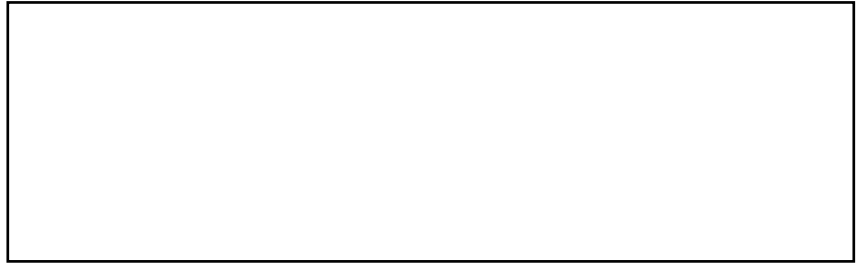

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
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2024 EDITION



President's Message by Helen Mitcham

Happy New Year Spring Valley! Hope all is well (maybe a little cold) and that your holidays were everything you hoped they'd be. Here's to a happy, healthy 2024!

Oh my gosh – the Christmas dinner was terrific – again! Santa stopped by – just in time to hand out gifts before dinner – and of course he had his reindeer and elf helpers with him. Thank you, Santa, elf Cherie and reindeer Lori, Valerie, Vicki and June. The kids loved it (and some of the grown-ups too!) This is an event that “takes a village” and there are lots of people that deserve a huge THANK YOU from all of us. Starting with Lori ... I think she was at the Center every day for a couple of weeks getting everything ready. And I know Valerie and June were with her most days, too. It all starts by pulling out about a dozen boxes of decorations and toys – and sorting through them to decide which will be used. (We were able to donate some to thrift shops in the area.) And then starts the decorating – the tree, the walls, the tables, Santa's corner, everywhere inside. I know by the dinner, they were exhausted! And then there's the cooking ... thank you Bryan for building a menu full of traditions and delivering it full of goodness! It's not easy to pull off an 11 turkey, two ham dinner to serve over 100 of your neighbors! He had his helpers too. If you cooked one of the turkeys at home ... thank you! Valerie – thanks for donating and cooking the hams. Connie, Victor, Curtis, Anthony, Claudia and even me – helped peel 120 pounds of potatoes, mash them with our big mixer, carve turkeys, and plate up peas, candied yams, cranberry sauce and dinner rolls – while keeping smile on our faces. It is a big event and one that needs a lot of helpers. Many thanks to those of you that brought desserts – they were (as usual) wonderful! We're always looking for volunteers and this event can use more most. I know I was tired when I left ... it was a great evening in Spring Valley!

If you haven't joined the SVLPOA yet – or renewed your membership – you should do it now! The application is in this newsletter and you can always join at any event – we always have applications at the desk. Benefits are breakfast discount and free member dinner.

Upcoming events: we'll continue having karaoke on the last Friday of the month and by popular demand, we've scheduled a spaghetti feed on February 17th. This will be a fundraiser to purchase a new stove for the kitchen. We're also bringing back a corned beef and cabbage St. Patrick's dinner (a day early) on March 16th. The annual election of the SVLPOA board is March 21st. You must be a member in good standing at the February general meeting in order to vote. We'll be looking for people to serve all board positions. This year our member dinner will be held on April 20th. It's a little later than usual but we've set that date to honor all our loyal members.

So, that's what's in the works so far for 2024! Exciting! Come join us at any event – breakfast, karaoke, fundraiser or dinner. We won't bite ... honest! And you might just 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

SVLPOA OFFICERS

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Camp Keys – Helen Mitcham	707-998-9194
Com. Cntr. Rntl – Connie Sager	707-303-0797
News Letter – Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

January

Jan	3	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jan	3	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm.
Jan	3	Tue	CSA #2 Advisory Board Community Center 7 pm <u>IMPORTANT UPDATE</u> - ON LAKE RECOVERY PROJECT- From Special Districts' Scott Hornung
Jan	14	Sat	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Jan	18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jan	18	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm.
Jan	20	Sat	Annual planning meeting for Firewise @Win and Jim Carys Home 4pm
Jan	26	Thu	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
Jan	27	Fri	<u>SPECIAL EVENT</u> - Community Center 5:00pm –10:00pm Virgil Balsley 100th Birthday Curtis Dabbs 50th Birthday

February

Feb	7	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Feb	7	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm
Feb	7	Wed	CSA #2Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Feb	11	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Feb	11	Sun	<u>SUPERBOWL PARTY</u> - Community Center 2pm-8pm
Feb	15	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-11am
Feb	15	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Feb	17	Sat	<u>FUNDRAISER</u> - Community Center 5pm-10pm Spaghetti Feed for a New Kitchen Stove
Feb	23	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

March

Mar	6	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Mar	6	Wed	EaRTH Meeting- Moose Lodge 4pm
Mar	6	Wed	CSA #2Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Mar	10	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Mar	14	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Mar	14	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Mar	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
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SVLPOA Members (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

While returning a picnic table from the creek bed to the bank and picking up the trash where it was in the creek, I noticed aluminum foil fashioned into a pipe bowl with green yerba Santa stuffed into it slightly burnt. Parents, please speak to your children since about 95% of all plants are poisonous, do not eat or smoke any plants or mushrooms that grow wild around here they will poison you, causing death.

Dogs, there is a leash law in Lake County. Lately there has been 3 dogs running loose. They're mid-sized dogs in good shape lite brown, brown and black and black dog with a white tipped tail. Please contain your dogs, Thank you. Personally, I love dogs, but a pack on the prowl causing mayhem killing livestock or wildlife, well who's fault is that? Too bad the dog pays with its life.

Deer have been disappearing around my home that with lion stool found nearby leads me to believe there is a mountain lion working right around the Community Center. I could be wrong, but I don't think so.

Cal Fires Konocti Camp was clearing brush and Pawnee Fire damage, down tree's and fell two trees most work was at Chalk Mountain Flat but also near the dam and Campground. 7% of campground reserve funds were used. Cost per man hour is \$3.12, plus a large tree faller was brought in for a large tree 47" across the stump, 80-90 feet tall that had died. A second dead tree not far away from the large tree was also dropped. A crew from Glenhaven Cal Fire station came into assist with burning at no additional cost.

Over the years I have asked Cal Fire's Konocti Camp for help with-in our Greenbelt, but never has so much been accomplished in so short a time. Many thanks to Cal Fire's Konocti Camp for coordinating this eight-day effort to reduce the fuel load on our Greenbelt.

Firewood cut rounds may be picked up near the dam and just downstream from the bathrooms in the campground. Please call to make an appointment to access Chalk Mountain Flat. Please do NOT cut live tree's or take other wood without checking with me first, Thank you.

If you have a four-wheel drive truck and can help, bring up cut rounds to the Community Center from Chalk Mountain Flat, help is requested.

The Community Center was broken into twice - before we got the security system - leaving very small foot prints. The BBQ out back has been broken up; gravel must be swept up around the front door constantly. Someone also removed the gravel at the campground gate so when it rains you stand in water to open the gate and a small group of kids are using the bathrooms in the campground as their club house, the list goes on and on. Seems our community has a varmint problem.

As of 12-25-23 I've received 7.45 inches of rain at my home. Indian Valley Reservoir is half full at 149,676-acre feet. It is very possible it will fill this year.

I received one complaint about smoke while Cal Fire was here. I am sorry but conditions were right and when I can hire 34 men who are experts at clearing and burning brush for \$3.12 an hour each! Well, I'm sorry about the smoke. We as a community must work together to make our Community Fire safe.

I need help moving cut rounds out of Chalk Mountain Flat if you can help, please call 707-998-1948. Happy New Year till next time...

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

The annual planning meeting for Firewise will be Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 4 PM at the home of Win and Jim Cary. Call 707-998-3004 for directions if you would like to attend. The 2024 Certificate has been received to allow the volunteers to work under the Firewise banner. Part of the paperwork for the certificate included these goals for the year.

1. Submit monthly article in Spring Valley subdivision newsletter regarding up-to-date Firewise activities.
2. Firewise resident leader will deliver monthly report at the Spring Valley Property Owners meeting including up-to-date activities, account balances, resident input.
3. Mail Cal Fire and Firewise information brochures to 900+ Spring Valley subdivision property owners in the first week of May to celebrate National Firewise Day.
4. Participate in county-wide meetings (East Regional Town Hall, Calif. Special District 2) to interact with local agencies – Northshore Fire Dept., Cal Fire, Office of Emergency Services, etc.
5. At least annually include up-to-date Cal Fire & NFPA brochures on house hardening and fire safe programs on the Firewise bulletin board at the Spring Valley Community Center.
6. Maintain Facebook page “Wolf Creek Firewise Community” to inform public about our program, show pictures of activities being completed by volunteers, give information on contacting program for asking for assistance or volunteering to help.

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. If you need Firewise volunteers help, or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

Many thanks to the crew from CalFire and the Konocti Camp for their work in the campground! They took care of a lot of “too-big-for-us” burning and brush work just

before Christmas. These guys have the gear and the manpower to get stuff done and do it without leaving a mess. Thanks go to Joe for setting everything up and working with them. The goal of eliminating fire hazards and clearing some potentially problem areas was met for sure.

Well, it's always something!!! Just when we thought we'd be able to start on the overhang at the Community Center, a couple of broken drain pipes grabbed our attention. To make matters even more challenging, it was the day before Christmas dinner! Many thanks to Anthony Lindheimer and Richard Vasquez for putting their heads together and quickly figuring out the short-term fix and what needed to be done to permanently fix the problem. This project will be completed before breakfast on the 14th and then it's on to the overhang.

The pipe repairs and overhang are the two big projects for the rest of this fiscal year. We will be repairing the roof on the bathroom building as well – that and the overhang will need a good stretch of nice weather. Once those are done, we'll get started on replacing the siding and painting the back side of the building. We have all the materials on hand – just working on priorities.

In mentioning the back side of the Community Center, I need to mention some vandalism with the barbecue pit. It seems there's a group of "gremlins" that like to destroy things and they've damaged the pit by breaking the cinder blocks. Once again, I have to say ... COME ON NOW! REALLY! WAS THAT NECESSARY? It's pretty obvious who's doing all this. It's so unnecessary! All that energy could sure be put to better use! But in the meantime, thanks for quitting doing brodie's in the parking lot and throwing rocks in front of the door ... it's appreciated!

Here's wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy 2024!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storr

There was no meeting in December so there are no minutes to share but ...

IMPORTANT LAKE RECOVERY UPDATE at the January 3rd meeting!!!

The Army Corps of Engineers has thrown a wrench in the project and we'll get the specifics of how big the wrenches are and how we can move forward from here. Scott Hornung will join us from Special Districts to share the info and he's looking for our thoughts and ideas on possible changes to the plan and what we can expect from this change from ACOE.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING!

JANUARY 3RD 7⁰⁰PM

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SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (SVLPOA)

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Name: _____	
First	Last
Phone: _____	Spring Valley Street Address: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____	City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
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BIRTHDAYS - WEDDING-ANNIVERSARY-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 Submitted announcements by SVLPOA Board first. If accepted then it will be run in the following months Newsletter.

BIRTHDAY WISHES GOING OUT TO:

Virgil Balsley: He will be turning 100 years old
Curtis Dabbs: He will be turning 50 years old

Please join us in the celebration of their Birthdays on Jan 27th at the Community Center from 5-10 pm

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