

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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

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A graphic for the month of December. The word 'DECEMBER' is written in large, red, 3D block letters with a white, frost-like texture on top. The letters are surrounded by a dense arrangement of green pine branches, colorful streamers, and confetti, giving it a winter holiday feel.

DECEMBER

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

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THE VALLEY CALENDAR

Dec

Dec 1	Mon	Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Dec 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
Dec 6	Sat	Christmas Dinner - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm – 10pm
Dec 8	Mon	Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Dec 12	Fri	Set up (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Dec 14	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -11am
Dec 15	Mon	Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Dec 18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am - 10am
		NO POA GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH
Dec 25	Thu	MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Dec 26	Fri	NO KARAOKE THIS MONTH
Dec 29	Mon	Spring Valley Bible Study - <i>Community Center</i> – 7pm – 8pm
Dec 31	Wed	NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION - <i>Community Center</i> -

Jan

Jan 7	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
Jan 9	Fri	Setup (for monthly breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 10am
Jan 11	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am – 11 am
Jan 15	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank - <i>Community Center</i> - 8am -10am
		SVLPOA General Meeting - <i>Community Center</i> - 6:30 pm
Jan 26	Fri	Karaoke - <i>Community Center</i> - 5pm – 10pm

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*

There was a nice turnout at the November breakfast. Thank you to Madeline, Valerie, Gigi, Helen, Lily, and Jacob for all of your help with breakfast. December events will include the Christmas Dinner on December 6, breakfast on December 14, and a New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31. The Community Center will be closed for two weeks in December for kitchen maintenance and the installation of the new kitchen stove. We hope to see everyone at the upcoming events, and Happy Holidays! Please send us the newsletter and we will proofread. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving!



CAMPGROUNDS *- by Helen Mitcham*

Now that we've had a few good rains, burn permits are again being issued. And since we had several days of sunshine in between the rainy days, everything is beautiful and green!

Many will do some spraying to keep the weed growth in check. Joe will be burning some of the piles he's created during his hours (and hours) tending to the flora and fauna in the campground. Thanks, Joe!

Santa will make his normal deliveries around the globe, and we'll watch for him and hope we don't get a big lump of coal in our stocking. This year, he's bringing all of us a new stove for the Community Center kitchen! Those that treat us to our wonderful monthly breakfasts and special events and karaoke can hardly wait!!! Right after breakfast on the 14th, and prep tables. Hood Cleaning & Repair will come in and clean and pressure wash the stove hoods, walls, and floor. Then there will be new epoxy coating put on the floor and *then* the new stove will be installed, and the kitchen will go back together. It might even get a new coat of paint.

The plan is for this all to happen starting on December 15th and completed in time to whip up some New Year's Eve specialties on December 31st. That will be the Grand Opening – welcoming 2026 in style!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas. The SVLPOA is hosting the annual Christmas dinner on December 6th – turkey, ham and all the trimmings. It's always a feast to behold! And they are bringing back the New Year's Eve party too! It's been several years since the last one – the date on that should be easy!

That's it for now – travel safe this holiday season. See you next year!



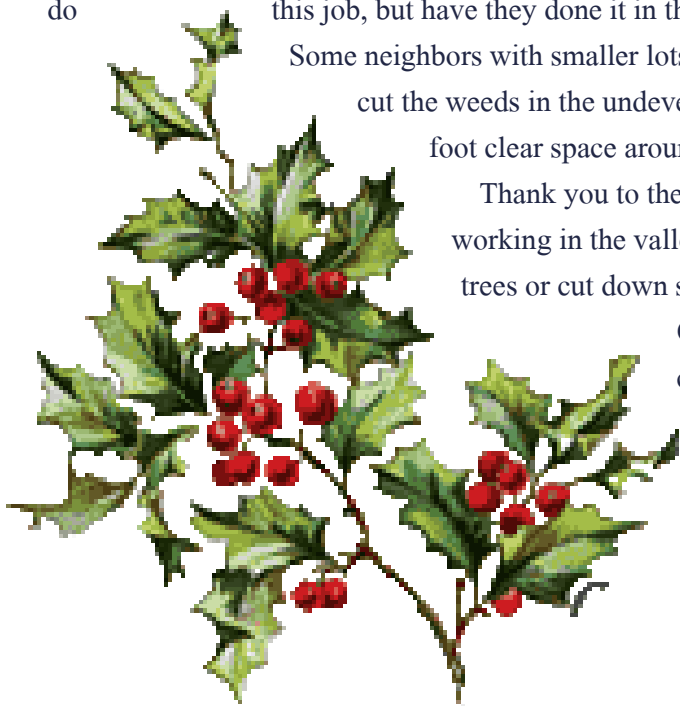
WOLF CREEK FIREWISE - *by Win Cary*

The annual report to National Firewise has been submitted. The Firewise volunteers have been working since 2019 to help clear properties for wildfire safety. Most of the volunteers have been on the job all that time, but they are getting older. The program needs younger residents to step up and volunteer. In 2025 the crew worked one day a week (Saturday) for two or three hours beginning shortly after sunrise (8 am or 7 am). They worked approximately 30 weekends and helped close to 40 elderly or disabled residents. If you need help with your property or want to volunteer call 707-998-3004.

Weed spray or weed cut? We have all heard that the climate change is causing more and larger wildfires. Now is the time to begin work on clearing the weeds from your property. Your choice is to use weed spray or cut the weeds later in the year. If you are concerned about using weed spray around animals, there is a weed spray named Spruce that advertises it can be used around animals. You need to clear the weeds 20 feet or more from your buildings, and if you have roadside frontage, you should spray at least 5 feet from the pavement. I know the country should do this job, but have they done it in the last few years?

Some neighbors with smaller lots have been told by their insurance that they need to spray or cut the weeds in the undeveloped lots around their fence line to comply with the 20-foot clear space around their buildings.

Thank you to the Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge wood chipping crew working in the valley clearing wood piles for neighbors. 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.





ON THE GREENBELT - *by Joe Welz*



Saturday night, Nov 8th things got kinda wild around here. After dark, gun shots rang out twice, then a very loud explosion was heard, followed by a 20-round clip being fired. Around 11:30 pm a group of people on an ATV or a side by side were partying near the community center for an hour or so. The next morning at the community breakfast I was told someone burned a pile in the campground, so I went to see what happened. Finding someone had burned some pallets and green plants. There were two green plants present, one being Oleander. Oleander is very poisonous as many plants are. The smoke of burning Oleander is very TOXIC!!! It will cause serious health problems. I don't understand why some people hurt themselves or others. Other than a campfire with a permit, no one has permission to burn anything on the greenbelt or campground! Burning pallets leave nails and screws, causing flat tires. More gunshots were heard Sunday night around midnight. People, guns are not toys. Firing a gun up in the air is extremely dangerous! Bullets go up AND come down, they could kill someone, livestock, pets, wildlife, put a hole in someone's roof or vehicle. Please don't fire guns up in the air at any time. Thank you.

Mushrooms are starting to show themselves, do not eat them. They are poisonous and will cause death. Buy mushrooms at the store, those are safe to eat.

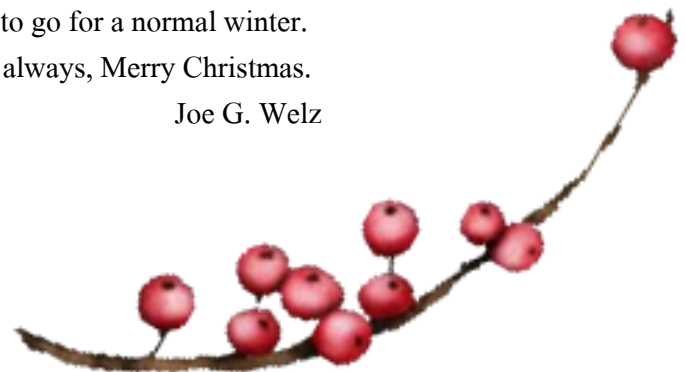
Someone tried to pull a bench out of the ground. Years ago, someone jacked up one side of it. Now it's pulled back leaving holes dug in the trail, why?

This fall and winter have been pretty good so far. The rain and warmth have brought forth grasses, forbs and herbivorous plants with a medium acorn crop, wildlife should fare well.

Wolf Creek is running, and the north fork is very low with Indian Valley Reservoir releasing 10.50 cfs, while storage is 194,804 ac ft. Clearlake is at 2.87 rumsey, releasing 1.84 cfs (dam leakage). With the storm the 16th, I measured 5.15" of rain at my home as of 11/17/25. 19 inches to go for a normal winter.

Well wishes, the best of health to you and yours now and always, Merry Christmas.

Joe G. Welz



CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD - by Cindi Storrs

Meeting called to order at 7PM with Pledge of Allegiance and welcome to new member Scott Renkes.

Public Input: Sonoma Power on hold for now per BOS decision. There seems to be some development interest in some of the larger, vacant parcels in CLO; EARTH Board is soliciting food for those in need at this time

(The Following blue items are from Robin Borre in response to receiving the agenda for our meeting.)

1. PG&E Underground should be complete, and Scott is meeting PG&E this week to verify all the paving is complete. This will help with the water breaks that we have experienced during the paving (heavy trucks and vibrating the asphalt will be done). As you may know, there have been several breaks during the pavement work.
2. Fence / plant Growth @ spillway/dam – This work has been completed, and Ignacio has added it to his routine maintenance, and they will check it every three months to make sure the growth is handled sooner than past practice.
3. Hydrants – they have been repaired/replaced with the exception of the middle one on Quail trail. This is the warranty hydrant. We received an incorrect gasket, and they are working with the company to get the correct one. Since this is taking so long, the crew is installing a different one from another area and will install it by Thursday this week.
4. The Well – This lab results have come back, and the engineers are looking into which option is best to remove the manganese. Manganese is a naturally occurring mineral. High levels of manganese can cause discoloration, taste, and odor problems. We will not connect the well until this is resolved.
5. Water – Variance – the last report shows a 43% water loss. Matt has done some leak detection however is not finding the issue. Robin had a meeting with CRWA last week. They do a limited amount of free leak detection, and she will be working with them and Matt to see what we can do. We have 12.5 miles of pipe. Before we qualify for funding due to water loss, we have to finish the pressure zone project. I'm guessing that may be why the system was awarded the pressure zone project to reduce the pressure on the valley floor and have pressure zones and another storage tank.
6. Lake Recovery – Scott is working with Anchor and trying to get the meeting with the Corp in December (I will let Cindy's brother know as soon as we have the date).

Additional comments from the Board to the above items.

Roads: there are several areas of concern Spring Valley Road from the Community Center to Shasta, Indian Hill and Riverview are particularly bad. Desire to protect what we have in good condition and prioritize the areas that need improvements. Scott will do a little research into **What is the % of road surfaces that have been paved by PGE?**

Budget: we continue to feel a need for specifics. It seems that we are given “lump sum” amounts for budgets and spending and the Board would like specifics. The Board feels strongly about knowing the details about how our tax monies are spent. It is a matter of being able to fully understand the spending so that this information can accurately be shared with the community.

Is the **Administration of grants** billed directly to the SD/CSA #2 budget, or does it come out of the grants?

Is Spring Valley in line for a **rate increase process** soon? How can we make sure that the variance issue is highlighted/included/clearly indicated in a new Prop 218?

Is the **runtime** of the water plant decreasing at all? What is the current run time in hours?

Appreciation for the article in the newsletter about local youth.

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		Amount paid: _____	
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