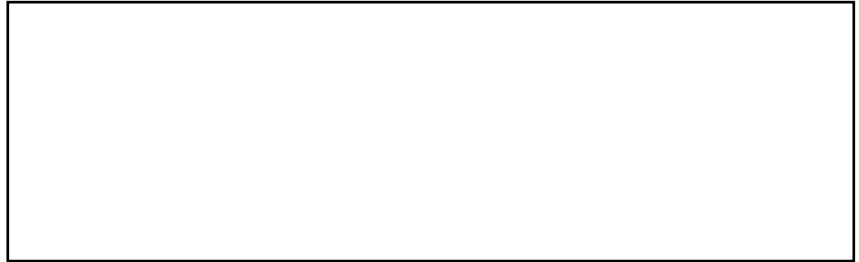

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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2024 EDITION



President’s Message by Helen Mitcham

Thank you SVLPOA members! The new board hopes you enjoyed the dinner we hosted to honor your support! It was fun. A special thanks goes to Foods Etc. and Darin, their meat department manager, for ordering and cutting those great New Yorks! They were excellent (again!) And thank you to all that brought desserts – once again you proved we have some great cooks in the valley!

We were disappointed more of you didn’t attend our Easter Egg event. We thought we’d try something a little different than the egg hunt we’ve done in the past. If you’re the parent of kids 10 and under, we’d like your help with this event in particular ... and all offers to help are welcome and appreciated. If there’s an event you think would be well-received and fun, let one of us know and we’ll see what we can do!

We are continuing to collect donations for a new commercial stove for the kitchen. As mentioned last month, we are also seeking donations from a foundation based in Sonoma County. At our last meeting, we asked if you’d be interested in having guest speakers at our meetings? It sounded like “yes” was the answer with the following groups atop the list: Animal Control, CHP, Lake County Sheriff, and Fish & Game. Please check out the article regarding PG&E Undergrounding here in the valley. There’s a lot of work on this big PG&E project we’ll see this year and next. We will keep you posted here in the newsletter and on our Facebook page Spring Valley Friends & Neighbors. Keep your eyes peeled!

Work started the week of the 15th clearing vegetation for the replacement of the Chalk Mountain bridge and plans are to start the prep work beginning May 6. The new bridge will be set downstream from the existing bridge – and the old one will remain until the new one is open. We should expect the main girders to arrive and be placed around mid-July! I will get more details and share with everyone here in the newsletter. This bridge is being replaced at no cost to valley residents through a Federal grant. It will be followed in 2025 with replacement of the Upper Wolf Creek bridge. Lots of exciting things happening right now in the valley! Stay tuned – come to a meeting to get the latest!

Take a look at the article PG&E prepared for us about undergrounding. We will start seeing some work near the Community Center soon. Special Districts has asked that a section of PG&E work from the bridge next to the Community Center and past the Center on Wolf Creek Road toward Cache Creek Road be done now so it won’t interrupt work on the bridge replacement. I’m expecting that to start in the next day or so. Gee, maybe PG&E would be a good guest for a meeting?

One more thing ... we’ve changed the date for the chicken-que!!! We’re moving it back to its traditional spot-on Memorial weekend. New date is May 25th – same time 5:00pm to 10:00pm. We hope you’ll spend a bit of your holiday with your friends and neighbors at this annual dinner. My apologies for the date change. See you there – hope you can make it!

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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BIBLE STUDY IN SPRING VALLEY by Debbie Stamback

Are you Missing the Cowboy Church?

There is a group wanting to have a bible study group in our valley. It would be held on Monday evenings at 6:00pm in the Community Center. We’ll be starting the study on June 3, 2024. For those of you that are interested in joining us or if you have questions, please text or call Debbie at 707-350-5829.

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR**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	12	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Happy Mother's Day Special: Chili Relleno			
May	16	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
May	16	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
May	25	Sat	Chicken-que Community Center 5pm-10pm
May	31	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm
May	31	Fri	Community Yard Sale Time TBD Maps at the Pantry

June

Jun	1-2	Sat-Sun	Community Yard Sale Time TBD Maps at the Pantry
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
Happy Father's Day Special: TBD			
Jun	15	Sat	Camp Ground Meeting Community Center 10:00 am
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 5pm-10pm

July

Jul	3	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jul	3	Wed	EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm
Jul	3	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Jul	4	Thu	Parade - BBQ- Games Community Center 9am - 2pm
Jul	14	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Jul	18	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Jul	18	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Jul	26	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

Aug

Coming up soon - August 24th Pig Roast

COMMUNITY YARD SALE by Valerie Jennings

Because there was little interest in the original date reported in the April newsletter, we will be moving the community yard sale to the first weekend in June (May 31, June 1 & 2). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Have you been thinking about getting rid of some old items? Been considering a yard sale? So, if you love yard sales – and need one – this is a great opportunity.

*** Fri May 31 – 7am – 3pm * Sat June 1 – 7am – 3pm *Sun June 2 – 7am – 1 pm**

We will be opening the Community Center to provide a table for those who would find that more convenient. I would like to encourage those who would like to participate to contact Valerie Jennings at 707- 761-3824 and get registered. I will be compiling a list of all locations with a map of the valley, available at the Pantry during the sale. Advertising and signage are being donated. Last year was a huge success, let's make this year even bigger!

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.



SVLPOA Members (\$8)

Adults (\$10)

Child Age 5-10 (\$5)

ON THE GREENBELT by Joe Welz

Spring Valley is a nice place to live, been here for 36 years and will stay as long as I can.

Voluntourism has always been the root of community activities and volunteers put in thousands of hours of their lives so we can all enjoy community events.

Vandalism, unfortunately plagues all communities and Spring Valley is no different. When I was young my family raised, bought and cut Flowers. There was school and taking care of my brother and sister. There was no time to be bored. There always was work to be done.

Lately some young people have been playing on the roof of the community center, that is not good!!, but not as bad as a child falling off the roof. That sudden stop at ground level really could kill a kid. So, parents please talk to your children about doing stupid stuff! Thank you. You see I lost a nephew a few years ago and my baby sister has never been the same.

Someone is putting 6" to 8" rocks in the middle of the roads on the greenbelts, if a driver does not notice these rocks, they could damage their vehicle. This person is really bored.

The bathroom is still being used by some kids as a hang out they sit in there smoking something. 250-acre greenbelt and these kids' hangout at the campground toilet.

Fire safety starts right now by cutting high weeks and cleaning up around the house it's just the way it is. Burn season was very successful. Burning 20 days, Cal Fire came out 8 days burning 10 to 15 piles a day for 6 days a drop in a bucket, but better than nothing. The greenbelt keeps growing and demands constant attention for fire safety. Help is requested removing firewood from Chalk Mountain Flat. Thank you.

Rocks, some people collect rocks for around the house if you dig up a rock, please fill in the hole, it could trip someone causing a fall.

Indian Valley Reservoir (IVR) as of 4/14/24 there is 265,193-acre feet stored there when first built storage was 301k ac ft. but do to situation storage may have been reduced using 301k IVR is 88% full or the fullest it has been in years. IVR has a bottom release dam, the water when released will be extremely cold!!! So be careful cooling off at the creek this summer.

Wildlife babies are starting to appear please contain your dogs and please drive slowly.

Rainfall measured at my home 32.80". Till next time.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

Many thanks to the volunteers who gathered together to prepare the mailer for the May 4 National Firewise Day information packets. Hopefully all the property owners in Spring Valley will receive mailers. Win & Jim Cary, Evan & Patty Griffiths, Carol Butzbach, Valerie Jennings, Madeline Franco, Karen Ruggles, and Deborah Edwards enjoyed each other's company during the four hours preparing the mailer.

The Northshore Fire Hogback Ridge Crew will provide a wood chipping crew for properties in Lake County. 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 their services.

Now that the rain is letting up 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 need help from Firewise volunteers, or would like to help, call 707-998-3004.

As of May 1, outside burning of green waste is not allowed. This burn ban will be in effect until the next rainy season.

As of January 1, 2024, the California Regulation for the Property Level Wildfire Mitigation (Title 10, Section: 2644.9) has begun. What does this mean for each residence? The brochure mailed out recently advising Home Hardening is now a law that you must comply with. You can go online to Wildfire Prepared Home web page for more complete information.

FREE HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP

Drop off site is Quackenbush Mountain Resource, 16520 Davis St., Clearlake (next to Eastlake Landfill). Site will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on these Fridays and Saturdays. Mark your calendar.

May 17/18

July 19/20

September 20/21

November 15/16

LIVING IN AN URBAN AREA OR A RURAL (COUNTRY) AREA

People moving from a large city to the country do not realize the many differences they may face. For instance, the city of Santa Rosa has a population that is more than three times the total population of Lake County. Therefore, they have over three times the amount of tax dollars to spend on policing, fire, and infrastructure.

Living in the country is great for dealing with fewer people and enjoying the wild life and scenic views. But, living in the country also means that the residents need to do more community work and give help to their neighborhoods.

For years Spring Valley and Long Valley residents have organized to assist their neighbors and provide functions for residents. If you have not been attending the meetings of the CSA2 Advisory Board, the POA (Property Owners Assoc.), or the social activities during the year, you are missing out on the advantages of knowing about the many volunteers working for your benefit and meeting your neighbors. If you have a few hours per month that you can donate to any of the organizations in the area, step up and help out. You will be glad you did, and your help will be appreciated.

CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

In the next day or so, you should receive the annual campground letter describing work completed and planned for the rest of this fiscal year. Please take a minute when sending off your payment to include your thoughts and ideas for things you'd like to see or be done in the coming year.

Now that the rain has stopped (?), we are finally looking at May 11 to get started on replacing the overhang we lost last year. It's been a struggle getting started on it but we're scheduled now. I'm told it won't take long to have the new one in place. We will finish painting the very top of the wall and do the window trim before we call this project complete! We have most of the material to replace the siding on the back wall and will schedule when the overhang is done. We also have the roof repairs on the bathroom/ shower building in the campground to get done.

All this crazy weather has created a real issue in the campground – the weeds and grasses are out of control! Despite having the area sprayed for weed control annually (just done in March), we are being overrun! It's definitely more than we've seen in the past! We'd appreciate any help you can offer. Maybe we should organize a weed whacking party!?! We are also checking with the company that sprayed to see if they can make a return visit.

There was a typo last month that sounded like it was OK to dump clippings and yard waste in the campground ... it is clearly NOT OK! We suspect that someone is bringing small quad-type trailers filled with yard waste into the

campground and across the creek in the day use area and dumping. Please do not do this! Joe tries to keep the whole greenbelt area clear of unwanted and unsightly messes ... and that is really a mess!

This month we had an issue with the lock on the gate. It has been fixed. If you still have problems, please call me on 707-998-9194 and we'll try to get it resolved. I try to have a back-up lock on hand to solve those kind of things.

We had to reschedule the campground meeting to June 15th. We'll get together at 10:00am at the Community Center. Hope to see you there – bring your ideas for upcoming projects.

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES by Cidy Storrs

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Present: Helen Mitcham, Jim McDole, Ed Smith, Scott Prewett, Cindy Storrs

Meeting opened with pledge and call to order. Minutes approved.

Public input and information from ERTH meeting

- Maddie reported a very helpful and constructive conversation with some young quad riders;
- Encouragement by ERTH board to attend May 1 meeting for input into the general plan

Finance and Budget Report

- Finance committee requested that Special Districts remove the \$200,000 allocated for new meters from the proposed budget;
- Requested that SD transfer at least \$10,000 immediately into the roads budget line; (approved by SD)
- Requested that an additional \$20,000 for roads be included in the next budget; (approved by SD);
- Reported that there will most likely be a water rate increase. Water is not paying for water and it is the recommendation of the committee and the board that all available funds (taxes) be used on road improvements; information was shared about the potential Prop 218 related to this.

Roads - The Board reported the following actions prior to inviting input from the public:

- County road department chair will require that PGE contractors repave the entire road areas that they have disrupted for undergrounding;
- The Quail Trail project will be completed (paved) by PGE once they finish their installation;
- There will be a box placed at the Pantry with forms for residents to share pothole and road issues with the Board and the SD. Information will be collected weekly and passed on to SD staff. Board member will respond to those who leave information about issues.
- The purchase of the hot asphalt machine and the crack sealer is going forward and will help mitigate some of the road issues;

Public Input

- Great concern about the overall road conditions;
- Specific concerns about Pomo Trail were expressed. Resident Sterling has requested Scott Harter to attend the May meeting and bring budget information about where tax money is used
- Generally, those who attended were looking for information about what is being done and how things are being addressed;

Chair Report

- Bridge projects: Chalk Mountain bridge replacement will begin next month; Upper Wolf Creek is scheduled for 2025; Community Center bridge will follow
- SD believes that have sent everything necessary to ACOE for the permit process; ACOE will be participating in a site visit next week in order to get a hands-on picture of the whole project

PG&E BEGINS UNDERGROUND POWER LINES IN SPRING VALLEY by Helen Mitcham

Work to move PG&E powerlines underground in and around Spring Valley has begun. This effort will eliminate nearly all wildfire risk from the powerlines moved underground and will also help to improve electric service reliability in the area. Undergrounding work is already taking place along Wolf Creek Road and near Chalk Mountain Road and will continue up Wolf Creek Road and Cache Creek Road, with project completion expected later this year.

PG&E is coordinating closely with Lake County Officials leading the Chalk Mountain Bridge replacement project to ensure any planned undergrounding work does not interfere with bridge-related construction.

During construction, you may see PG&E crews and contractors digging trenches and installing new equipment. Traffic control measures will also be in place where necessary to keep you safe. As construction continues, PG&E will share updates about this important wildfire safety work as they become available.

To learn more about PG&E’s undergrounding work, visit pge.com/undergrounding. If you have questions, please reach out to wildfiresafety@pge.com.

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