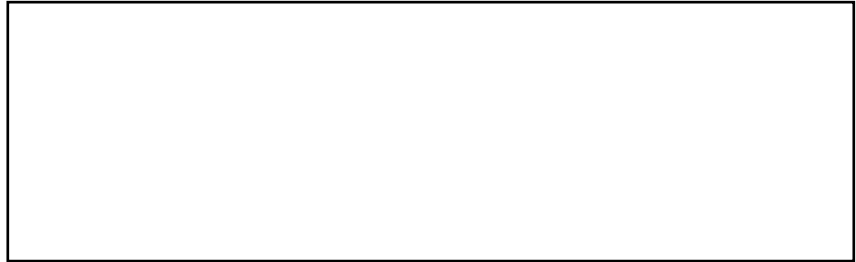

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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



HAPPY SPRING!



President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

Well ... we had our election for board members in March. Notice I didn’t say new board members because we’re all back – just in different positions! I will stay on as President but Lori Gomez will move from Secretary to Vice President. She’s shadowing me this year for a likely run for President next year. Valerie Jennings moved from VP to Secretary and Vicki Hennen will stay as Treasurer. Connie Sager will take over as Building Coordinator officially since she’d been performing those duties without the title. So, now it’s on to a new year.

Many thanks to Marie Gonzalez for her generous donation of new chafing/ serving dishes which will come in handy for breakfast and dinner events. Marie also donated a coffee pot – how did she know one of ours was going to give up the ghost this month? Thanks Marie – your timing was perfect!

We continue to receive donations at events toward a new stove. Our New Stove Thermometer shows that we’ve collected almost \$1000 toward our goal of \$16,000. The board is also drafting a request for donation from a nearby foundation. Definitely doesn’t hurt to seek outside help! We are also in contact with two businesses in Santa Rosa specializing in commercial kitchen equipment and two in Oakland. We will look for the best deal we can find for a good quality stove.

If you were looking forward to it, we’re sorry we had to cancel our corned beef and cabbage dinner. Each board tries to anticipate what our members and neighbors will come out to support. We understand that coming to our events is a choice you make and with the cost of corned beef what it is, we wondered how many of you would attend? That uncertainty made us re-think that dinner and ultimately it was cancelled. To help us build our event schedule, please let one of us know at any event what you think would be fun and successful. We’d sure like your ideas and help putting things together. We always welcome help setting up the Center – and taking things down afterwards. Our tentative schedule includes the annual chicken-que and pig roast, July 4th Parade and BBQ, and Christmas dinner. We will continue with last Friday of the month karaoke – almost every month. We would really like some help for the Halloween event this year ... what do you want? Are you willing to help? Our next breakfast is April 14th and since it’s National Pecan Day that Sunday, you should look for a pecan special of some sort ... pecan pancakes? Waffles? You never know ...

And a quick shoutout to one of our key cooks – Bryan Schwartz. He enrolled in the culinary program at Yuba College and is finishing up mid-term exams this weekend. He has brought us many great meal ideas and we’re excited to see what Chef Bryan will think of next. Congratulations Bryan – from Fire Fighter to Chef ... quite a resume!

Please consider this an invitation to attend our monthly meetings. You don’t need to be a member to attend. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month (some years we cancel the December meeting). Hope to see you at breakfast on the 14th – the meeting on the 18th – or karaoke on the 26th! See you at the Center!

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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V. President – Lori Gomez	707-317-4711
Secretary – Valerie Jennings	707761-3824
Treasurer – Vicki Hennen	707-900-1935
Bldg. Cord – Connie Sager	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

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

April

Apr	3	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Apr	3	Wed	EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm
Apr	3	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Apr	14	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Apr	18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Apr	18	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Apr	20	Sat	MEMBERS DINNER Community Center 5pm-10pm
			<u>IT'S A THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT</u>
Apr	26	Fri	Karaoke Community Center "bar opens" 5pm-10pm

May

May	1	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
May	1	Wed	EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm
May	1	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
May	3-5	Fri-Sun	Community Yard Sale Time TBD Maps at the Pantry
May	12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
May	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
May	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
May	18	Sat	Chicken-que Community Center 5pm-10pm
May	31	Fri	Karaoke Community Center "bar opens" 5pm-10pm

June

Jun	1	Sat	Campground Meeting Community Center 10:00 am
Jun	5	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jun	5	Wed	EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm
Jun	5	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Jun	9	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Jun	20	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jun	20	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Jun	28	Fri	Karaoke Community Center "bar opens" 5pm-10pm

July

July 4th Parade - BBQ- Games Community Center 9am-2pm

COMMUNITY YARD SALE by Helen Mitcham

Have you been thinking about getting rid of some old items? Been considering a yard sale? We will be holding a community-wide yard sale -May 3 – May 5. There will be a Spring Valley map at the Pantry with each location posted – we'll identify participating streets and cul-de-sacs with signage. So, if you love yard sales – and need one – this is a great opportunity. Please contact Valerie Jennings if you want your sale included! She can be reached at 707-761-3824.

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.

National Pecan Day April 14th!!! Surprise Pecan Special in April



SVLPOA Members (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

We, as a community lost a giant Oak tree on the greenbelt, it split right down the middle and hit the ground. Very few people came out for fire wood. Our Firewise crew came out and brushed the tree out and burned it on the job site. Thank you to Win & Jim Carry, Evan, Dirk, Pat, Dan and Curtis Dabbs a lifelong Volunteer here in Spring Valley. These kind hard working volunteers saved me weeks of hard labor, Thank You. There is more firewood on the greenbelt than there has been in years residents are welcome to pick-up all they can use, but should not sell it. If using a saw a hold harmless release must be signed. Help is requested moving cut rounds out of Chalk Mountain Flat to the community firewood pile.

Those of us who live on the Greenbelt really need to look over the back fence, wild land fire does not know where your property line is and will trespass to burn your house down with the Insurance Industry raising premiums to the point residents cannot afford to pay them, residents cannot evacuate and must stay to fight fire to protect their homes. 10K gallon water tanks must be allowed for fire suppression. Currently out lawed that rule will have the change for those among us who must stay to protect our homes. Extended weather outlook is a dry April so my burn season will come to an end a month early if cutting firewood, you are responsible for removing the brush. Fire safety first

As we all prepare for the upcoming fire season, please do not dump your brush on the Greenbelt endangering a neighbor's home. Use your green can or ask to use a neighbor. Take it up to Quackenbush, they charge \$20.00 minimum and & \$70.00 a ton for green waste.

March saw the start of the wildflower season with Tidy Tips blooming, Patches of yellow carpeting the landscape. April is the growth month around here but this year's warm wet winter the weeds have gotten a real jump start. I use herbicide, but I went to Tractor Supply and California took it off the Market. I googled it and they say to use 4 to 6% Vinegar solution to kill weeds.

Please do not fish out of season let the fish reproduce it only makes the fishing better during the season. As of March 20, 2024 Rain fall was 29.20 inches. As of March 18, 2024 Indian Valley Reservoir was at 248,960-acre Foot.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

The Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge Crew provided a wood chipping crew on March 6 for properties in Spring Valley. If you need their help sign up with Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC) at 707-245-9991 or email at chipping@clerc.co. CLERC is the group applying for and receiving the grants to cover the cost of this program. Thus, they need to do the paperwork to report to the agency issuing the grant. A big THANK YOU to the Hogback Ridge Crew and CLERC for helping the residents in Lake County remove potential fire hazards.

Whenever the weather will allow, Wolf Creek Firewise will be available to assist clearing properties for our neighbors in Spring Valley and Long Valley. Be aware that we work in the mornings, and, as we are volunteers, we stop work when we get too tired, too hot, or too hungry. :-)

If you are planning to burn tree or yard waste, be sure you get a burn permit from the Northshore Fire Dept. or the Air Quality Control staff. If you need help from Firewise volunteers, or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

I know we have needed the rain but ... I'm ready for sunshine and some warmer weather! Writing this now, there's a threat of snow in the hills! But the Weather Channel says three rain days next week and then no more (at least til April 13th). This just might be the break we need to get the overhang back on the front of the building. I'm sorry we couldn't get it done in time to keep you out of the rain when you enter the building – but it will happen. I'm glad I didn't have the material delivered last month but as soon as we are able to coordinate the crew, I'll order it. Arrangements have been made to get the bathroom/ shower building roof repaired – again, just waiting on a stretch of good weather. That project is likely to be a father and son duo – thanks Jeff and Eric!

We had a few more trees lose limbs this month. One scrub oak pictured here has lost a section – however, the main part is still alive so Joe will keep his eye on it for now.

I know we're all working on clearing up our yards (harder than heck to weed-eat with tall weeds that are soaking wet!) but please do not dump your yard waste in the greenbelt area of the campground. We've had some small piles (just about the size of a quad trailer) dumped in the campground and across the bridge in the day use area a large pile – see photo. This into OK!!! Although burn permits will probably expire on Monday and burning won't be permitted, you are still responsible for getting rid of the waste from your property – and that doesn't mean put it on someone else's or in the campground. Quackenbush is where it should be taken.

And here's another plea to parents and responsible adults: please take it easy on the open areas. There used to be lots of critters hanging out in the park area ... yes, I know there are a lot more people in the valley these days but the wildlife is why many of us moved here. It's a shame we've pushed them away. Let's all try to be more thoughtful about those around us ... humans and animals!



CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

Meeting called to order with pledge at 7PM.

Jim McDole as Vice President is managing the meeting.

- Public Input/ERTH Meeting news:
- AT&T letter with their request to stop being the required landline for our area
- Chipping program is up and running again
- Campground wood thievery; Silverado with a heavy lumber rack; 6A59394; apparently has a key or access to the campground; person brought info to the Cary's but is unwilling to speak to LE
- Traffic issues in CLO, especially around the Elementary School

Minutes accepted.

- Quail Trail: no change
- Bridges: No updates or changes
- Lake Recovery: no update on permit request; believe all of the paperwork has been turned in. When might we expect an update from SD?
- Hot Asphalt machine/roads:
 - Just a quick update prior to the meeting tomorrow night. I've ordered the Vibco vibratory roller and am waiting on a quote for the plate compactor. I'm also gathering prices on the crack repair equipment and once I have multiple quotes, I can order those items (RY 10 Pro, torch, blower, and crack cleaner). I haven't been able to locate a distributor for the infrared heater RY 2x2 yet but I'm still searching for that as well. No local in state vendors or any vendors as far east as Colorado carry it. The saw, blades, and other small tools can be ordered from local distributors and I'll work on those items after the larger ones have been secured. (Scott Harter, SD)
 - Some roads need repair and some work not done enough
 - Wolf Creek and Indian Hill, several residents are requesting attention be paid to Wolf Creek in its entirety.
 - Oak and Spring Valley, 2 puddles needing SD attention
 - Check waterline on Quince, perhaps leaking
- Station 77: likely by the end of May; need to schedule an open house/welcome/thanks; we need to make sure that the crews and the teams are made to feel welcome and the station is ready for them; give them a key to the CC so they can use the ice machine and perhaps kitchen in the event
- Finance and Budget Committee: Continue to work with SD staff; needing additional information before the proposed/suggested water rate increase is presented to the residents (Prop 218 measure)
- New Goals for 2024 working year: Ideas proposed, no decisions, open to additional ideas
- New generator installed
- Water rate study/community notification re: 218
- Continued finance reports, up to date, accurate, understandable
- Ribbon cutting at Station 77 with an Open House
- What to do about increasing insurance rates for residents; people cancelling policies; fire suppression; water back flow valves
- Lakebed recovery projects ACOE

- Old Goals needing continued follow-up: (Maintenance goals)
 - Bridges
 - Quail Trail
 - Continued finance concerns

Additional information presented:

I also wanted to pass along that we are pursuing a grant through the County Admin office for the paving of the parking lot at the community center. It's part of a larger application to address needs at senior/community centers around the County so they can be used as resource centers in the event of an emergency. Paving the lot at Spring Valley will solve the ADA accessibility concerns of having a resource center there and should open the community up to being better served during emergencies. Just thought you may want to share this information at the meeting tomorrow night. (Scott Harter, SD)
Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Local Area Plan Meetings by Michelle Irace

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To assist in the Lake County Local Area Plan Update, there will be a meeting for people from the North Shore on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6 pm to be held at the Lucerne Alpine Senior Center: 3985 Country Club Drive, Lucerne.**

A second meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4 pm in conjunction with the East Regional Town Hall meeting at the Moose Lodge: 15900 Hwy 20, Clearlake Oaks.** If you are interested in the future of Lake County, you should attend one, or both, of these meetings to learn about future plans.

DONATIONS by Lori Gomez

I would like to say thank you to **Maria Gonzalez**, a new member of the POA, for donating all wonderful kitchen supplies. Many of these items have already been put to immediate use. As you may know a lot of things you see in our center comes from the people of Spring Valley. Seems like we are always in need of something and the wonderful people who live here never failed to answer the call for donations. Things like pots, pans, kitchen utensils and always, kitchen towels are a welcome sight.

SPRING VALLEY POT HOLES by Dawn Anuszewski

Please call Lake County Special Districts (our water bill office) 707-263-0119 m-f 8am-5pm and complain about the Indian Hill Rd POT HOLES. The more calls the better. Here's to 2024 safer driving on Indian Hill Rd.

SPRING VALLEY MAIL by Kristin Langdale

Just an FYI I have been getting calls from the community members regarding their Mail Boxes being tampered with.

As a community we have been having a lot of mail stolen lately and packages that were delivered. When a few of us have called the post office, we are told the best we can do is be home when packages are delivered or make arrangements with a neighbor to pick it up right away. They have also suggested using a camera, get a locking mail box or a P.O. Box at the post office.

