

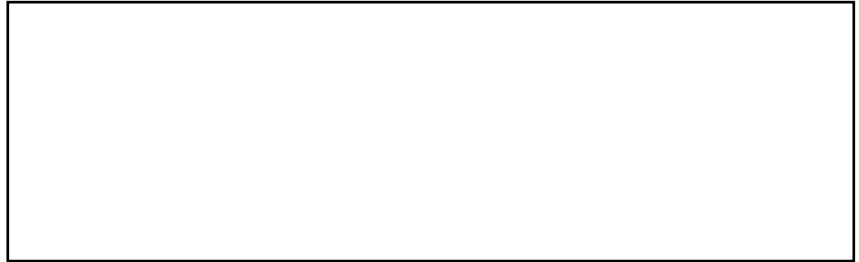
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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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



**President's Message** by Helen Mitcham**HAPPY HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

The SVLPOA Board has a lot of exciting things in the works for the coming year. Starting with ... drum roll please – A SUPERBOWL PARTY! At our November meeting, the idea to purchase a big screen TV for the Center was presented – with an eye to Super Bowls and other sporting events. The idea was tested one Sunday afternoon in December and since funds had been approved, we ordered a big screen TV!!! It should arrive the end of this month – in plenty of time to get everything set for the big game February 12<sup>th</sup>!!! Just so happens to be our regular breakfast Sunday – it'll be a busy day for sure! Where will you be?

Our regular meetings will continue to be on the third Thursday of each month. We start at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Everyone is welcome – you don't need to be a member! But there are some perks – member dinner in March, discounted breakfast, buy 6 breakfasts – get your 7<sup>th</sup> free. Please join and support the community. Come volunteer at an event! It is fun!

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**A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER** By Helen Mitcham

Well, OH BY GOSH BY GOLLY ... it was time for mistletoe and holly and our favorite elf from the North Pole certainly didn't disappoint when he stopped by the Community Center to the delight of kids from one to 92!!! What an extravaganza! The Center was decked out in all its finest - the POA elves had been working for days to make it special and special it was! Julie, Vickie, Connie, Lillie – thank you!

Thanks as well to our own Valley Pantry for guarding the “wish lists” before the big event. The elves helped Santa with all the requests – and nobody went away without a big smile. The Center was the place to be that's for sure!

After Santa had taken care of all the kids, we were able to start dinner! Thank you to each of you for your patience in being served – like the elves said “There's plenty for everyone!” We tried something new so the line didn't get bogged down and called people up randomly by table. Hey Louie – you knew we wouldn't forget you! And dinner was wonderful. Just like decorating takes time, so does cooking for 100+ people. Kitchen elves started early, thawing and brining 70 pounds of turkey, prepping five hams and peeling 50+ pounds of potatoes! Not to mention making stuffing, green beans, yams and gravy for all those spuds! Utter perfection! Thank you to the three Marks and Victor and Connie! And to each of you that brought a dessert to satisfy the sweet tooth in all of us – Thank You! It was such a great old-fashioned Christmas – a special feast in our special little valley!

Thank you to Richard and Peggy for keeping the holiday spirits flowing in the bar – ooh that special Egg Nog!

It was a Christmas to remember for sure! Thank you, Spring Valley, for showing how it's done! And now it's time for HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY 2023!! Let's work on being healthy and happy and great neighbors ... I'm in – are you?

**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**

**JANUARY**

January	4	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
January	4	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
January	4	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
January	8	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
January	14	Sat.	Campground Meeting Community Center 10:00am
January	19	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
January	19	Thur.	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
January	27	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 Pm.

**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
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.

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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)

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## ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Beaver dams, please leave them alone! Someone keeps tearing out a small section of one, pointing the North Fork of Cache Creek right at the bank. At 11 cu.ft. per second it's not causing much harm but at 6 or 8 hundred cu.ft. per second it will erode the bank causing harm to several large red willow trees. Not to mention the brush left on the bank. What if someone uses it to start a fire? The creek bed is the only area that hasn't burned to the ground here. Also beaver ponds are being studied in relation to how they slow creeks and rivers down allowing more water to percolate down into the water table of aquifers. Drought may be with us a long time, so don't disturb the furry beasts, there helping to save water.

Mushrooms are starting to show themselves, DO NOT eat them! They will poison you or could even kill you!

Why close and lock the gate? Privacy! Every lot owner pays \$18 a year to support the Community Center and Campground. Do we leave the doors open at the Community Center? No, same with the campground. Please take the time to close and lock the gate.

As of December 20, 2022 rain fall near the Community Center measured 7.5", one third of what normal is.

The freeze, mid-December was down in the 20's and the frost was beautiful in the mornings sun, only to disappear as the sun warms the earth. Air quality, the people who control the burn permits want me to provide them with all assessor parcel numbers and physical addresses for each and include each and every parcel on the greenbelt/campground. This has led to procrastination on my part. My volunteer service to our community has suffered. Happy New Year!

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

The Firewise volunteers are receiving requests for assistance from our neighbors. Now that we are getting rain (HOORAY), the work schedule will need be set around the weather. We will get the work done, but at a slower pace.

If you have an acre or more, we recommend that you get an Air Quality Control burn permit through Northshore Fire 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.

At the Nov. Firewise meeting the volunteers voted to use the \$10,000 grant from Lake County to purchase an equipment trailer and additional tools for our program. We will be having planning and procedures meetings for the volunteers. Our next meeting will be in January. All residents are welcome to these meetings at the Community Center. Future meetings will be posted on the "Wolf Creek Firewise Community" Facebook.

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!

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### **CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitcha m

HAPPY 2023!!! Doesn't seem very long ago I was wondering if the water in the creek would ever return to normal. Well, Mother Nature has her ways and the creeks all around the valley are swollen from all the rain – and oh, how we need it! I'm always hoping for a little snow around Christmas and this year it didn't get down to us – it was cold enough though!

Joe has been busy collecting tree limbs and will begin burning soon. He will have the appropriate permits and will choose days when the smoke won't be a nuisance to any neighbors. Please when you come across a deliberate pile, leave it alone.

As mentioned last month, our new picnic tables should arrive by the end of the month and we'll wait for the weather to cooperate to remove the old ones and install the new. We'll be looking for your ideas on where to put the ones we recycle.

If you attended the Christmas dinner on the 17th, we hope you noticed the tape lights near the ceiling around the main room. These are not part of the Christmas decorations but will remain and can be coordinated to any theme or event. Just a little something to brighten things up!

Our quarterly Campground meeting will be held January 14th at 10:00am in the Community Center. We'll be reviewing our expenditures to date and looking for your input on all things – campground! Hope to see you there

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

Since there was no meeting in December, we will be discussing final FY21/22 budget this month. Our discussion of “Does Water Pay for Water?” will take place at the February meeting. There may be some new faces on the board this meeting as the Board of Supervisors appoints members on January 1 of odd-numbered years. Per our by-laws, we will elect a Chair and Vice Chair at our February meeting.

The Quail Trail water project is nearly complete. (Mother Nature hindered a pre-New Year completion). We will be looking more into road money as we get into the new year. We have three bridge projects that should be a stepping off point for associated road work – we’re looking to get a bigger bang for our bucks!

We will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the Community Center – starting at 7:00pm. Our goal is to be finished with our business by 8:00pm.

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**CANCELLED HOMEOWNER INSURANCE POLICIES** by Win Cary

A number of property owners in Lake County have received notices that their insurance company is cancelling their homeowner policies at the renewal date. Insurance agents are being swamped by calls from unhappy property owners.

If you have received one of these cancellation notices you can ask your agent about the California Fair Plan for fire insurance on your home. This plan covers only fire insurance on your home, you will have to carry another policy to covers personal belongings and liability insurance. The agents will request pictures of your home on all four sides, including pictures of the roof, a picture of your house number that is attached to the house, and possibly pictures in the four directions from your house.

I hope this information will help you.

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**SPRING VALLEY FOOD GIVEAWAY** by Mark Sahf

The Gleaners Food Giveaway at Spring Valley will be held on Wednesday, January 4th and Thursday, January 19th 2023 from 8-10am.

The number of households we provide for has now increased to around 170. If you can’t make it to the morning giveaway and if we still have food left, please contact Mark Sahf at 608-513-3780 to schedule an evening pickup.

We have an exceptional group of volunteers that has allowed us to provide this service to each person without having to wait in a long line as long as the delivery truck is on time. Thank you to the following volunteers: Mark & Julie Sahf, Louie & Lori Gomez, Scott Prewett, Vicki Estrella, Lorelei Franko, Dan Myers, Patrick Leahy, Evan Griffiths, Marc Clark, Anthony & Claudia Lindheimer. We can always use more volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Mark at 608-513-3780 or come down to the community center at 6:45am the morning of the giveaway.

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