

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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

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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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THE VALLEY CALENDAR

Oct

Oct 1	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
Oct 4	Sat	Oktoberfest - <i>Community Center</i> - Bar 3:30/Corn Hole 4:30/Food 6pm
Oct 10	Fri	Set up (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Oct 12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -11am
Oct 13	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Oct 16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am - 10am SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Oct 20	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Oct 27	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Oct 31	Fri	SVLPOA Duck Race - <i>Campgrounds</i> - 3 pm Costume Karaoke #2 - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm - 10pm

Nov

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Nov 7	Fri	Setup (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Nov 9	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am – 11 am
Nov 20	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -10am SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Nov 28	Fri	Karaoke - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm -10pm
Every Monday		New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm





Sunday Breakfast

(2nd 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

Thank you to everyone who has donated recently to support community events: Mark, Sandy, Joe, Jolene, Sean, Lori, Linda, Cheri, and Lily. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Congratulations to the winners of the duck race: 1st Place - Nolan Sanford; 2nd Place - Ben Hollin; 3rd Place - Michelle Balandran

Mark your calendars for Oktoberfest at the Community Center on October 4. There will be a corn hole tournament beginning at 4:30pm (Signups starting at 3:30pm), followed by dinner at 6pm, then music, dancing, and a dessert contest. Bring your best dessert along with the recipe to enter the dessert contest.

We will be celebrating Halloween at the Community Center with karaoke and a Halloween costume contest. The bar will open at 5pm, followed by dinner at 6pm, karaoke, and costume contest.

Spring Valley T-shirts are still available. Please contact a board member at any upcoming event to order a T-shirt.

Thanks to everyone for coming together to support the community!



ON THE GREENBELT - by Joe Welz

As the seasons change and the weather cools, remember to stay hydrated. Dehydration is very dangerous, leading to many health problems.

The creek closed to fishing September 30th. Buck deer season closed September 21st and the breeding season or rut has begun. It will go through October, sometimes into November, depending on the Does' estrus cycle. During the past six weeks or so, single gunshots are heard at night with homes all around. Please do not do that! You could kill someone. If you see something inappropriate try and get a photo, video or a license plate number. You are the witness! Call it into the Sheriff's dept. Keep our community safe.

We have a fire house with two engines' but only one volunteer in the community. Training is available thru North Shore Fire but is not a paying program, you volunteer your time to learn how to protect community with enough certification. In time you could get a job in firefighting.

Talking about safety, what's going on with New Long Valley Road? People are crossing the solid, double, yellow line into oncoming traffic, because they're driving too fast! Slow down, you're not saving any time and you could cause an accident, wreck your vehicle, hurt yourself or others. With the Rut starting, you could hit a deer or a tree. There's one spot where people lose control and end up in the creek, twenty feet below the road, so please slow down and watch out for the other guy and oncoming traffic driving too fast.

Waterfowl season is right around the corner. Please do not shoot any guns along the creek, you could hurt or kill someone walking their dog.

Rain total as of 9/18/25 is .10. Indian Valley Reservoir (IVR) as of 9/17/25, is at 196,553 acre feet, releasing 15.1 CFS. Clearlake is at 3.44 Rumsey, releasing 375 CFS with 51,473 acre feet available. IVR will hold 300k ac ft., but DWR wants a 40k ac ft. reserve pool, so full is 260k ac ft. and we may see water releases like last spring again this spring.

Remember the deer are in their breeding season and are unpredictable. Be careful out there for the next couple months.

Till next time,
Joe G. Welz



WOLF CREEK FIREWISE - by Win Cary

It is time for the annual report to National Firewise. If you, or your neighbor, have kept your property clean and neat this past year, let me know how many hours and the cost of your efforts so I can include it in my report. So far this year, the Firewise volunteers have responded to 35 requests for help, working 998 hours on 51 acres, removing 28,255 pounds of grass and tree waste. The cost for this effort was \$4,365.

There are now numerous Firewise programs in Lake County, and thousands of volunteer programs nationwide working to keep their communities safe from fires. Your efforts are part of the picture. Thank you for what you do for our community.

Thank you to the Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge wood chipping crew working in the valley in September clear wood piles for neighbors. They are coming back this month. 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 to have the wood chipping crew clear 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.

If you need help with your property or want to volunteer call 707-998-3004.

CAMPGROUNDS - by Helen Mitcham

After a pretty busy August, September was quieter in the campground.

I think just the sound of breaking branches would be at the top of the list. Sadly, we lost a few oak branches – off some big, beautiful trees – as well as some smaller pines. They don't seem to like the big swings in temperature and weather – years of drought and the wet winter put stress on them.

Thanks, Joe for taking care of cleaning things up and starting some new oaks, too!

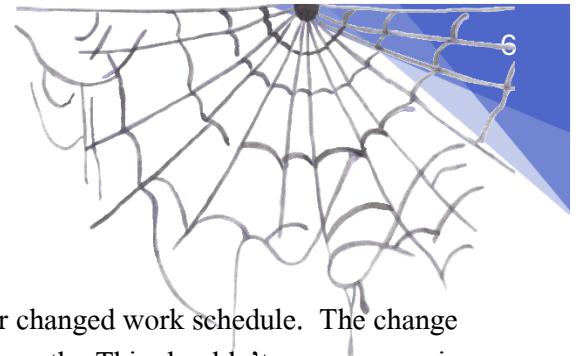
The squirrels are a real pain though!!! Some campers even moved a table close to the bathroom building – we're assuming to get away from them! We used to set bait traps but that affected the other critters so now we're looking at more natural options. It's how big the holes are the squirrels dig – and they're persistent! If we fill them in – they must be watching ... and laughing somewhere from a distance! We'll see if coffee grounds or cinnamon or rosemary has a better result. More to follow ...

The creek has slowed its flow but not enough to stop the annual Duck Race fundraiser for the SVLPOA! Three lucky winners were determined on Friday the 26th before karaoke. Hey Dawn ... will you pick my numbers next time? Her family won a prize last year too!

Please remember to put your trash in one of the cans provided in the area and if they're full ... please take it home with you! Joe found syringes at the first bench – definitely a no-no! We say it all the time but please close and lock the gate every time you enter or leave the campground. If you get out to close it over, please lock the lock in place. It's for all of our safety!

That's it for now – see you in the campground – or maybe the Oktoberfest? Or karaoke on the 31st ... it's COSTUME KARAOKE! It'll be fun!





PG&E UNDERGROUNDING WORK SCHEDULE

Most of us probably received a letter from PG&E notifying us of their changed work schedule. The change was made to get the construction and then wire pulling complete by mid-month. This shouldn't cause any major delays, but they'll be working Monday thru Saturday from 7:00am to 7:00pm. As soon as that work is done it'll be time to pave the roads they've trenched. This work extends out New Long Valley Road and over the hill into High Valley. If all goes well, paving will start and complete before winter rains stop their work.



CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD - by Cindi Storrs

Present: Helen Mitcham, Jim McDole, Joe Walz, Cindy Storrs, Supervisor EJ Crandell Excused: Ed Smith
7PM Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input:

Hole in the fence off of Oak Tree property still needs SD attention. Was vandalized further by people fishing.

Sterling appreciated the photos and videos that she has received from various community residents; Robin Borre has been invited to present at the Oct EARTH meeting. Has requested a list of questions ahead of time. Sterling believes that SD must apply for a state permit to remove the fire hydrant on Wolf Creek Road

Special Guest from Northshore FPD (present to answer questions and share info that residents might find helpful) Chief Shannon Banks

General conversation about fire suppression, home hardening and the role of NFPD. **EJ will look into county roads working with CLERC to reduce the fuels on New Long Valley so if it is needed as an exit route it will be less hazardous and in better shape to manage exiting traffic and incoming responder vehicles.**

Chief Wink (CalFire) is the person to talk to (invite) to discuss fire hydrant issues and concerns,

There is a process for the state to reimburse a water entity for water used during a wildland fire. **SD: what is the process that is in place for this? Who is responsible? How has it been managed and utilized in the past? How will it be managed and utilized going forward?**

Best source for home hardening information is the CalFire website

Discussion about possible location for tanks near the creek for use by wildfire suppression units and Northshore FPD as needed for structure fires. This is an idea that the Northshore Chief has considered in the past. Location would be the issue.

No new project news.

For the good of the order: The Board has been presenting emails with questions to SD and the return replies for the last several months. (paper copies) If residents would like to receive these in an email format, please get your email to Helen at hmitcham1213@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM

Respectfully,

Cindy Storr



SPRING VALLEY BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT

BACKGROUND: When we moved to Spring Valley three years ago, we were excited to attend services at the Spring Valley Cowboy Church. Looking forward to our first service, we were sad to read the notice that it was closed permanently.

Since that time, various folks have mentioned how much they miss attending the services at the Cowboy Church. Though a Bible study is no substitute for a church service, a thorough study of Jesus' life from the Gospel of John is a place to start.

Below is a brief outline for the class format, what we will be studying, its purpose plus classroom guidelines.

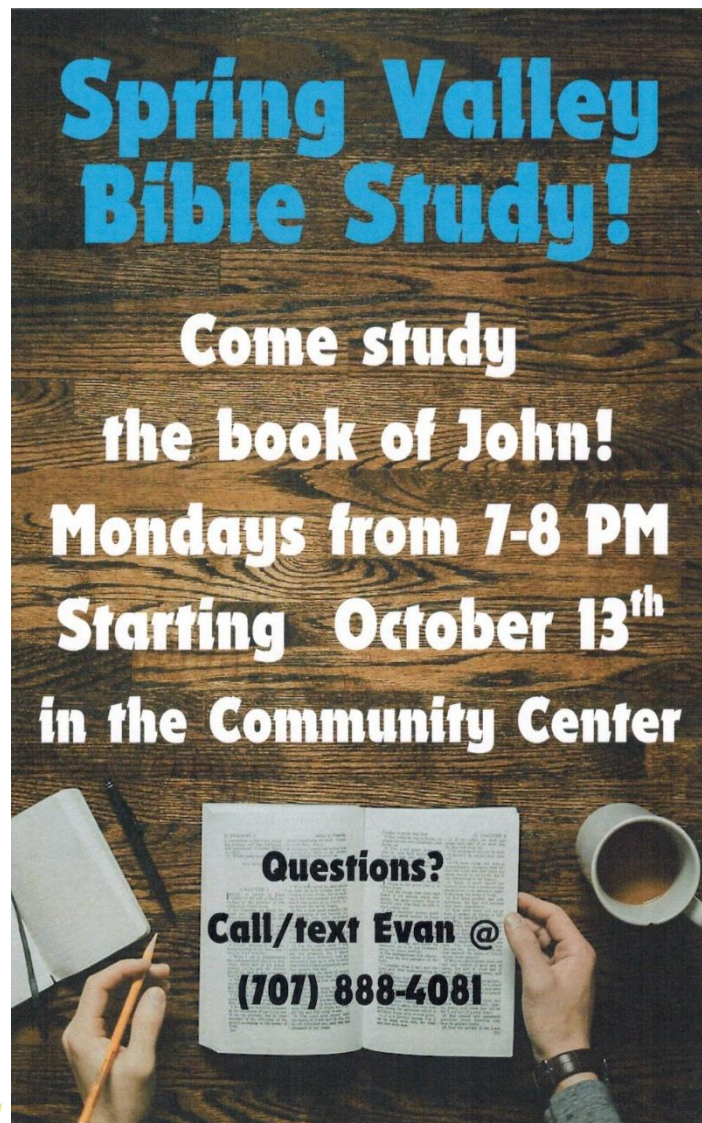
TOPIC: Gospel of John, New International Version (NIV)

FORMAT: A one-hour class, where everyone is encouraged to participate, any question is fair game, while creating a respectful and welcoming atmosphere.

After volunteers help read the evening's text, I'll explain the meaning of the text, including the cultural, historical context and other insights as needed. Visual help like maps, pictures and timelines will be added to aid in deeper understanding.

PURPOSE: To discover:

1. Who Jesus Is.
2. Why is He important?
3. What did He say and do?
4. What does it mean to me?





SPRING VALLEY LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.

3005 Wolf Creek Rd., Clearlake Oaks, 95423

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(January 1 thru Dec 31)

2025

Yearly membership:
\$15 per person

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Linda Mann 998-9464

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