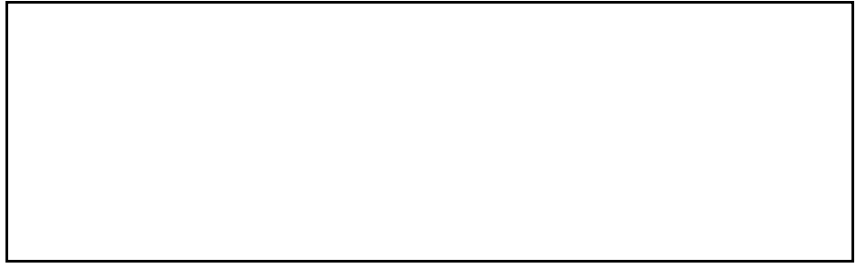

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

We had some successful events since the last newsletter ... our breakfast on the 9th served 92 and 46 sang for their supper at karaoke on June 30th! The pulled pork dinner on June 24th was delicious and 57 of your neighbors joined in the feast. Right now I need to give a big thank you to our cooks for most of the events – Bryan Schwartz (he doubles as your bartender!) and Curtis Dabbs. These two are helped in the kitchen by Mark Peterson and Louie Gomez. Victor Nichols is our dish washer extraordinaire and Connie Sager will tell you she just does “stuff”! Vicki Hennen and Lori Gomez welcome you when you come in the door and you know how they say, “It takes a village”? Well I’m happy all these people are part of our village! Thank you all! Special note to Mark & Julie Sahf – you’re a hard act to follow but we” channeled” both of you and made it through breakfast!

Our new karaoke speaker has arrived! We will be operating at 100% this month. We have a new DJ – Dirk Widman. Thanks for stepping up Dirk! I hope you have stopped in and enjoyed one of these events they are fun and we won’t *make* you get up and sing but I warn you ... sometimes the music just grabs you!

Thank you, Anthony Lindheimer (new Building Coordinator), for replacing the light fixtures in the storeroom (OMG where did all that stuff come from?) and for finding us a nice fixture for the hallway to the bar and storeroom. Your electrical know-how is a necessary skill at the Center! Speaking of electrical things ... remember the power outage about 10 days ago? Well, when the power came back on, the fridges couldn’t start back up so we lost some food. It was an unpleasant clean up but we’ve taken a look and think we have a better set up – we sure don’t want to lose food!

The campground budget provides for painting the exterior of the Center this year. There is some siding work that needs to be done first and we’ll take a look at upgrading exterior lighting as part of the project as well. The board has suggested we remove and clean/ paint the metal window screens, clean the windows inside and out and install heat reducing and/ or safety film to help regulate the temperature inside. This project will get started after the heat wave is gone and before the rainy season.

Did you know the SVLPOA has a website? Have you ever been there? Well, before you go there (svlpoa.org) I’ll warn you it really needs to be updated!!! The monthly newsletters are posted there on the first of every month and you can find old ones there too. There are places to post CSA #2 Advisory Board minutes and notices and we’re trying to get it set up for all sorts of good-to-know things about Spring Valley. Are there things you’d like to see on this website? Would you use it? Join us at one of our monthly meetings and let’s talk about what interests you and how we can communicate better.

Our next meeting is August 17th at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Come on down – we’ll have the place cooled off for you!

Contact Information

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SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

August

Aug	2	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-1am
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

Special: Chile Rellenos

Aug	17	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Cntr. 8 am-11am
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
Aug.	25	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

September

Sept	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10am
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-10am
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

October

Oct.	4	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10am
Oct.	4	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Oct.	4	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Oct.	8	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am
Oct.	19	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10am
Oct.	19	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Oct.	27	Fri	Costume Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
Oct.	31	Tue	Halloween for the Kids Community Center To be Determined

November

Nov.	1	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10am
Nov.	1	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Nov.	1	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.
Nov.	12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am- 11:00am

Special: Honoring our Vets

Nov.	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 810am
Nov.	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Nov.	17	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
Nov.	24	Fri	Happy Thanksgiving

December

Dec.	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 am-10am
Dec.	6	Wed	EarTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4 pm.
Dec.	6	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00 pm.

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Dec.	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00 am-11:00am
Dec.	16	Sat	Christmas Dinner Community Center 5:00pm-10pm
Dec.	21	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Dec.	21	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.

Sunday Breakfast

8 AM – 11 AM

All you can eat Buffet

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Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Summer finally showed up mid-July, welcome to Lake County.

I put in 452 hours last season and couldn’t get it all done! Maintenance is never finished you might catch up, but you’ll never finish. The campsites need help big time. Campsite 2 privacy screen must be rebuilt. The BBQ’s and fire rings reinstalled and the water lines fixed. The bathroom rood replaced and much more. Any Volunteers, it’s a pity to see those campsites deteriorate all that money going to waste.

Because of the snow we had a lot of tree branches break that were to green to burn and I hauled them out to Green Waste. 3260 lbs. in 8 trips special districts paid for the dump fee, but would not pay for millage that cost me \$130.00, so I can’t use my truck to keep our community fire safe. Brush will have to be left to the following burn season (this is NOT Fire Safe) or a chipper will have to be called in at \$250.00-\$300.00 dollars an hour with a 4-hour minimum.

If a four-man crew chips brush at \$250.00 an hour and I slash and burn, getting rid of the green waste I am saving the Community working alone \$62.50 an hour last season I work 452 hours the season before that I worked 507 hours for a total of 959 hours since most of that is vegetation management, I saved the community \$59,937.50 or \$30 K a year and I been doing this for 20 Years saving the Community Thousands of dollars to be fire safe.
“Food For Thought”

I always work at the cheapest rate apparently special districts does not appreciate keeping cost to a minimum. Oh well, let's spend some money. For years now most of the campground fund has been spent on the community center. That will have to stop.

There are seven gray pine trees down, they are all big trees! There are four monster pine trees dead that are standing that must be taken down for safety. A couple of Oaks Tree's and many limbs. I usually do that at the cheapest rate to save money, but what the hell let's spend some real money for a few years and maintain our greenbelt.

Trash is picked up almost daily and I'm spending the first two hours of my day, seven days a week doing just that. I use to walk everyday now there's no time for that anymore.

Yellow Jackets were first noticed July 19th Please keep the area clean.

Wait for the lake project wow! three ponds with roads going around them a paradise for motorcycles and ATV's and who's going to clear that trash up if I lived around that lake bed I'd be paying close attention to that project because you're going to live with it every day.

Rifle Buck Season starts August 12th 2023 Good Luck!

Please don't shoot guns or loose arrows on the greenbelt! You really could kill someone.

IVR 181,828-acre feet as of July 18th releasing 263 cu. ft. per second.

In closing I have to say maintenance maintenance, maintenance. You cannot build something and walk away and expect it to take care of itself.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

With the extreme summer heat, plan your yard work for early morning or in the cool of the evening. If you are trimming weeds or trees, be careful not to generate sparks. Have some form of fire control handy, just in case you need it. Stay cool, stay safe, stay happy.

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.

If you need their help, call 707-998-3004.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

Well summer sure made a scorching entrance, didn't it? Those few days of 100+ (some neighbors registered 115+) have given way to upper 90's and I don't know about you but I like that much better! We've had several groups of campers – starting right after Father's Day and I'm happy to report the toilets and showers have kept up with the demand. One group checked the temperature of the creek before their stay and found it to be 49 degrees! I guess you could call it refreshing! Another of our campers asked where all the fish were? She'd been coming here about 50 years and remembers just a few years back when the trout almost jumped on her line (OK – I know that's an old fisherman's story). Someone suggested that State Game and Fish is no longer stocking Cache Creek. It's worth investigating so I'm going to ask around and see what I can find.

We had some problems with the lock on the gate ... it just wore out and wouldn't stay locked. It has been replaced with a new lock – same key just new lock!

We were able to get the tree and brush piles chipped this month by Northshore Fire. Thank you to Joe and the crew that did the work! We continue to lose limbs of some of the beautiful oaks – a large one came down at campsite 7.

With all the overnight campers and day use traffic this time of year, the trash can get out of hand. We do have a few cans around areas of high use but it seems like a never-ending job of taking

bags to the cans and then to the dumpster. The committee would like to ask our day use visitors to please take your trash home with you. That would reduce the amount of trips to the dumpster Joe has to make to keep the area looking like he does. Overnight campers trash would go to the cans. And please ... if a can is full, don't leave your trash next to the can! Critters often come by during the night looking for scraps and we don't want to attract the wrong kind of critter! Or pick up that mess!

As mentioned last month, we will be making some changes to lighting in the bathrooms and showers soon and we have already installed some new light fixtures in the Community Center. We have budgeted to paint the building this year. There's some siding work that needs to be taken care of first and we'll be taking a look at upgrading the outdoor lighting in conjunction with the new paint.

There will be a Campground meeting on September 16 th at 10:00am in the Community Center. The committee would like to hear your ideas and concerns. Are there activities you think should be considered? New projects you're interested in? This is a chance to share ideas ...

Uncle Sam's Birthday – Spring Valley-style aka July 4 th. You just never know ... it looks like our parade and BBQ have become a tradition! And even without a lot of publicity or reminders, our parade was a kick! Lots of fun – from new resident and Grand Marshall Ron "Uncle Sam" LaMariana in his beautiful black Prowler (how does it stay so clean?) to LadyBug and Bumble Bee drivers Evan and Patricia Griffiths (also new to the Valley) – then there was Silas Tyner on his scooter – he's from a long time Spring Valley "clan" of Tyners (Grandma and Grandpa Lynda & Kris started the whole thing!) and we wouldn't want to forget man's best friend Harley (Dave Hoff is his best friend)! Maybe it was a smaller parade this year but we were into the Fourth of July swing of things. A small word of thanks to Sandy and Mark Clark for allowing us to disrupt the flow of things in and around the Pantry parking lot and for helping out with cones to divert traffic (or at least slow it down some!) Thanks again! Prizes were awarded to Evan and Patricia, Lynda and Silas, and Harley for their parade entries. We had hot dogs and burgers at the Community Center and the kids enjoyed a watery bounce house along with the dunk tank. Thank you "Mister Tyner" for getting the dunking started!

I vote to do it again next year ... July 4, 2024! What do you say?

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

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

The July meeting was canceled due to holiday conflicts and absences. Considering that fact, the information here is an expansion of information provided during the June 7 meeting by Scott Hornung from Special Districts and reported in last month's newsletter. Our meeting this month (August 2) will provide additional information responding to questions asked in June.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to visit the Community Center and take a look at the design of the "new" lake that's posted on the wall. It details what is a three-cell design. The cell at the upper end (nearest Osage) is designed to catch large material and sediment from entering the lake. This cell would require maintenance (clearing) about every 2 years. The middle cell designed to collect material of a smaller size would need maintenance every 5-7 years. The expected cost of this work is, at this point is unknown but definitely part of ongoing discussions. This type of maintenance is essential to keep silt from entering the third cell and preventing a repeat of the current situation (Material and sediment filling the lake).

The original ACOE permit (Army Corps of Engineers) has been revised and updated as requested and is ready to be resubmitted. Scott believes it will be approved quickly since discussions have been ongoing during the revision. Another key piece is grading plans which are being developed by Anchor QEA (the engineering firm hired for the lake project).

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this project has changed from a \$1 million project to what could now be a \$6 million project. A lot of things have changed to affect that original figure (like 12-15 years!) but this project provides several outcomes that are beneficial to the entire community: revitalized lake, improved secondary source of water (Wolf Creek), lake access for Firefighting, improved wildlife habitat, etc. In addition to the \$1.1 million grant already secured by Special Districts from the AWRB (Area Water Resources Board), they have submitted for grants totaling another \$8 million to complete this project. It has been a long time in the making but it looks like things are headed in the right direction!

Just within the last couple of weeks, bids were sent out for the replacement of the Chalk Mountain bridge. This is part of a state-funded program and there is no cost to our community. Originally, the Upper Wolf Creek bridge was to be the first one replaced but everything fell into place for Chalk Mountain first – the Upper Wolf Creek is not far behind. Bids could be awarded as soon as the beginning of August!

We are hoping to hear that the hot asphalt machine has been ordered so we can start making better, longer-lasting repairs to our roads. We have identified several roads that need attention and Special Districts staff has been out to look at some of the worst ones. Please remember, there is cold patch material available at the back of the Community Center if you're able to repair a pothole that's a hazard. You can also report bad ones to Special Districts and ask them to make a work order.

If you drive Spring Valley Road and pass Tamarack, I know you've seen out new fire house – Station 77! It's pretty impressive. Chief Ciancio has said he will staff the station as much as he is able with staff who want to work overtime shifts. We are hopeful the Chief is able to station an engine here before we get further into the fire season!

Our August 2 Advisory Board meeting will focus on the lake project - a discussion of what we found out after the June meeting and what's next for this vital project. We will also provide updates on our 7 key objectives. The meeting starts at the Community Center at 7:00pm.

Halloween by Lori Gomez

Halloween is coming up fast. We are going to need candy donations and also need to get volunteers lined up so we can have a plan when time comes.

Just a thought, I know it is early, but we want to have time to set up and have a fun time for the children.

Spring Valley News Letter by Kristin Langdale

I have heard rumors that Spring Valley Residents are not getting their paper the way they want. I go off the renewal form that you fill out every year.

The form will be updated to where it reads clearer as to regarding the News Letter delivery for 2024.

Please write clear and be sure to make notes, if need be, to how you want your News Letter delivered in 2024.

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