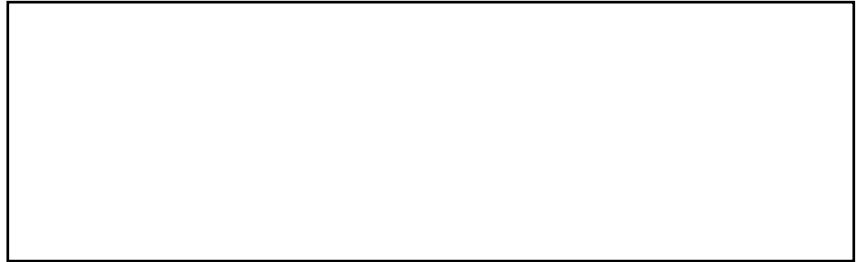

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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President's Message by Helen Mitcham

I'm happy to say it looks like we're getting the hang of having some pretty big breakfasts!

Remember I said we'd honor all the dad's for Father's Day with something special - well we offered man-mosas or Dad-mosas – something most had never heard of!

Due to a prior commitment. I was unable to attend the meeting this month but thanks to our great board, things got handled and we were into planning what is going to be a “sad-for-us ... happy-for-Julie and Mark” moment. Yes, after almost 5 years, Julie and Mark are moving back to Minnesota to be near family and those adorable grandkids! Julie and Mark have certainly left a big positive mark on Spring Valley. Their activities covered most activities in the valley. We will miss them both! They have left an indelible mark on this valley – and all of us are better for it! Safe travels you two! We will miss you! Come back and visit when you can! You two are really the best! Good people...great friends! Travel safe!

As mentioned last month, we partnered with the campground committee to purchase a new security system and then started taking in donations to replace the karaoke speaker that was stolen in the last break-in. Then, low and behold, we received a donation that allowed us to order the speaker. Unfortunately, it was ordered about 8 days ago and hasn't arrived yet. Karaoke is banking on its arrival in time.

Somehow, we missed mentioning the July 4th festivities in last month's newsletter so ... yes, let's still have the parade and the BBQ and the dunk tank and all the other goodies. Uncle Sam needs us to celebrate with him! If you want to be in the parade, fill out the application and drop it at the Spring Valley Pantry. If you're just a parade observer, stop at any cul-de-sac between the store and Wolf Creek, open your folding chair and cheer us on! Hot dogs and burgers at the Center from about 10:00 to 2:00pm. Plenty of time to find some fireworks out by the lake.

Mark your calendar for karaoke this month on the 28th! And then there's the annual pig roast in August. All these events are fun to participate in and we are looking for volunteers to help out with setting up, prepping and cleaning up. Talk to any board meeting about how to help.

Thank you to everyone that helps in any way. Special thank you to Kristin Langdale for being the newsletter editor and making sure all the important info gets into the newsletter and that it gets to all of you. I'll see all of you at breakfast or at the pig roast or on Street Taco night. Please come support our events. You will have fun.

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	Tue	July 4 th Parade and BBQ Community Center 10 am – 2pm
July	5	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
July	5	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Canceled due to the July 4th Holiday.
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

August

Aug	2	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Aug	2	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Aug	2	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Aug	13	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
Aug	17	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Aug	17	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Aug	19	Sat	SVLPOA Pig Roast and Karaoke Community Cntr. 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

September

Sept	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Sept	6	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Sept	6	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Sept	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
Sept	21	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10 am
Sept	21	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Sept.	23	Sat	Street Taco Night Community Center 5pm-10pm
Sept	29	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

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 (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Why do people destroy things? There are volunteers in this community who work very hard to create beauty for this community sharing their hard work and money to make our home a nicer place to live. A blue spruce was planted at the community center and was recently broken in half! It had new growth and looked good, too bad and what a shame, some selfish or jealous person took that beautiful tree away from all of us.

Two trees in the campground were also hacked and destroyed. Years to grow, seconds to destroy.

The daily motorcycle rally is annoying all of us who live in the vicinity of the Community Center, Spring Valley is not a moto cross track, please don't annoy your neighbors!

Rainfall 38" IVR (Indian Valley Reservoir) storage 197,708 ac. Ft. Releasing 262 cu. ft. per second as of June 15, 2023.

Maintenance: The roof of the bathroom needs to be repaired and re-roofed, any Volunteers?

The water system needs repair hose bibs mostly but also insulation and posts. Green waste needs to be hauled out.

Deer Season: Archery July 8th through July 30th. General August 12th-September 24th. Best of luck to those who still hunt.

Deer Season, or buck season is important for herd health, by removing relative buck deer we diversify the gene pool as back country bucks seek out our local does, preventing inbreeding.

I enjoyed Cindy Storrs article on the lake recovery project. It was very well done. There just isn't enough money. Too bad they didn't follow Mark Curriers lead. He had all the permits years ago.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

The Firewise volunteers will be working on Saturdays, only, until further notice. The volunteers will be busy during the week with jobs, vacations, appointments, and meetings.

Many thanks to these Firewise volunteers for helping with clearing properties: Win & Jim Cary, Vicky Estrella, Marty Diesman, Deborah Edwards, Byran Schwartz, Madeline Franco, Daniel Myers, Anthony & Claudia Lindheimer, Evan Griffiths, and Patrick Jiron. Mark Sahf has used his quad mower to trim weeds on a number of properties for residents and absent property owners. Welcome to new volunteers Howard and Kasey Holt. We are always happy to have more volunteers. Check our facebook page for our work schedule each week.

Three of our residents, Win Cary, Patrick and Barbara Jiron attended a class on being a traffic flagger for work crews. They all passed the end-of-class test and they will be receiving a certificate to assist in traffic control if needed. Any resident can sign up for this training by contacting Tammy Alakszey at North Coast Opportunities (NCO) by calling 707-245-5623.

THANK YOU to the property owners that keep their property cleared and trimmed. I am very pleased to see how many residents have cleaned up their property. 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 the National Firewise Program.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all of the volunteers working on all of the programs in the community. They are a fantastic group of people! Come to the meetings at the Community Center and join up!

KEEPING YOUR HOME PROTECTED WHEN INSURANCE OPTIONS ARE LIMITED AND EXPENSIVE by Win Cary

Friends, United Policyholders is continuing to do everything we can to help consumers deal with the marketplace crisis that's making it so hard for residents of rural and suburban areas to find and keep affordable fire insurance.

As always, our online home insurance shopping help is available whenever you need it.

Wishing you good health.

FIRE SEASON HAS STARTED by Win Car

In June there were a number of fires in the Clearlake Oaks area. Each property owner is responsible for having their property weed and brush trimmed to protect our valley. In 2018 Lake County passed an ordinance stating that if a fire starts on your property, whether developed or undeveloped, you are responsible if the fire burns your neighbor's home or buildings.

It is getting very hard to purchase fire insurance for your homes, and you cannot get any insurance, fire or liability, on an undeveloped parcel. It is less expensive to have your property in compliance with the wildfire fuel removal codes and ordinances than it would be if you have to build a new home for a neighbor.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) TRAINING by Win Cary

I am reaching out to all of you to advise you of our upcoming CERT Training program and ask your assistance in getting the word out there to as many as we can.

This program begins with a 9-module on-line training program that normally takes 12 hours to complete then you move on to the 2 day (16 hour) in person training which will be held on Friday and Saturday July 7th and 8th. Just go to the link <https://bit.ly/38pWhJm> to begin.

Once a person has begun the on-line process to register and begin the training, we will be automatically notified but if that person would like to follow-up with a phone call or email that would be appreciated to ensure we are aware of their registration.

Please feel free to reach out to Tammy or myself for any additional information or assistance regarding the trainings.

This session is just one of several that we are planning during the remainder of this year.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

As happens every year (for the last 30+ anyway), we're starting to get campers taking in the flora and fauna here in the valley. One guest/ neighbor stayed a few days to work out the "bugs" in their new motorhome. Another (former) resident and her family came down for a few days and while camped rebuilt the windbreak at Campsite 1. Material is on hand to do the same at campsite #2 and thanks for volunteering to do this work during your stay.

A couple of acts of vandalism discovered ... someone ran over the little spruce donated and planted and watered to get it started at the Community Center. Hard to understand why ... just mean I

guess! Some evidence of tampering with the storeroom door in the campground – unsuccessful. Please do not damage the bark on any trees in the campground. Doing so, usually kills the tree and we've lost way too many to fire – don't make it any worse.

We have contacted Capt. Barko of Northshore Fire about chipping the fallen trees and debris.

Joe had arranged for the chipper only to find they weren't able to complete the work. This work is necessary so Northshore will do the job for us. Our shade sail is still on back order ... waiting to get it up over the slide.

There are a couple of electrical issues that need to be fixed in the campground. I'll be checking into secure, outdoor motion fixtures for the bathroom/ shower building – when the sun goes down ... it really gets dark! The security system at the Center works great! And we have new horseshoe pits – near the basketball and volleyball courts.

Please remember to close and lock the gate every time you enter or leave the campground. And if you see the gate open, please stop and close it (if you have time!).

That's about it for this month – see you in the campground.

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

The primary focus of the June 7 meeting was to get a detailed update on the Lake Recovery project from Scott Hornung who leads this project for Special Districts and to respond to additional questions and concerns.

First, a correction to previous meeting notes: the idea to put weirs above the Wolf Creek bridge was not part of the original plan but was rather a suggestion offered to the engineering firm (AnchorQEA) to explore/consider.

Residents expressed concerns about the proposed gravel road all the way around the lake as being an "attractive nuisance" and a potential problem for inviting unsupervised residents to use it for unsupervised activities that could be very problematic. It was suggested that the gravel access be re-assessed and if possible, be only on one side of the lake, preferably the Wolf Creek Road side and not the heavy residential side.

Special Districts is preparing a "shovel ready" proposal to have when they seek the necessary grant money to complete the project. Getting the first cell and the roads in place will allow Special Districts to have something to show as the way forward and what is actually being accomplished.

Regarding the concern about the lake serving as the secondary water source for the valley, there is a plan in place to install a pipe for water flow into the treatment plant if needed;

The "new lake" will be three separate cells rather than the single cell originally built with the subdivision back in 1966-1968.

Scott Hornung expressed his commitment to both Special Districts and this project. He is committed to working on it and continuing to move it through to completion. What started as a possible 1-million-dollar project 15 years ago is now realistically a \$6 million dollar project. To that end, Special District staff has now applied for two grants totaling 8 million to complete the project. Scott will keep the CSA apprised of the progress on these grants. He feels very confident about their successful acquisition.

The Board encouraged Scott to do something concrete on the project before the construction window closes for the year. (Approximately October 1).

The next CSA #2 meeting in July 5th in the Community Center at 7:00pm. Please join us for updates on this and other projects in the Valley.

HORSE SHOE PIT by Lori Gomez

If you have been down to the Community Center lately you will see our new HORSE PIT.

Many thanks to Bobby Eberhart for taking the time to install it and for keeping it up.

Seemed to be a big hit during our Pulled Pork Event.

Anyone interested in starting a tourament? Let us know.

4th OF JULY PARADE by Helen Mitchem

Don't forget our 18th Annual Parade and Barbecue Tuesday July 4th 2023 at 9:00am It's a real community event and lots of fun. Hamburgers and hot dogs at the Community Center after the parade, dunk tank, water slide or bounce house, games, cotton candy (if we can get the machine to work!). Just good old-fashioned fun. It wraps up in time to get to town to see the fireworks or whatever else you choose. Below is the entry application included in this newsletter and they will also be available at the Pantry.

Parade Entry Form: SPRING VALLEY ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
TUESDAY JULY 4TH, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Name: _____ Address: _____
 Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____ Group: No ___ Yes ___
 Number in group _____ Type of Unit(s) (circle all that apply): Horse Car/Truck Quad
 Military Youth Musical/Band Fire Dept. Costumed, Motorcycle, Bicycle, Pet (on leash) Antique Vehicle
 Other _____

PLEASE – NO THROWING CANDY OR OBJECTS! This is a California State Law HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT I, _____, understand that my participation and that of my group is subject to a release of any liability on the part of the Spring Valley Community, Spring Valley Lakes Property Owners' Association (SVLPOA), Spring Valley participation in the annual Spring Valley July 4th Parade. (Parents must sign for anyone under 18 years of age)

Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit parade application and Hold Harmless Agreement to: Helen Mitcham, 16000 Qual Trail, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423. Deadline for application is July 4th.

Someone you know in need
 of a bit of Sunshine?
 Let our Sunshine Lady know and
 she will perk them up!
 Linda Mann 998-9464



