

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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

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THE VALLEY CALENDAR

Nov

Nov 3	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Nov 5	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
Nov 7	Fri	Set up (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Nov 9	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -11am
Nov 10	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Nov 17	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Nov 20	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am - 10am
		NO POA GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH
Nov 23	Sun	Last day to RSVP for Christmas dinner
Nov 24	Mon	New Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Nov 28	Fri	NO KARAOKE THIS MONTH

Dec

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		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
Dec 6	Sat	Christmas Dinner - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm – 10pm
Dec 12	Fri	Setup (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Dec 14	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am – 11 am
Dec 18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -10am
		SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Dec 25	Thu	MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Dec 26	Fri	NO KARAOKE THIS MONTH
Dec 31	Wed	NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION - <i>Community Center</i> -



Every Monday

New Spring Valley Bible Study - *Community Center* – 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.



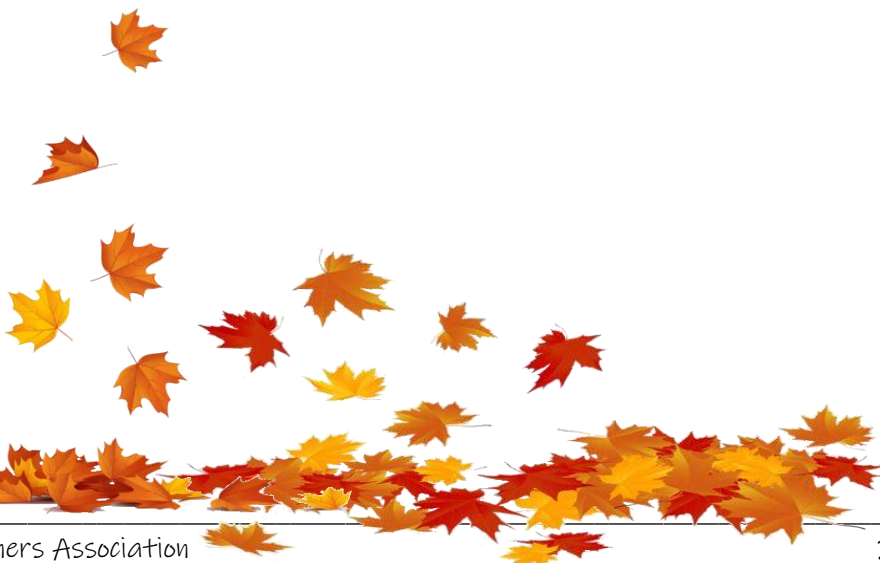
SVLPOA Members (\$10)

Adults (\$12)

Children Aged 5-10 (\$7)

Special this month

Chile Rellenos



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- *by Jeff Graves*

October events at the Community Center included Oktoberfest, breakfast, and Halloween Karaoke. Thank you to Helen, Joe, Sarah, Mark, Sandy, Sarah, Eric, Madeline, Valerie, Gigi, Dan, Ron, Gayle, and Lily for all of your help. Congratulations to Shay and Scott for winning the Oktoberfest cornhole tournament. Congratulations to all of the winners of the Halloween costume contest.

Upcoming events include breakfast on November 9, the annual Christmas Dinner on December 6, breakfast on December 14, and a New Year's Celebration on December 31. The Christmas Dinner will include photos with Santa, a gingerbread house making station, and a delicious holiday meal. To ensure we have enough food, reservations are required. Dinner will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP by November 23 by contacting any board member.

Happy Holidays to everyone and we hope to see you at the upcoming events!



WOLF CREEK FIREWISE - *by Win Cary*

The annual report to National Firewise has been submitted. Hopefully, Wolf Creek Firewise will receive a Certificate for 2026. During the Firewise fiscal year (November 2024 to October 2025) 17 residents have reported their work hours, and Firewise volunteers have responded to 35 requests for help. The Firewise and resident's work totals include 1187.5 hours on 116 acres, removing 32,805 pounds of grass and tree waste. The combined cost for this effort has been \$9,803.81.

15 volunteers, and one guest, met on October 25 for a year-end meeting. Information from the Lake County Firewise Coordinator was shared and tentative plans for 2026 were made. Currently, there are no requests from residents for assistance, so the work crews are taking a seasonal break.

Thank you to the Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge wood chipping crew working in the valley clearing wood piles for neighbors. They worked in the area in September and October. 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.



PG&E UNDERGROUNDING WORK

It looks to me like PG&E undergrounding work is complete here in Spring Valley. Those 12 hour days last month did the trick! It's a shame their project didn't place all the power lines in the ground throughout the valley. It would have meant paving more of our roads. The areas that were affected still have the telephone lines on the old poles – no word on if AT&T will cut their lines over and remove those poles.



CAMPGROUNDS - by Helen Mitcham

Don't you just love Fall? It's that beginning yo-yo thing – cool and misty one day and near 80's the next that's so crazy! I love hearing the acorns hitting the roof on their way to the ground and the deer seem pretty happy too. Google tells me a heavy acorn drop is not a prediction of a harsh winter on the way but rather a reproductive strategy to overwhelm predators like squirrels and deer so the uneaten ones can germinate and grow new trees. Thinking about deer and squirrels as predators was a new one to me ... the deer are beautiful but the squirrels are a pain like I said last month. I think of squirrels as prey!!!

We have started the process to buy the new stove for the Community Center. Finally got the three bids and have settled on a vendor from Santa Rosa. We will also contract for maintenance and professional cleaning of the stove hoods and fans. And in advance of the stove's arrival, we'll have the walls and floor steam-cleaned and place new epoxy coating on the floor. We expect the entire process to take two weeks from cleaning to installation so December 15 is the scheduled start date – that's right after the SVLPOA breakfast and since there won't be regular karaoke on the 26th, we should be back in kitchen business to welcome the new year. The breakfast and event kitchen crew is getting a nice Christmas present this year!

Thanks for remembering to close and lock the gate at the campground. See you down there!



ON THE GREENBELT - by Joe Welz

The acorns are falling. The Black Cottonwood, Red Willow and wild grape leaves are yellowing. The Oaks are turning brown, and all seasonal trees are going dormant. The North Fork of Cache Creek is down to 9.67 CFS. Indian Valley Reservoir storage is 194,969 ac ft. Clearlake is at 2.83 Rumsey, releasing 3.31 CFS with 38,541 ac ft available for irrigation.

This is a slow time of year for me, waiting for the green season. We have a new administrator at Special Districts. This means new rules for volunteering on the greenbelt. I do not quite understand why I need a background check to pick up trash but new boss, new rules! If approved, Cal Fire may be out to slash and burn, that is if I can get a burn permit. Time will tell.

Exercise is very important to good health, go for a walk. I can only suggest you get out on those days when the weather is fair.

The Rutt continues, so watch out for the dumb deer, they are preoccupied with their breeding season. I have not heard much about Lion predation lately so hopefully it has moved off.

Thank you to all that use the campground for keeping it so clean.

As of 10/20/2025, I have measured 1.85 in of rain at my home, 23 inches more to go.

Till next time, Well wishes, the best of health, a happy holiday season to you and yours, now and always,

Joe G. Welz





IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR YOUTH

Did you ever wonder where the term “links” comes from in the world of golf? How about “caddy”? I bet if we asked Silas Tyner, he’d know the answer! Silas is 9 years old and a 4th grader at Eastlake School. He’s also, the son of Jacob and Aundie, big brother to Justice, and grandson of Linda and Kris – all longtime (lifetime?) residents of Spring Valley. And he’s one heckuva golfer!

Silas picked up his first club at two when he and his grandpa tried hitting the ball into a 50 gallon drum from 100 feet away. He often went with Kris to Hidden Valley and Adams Springs courses to hang out with the grownups – he’d putt around on the greens and at age 4 actually started playing rounds! Silas now plays with U. S. Kids Golf in regular tournaments around the Sacramento area. He was the “6 and Under” Champion his first year! He didn’t play that next year and currently is in 2nd place in the 9 year old group with just two tournaments remaining. This summer Silas finished first in the Adams Springs Youth Championsh - awesome!

Silas has a pretty good-sized gallery at tournaments – there’s Kris, the “Granddaddy Caddy”, Grandma, Mom, Dad, Sister and Aunt Annie and Sean have all cheered on all the players ... in the hushed tones that golf requires! Congratulations Silas! You make all of us in your Spring Valley neighborhood proud! Keep it up! For those of you that know the game ... check out that form! And the smile from the platform!





CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD - by Cindi Storrs

Meeting called to order at 7PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Present were: Helen Mitcham, Joe Walz, Jim McDole, Ed Smith, Cindy Storrs

Minutes of September meeting approved

Items not on the agenda

- Sterling reported that Sonoma County Clean Power is wanting to establish itself in Lake County. Although this is a subject that falls in the responsibility of the CSA#2, we will allow a very brief time at the next meeting for Sterling to report.
- Joe reports that he has completed the Volunteer paperwork for the county
- A resident wants to know if this same paperwork is required for Firewise volunteers? Directed her to Win Carry.

Projects:

- PG&E Undergrounding Status: They will be working daily (weather permitting) from 7a-7p through Oct 11 in the hope they can finish the project before the heavy rains come.
- Standby Fees – any relief in sight?: per the EARTH meeting, Robin is working on reducing the stand-by fees as well as addressing if they might be used without a structure or permit in the works so residents can have fire prevention capabilities
- The Well – Lab results?: **How deep is the well?** No boron in the recent test. Still running tests. Some problematic minerals found.
- Fence/ plant growth @ spillway: SD has identified the areas that need repair and will fix them.
- Hydrant Leaks – Locks – Meters: SD continues to address this issue. Chief Willie Sapeta (Lake County Fire) is assisting SD with this.
- Water - Production Variance (current billing): Current variance is 41%. SD has identified an issue called “ghost lines” that are apparently old, original water lines that are not mapped, are connected to the water system, not metered and in fact are being used by residents and or are leaking. Joe reported one on his property. SD staff will map and cap them when they are found. **When was the last time the water system was tested for asbestos? Are we a failing water system? Possibility of state assistance for rural/poor communities with failing systems.**
- Lake recovery – how do we get Army Corps to understand what we have and what we’re doing?: A consultant has been offered to SD who has experience with ACOE and large projects. An extension on the project was granted.

For the good of the order:

- the money for the parking lot paving is in the bank. There is a possibility to pave a forgotten little section of Wolf Creek outside of the parking lot.
- If you are interested in receiving the email QandA packet that is generated in between meetings, contact Helen to sign up.





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: _____

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Linda Mann 998-9464

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