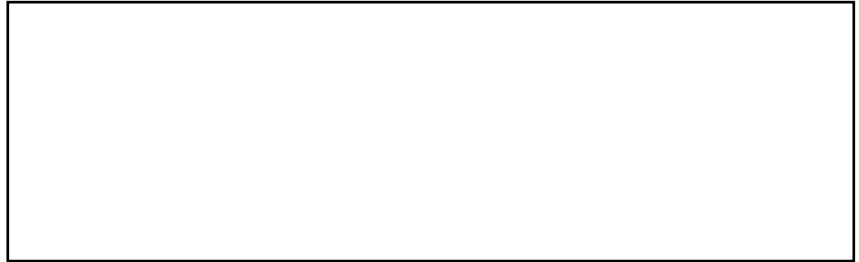

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

SVLPOA - 3005 Wolf Creek Rd. - Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
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2024 EDITION



President's Message by Helen Mitcham

I'd like to start by thanking a couple of our "tried and true" volunteers! You know ... the ones who are always there to lend a hand! The ones who faithfully come to set up for events ... and then clean up when it's over. The ones who organize the crews to cook and clean and choose a menu that treats our guests. I know you know them but just in case – THANK YOU!

BRYAN SCHWARTZ
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CONNIE SAGER
VALERIE JENNINGS

LORI GOMEZ
VICKI HENNEN

LOUIE GOMEZ
VICTOR NICHOLS

But we'd like to invite you to join this group of die-hard volunteers! We could use your help! Need an invitation? Consider yourself invited! We'll post on the Friends and Neighbors page when we're going to be setting up – please come down and see what it's all about ... you might have some fun in the process!

Thank you to members and friends who came to the annual chicken-que. I was surprised we didn't have rain ... which is typical for Memorial weekend! Thanks for coming and thanks to everyone that helped make it happen!

We are waiting to hear from the Fieri Foundation and our county Supervisor if they are able to help in any way with a donation toward our new stove. It sounds like our Community Center has been designated a Community Resource Center (by the county) and may be eligible for some additional funding. That could be good news!

Work has started on replacement of the Chalk Mountain bridge. Except for a snafu with people driving through the parking lot to expedite the trip, all seems to be going pretty well. They have been very agreeable to our requests relative to food giveaway dates. And we're thankful for your patience with any delays you encounter.

Ever hear about the Blue Zones Project? One of our neighbors saw that we are looking for interesting guest speakers and thought this group might be one to consider. I have contacted the county director in hopes she will be able to attend our meeting on June 20th. Also, on our list of guests to come will be Code Enforcement.

If you're interested in hearing more details about PG&E's undergrounding projects in the valley, please attend the Advisory Board meeting on June 5 at 7:00pm in the Community Center. There will be two representatives from PG&E to inform us and answer questions.

Thanks to all of you for your support! We appreciate your attendance at breakfasts (we're up to serving over 100 the last two months) and events.

That's it for me for now –

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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News Letter – Kristin Langdale	707-540-2589

SPRING VALLEY CALENDAR

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
		Guest: PG&E Representative - Undergrounding Projects
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

Aug 7	Wed	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Aug 7	Wed	EaRTH Meeting Moose Lodge 4pm
Aug 7	Wed	CSA#2 Advisory Board Community Center 7pm
Aug 11	Sun	SVLPOA Breakfast Community Center 8am-11am
Aug 15	Thu	Clearlake Gleaners Food Bank Community Center 8am-10am
Aug 15	Thu	SVLPOA Meeting Community Center 6:30 pm
Aug 24	Sat	Pig Roast Community Center 5pm-10pm
Aug 30	Fri	Karaoke Community Center 5pm-10pm

Bible Study

A new bible study group is starting in our valley. The first meeting is Monday, June 3rd at 6:00pm in the Community Center. Please join us! For more information, call Debbie at 707-350-5829.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE by Helen Mitcham

Have you signed up to join the Community-wide Yard Sale? It's going on this weekend - May 31 thru June 2. Don't miss it – maps are available at the Valley Pantry of all the different locations. So, if you love yard sales – and haven't taken advantage of this one so close to you ... hurry because it's almost over!

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

Weed mitigation, this year I thought I would be green and just wait till things dry out before weed whipping. Wrong!!! Letting weeds live through their life cycle means maximum seed production for next season, more silage left on the ground to track in the house, harder to cut, cutting a month later increasing fire danger. In my opinion spray herbicide as soon as it is warm enough! When it's dead and dry whack it down to dirt then spot spray for secondary weeds as needed. The reasons to cut tall weeds; wildland fire! Tall grass is a latter fuel that can ignite spot fires a mile ahead of the fire line depending on the wind.

When you cut the grass down to dirt, if there is a snake around you can see it. Mice without a place to hide will leave the area. Cutting the tall weeds also makes it easier for hawks to pray upon rodents. Ticks climb to the top of tall grass and wait for a victim to walk by and grab a hold of. If bitten and a baseball size red mark or "red bulls' eye" appears this is a precursor to Lyme disease and you need to see a doctor immediately.

Glass bottles; Please do not break them! Dogs, people, horses and wildlife can be seriously cut by broken glass. Glass bottles thrown into tall grass can and will start fires! Please put all trash in the garbage cans provided. Thank you.

Tall, thick grass and fire ganger, there are more people on Quads, motorcycles and side by sides than ever. Please stay on existing trails, do not drive through the tall grass you may wreck and start a FIRE! One fella stopped while I was working to say hello. While there I noticed oil burning off the engine. If that thing catches fire and burns homes down, who will be responsible for fire damage and home's lot to fire?

I have made an observation of huge clouds of dust at the Community Center parking lot and at the campground's main gate. These areas had gravel to prevent dust and mud but Community children on Quads, motorcycles and cars doing burnouts, donuts, and fish tails shoot all that gravel to God knows where! Little darlings, who pays to fix that? Watch out for wildlife. Be fire safe. Have fun! Till next time.

WOLF CREEK FIREWISE by Win Cary

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 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. If you have a mortgage, this may affect your home fire insurance. Discuss this with your agent or you can go online to Wildfire Prepared Home web page for more complete information.

As of May 1, the burn bann will be in effect until the next rainy season.



CAMPGROUNDS by Helen Mitcham

It sure looks like summer has started – it warmed up fast and that means lots of you are enjoying the campground! The creek is up and running and boy is it cold!!!!

We've had our first group of campers – there was a bunch of them! We didn't get any complaints about noise (which is a good thing!) but we did have one issue ... Someone had dumped 3 or 4 large garbage bags full of what looked like weed-whipped grass and put them in the cans!!! And they did it right before a busy holiday weekend!

PLEASE DO NOT DUMP YOUR PERSONAL TRASH AT THE CAMPGROUND!

Did you know we have a (seldom-used) disc golf course in the campground? Apparently, the word is out because I met two guys who were looking for it. They'd heard from a resident and were headed to check it out! I also talked to a different man that belongs to a disc golf club on the other side of the lake who thought we might be able to hold a tournament out here and maybe generate a little more

interest in the activity – and make a little money too. We'll talk about that at the campground meeting on June 15th in the Community Center starting at 10:00am.

We are planning to get the overhang at the Community Center complete by the end of this month. We're working to schedule a weekend that doesn't interfere with any events – this month we looked at the 1st – but that was the yard sales – then the 8th is the breakfast weekend – the 15th is the campground meeting which might be a time when we can all see the actual work – and that just leaves the 22nd and 29th! I know it'll be done by the end of the month ...

A couple of "thank you's" to Joe Welz (a big thank you!) for all you do taking care of the weeds and making those quiet spots along the creek for just sitting and enjoying the scenery! I think we need to organize a weed-whipping day with other volunteers joining in this somewhat over-whelming task! As Joe would say (I think) "I'm not as young as I used to be!" And thank you to Louie Gomez for fixing the drain problem in the bar (saved us a call to a plumber!) Thanks!

The lock on the gate is working again – sometimes it needs a wiggle but it is working. If yours doesn't do the trick, please call me on 707-998-9194 and we'll fix the situation. But if you got your key in the last three years ... it should work!

Speaking of the gate ... Please close and lock it anytime you go into or out of the campground. It is for your protection!

Please come to the meeting on June 15th at 10:00am in the Community Center. Let's talk about what's happening and how we can improve the area for all of us.

See you in the campground!

CSA #2 ADVISORY BOARD by Cindy Storrs

Meeting Minutes May 1, 2024

Special Guests: Scott Harter, Jesse Salmeron, from Special Districts

Minutes of April 3 meeting approved

- **Public Input:** PGE diverting traffic through the CC parking lot; Helen will follow up with PGE about this and the possibility of paving the parking lot as a result of excess traffic/use;
- **ERTH mtg:** Spring Valley resident Summer Trongo was awarded a Challenge Coin from the Lake Co. Fire Chiefs, specifically Northshore Fire Chief Mike Ciancio for her actions at a traffic collision on New Long Valley Road
- **PGE undergrounding project:** Signage needs improvement Helen will add links to Public Works and Special Districts in next newsletter; (See links below) PGE will send a representative to the next CSA meeting; starting on Pomo Trail and continuing with all "Class 3" areas;
- **Chalk Mountain Bridge:** PGE working in the area of CC and Chalk Mtn. now so they are out of the way in July when the girders arrive for the bridge, July 22, 23;
 - **Additional:** if you have vehicle damaged as a result of road conditions submit a claim to the county
- **Scott Harter and Jesse Salmeron addressing the community concerns re: tax money, water rates, roads:** water funds can only be used for water, there will most likely be an increase in water bill in order to cover the increasing costs of water; possibility of Co. Public Works to take over maintenance of Spring Valley roads in the near future; Spring Valley is a "Zone of Benefit" and property taxes will be used to enter into a service contract for repairs; a larger road project could be undertaken, but there are limited funds for road repairs; no gas tax funds are available for SV roads; the hot asphalt machine will be purchased and utilized.

- Additional: (not our service area), but Scott could address this concern: some kind of bridge installed to offer a second way out of the valley in the event of fire. Scott will look into this further.
- Water Rate Study/Proposition 218 to increase water rates: looking at ways to decrease expenses; will increase the budget by \$20,000 for roads, CSA Finance Committee will make a few changes to the budget request and re-submit to SD; looking at water rate increase that is spread out over 5 years; Scott feels like SD has an excellent Grant Committee;
 - Additional: (also not CSA responsibility, however Scott spoke to the issue) a state mandated secondary water source; looking for a well driller, working with Lakeport on similar project; capacity fees being looked at, it is designed to offset the cost of a property added to the plant and distribution system
- Pothole box at the Pantry: available forms from residents to notice SD of a road issue; Scott asked that residents use the direct call/email to SD when there is an issue
 - Additional: the Walker Ridge Wind Farm project is officially “dead”. Paperwork to this affect will be signed 5/2; Scott will address some of the issues that are existing at the mouth of the valley on NLV road with the hillside slippage and gully that is currently full of rocks.
 - Additional: Lakebed recovery, SD continues their work with the ACOE to obtain permits for the project.

Additional links:

Public Works <https://www.lakecountyca.gov/748/Road-Complaints>
707-263-2341

Special Districts <https://www.lakecountyca.gov/819/Special-Districts>
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