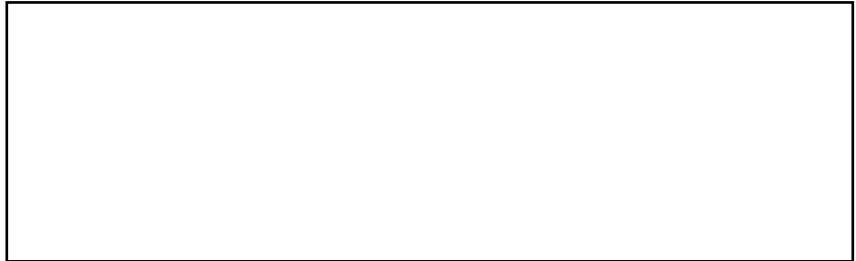


# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE** by Helen Mitcham

WOW! Two very big breakfasts – April and May were biggies! Thank you for coming out to support the POA and enjoy a good meal! The board thinks the changes they instituted after the April crunch helped cut down on the wait time for specials. We will continue to get better! Mother’s Day was special – mimosas and carnations for every mom. Maybe the dad’s need something for their big day this month? Stay tuned!

As mentioned in the campground article, we had another break-in at the Center. The culprits made off with some beer (we found it later under the bridge by the Community Center) and one of the speakers for the karaoke system. Irritating to say the least that something that brings so much joy to our karaoke fans would be stolen. They should be ashamed. But they took a speaker that won’t work without its partner speaker so ... karma can be a problem! The board and members at a meeting earlier in the year, approved spending \$500 for a security system. We were able to accomplish that because the campground split the cost with us. Thank you! We believe the installed system will provide the security we need. And we’ll be doing fundraising to replace the speaker.

The chicken-que was great! Thank you, Anthony and Curtis, for designing and constructing the grill unit that will also be used for the pig roast! And to both of them for the BBQ expertise – it was yummy! Thank you, Richard, for tending the bar and to the ladies of the board for getting everything set up, and to our neighbors who brought salads and desserts to share, and to Mark for being wherever he was needed – thank you. As always thank you Victor for all the clean-up and dishpan hands – thanks!

Our calendar for June includes a spaghetti feed on the 24<sup>th</sup> (although we might switch it up!) and karaoke on the 30<sup>th</sup> (Swedish meatballs are on that menu!).

Don’t forget July 4<sup>th</sup> – parade and BBQ and games for the kids.

Happy summer everybody! Goodbye rain (for a while, anyway!)

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CDF-Clearlake Oaks (Hwy 20)	707-998-3711
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**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**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
			<b><u>+++Lake Recovery Update+++</u></b>
June	11	Sun.	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
			<b><u>+++Father’s Day Specials+++</u></b>
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 Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
June	30	Fri.	Karaoke Community Center 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**July**

July	4	Tue	July 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

**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	26	Sat	SVLPOA Pig Roast and Karaoke Community Cntr. 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 (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)



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**ON THE GREENBELT** by Joe Welz

April 29<sup>th</sup> taking a break from the campground (repairing the pot holes in my cul-de-sac) I drove out from behind the community center, with a little cold patch, I noticed a real nice older Ford truck late 70’s or early 80’s, white in color. I believe it was 4 wd with a flat bed, dump cab protector. A real stout truck, a real beauty as trucks goes. There it was, backing up to Special Districts brush pile on County property and sure enough, dumped its full load of yard waste! Although it is good to prepare for fire season, it is really bad to dump your waste on County property leaving your mess for someone else to clean up! Now that truck would get 8 – 10 miles per gallon. Quackenbush Green waste facility is about 25 miles round trip so that’s \$15.00 for fuel, minimum dump fee is \$17.00 and \$63.00 per ton. So, this person saved \$32.00 and created a fire hazard endangering out Community Center and our \$4 Million Dollar water plant. Then there is the cost of County cleanup, a dump truck, something to load the dump truck, and one or two men on the ground. That’s a little over \$1000.00 of our property tax money so this resident could save \$32.00 and an hour and a half of their time.

Speaking of trash, if you have a party on the greenbelt haul your own trash out. I check trash cans once a week and I'm cool with that but 3 or 4 40-gallon trash bags overflowing I'm not! Take it up to the dump! Do not leave your watermelon on the ground, you will attract yellow jackets!

Fire season is upon us, protect your home by keeping your property fire safe, cut the weeds, some wild oats are 5' or 6' tall. The home you save may be your own. Don't endanger your neighbor's home and property by dumping your waste on the greenbelt.

Jobs needed to be done on the greenbelt, water spickets, bathroom site repaired and re-roofed, campsites repaired, cut pine limbs between one and two and taken to Quackenbush mtn., someone to clean bathrooms and showers. I've been working in the greenbelt mainly on the campground side since it snowed two or three hours a day most every day. Heavy maintenance will have to be put off till next winter. But light work will continue through the heat.

As of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. I measure 38" of rainfall at my house. Clearlake did fill and Yolo County is taking water from there at 660 cu ft per second and will for 150,000-acre feet. Till next time!

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**WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary**

The North Shore Fire Dept. the wood chipping program is up and running. They were in the valley on Friday and Tuesday of Memorial Day Weekend. More than 15 residents took advantage of this free program, they also helped out in the Campground. Thank you to the chipping crew, we look forward to seeing you later in the year.

The **Neighborfest Block Party** at the Community Center on Saturday, May 6, was a big success. The Center was full of people having a good time and getting necessary information to stay safe and happy living in our community. Many thanks to these Firewise volunteers for helping with the activity: Win & Jim Cary, Vicky & John Estrella, Marty Diesman, Deborah Edwards, Byran Schwartz, Madeline Franco, Dirk Widman, Daniel Myers, Anthony & Claudia Lindheimer, Mark & Julie Sahf, and Patrick & Barbara Jiron. We had representatives from Cal Fire, North Shore Fire, the Sheriff's office, Lake County Library, Sons in Retirement, Farmers Insurance, Red Cross, Lori Gomez talked about the S.V.L.P.O.A., and Joe Welz talked about the Campground and greenbelt area. Also, thank you to Foods, Etc. and Lopez Jumpers for their assistance.

Our workday on Fri, May 26, included a group of Americorp young people. Tammy Alakszey at North Coast Opportunities coordinated to have them work with our volunteers. We helped Joe Welz in the campground setting up tree cuttings for the chipper program and trimming weeds.

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 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!!

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**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.) by Win Cary**

Tammy Alakszey at North Coast Opportunities (NCO) is developing a program for residents to train for the Community Emergency Response Team. A number of Spring Valley residents trained and outfitted themselves for this program in the early 2000's. Many of these residents have left the area, so there are only a few people left.

The training starts with a nine-step computerized component, and training meetings. Look for more information on this volunteer program in later newsletters.

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**CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham**

All property owners should have received the annual campground letter right after the first of May. If you didn't get yours, please check with Special Districts and be sure they have your correct mailing address.

You may be aware that we had another break-in at the Community Center. As a result of that break-in, together with the POA, a security system was installed by High Country Security. It's an item we've

talked about many times and we were asked to share the cost of installation with the POA. They will pay the monthly monitoring charges going forward. We were able accomplish this without increasing the budget and the system is now up and running!

Joe has been busy (really busy) working on getting all the tree limbs cleaned up. We're still losing branches and Joe has made several trips to Quackenbush with tree debris. There is plenty of fire wood around the area – please do not bring wood into the campground and leave it unless you plan on using it! We are thankful the chipper will be able to help in the campground. Thanks, Firewise for setting it up and Joe for stacking where the trucks can get access. If you're looking for wood rounds, there are piles by the basketball court available to everybody.

We've had our first campers of the season – hope they enjoyed themselves. And they did pretty good keeping the gate closed and locked. Thanks! The shade sail for over the slide is on backorder but will go up as soon as it arrives.

Recently I received a note from one of our neighbors that they have tried a couple of times to go for walks in the campground only to be bothered by big dogs running loose. Please remember there is a leash law in the county. All dogs should be on a leash at all times. Let's keep it enjoyable for everybody .... They might not be scary to you but dogs (of any size) can be intimidating!

That's it for now – see you in the park!

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**NORTH SHORE FIRE DISTRICT CHIPPING SCHEDULE** BY Win Cary

**Dates and Locations**

**Clearlake Oaks and Spring Valley 5/26+5/30**

*Paperwork due by May 1*

**Lucerne and Nice 6/2+6/5**

*Paperwork due by May 26*

**Upper Lake 6/16+6/19**

*Paperwork due by 6/9*

**Lakeport and Scotts Creek 6/29+6/30**

*Paperwork due by 6/23*

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

Scott Harter attended the regularly scheduled CSA #2 meeting in place of Scott Hornung (who had a family commitment) in order to bring the current status of the Lake Recovery Project. Scott brought two updated maps of the project and a status update email from Scott Hornung. The maps and the email are posted on the Lake recovery wall at the Community Center. A copy of the questions that were “captured” as well as index cards for further questions are also posted on the wall. Please plan on attending the June 7, 2023 CSA #2 meeting at 7 PM when Scott Hornung will be joining us to provide as many answers as possible. It will be most helpful if you can get your questions to Chairperson Helen Mitcham at least a week prior to the June 7th meeting.

Scott presented 2 maps and the engineering/cost updates. An original idea was to locate ponds and weirs just north of the Wolf Creek bridge to catch sediment and debris as it came down the creek into the lake area. AnchorQEA evaluated this idea and found that a better and more cost-effective solution was to redesign the lakebed area into three (3) sections with catch basin spacing in between each body of water. This plan would accomplish the same thing as the Wolf Creek bridge area idea and be easier to manage. The spaces in between the water bodies would serve as catch areas and the proposed road around the lakebed area would allow for access to the water bodies for additional dredging as the years go by. Once the initial dredging was completed the roads would be maintained as gravel trails. Additionally, AnchorQEA is proposing that the lakebed spoils

be deposited in the area between the dam and the community center and not in the campground as was originally thought with the campground as an area as needed.

**Questions** -“captured” at May 3, 2023 CSA #2 meeting with Special Districts Administrator Scott Harter.

1. What was the grant amount that was awarded for the Lake recovery Project?
2. Is the engineering firm (AnchorQEA) removing trees, etc, as part of the project? If not, who will be doing this and what is the estimated cost?
3. When do you expect to break ground on the project? What/where will this initial ground breaking take place?
4. What is the idea around the Osage Way parcel and project?
5. What is the cost estimate of the initial dredging of the lakebed area?
6. What is the plan to save as many of the Willows and the Oaks in and around the project?
7. What will be the status of docks into the lake that homeowners have had in the past? Some homeowners have their docks “grandfathered” in and/or have variances to allow for them? How will these be accommodated?
8. How will homeowners who have “dock” clauses in their deeds be accommodated?
9. How is Special Districts going to address the design of “horse trail easements/accommodations” that are part of Spring Valley and specifically the cul-de-sacs that border the lakebed area? How will these areas be recovered? Maintained? Enforced as county property? (Currently some are intact, some are trenches for rain run-off, some are gated, some have been assumed into the lots on either side of their initial placement, some residents reported issues with local young people accessing the lakebed area over locked gates while disrespecting homeowners)
10. Will there be a need to bring in “rip rap” to stabilize the northeastern side of the lakebed area to accommodate the roads/trails?
11. Once the roads around the lakebed area have been used for dredging purposes, what will they look like as “trails”? Who will be responsible to maintain these areas? What is the estimated cost of this maintenance? Where will the funds for this maintenance come from?
12. What is the projected estimate of costs to maintain the new lakebeds into the future?

**Answers:**

1. The grant amount was \$945,000. AnchorQEA’s contract is \$563,808. That leaves \$381,192 for construction. This is not a lot of money for construction, so we are currently looking for additional funding for the project. Actually \$1,000,000 is not very much money for the construction phase. We may also construct the project in phases. The first phase may be the Osage Way access and the first sediment capture cell with some of the internal roads. Phase two may be the second sediment capture cell and the rest of the roads to the dam. Phase three may be the remainder of sediment removal, retaining wall at the dam and final erosion control, etc.
2. The trees and vegetation that are to be removed (clearing and grubbing), will be removed by a contractor during construction, or just before construction. The estimated cost for clearing and grubbing is \$19,935.
3. I expect us to break ground on this project near the end of the construction season this year, 2023 or at the beginning of the construction season 2024. We still need to get the revised biological investigation and revised mitigation measures up to Community Development Department (CDD) so they can amend CEQA and the mitigation measures for the project, due to the revised project layout and sediment pond configurations. Once the revised impacts and mitigation has been accepted, I will submit the Army Corp permit application. I still need the final grading plans from AnchorQEA in order to submit the grading permit to CDD. The project will begin at the north end of the lake near Osage Way with the construction of the first sediment capture basin and internal roads.
4. Currently the access at Osage Way is through a privately owned parcel (3371 Osage Way). There is an existing 10-foot easement off of Osage Way, but a road is unbuildable at that location due to constraints and the slope of the embankment. The purchase of the parcel at Osage Way will provide a permanent access point to the north end of the lake, and perhaps a place for parking for people who want to enjoy the lake.

5. The cost estimate for the initial dredging of the lake bed area, just the earthwork is approximately \$2.38 million if it was put out to bid at prevailing wage. This does not include the clearing and grubbing, the retaining walls at the dam, the surface of the roads that will be constructed within the reservoir area, permanent and temporary erosion control, dewatering, bypass pumping, and the undergrounding of the dam drain to Wolf Creek. There is a serious underfunding of this project, so we are pursuing alternate sources of funding, as well as breaking it into phases, most likely 3 phases, if we cannot find the total amount to construct the entire project under one contract. I am including a recent engineer's estimate for the entire project paid at prevailing wage. See attached engineers estimate.
6. Any willows and oaks and riparian vegetation will be preserved wherever we can. Some of the removed willows will be harvested and kept for replanting on the down stream side of each sediment capture weir and will be used along with grasses as the fine sediment filter leaving each sediment basin. Any place where we can replant, and it will not cause problems with the maintenance of the sediment basins, we are looking to.
7. Currently there is one property that has a float and a ramp to the float. So long as these structures are permitted, they will be allowed. If someone has a permitted right to construct a dock into the lake they will need to provide for a removable section, over the road, so when maintenance work needs to be performed, the section can be removed and vehicular traffic will be able to access the maintenance / sediment removal locations.
8. Same as 7 above. If you have a permitted right to construct a dock on the lake then you will be permitted to construct your dock. You will be required to have a removable section over the road, so when maintenance work needs to be performed, the section can be removed and vehicular traffic will be able to access all of the maintenance / sediment removal locations.
9. This one will take some research and more work. This project is to recover the lake and be able to maintain the lake so that it does not fill with sediment again, not an easement reestablishment project. Research will need to be made to try and determine who is responsible for maintaining / up keep of the easements. The easement monumentation will need to be located or reestablished. Contact will need to be made with property owners who have blocked or fenced in the easements, and discussions entered into to talk thru and come to an agreement regarding opening the easement back up to the public. This will all need to be done with input and help from the POA and the community.
10. Yes, there is an area at the northeast side of the reservoir that is experiencing erosion, and will have rip-rap or some type of erosion control repair made there to shore up the bank and prevent further erosion.
11. The interior roads will look like gravel roads. It will be the responsibility of Special Districts to maintain the roads. The roads will be built slightly higher than the lake surface, so they should have very little impact from the lake and they will have a drainage ditch above them to catch any storm water and direct it around the roads to prevent them from being eroded. Note that they will be restricted access service roads, not subject to regular vehicle traffic and will not require much maintenance. The estimated cost of the maintenance will not be very much, but has not been calculated at this point. Maintenance will consist of going in every 5-7 years or so, when the sediment catchments are cleaned out, and regrading them.
12. The cost to maintain the lake bed needs to be calculated, and may vary considerably from maintenance cycle to maintenance cycle, dependent on the amount of material needing to be removed, the marketability of the material, etc. Calculations show that the sediment catchments will need to be cleaned out every 5-7 years. This work will almost certainly need to be up out to bid, due to limited equipment and personnel at the district's disposal.

