be knee high or higher in some areas.

I have been cleaning up what PG&E tree crews have left on our Campground, also what was left after the Pawnee Fire. I do not mind cleaning my own mess up, but it really upsets me to clean up other peoples' messes.

I would expect water releases from Indian Valley Reservoir this year during the agriculture irrigation season.

New Picnic tables have been placed at campsite 1 and 7 with a second bench added to the first recreation spot where the large oak tree leans over the creek. The older picnic tables were placed down the creek in other recreation sites. My idea is to provide shady spots along the creek for residents to recreate during the heat.

Please stay on the trails, don't shoot guns or arrows or golf balls in the greenbelt or campground there are a lot of people around here these days, someone could get hurt.

**PROPERTY INSURANCE CANCELLATION** by Win Cary

If you have received a cancellation notice from your property insurance company, you need to call an independent insurance agent to ask about the California Fair Plan and Difference in Condition programs. Companies taking new clients are requesting pictures of your home from all four directions including your roof and your address must be attached to your home. If you can also ensure your automobile, you will get a better premium rate.

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**FREE, INSTALLED, SMOKE DETECTORS** by Win Cary

On February 19, 2023, the Red Cross volunteers are coming to Spring Valley to install free smoke detectors for our residents. Sign up by calling 998-3004.

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**WOLF CREEK FIREWISE** by Win Cary

The Firewise volunteers are receiving requests for assistance from our neighbors. The work schedule will need 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. Air Quality Control is now requiring that you provide the address, the assessor's parcel number, and a printout of the parcel borders for the application review. Some of this information you can get from your property tax forms, the printout of the parcel borders can be found online at the Lake County CA GIS map, or a copy can be issued by the Recorder's Office in Lakeport.

I cannot say it often enough - 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! At the January meeting the volunteers agreed to hold a community information function at the Community Center on Saturday, May 6. We hope to have a number of public agencies and local businesses attending to provide information for our residents. Lunch will be available, activities for children, and lots of information to help you keep your home and community safe from wild fires. 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.

Thanks to Anthony Lindheimer, Mark Sahf, and Jim Cary, Firewise has purchased a used, enclosed utility trailer to carry all the equipment needed to assist our neighbors. Anthony will be customizing it so all the equipment will be transported safely. Once it is ready, you will see it at individual properties as we work in response to owner's request.

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**CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitcham

We needed the rain ... and boy did we get it! The creek is really flowing and Indian Valley Reservoir is at 114,700-acre feet today which is about 38% of capacity. I am enjoying how things are greening up and with the last few days of sunshine and wind the mud's drying up too! It makes a walk through the campground a little less slippery.

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Thanks to those who came to the meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the budget (we're staying within it!) and as scheduled, our new bench and picnic tables were delivered a few days after the meeting. While I thought they might not be installed for a few weeks, Joe had both tables put together and installed at campsites 1 and 7 in just two days! He had to deal with some squirrel handiwork (they are destructive little fellas) but they are in and ready to use. The bench was set near the first swimming hole. Joe will try to fix up the old table frames and find nice locations for them. We will order the shade sail for over the slide soon so it can be in place for the warmer months. It's been a while but I was happy to see a couple of people playing disc golf last weekend. I asked the young man to help us out and give me some ideas on how we can improve the course and get more people playing. And we had some baseball players too!

It's amazing what a little sunshine can do and how great it is to be outside enjoying it. We discussed ideas for our next budget at the meeting and it seems that painting the outside of the Community Center is one that received good support. The back of the building really takes a beating in the hot summers and it's been over 15 years since the whole building has been painted. Soon we'll have new motion sensor fixtures over the door at the rear of the building and on the lanai. We still have an electrical project or two identified for this current budget.

Please remember to close and lock the gate – going in and coming out! Even if it was unlocked or open when you got there, please close and lock it – for everyone's safety. To the phantoms that put rocks in the toilets – please stop trying to damage the facilities! There really is no reason to be destructive! That's about it for me this month – I'm waiting for all the wildflowers to start appearing! See you in the campground.

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### **CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD** by Cindy Storrs

At the January 4, 2023 meeting the following agenda item was supported by all present:

What are we looking at for the coming year?

1. Complete the Quail Trail water distribution project with thanks to the Board of Supervisors for the work done by the Project Director and the contracted company.
2. Complete the first bridge project (there is a total of three bridge replacements planned)
3. Continue to work with Special Districts to renew and or re-establish the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the Lake Recovery Project.
4. Establish a meaningful plan for road improvements that will include the purchase and use of hot asphalt equipment and address potholes and road edges.
5. Support the Northshore Fire Protection District with the completion of Station 77 (Spring Valley Tamarack Way)
6. Support the Northshore Fire Protection District in having an Engine assigned to the valley before fire season.

7. Continue to work with Special Districts to produce quality finance reports. These seven items are goals we have set for ourselves for 2023. See future newsletters for monthly updates on our progress in reaching these seven goals.

We hope in the next 60 days or so to have guests from Special Districts and Anchor QEA (Engineers for the Lake Recovery project) to join us at a community meeting to share the design and what we should see happening this year. We will get the date out to you as soon as it's firmed up. Next meeting is February 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Community Center. We will elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year.

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### **SPRING VALLEY FOOD GIVE AWAY** by Mark Sahf

The Spring Valley food giveaway is being held on Wednesday February 1st and Thursday February 16th from 8-10 am at the Community Center 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. We currently serve about 170 families two times a month in the area. The giveaway is normally held on the first Wednesday and 3rd Thursday of each month. A brief explanation of how the distribution works; The Gleaners sends us the food and they may send more than one type of meat but only one type can be given to a household. So, like a recent giveaway they send us turkey breast, chicken and turkey loaf that doesn't mean you get all three. They usually send only one type of meat per household but when we get more than one type, we will usually ask each recipient what kind they would like until we are out then it's whatever is left that is handed out without a choice. If we have something special like the pet food that did not come from the gleaners, we distribute it until it's gone.

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping this past month; Louie Gomez, Patrick Leuty, Scott Prewett, Marc Clarke, Dan Myers, Vicki Estrella, Lorelei Franco, Curtis Dabbs, Scott Renkes, Sara Renkes, Anthony Lindheimer, Claudia Lindheimer, Julie Olson Sahf, and Mark Sahf.

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### **HAVE YOU EVER MADE A VISION BOARD? KNOW WHAT ONE IS?** by Janine Orri

Well, here's your chance to find out ... meet some new friends ...and have fun being creative!

Hi I'm Janine Orri and I have an idea to start something in Spring Valley that I've done in other communities where I've lived. The group is very casual – no dues – no rules or by-laws – just a getting together to share and make new friends. On Sunday, February 5th from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm, the women of Spring Valley are invited to join together at the Community Center to create an individual Vision Board.

The Vision Board can solidify your New Year resolutions or simply be a collage of things you like. We ask if you can, bring scissors, glue and magazines. We'll supply the poster boards of various sizes, and hot drinks. Note: if you want to use Mod Podge to finish coat your project, you can pick some up at the Dollar Store in Clearlake. Please text or leave me message at 707 921-8229 if you are coming or have any further questions. See you there!

