

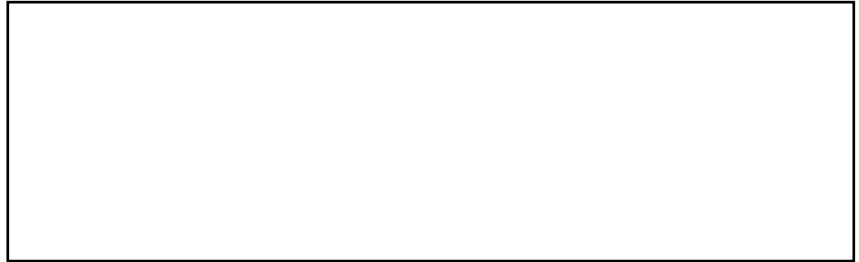
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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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



*Welcome November*



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## **President's Message** by Helen Mitcham

HI there! And Happy Holiday season to all of you! That means it's also time to renew your membership in the SVLPOA! It's a deal! Your \$10 gets you membership for 2024 and a breakfast discount ... plus when you buy 6 breakfasts you get your 7th free! You can't beat that for the best breakfast in the county! And then you also get an invitation to the free Members Dinner and as you'll read in another article a discount for the Christmas dinner. We appreciate all our members and enjoy bringing events to our Spring Valley Community.

**And here's our question:** where are you for the monthly meetings? What would make them worth your time to attend? What keeps you from volunteering for a breakfast? Or an evening event? I often say life gets in the way but you might find it fun and interesting to stop by a meeting (3rd. Thursday of every month – except December) and see what happens ... bring your concern to the group. If we invited speakers from county agencies, would you come? It's hard to invite someone and have just 3 or 4 in the audience. In the past, we've had the directors of Animal Control, Code Enforcement and the sheriff's department. Let us know how we can do better. Call me at: 707-998-9194 or email me at [svlpoaboard@gmail.com](mailto:svlpoaboard@gmail.com).

The board has been preparing for our Halloween events – they should be a lot of fun ... for kids of all ages! Thank you, Lori Gomez, for leading those spooky events!

This month we will be celebrating all our Vets at the November 12th breakfast. Veterans are free – Thank you for your service! Our special is Chile relleno and the chef for this one is an Air Force veteran himself – thank you Jim Cary for your service to your community!

We moved karaoke from the last Friday this month to November 17th. Same time – 5pm to 10pm. We haven't set what we'll be serving but you can bet there will be some singing!

**On a business note** ... the Architectural Committee was established in the subdivision CC&R's and the Articles of Incorporation of the SVLPOA. This group is intended to assist property owners with negotiating the building process in the county. Members of the committee are appointed by the SVLPOA Board. All projects requiring a building permit – according to Lake County code – must be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee. The committee will stamp an owner's plans before submitting to the Planning Department in Lakeport. If you are building in the valley, please contact this committee. They will provide advice that could save you time and a few headaches! The chair of the committee is Jim McDole. His number is 707-850-8200. Other members are Jeff Graves, Anthon Lindheimer and Scott Prewett.

### **A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT CHRISTMAS**

Old traditions die hard! And I have to admit I like traditions and this one has been around for a long time (as long as I can remember which is a long time!) – the free Christmas dinner for the valley residents. Unfortunately, the board has determined that the cost of providing our Christmas dinner with all the fixings' means we need to charge a nominal fee this year. Even with generous donations we received over the years, it just isn't possible to bring it to all of you at no cost. There will be a \$5 charge for Valley residents and children under 5 will still be free. In this case, "valley" means Spring and Long Valleys. Non-residents will be charged \$10. Proof of residency will be necessary. We know this is a big change but it is a necessary one.

If you're wondering ... we're still asking for donations of turkeys (20 pounds or bigger please)

and hams. We need 6 or 7 turkeys and two hams. This traditional dinner is December 16th doors open at 5pm and dinner starts serving at 6pm. It is still our tradition – just changed a bit to meet the times! Santa will be here to bring toys to our kids. Please remember this is for Spring and Long Valley kids only. We’ll be gathering names and ages for your boys and girls as we get closer to the big day!

**Final note ...** help us bring things you’re interested in knowing about to the valley! This is a great community – we stick together – and we can get better if we work together. Become an SVLPOA member. It’s just \$10 per person! Hope to see you at an event – or meeting – soon!

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**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
V. President – Claudia Lindheimer	562-644-0724
Secretary – Lori Gomez	707-317-4711
Treasurer – Vicki Hennen	707-900-1935
Bldg. Cord – Victor Nichols	707-303-0797
Camp Info. – Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Camp Keys – Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Com. Cntr. Rntl – Connie Sager	707-303-0797
News Letter – Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

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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)

**SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**

**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 7pm.
Nov	12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am - 11am

**We will be Honoring our Vets/Special: Chile Rellenos**  
**Football Sunday Make a day of it!**  
**NFL Games During and after breakfast**  
**49er v. Jaguars 10am**  
**Chargers v. Lions? 1pm**  
**Raiders v. Jets 5pm.**

Nov	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8 - 10am
Nov	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.
Nov	17	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
Nov	24	Fri	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>

**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 7pm.
Dec	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am -11am
Dec	16	Sat	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> Community Center 5pm -10pm
Dec	21	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Dec	21	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30pm.

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**WATER USAGE** by Win Cary

For the residents on the Special Districts water system, Jessica at Special Districts reminded me that our community water is for in-house use only. It is not to be used for outdoor lawns, plants, or animals.

It is important to report any water leaks in the road or on your property to Special Districts at 1-707-263-0119. If you have a water leak on your side of the meter, and your bill has gone sky high, they will work with you to lower the cost. It is up to you to find and repair the leak before the next billing cycle.

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**LAKE COUNTY DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROGRAM**

**Lake County Fire Safe Council** by Win Cary

You can receive up to \$2,500 for vegetation clearing within 100 feet of your home! This includes clearing neighboring lots to provide clearance 100 feet from your house.

If you meet some of the following guidelines contact [defensiblespace@Lakecofsc.org](mailto:defensiblespace@Lakecofsc.org) or 1-707-234-5249. Prioritized Households include: High fire severity zone (all of Lake County), senior 62 years old or more, disabilities, Latinos/as/es, and/or low income. **Limited availability, enroll now!**

**ON THE GREENBELT** by Joe Welz

The creek closes to fishing November 15<sup>th</sup>. Recently I came across four Sacramento Pike left dead on the bank, please if you must kill fish, return them to the creek to prevent smell, yellow jackets and flies. Thank you. Also please put fishing line in one of the eight garbage cans along the creek. Wads of used fishing line left on the bank along the creek are deadly to wildlife. We have a heavy acorn crop this year; this is very good for wildlife going in winter.

**Vegetation Management:**

In the days of the native people the ecosystem provided the resource’s that sustained their lives and they cared for the land.

Today most of the old ways have been lost to time, but some people are trying to remember. Many non-native plants are here now and the land will never be the same. The biggest problem along the creek is the different willows, grapes, Himalaya berry out in the park.

Strathisla and wild mustard thrive effort should be made to distinguish what is native and what is not. Removing not-native while enhancing opportunities for native species.

The laboratory is open for those that care enough to make the time. My time will be spent maintaining what I have created along the creek. Dealing with trash and fallen trees.

Cal Fire will be out this season to slash and burn removing dangerous fuel sources. It’s too bad Lake County refuses to reimburse our Firewise group for their expense’s we sure could use their help on the greenbelt.

IVR (Indian Valley Reservoir) Storage: 148.500-acre feet as of October 23, 2023. Rain to date 1.30 inches.

**WOLF CREEK FIREWISE** by Win Cary

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers, Marty Diesman, Deborah Edwards, Vickie Estrella, Evan Griffiths, Howard & Kasey Holt, Barbara & Patrick Jiron, Madeline & Lorelei Lewak-Franco, Anthony & Claudia Lindheimer, Daniel Myer, Bryan Schwartz, and Dirk Widman that keep the Firewise program working!! If you see them, give them a big THANK YOU.

Also, thank you to all the neighbors who have been keeping their properties trimmed and cleared of brush and the residents who have reported their expenses and time for the end of year report. Talk to your neighbors about helping me with the totals.

Joe Welz has been our greenbelt manager for many years. His work is the reason there have been very few fire emergencies on the 260 acres of the Lake County owned property in the middle of our subdivision. Let him know you appreciate his hard work.

It looks like the rainy season has started. If you are planning to burn tree waste, be sure you get a burn permit from the Northshore Fire Dept. or the Air Quality Control staff. 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.

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**CAMPGROUNDS** by Helen Mitcham

The siding project at the Community Center hit a bit of a snag when Mother Nature gave us some unexpected (?) rain. To say this project has been interesting would be an understatement! But I guess when you’re starting with what was an old hay barn on Old Long Valley Road and brought to its

current location to be reassembled ... you're liable to find almost anything! As this goes to the Editor, there are just a few sheets of siding remaining to be placed at the very peak of the front wall. Then just trim pieces will complete the job. Big "Thank You" to our volunteer crew: John Nell, Sean Rudden, Jeff Graves, Bill (sorry I don't know your last name on Shasta), and Anthony Lindheimer for loaning us his scaffolding for those high places! Once this part is complete, we will get started on the overhang. We have received the necessary permit and will work to get this done before the rain hits us for winter.

Work on the Community Center has kept us from doing the upgrades we've planned for the campground area. We will start them after the overhang is built.

Even the highway signage is telling us about the rutting season for deer – and they have certainly been showing up in the valley this season. The bucks are out and a little crazy these days ... they seem to forget sometimes about cars and motorcycles – please watch for them on the side of our roads.

There have been sightings of beavers in the creek and you can see their work in the dams they build. Please leave them alone! I was reminded in a neighbor's trail cam that we also have bears and they just might be in your backyard (like mine!).

Fall is a beautiful time around the valley. Oak leaves turning color and falling looked a little like big snowflakes yesterday. We're getting frost in the mornings already ... winter is coming!

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

October meeting called to order at 7:03pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

Public Input: announcement of Moose Lodge: Craft Faire.

Report from EaRTH meeting. Long cannabis presentation by Mireya Turner. (It takes approximately 6 gallons of water per plant per day).

Minutes of the September meeting approved without correction.

Chairperson's Report (PGE undergrounding is happening along NLV Road. Beginning at Hwy 20 and going for 5miles. Approximately where the pavement ends just past Shasta. Will meet up with work PGE is doing in Long Valley. Work will not include ATT lines. Undergrounding of transformers as well as power lines. PGE reports that they have chosen NLV Road before the residential areas because they feel the "wildland" areas are of greater concern. Helen will follow up with EJ Crandall regarding the road condition once the project is completed).

Power to the Community Center will have to be hand started, or at least checked, following a power outage. (POA Responsible for this item.) It was discovered that the electrical box connected to the generator and water system was not correctly wired. This has been corrected. Box and system were rewired. There are two meters. One for the treatment plant and one for the Community Center. The Board would appreciate knowing what SD's process is for routine maintenance of the generator as well as checking when power is interrupted. No date for arrival of our permanent generator.

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- GOAL #1. No change in the Quail Trail Project
  - GOAL #2. The bids for the Chalk Mountain bridge project are on hold pending SD seeking additional funds from the B of S. The lowest bid (which SD will sign on with) is higher than the amount designated for the project. The decking on the bridge was in dangerous condition and was given a patch job by SD to hold it until replacement work begins.
  - GOAL #3. Lake Recovery Project - Scott Hornung requested that the Board authorize a letter of support for a grant. All approved with the request that Helen determine if this grant requires SD to participate with a certain % in order to qualify. SD had a good meeting in Sacramento with ACOE. Scott feels like he has a clearer understanding of what is required for submitting the project to ACOE for approval. The plans will be submitted in the next few weeks.
  - GOAL #4. Hot asphalt equipment is hopefully going to be ordered within the next two weeks. Jim will continue to check in with SD regarding this. Jim and Scott have a plan for testing the equipment and beginning road repairs when it arrives.
  - GOALS #5-6. Electricity to the Station 77 building has been completed. Interior electrical work can move forward. Plumbing has been ongoing. The roll-up doors have arrived. Interior structure will be sheet-rocked soon. Additional Agenda Item: drinking water report was filed two weeks late. SD received a ding notice from the state and have reworked their admin process to make sure this doesn't happen again.
  - Conversation about the Architectural Committee, their scope of work, relationship to the county planning board, new residents and the CSA#2. After much discussion the CSA #2 Board has given this committee back to the POA (which now has 4 members interested in serving). Board requests that the Architectural Committee set up their policies to address these issues. CSA #2 Board is only interested in the water issue with new residents and the hooking up or turning on of existing/new water meters and requests that notifying the Board of these actions be included in their policies.
  - GOAL #7. The Finance Committee is a bit frustrated with the slowness of full reports from SD. Helen will follow up with EJ and the Finance Committee will meet with SD staff if requested. The Finance Committee looks forward to being able to bring full reports to the Board as soon as we receive necessary documents.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm**

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**BIRTH/ B-DAY/ WEDDING/ANNAVERSARY/OBITUARY** by Kristin Langdale

I would like to start by saying if you have an announcement you would like to share with the people of the Valley, please give me a call: Kristin Langdale 707-540-2589. By the last week of the month and let me know what you have to announce, I will run it by the SVLPOA Members first. If excepted It will be run in the following months Newsletter.

**The Valley's lost loved ones.**

**Nanette Nardinelli (Nan).** Passed September 29, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. She will be missed by many.

**Sonja Carol Madden Jones** Passed October 1, 2023. She did many things for the Valley while She lived here. And will be missed by many. Her and her husband John Jones moved to Arizona at the beginning of the year.

