

# SPRING VALLEY NEWS



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

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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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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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**THE VALLEY CALENDAR**

**Sept**

Sept 3	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -10am E.R.T.H. ( <i>East Regional Town Hall</i> ) - <i>Moose Lodge</i> - 4pm CSA #2 Advisory Board - <i>Community Center</i> - 7pm
Sept 5-7	Fri-Sun	<b>Valley Wide Yard Sale!</b> – 8 am - 2pm
Sept 12	Fri	Karaoke #1 - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm - 10pm
Sept 13	Sat	Set up (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Sept 14	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -11am
Sept 18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am - 10am SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Sep 26	Fri	SVLPOA Duck Race - <i>Campgrounds</i> - 3 pm Karaoke #2 - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm - 10pm

**Oct**

Oct 1	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> – 8 am-10 am E.R.T.H. ( <i>East Regional Town Hall</i> ) - <i>Moose Lodge</i> – 4 pm CSA #2 Advisory Board - <i>Community Center</i> – 7 pm
Oct 4	Sat	Octoberfest - <i>Community Center</i>
Oct 10	Fri	Setup (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Oct 12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am – 11 am
Oct 16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -10am SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Oct 31	Fri	Karaoke - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm -10pm





### **Sunday Breakfast**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)

8 AM – 11 AM

#### **All you can eat Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage, Bacon,  
Biscuits and Country Gravy.

#### **Only One Kitchen Order per person**

Omelets, Pancakes, Waffles, or any Sunday special  
Unlimited Coffee and Juice Included in the Price.



SVLPOA Members (\$10)

Adults (\$12)

Children Aged 5-10 (\$7)





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - by Jeff Graves

The 36th Annual Pig Roast was held August 16 at the Community Center. Thank you to Sean, Annie, Anthony, Claudia, Helen and Ron for a delicious dinner! Thank you to everyone who helped with the setup, clean up, and desserts: Joe, Sarah, Mark, Paul, Kris, Aiden, Lily, Cherie, Lori, and Valerie. Thank you to Julie for creating the new Spring Valley T-shirts! Please contact any board member at an upcoming event to order a T-shirt.

We had a successful karaoke in August with a great turnout with some new voices. Thanks to everyone who came out for this event.

Events in September include the community yard sale September 5-7, karaoke September 12, breakfast September 14, and duck race and karaoke on September 26. Duck race tickets can be purchased at any upcoming event.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers who make these community events possible!



## **CAMPGROUNDS** - by Helen Mitcham

Mother Nature is sure full of surprises! Did you hear that first big clap of thunder on Tuesday morning the 26<sup>th</sup>? It was really loud – you could almost *feel* it! And then about an hour later it rained – with a few more thunder strikes. With everything so dry it's a dangerous time for thunder and lightning! No reports of fires from that little storm – thank goodness.

The campground was busy this month. Two groups over two weekends – one a Celebration of Life for one of our neighbors and the other a wedding for one of our new neighbors. The weather has been warm – as we expected and the creek is really cold and running pretty fast right now. A group of biologists from the State Water Board were out twice checking the creek and our fish. They were checking the fish for mercury and other contaminants. I have asked them to send a copy of their report.

The campground is looking really nice right now – thanks Joe! I've had two people offer to help with projects. The first was to help relocate a bench or two that have seen bushes grow to block the view of the creek. Gee, I don't know back in '97 or '98 when they were put in ... there were no bushes in front of those benches!

Please remember to close and lock the gate each time you enter or leave the campground. And remember the speed limit for all vehicles is 5 mph. Maybe that little bit of rain will help the dust for a while but that's only temporary.

School is back in session so watch for kids waiting for the bus or walking home in the afternoons.

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



## AN UPDATE ON MEDIACOM COMING TO THE VALLEY

Yes, it is true! MediaCom has secured funding to bring high speed internet to Spring Valley! The funding is secure, and they have identified the contractor! The plan is to bring service from Clearlake, and we'll end up with fiber to the home. They're looking at locations to stage their material – similar to what PG&E has done. The project is to be completed next year – 2026!!!

## **WOLF CREEK FIREWISE** - *by Win Cary*

Thanks go to Magdalena Vilderrama-Hurwitz at Seigler Springs Community Redevelopment Assoc. in Cobb for helping Wolf Creek Firewise receive a small grant from National Firewise. Magdalena is the Lake County coordinator for the 40+ Firewise Community groups in the county. We used the funds to purchase additional equipment to help in the program.

So far this year, the Firewise volunteers have responded to 35 requests for help, working 826 hours on 43.5+ acres, removing 26,505 pounds of grass and tree waste. The cost for this effort was \$4,362. If you have worked on your property, please let me know so I can include your efforts in my annual report to National Firewise which is due on November 1st. Also, if you need help with your property, or want to volunteer call 707-998-3004.

If you have trimmed trees or cut down shrubs, sign up with Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC) at 707-245-9991 or email at [chipping@clerc.co](mailto:chipping@clerc.co) to have the Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge wood chipping crew clear up any wood piles on your property. CLERC received the grant funds to provide this service for all of Lake County, so they have to do the paperwork for the program.

## **ON THE GREENBELT** - *by Joe Welz*

Around August 12<sup>th</sup> the creek flow was reduced to 16.5 cfs.

Disturbance in the campground has slowed except for the kid with the noisy quad for the love of God put the baffle back in the exhaust pipe, thank you.

Thank you to all that use the park for keeping it so clean. Thank you to the fishermen for keeping the fishing line picked up. It is so deadly to wildlife.

The creek closes to fishing September 30<sup>th</sup>. Buck deer season closes Sept 21st as the dog days of summer mark the end of the heat. I think we had a pretty cool summer anyway afternoons will be hot for a while and mornings cold.

As of 8-19-25 IVR storage is at 199,259 acft. Releasing 16.5 cfs. Clearlake is at 4.45 Rumsey releasing 508 cfs with 75,983 acft available.

The mast crop (acorns) looks pretty good this year. This is really good for the ecosystem and all the wildlife that depend on acorns to build a good layer of fat going into winter. Stay safe, be fire safe.

Till next time,  
Joe G. Welz



## CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD - by Cindi Storrs

Meeting called to order with pledge of allegiance at 7PM - all AB members were present.

Minutes of July meeting approved by the Board

### Public Input

- resident Sterling Wellman brought several documents to share with attendees including a petition she intends to submit to the Board. She will be available to answer questions and accept signatures following the meeting.
- update on the Community Center as a Resilience Center the design of the paving has been approved and the bidding for the paving will begin immediately
- a conversation about the boards at the dam being left up or put back up (it is a safety issue to have them down)
- There is a hole in the fence on the dam at **2913 Oak Tree Way** as well as a tree issue that is believed to be SD responsibility

A little something different:

What brings you to this meeting? What are you expecting or hoping to hear? What makes attending worth your while? How can we make these meetings more meaningful?

- some came tonight just to hear Sterling
- to learn what goes on where I live
- answers, possibly more quickly than month to month (meeting minutes can be accessed at SVLPOA.org in the newsletter published monthly)
- The community misses what once was, the relationship with SD of working together, sharing information, respect. We appreciate what SD has done to help and assist the valley with improvements and grants that have resulted in projects that our taxes simply would not cover: upgrades in the water system, fire hydrants, the sand filter system.
- looking for information about who we can go to about our complaints (Supervisor EJ)
- When there are issues that need addressing with SD staff, we would like to see some results from our concerns and requests
- **The Board will work with EJ to create a proposal to the BOS to amend the previous Prop 218, specifically the stand-by fees (EJ will send the appropriate language to use to the Board)**

Project news: no new news on any projects

Attachments to the agenda:

Water Loss and Calibration; Capital projects; the well; fence damage at the water plant; hydrant leaks

**Requesting information about the details of water quality not just the volume**

**How often are SD crews fixing water leaks? (weekly and monthly statistics please) What is the time between reporting and fixing?**

**What was the variance before and after the change in the system to address flushing?**

**Invite CalFire and Northshore staff to next meeting to discuss how to use untreated water whenever possible from the creek and or the lake in order to preserve treated water supply**

For the Good of the Community:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> event saw new attendees and larger attendance
- neighbors responded quickly when a resident was trapped in the bushes on the river
- neighbors responded to small fire on Shasta and Indian Hill extinguishing it before NFPD arrived

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

ANNUAL  
  
**DUCK RACE**  
 Spring Valley Lakes POA

**Prizes**

1st:

2nd:

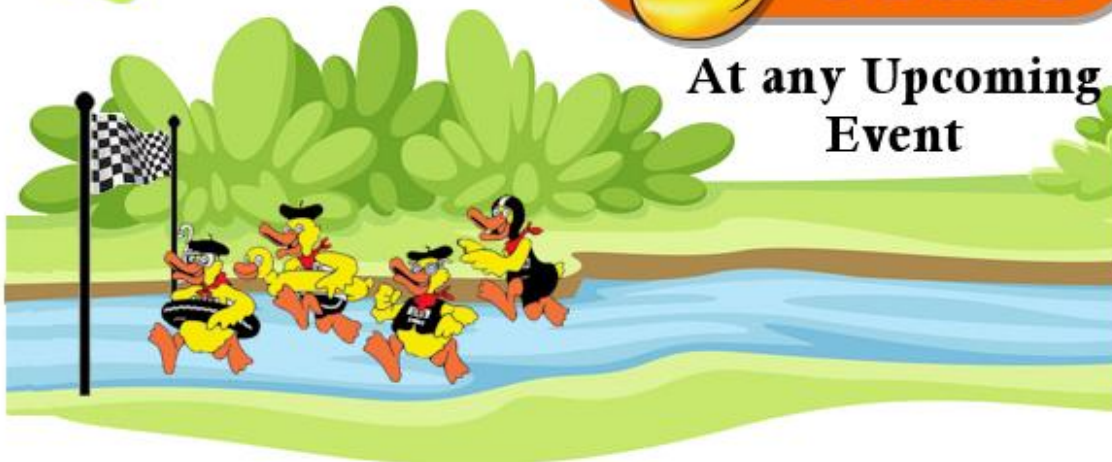
3rd:

**TBA**



Purchase Your  
**\$5 Ducks**

At any Upcoming  
 Event



**Race Day: Sept. 26, 2025**

**Race Place:**

**Cache Creek**

**in the Campgrounds**

**Race Time:**

**3pm**





# SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.

3005 Wolf Creek Rd., Clearlake Oaks, 95423

## Membership Registration

(January 1 thru Dec 31)

### 2025

Yearly membership:  
\$15 per person

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of members: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Clearlake Oaks, Ca. 95423

Spring Valley Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**WOLF CREEK FIREWISE COMMUNITY**

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of a bit of Sunshine?  
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Linda Mann 998-9464

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