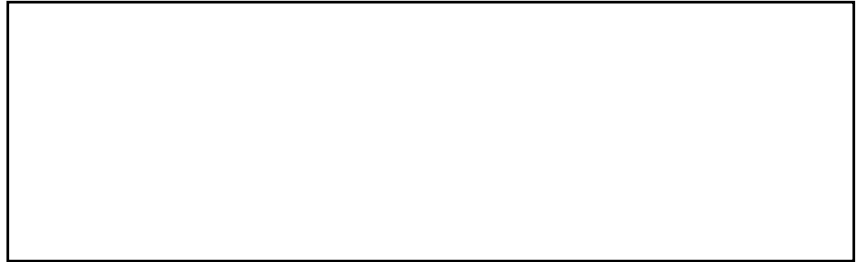

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

October starts our annual SVLPOA membership drive. There is a new membership form here in the newsletter. Dues will remain \$10 per person (over 18 years of age) and we will continue the member special pricing on breakfasts as well as “Buy 6 – Get 1 Free”. Don’t worry – you won’t lose any breakfasts you’ve accumulated – we carry the offer into the new year!

Once again, the Street Taco night was a big hit! Claudia and Anthony Lindheimer definitely know how it’s done! Carne asada, pork and chicken tacos, rice and beans - all authentic! Awesome! Thanks, Lori Gomez, for making the rice and if you were lucky enough (and in line early enough) you might have gotten the enchiladas made by Ellen Lantosh. I missed out but I heard rave reviews. Thank you, Bryan Schwartz for mixing margaritas at the bar. Is there such a thing as a “mixologist”? I think it’s safe to say this event is here to stay!

HALLOWEEN! It’s almost here! We have retired the haunted house this year so it won’t be quite as big but we will have things going on in the Community Center on Halloween night. Candy and games and costume contests and more candy. See Lori’s article here. We thought we should kick karaoke up a bit so this month it’s Costume Karaoke! Not to be outdone by the kid’s party, karaoke will have prizes for the best costume ... I wonder if Elvis will be there? Lady Gaga? Maybe Garth Brooks? We’ll just have to wait and see!

The board has decided it’s time (maybe past time) to bite the bullet and start looking for a new stove for the kitchen. The big stove we do omelets and pancakes on (two ovens, four burners and a 36-inch griddle) needs to be replaced. It is a Wolf commercial range and will be costly to replace so we’re going to be doing some special fundraisers. We will look at used ones and new ones but this stove is essential for our breakfasts and events. Ranges with the same features can cost between \$8,000 and \$14,000. The size of the griddle seems to be a big factor in the cost. The campground has agreed to share in this expenditure. We have some time so we’ll be looking to be sure we get what we need and hopefully at a reasonable price.

On behalf of the board, I’d like to thank the crew that’s working like crazy to get the new siding up so the overhang can be replaced! What started as replacing the overhang turned into new siding, paint, electrical upgrades and then replacing the overhang!!! So, thank you – Anthony, Bill, Claudia, Darius, Jeff, John and Louis! Hope to see everybody at the Center soon.

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

October

Oct.	4	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Oct	4	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.
Oct	4	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00pm.
Oct	8	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00am- 11:00am
Oct	19	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Oct	19	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.
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 8am-10am
Nov	1	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.
Nov	1	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00pm.
Nov	12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00am- 11:00am
			We will be Honoring our Vets/Special: Chile Rellenos
Nov	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 810am
Nov	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.
Nov	17	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
Nov	24	Fri	Happy Thanksgiving

December

Dec	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Dec	6	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.
Dec	6	Wed	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7:00pm.
Dec	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8:00am-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 6:30pm.

HALLOWEEN HAS ARRIVED by Lori Gomez

Halloween month has arrived and we need to start making plans for our annual Halloween party. Halloween falls on a Tuesday so we are keeping simple but fun. Because it's a school night it will Be from 5:00pm-9:00pm. Everything takes place inside the Community Center, Games and Cake walk. We are going to have a costume contest (for kids only) with prizes. Categories will be Scariest, Cutest and Original. We need volunteers to create (and or) run the games. We need donations of candy. We will need Cakes for the cake walk. We also plan to do a small amount of decorating inside the Community Center so any help there will Be greatly appreciated. Please call me and let me know what you can do to make this event happen at: 707-317-4711. **NOTE:** Adult Costume contest will be October 27th, during Karaoke. Categories are Most Original, funniest and Scariest. There will be prizes

Thank You. Lori

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

The evening of September forth someone used bolt cutters to gain access to the campground through the main gate damaging the special districts lock and cutting the NSFD lock, also cutting the chain holding the community lock to the gate.

Reported by a camper, someone pulled up to campsite #3 and filled a large water tank just after dark. Let’s see gate damaged, water stolen the same night and who’s left to correct the problem community volunteers.

All a volunteer can do is grin and bare it, fix it and try to keep it clean and safe for the community to use. Yellow jackets are really out in force this year, so be careful.

IVR as of September 20,2023 was 149,800 ac. Ft.

Rain to date .10 of an inch.

Buck deer season closed September 24,2023.

Please remain fire safe, if reporting a fire, our **zone** is **CLO-E064**. We need 2 to 3 inches of rain shorter days, colder nights before we are out of fire season.

The tranquil sound as the creek flows through a beaver dam. Doves land for a drink. A covey of quail appears, upsetting a ground squirrel who bullies them about. Fish rising feeding on insects who flew to close to the surface. Deer appears and disappear getting a drink, staring not quite sure why I am sitting there in the shade. Ker-plunk and an acorn falls from the leaning tree. Fall has arrived.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers that keep the Firewise program working!! Also, thank you to all the neighbors who have been keeping their properties trimmed and cleared of brush. The Firewise volunteers will be working on Saturdays only, until further notice. If you need their help, or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

It is getting close to the time for me to report to national Firewise on how much work has been done, and what it has cost to make our area a safer place to live. This fiscal year Firewise has helped 32 property owners and 23 property owners have reported the work they have done. My report totals will include 1,185 hours of work, more than 53,340 pounds of fire fuels removed, and over \$24,680 spent by Firewise and property owners to keep our area safe from wildfires. Please let me know the hours and costs of keeping your property and home site neat and cleared. Encourage your neighbors to inform me of their efforts. The more information I have to send to national Firewise, the better our area looks overall. You can call me at 707-998-3004 to leave your information.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

The Community Center has been a hive of activity since the overhang blew down! That crew mentioned here last month has been working hard to be ready when the permit is approved. NEWS FLASH: The permit was approved today. September 28th !!! The committee decided it was best to replace the siding before installing the new overhang. I'm thrilled to say the front is nearly complete – new siding and soffit. We were also able to clean up some electrical issues which should help resolve blown breakers! Both side walls have been painted except for the trim. The plan is to finish the front siding and paint, then build the new overhang. We have all the material to replace the rear wall siding. That requires a bit more planning because we'll need to move the A/C units and remove the old swamp cooler. Many, many thanks to John Nell, Anthony Lindheimer, Louis Gomez, and Sean Rudden for making this happen so quickly! To Claudia Lindheimer for bringing pizzas and to Lori Gomez for checking on progress when it got dark – thank you!

At the campground meeting, we discussed last year's expenditures and agreed we should continue spraying for weed control and will look into the areas sprayed and how much herbicide is used.

We will continue the portable toilet near the rope swing. Jeff Graves has volunteered to replace the roof on the bathroom/ shower building. We will keep trying to get the shade sail for over the slide and group area. We are planning to utilize CalFire for fuel reduction in some areas around the campground.

Just want to say thank you to Joe Welz for all his work in the campground. Thanks Joe! Your ideas have opened up some really nice areas along the creek for all of us to enjoy. It is not unnoticed – and it is appreciated!

If you haven't seen the new look at the Community Center – swing by! See you there or in the campground!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

The following are abbreviated minutes from our September 6, 2023 meeting. Under public input, we heard there wasn't a quorum for the EaRTH meeting but those present received a report from CalTrans about cross walks and road improvements in the Oaks.

CSA #2 Goal report:

- (G#1) With the Quail Trail project on hold for paving, we discussed the larger PG&E undergrounding project. You have probably already seen the markings and trench cuts out New Long Valley Road. Our concern at this meeting as we reviewed the initial map of the project, was that it didn't extend beyond Pomo Trail to Highway 20. Surprise! Lines will be underground from the highway out 5 miles ... and beyond.
- (G#2) All bids received for the Chalk Mountain bridge replacement came in over what funds were allocated. Special Districts has requested the additional funds be allocated to complete this project. The source of funds is CalTrans. The next bridge will be the Upper Wolf Creek – design is nearly complete and ready to go to bid.
- (G#3) The ACOE permit has still not been issued. Subsequent to our meeting, Scott Horning (SDA) met with the Army Corps, biologists and Community Development (they prepare CEQA documents) in Sacramento on September 11th. Once again, there is a new project manager at ACOE so one of the goals was to bring that person up to speed on this very long, drawn out process. This project does not fall under a nationwide permit and will move forward as an individual one. As this goes to the editor, it has not been resubmitted.
- (G#4) The purchase of the hot asphalt machine had been on hold for the final budget approval by the BoS. It has now been approved and Jim will continue to work with Scott to finalize the order, receipt and training on this new machine.
- (G#'s 5 & 6) Progress continues on the fire station. It is shaping up!
- (G#7) Year-end budget reports were not yet available so that discussion and what we can expect for FY 23-24 will happen at the October meeting. We received a copy of the water rate study that will be conducted to respond to that always present “does water pay for water” question.
- Follow-up on prior items: A review of the emergency generator found that it is being serviced and fueled on a regular basis. We did find that some of the wiring that connects it to the Community Center during a power failure was not as it should have been. It was corrected upon discovery. We confirmed the generator does not automatically switch over when power goes off – a technician must transfer manually.

At our next meeting which is Wednesday, October 4 at the Community Center. We start at 7:00 pm and generally finish by 8:00pm.

Hope to see you there.

SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA)

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