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SMITH**

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SVLA Board of Directors

John Smith and Lisa Verhagen are proven leaders with a united vision of seeing our community work together to make Spring Valley Lake the best it can be. Combined, they have over 40 years of experience and the necessary qualifications in business, finance, management and community relations that it will take to make a difference in our community. The safety of our homes and property and the stability of our Association's financial health are their goals. Their involvement and dedication to our community and the people who live here make them prime candidates for the open positions on the board. It's time to elect people with innovative ideas who can affect the positive changes it will take to keep Spring Valley Lake the Jewel of the High Desert while protecting our assets.

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Its election time and I hope most of you have returned your ballots by now for the Board of Directors election. This is a very important election for every homeowner in SVL, since it determines who will make decisions that affect every homeowner in SVL. It also matters because a failure to reach a quorum of 25% returned ballots could cost SVLA over \$10K to conduct a second election. Please return your ballot if you have not yet done so.

Ballots will be counted by an independent election company at the Semi-Annual meeting on April 25, beginning at 10:00AM at the Community Building; and the new Board members will be announced a few hours later. You still have time to mail your ballot, and if you need a replacement ballot, please visit the Association Office. You can also bring your completed ballot to the meeting as long as you do so before 10:00AM.

I often hear complaints that we don't do anything about problem properties that are an eyesore in the community, but nothing could be further from the truth. While SVLA has an aggressive code enforcement program, we are often limited by the law and private property ownership rights. It's ironic that people often demand that we take very aggressive action against homeowners with code enforcement issues, until they themselves become the offender. Then,

we hear complaints about being too aggressive and picking on them, or not giving them enough time to resolve the issue. Either way, we look like the bad guy.

People often ask us why we don't "just fine them", or "put a lien on their property", or "make them fix it"? While we do levy fines and liens on homeowners, it is very difficult and expensive to "make" anyone do anything. Contrary to some beliefs, HOAs simply don't have unlimited power to "make" people do things without going through due process of law in every case. Every homeowner in SVL is entitled to due process, and that takes time – sometimes a very long time! We employ a professional team of experts to assist us in the most difficult cases, but the process is still slow and expensive.

Fines, liens, and letters are tools we can and do use, but they don't actually "make" anyone do anything. The only way to do that is often following an expensive legal process where a court order "makes" them fix something, but that can sometimes take years because of bankruptcies, foreclosures, bank-owned properties, and various legal proceedings. Most of us are very aware of some "eyesore" properties that never seem to get resolved, but trust me, most of these properties are already in some step of the code-enforcement process, but it is slow. It is slow

because there are many laws that protect homeowners who decide they don't want to comply with the rules of an HOA, especially in California! You can thank many of your elected state legislators for this. Also, don't forget that SVL was not immune to one of the worst real-estate meltdowns in history just a few years ago, and we are still recovering from many of the problems that came with it.

As you may know, there are three Board members whose terms are ending on April 25 - Jonathan Tasker, Ilene Bandringa, and Kenny Martell. I want to personally thank each one of them for their dedicated and unselfish service to our community. It is through the efforts of people like these that make SVLA a better place to live. I hope you all will join me in thanking them for their service to our community.

I want to give special thanks to Ilene Bandringa who has served

our community in many ways over the past 10 years, most recently as the Board Vice-President. Without her continual support, my life as Board President would be much more hectic and difficult. I'll sure miss having her around!

Finally, even though I have one more year remaining on my term, it may not be as Board President, since new officers are elected every year by the new Board. Therefore, I'd like to say that I have enjoyed my time serving as the Board President this past year and look forward to serving our community however I am called upon to do so over the next year.

I also want to thank each of the five candidates who have chosen to run for the Board of Directors and have volunteered their time to serve, if elected.

Please join the new Board at our next regular Open Board meeting on April 28 at 6PM in the Community Building.

**Open Forum with the
Board President & General Manager
April 28, 5:30PM @ Community Building
(prior to regular open board meeting)**

March 2015 Board Meeting Summary

- Accepted February 2015 Financial Report
- Approved Budget Review Committee Charter
- Approved Budget Approval Process
- Approved property liens for 49 delinquent accounts
- Communication Survey summary presented
- Denied formation of a SVL Bicycle Club for liability reasons
- Tabled BAI for EE storage facility fencing for further research
- Semi-Annual Homeowners Meeting for Board Elections set for 10:00AM April 25, 2015

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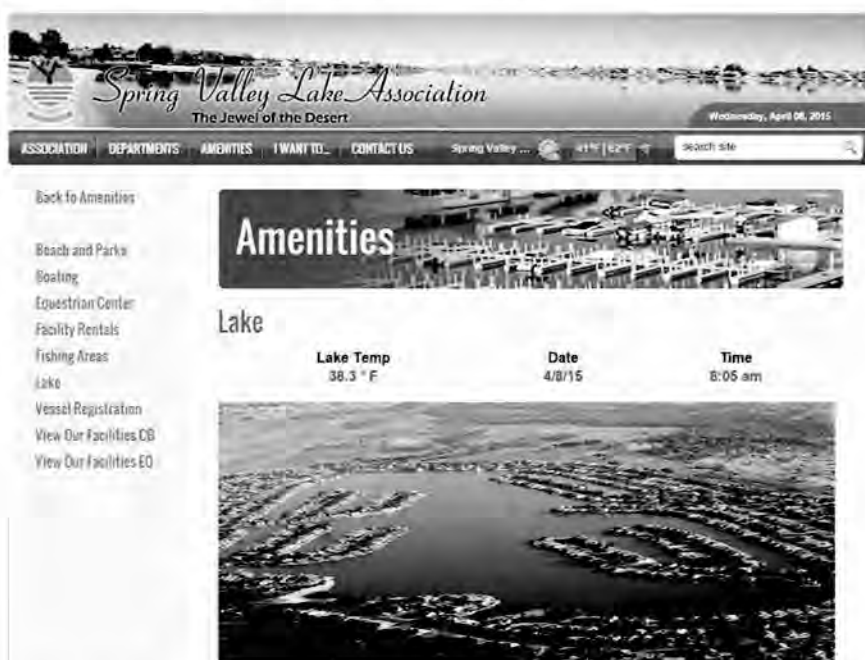
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If you are planning a day out on the water, take advantage of this feature to know what kind of temperature to expect when you make that first dip in the water.

Meet the Association Staff

Maria Punsal

Administration / Media



I have been on staff at Spring Valley Lake Association since 2007. My current position is with Administration. I provide customer service for SVL members who wish to obtain member cards, pay HOA dues, register vessels, rent or book any of our facilities or just need me to answer their general questions. If you are a renter here in Spring Valley Lake, I can help you

through the process of becoming a Tenant Member. Another part of my responsibilities that has remained constant is the SVLA Breeze. As my background is in graphic design and print production, I enjoy my time laying out the Newspaper for print each month.

Having been here for a while, I've gotten to know much of the other staff and some of the homeowners fairly well. It's always a pleasure chatting when I run into members outside the office environment, either at SVL Events or just around the neighborhood when I'm on my lunchtime walks. I'm happy to be working here and look forward to welcoming and assisting each new homeowner into this Association.

Annie Veloz

Membership Services



Hi, My name is Anna-Marie Veloz or you may know me as Annie. I have been working in member services for the last 9 years and am very grateful for this experience. I can honestly say I have gained a lot of experience because of the variety of tasks this position entails. Throughout my days, I have had the opportunity to work in architectural, escrow, communications,

kids club, administration and recreation.

Today, my main responsibilities are facility rentals, equestrian stall boarding, vessel registration, slip rental and assist in recreational events. One of my favorite events to work is the Holiday Craft Fair and Family Festival. I really enjoy working behind the scenes, processing paperwork, layouts and obtaining vendors. Then, of course, the best part is seeing the event take place and residents having a great time.

While I am not at SVLA, I am an adjunct art instructor at Victor Valley College and actively show my artwork in galleries. If you have any questions or just want to say Hi, please stop by the association office or contact me at 760-245-9756, aveloz@svla.com.

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Much focus and attention has been given to the recent online survey commissioned by Spring Valley Lake Association in February, and the results are encouraging.

But the Communications Survey, conducted February 20-27, 2015 through online survey software Survey Monkey, was part of a comprehensive effort that also included an inventory, assessment and evaluation of existing and proposed public outreach services, and the development of a Communications Plan that serves to guide SVLA in its future public relations, public information and public outreach services and activities.

The month-long effort was led by Michael Stevens of Stevens Consulting Services, who was brought in to assist SVLA now that the Association has decided on a “new direction” with regard to sending timely, relevant and general communications between the Association and the community. It was Stevens who proposed a menu of tasks he would conduct to guide SVLA in its future public relations, public information and public outreach services and activities, including the development of the survey and the 21-questions.

Part of the “new direction” meant a greater emphasis on being open and transparent with property

owners and residents, and it began last fall when the Board of Directors approved the reclassification of internal staff member Naomi Patterson to become the new Public Relations/Media Coordinator.

Among the tasks completed by Stevens were:

- A communications audit to identify current activities, projects and services currently being offered by Spring Valley Lake Association
- A survey of SVLA Board members to determine public relations goals and expectations
- A survey of General Manager (G.M.) & Media Coordinator (M.C.) to determine strengths and where improvement and assistance is needed
- A preliminary “Issues” audit with G.M. & M.C.
- Reviewing the current Media Coordinator job description (to be revised) to align expectations with the Communications Plan, and
- Reviewing the July 2009 Zogby International Survey to compare with proposed questions for the February 2015 **Communications Survey**

Unlike the “Zogby International Survey” conducted in July 2009, the February 2015 21-question survey was random (not mailed or conducted through a telephone

poll), and conducted with a single focus—*understanding SVLA communication methods currently used to gauge:*

- Whether the communication methods used by Spring Valley Lake Association are **known** by property owners and residents,
- If known, which communication methods are **used**,
- And which methods are **preferred**

The survey did not attempt to gauge property owner or resident opinions regarding any issues other than Association communication methods.

At a presentation given at the March 25, 2015 Board of Directors meeting Open Session, Stevens provided a 30-minute update describing his approach and key learnings. He determined, based on his assessment, that SVLA has effective and diverse methods of communicating with property owners and residents, and that the property owners and residents are aware of those methods, are *utilizing* the various methods, and more importantly, are *satisfied* with methods in use.

But back to the survey, which some have criticized as being conducted to benefit certain candidates running for election to the Board of Directors. Not true. It was Stevens Consulting Services that:

- proposed conducting the survey,
- suggested using the online survey software Survey Monkey,
- proposed the 21-questions used in the survey, and,

- proposed conducting the survey for a one-week period.

There has also been concern expressed that because the survey was random, was not mailed to specific respondents and didn’t involve a telephone survey, that potentially those in “*favor*” of Spring Valley Lake Association could “stack the deck” and bombard the survey with mostly positive and favorable responses.

Conversely, the potential existed that those who might be “*anti*” Spring Valley Lake Association could “stack the deck” and bombard the survey with mostly negative and unfavorable responses.

The results however do not seem to suggest that neither situation occurred. In summary the results showed:

The majority of respondents are property owners living in Spring Valley Lake (85.43%), with a majority of those living in Spring Valley Lake for more than 10 years (48.24%).

The majority of respondents are aware of the various communication methods currently used by Spring Valley Lake to inform property owners, residents and community-at-large:

- Website — 96.50% aware
- Facebook page — 63.16% aware
- The SVLA Breeze — 96.98% aware
- E-Blasts — 88.22%
- Electronic message boards — 57.58% aware

Not only are respondents

(General Manager cont.)

“aware” of the communication methods, there is utilization of the methods:

- Website — 68.19% usage
- Facebook page — 31.63% usage
- The SVLA Breeze — 83.04% read it monthly
- E-Blasts — 80.25% have signed up to receive
- Electronic message boards — 4.29% rely on the boards for information

Although only a minority of respondents attends the monthly Board of Directors meetings, the majority indicated they don't attend “for no particular reason” (49.85%) while a significant number indicate they don't attend because the meeting day/time conflicts with their schedule (35.74%).

Town Hall meetings are periodically conducted by SVLA, and though an almost equal amount knew about the meeting, a majority has never attended:

- You knew about the Town Hall meetings—35.34%
- You knew about the Town Hall meetings but never attended—30.83%
- You have attended one or more Town Hall meetings—26.07%

The various written communication methods (excluding the Board & Town Hall meetings) revealed interesting responses regarding how folks prefer to be informed:

- E-Blasts—51.76%
- The SVLA Breeze—25.13%
- Website—12.06%

- Facebook page—8.54%
- Electronic message boards—no responses

The most significant responses which validates that Spring Valley Lake Association is succeeding in reaching property owners, residents and community-at-large are the responses to the question: How would you rate the effectiveness of SVLA's efforts to inform its property owners and residents about the Association's role, activities, projects and services?:

- **Excellent—29.32%**
- **Good—46.62%**
- **Fair—16.29%**
- **Poor—5.01%**
- **Not enough knowledge to rate—2.75%**

Almost an 80% approval rating!

The final question was an open-ended question (*SVLA seeks to improve the way it communicates with property owners and residents, what suggestion(s) do you have?*) which gave respondents the opportunity to provide feedback for which there was not a question posed on the survey. Although the question was structured to elicit comments related only to “**communications**,” 37 of the 126 comments were not communications related whatsoever.

A copy of the 2015 Communications Survey in its entirety can be viewed on the SVLA website. 

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Board of Directors recently changed the Finance Committee into what is now known as the Budget Review Committee, and are looking for up to five (5) volunteers to assist them in the review process of our annual budget. These volunteers must be SVLA owner/members (in good standing) and be willing to help from about June through late August. There will be several Committee meetings to attend as well as some homework in order to review the draft budget proposal prior to the meetings.

Home Owner Associations (HOAs) like SVLA must develop a balanced budget every year and have it approved by the Board of Directors. This means that an estimate of SVLA's total expenses for the upcoming year must be balanced by all the available revenue sources. SVLA is a non-profit corporation so our total revenue must equal our total expenses every budget year. After all non-assessment revenue sources are identified and the amounts estimated, the remaining portion that must come from homeowner assessments to balance our expenses is determined. This assessment amount is then divided equally among all 4,213 lot owners and the resulting amount becomes the annual assessment (per lot) for the next Fiscal Year.

To prepare the budget for our new Fiscal Year that begins every November 1, SVLA goes through this budget process every year (as required by California law), starting around June and ending with the final budget being presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting in August. Final approval is then made at the August Board meeting.

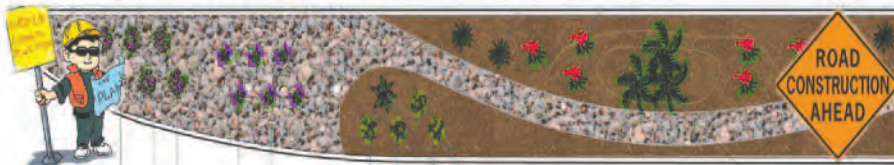
Experience in finance, budgeting, accounting, or project management is helpful, but not required. All that is necessary is a willingness to help SVLA and the Board perform its duty of developing and approving an annual budget for SVLA.

If you are interested in helping the Board review the FY2016 budget, please contact Board President Scott Eckert at Board@svla.com or GM Glenn Grabiec, at (760) 245-9756 or GGrabiec@svla.com for more details.





PROJECTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY



The Center Median

We are in the final stages of the Median as you will see the decomposed granite and 6" river rock going in over the next couple weeks. The Parkway is starting to take shape and look more like the illustration shown above. You also may have noticed we are not laying down any type of weed barrier under the granite or rock. This is per the requirement by the Mojave water agency, as it allows water to percolate back into the water table. Weeds will be controlled by pre-emergent and post emergent weed treatments. The time required for future maintenance will be a fraction of the maintenance it took for the 1.5 miles of grass we were maintaining on the Parkway.

What was taking over 30 man hours weekly should drop to about 60 man hours annually for maintenance of the Parkway. The

Mojave Water Agency will be posting an article in May's edi-



tion of the SVL Breeze, so please look for that.

Projects up for Bid

Contractors are welcome to bid on these projects. Please contact Dennis Teece at the office for more details on the following:

- Single occupant restroom at FA 8—design and construction.
- Association office interior remodel.
- Fishing area (FA) upgrade—grading and concrete at FA 4, FA 10 and FA 15.

All bidders must be licensed contractors and provide required insurance. Details of requirements and scope of work are available.

Community Building Facelift



Contractors will start upgrading our community building April 13, installing the stone veneer around the west, north and south sides of the building as shown in the illustration above. Flooring and shades are on order.

Maintenance SVLA

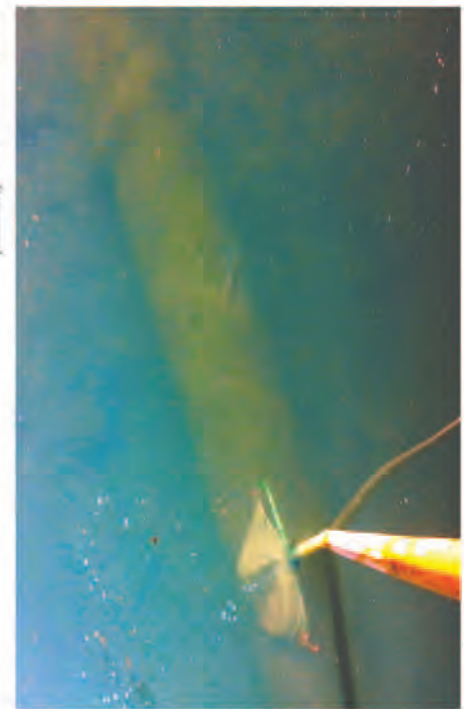
The projects listed are just a few of the projects we have going on. Along with these projects, our nor-

mal maintenance is being done, as well as any required emergency maintenance. Maintenance issues can be reported through our office or our website — www.svla.com.



OUR LAKE

You may have noticed we recently went up to over 6' of clarity just before the last warm weekend we had. This lake clarity is hard to judge since the lake bottom soil is so dark. It just looks black, but if you look at the photo below, you can see a cross circulation pipe at FA 9 in plain site. The pipe is 7' below the surface of the water.



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On 02/20/2015, Corporal M. Paszkowski and Officer A. Vindas were dispatched to a missing person in the area of Harbor Drive. As they were searching the area, there was screaming heard from a nearby dock. The victim was found in the water in the area of Harbor and Sea Gull. Corporal Paszkowski immediately started removing his equipment with the intention of going into the water. The grandson of the victim then jumped into the lake and retrieved the victim. The PSD team then assisted and managed the administration of CPR. They provided swift emergency assistance without hesitation and with confidence. Although we

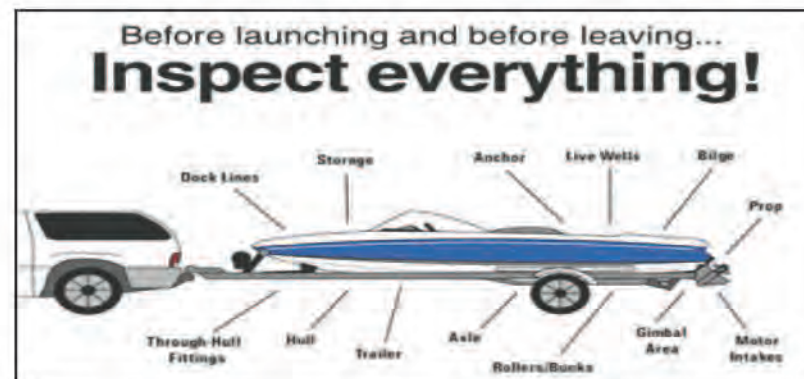
were advised later that the victim did not survive, their actions were selfless and instrumental in helping the victim have a fighting chance at life.

We would also like to send a personal thank you to Deputy Loran Keith. (Resident of SVL). Mr. Keith worked alongside with our team and not once did he ask for credit; what he did do was go out of his way to be sure that the PSD team was recognized. Not only is Mr. Keith very unselfish, but he stopped by our office several times to check on the officers involved. We are thankful to have residents like you!

Boating

Every year our goal is to improve as a team. We also sit down and discuss ways to improve the lake's safety and our communication while enforcing the Rules & Regulations. One of our priorities this

month is to revise the vessel operators test and process. We also want to look into adding a video on SVLA.com regarding boating safety. We want this video to be custom and a helpful tool.



Meet the Team

For the next six to eight months, two Public Safety employees will be randomly selected to introduce themselves to you. We have a

group of amazing employees and we would like to give you the opportunity to get to learn something new about the people that help keep your community safe.

Officer Donnie D. Morrow



I joined the Public Safety team in December of 2013. My primary goal is to provide high quality security for our community and to hopefully help fellow officers grow and move forward to an enriching career of their choice.

Some of my responsibilities are tending to the flags which are located on the four flag poles at Spring Valley Lake Association properties. I am also in charge of the fire safety equipment for the department and conduct regular

checks of the Association's fire and safety systems.

I am a military Veteran from Bedford, Indiana. I joined the US NAVY in Oct. 1991 and served until Sep. 2002. Later, I joined the US ARMY in Aug. 2007 where I served until Dec. 2010. My primary job assignment was military law enforcement with 5 combat tours. I have seen 19 different countries while serving and there is no place like home. I'm a father of three and I coach high school baseball at Victor Valley Christian. I like to write lyrics, poetry, draw sketches and play golf. I plan to join the Corrections field so that I can utilize my military time toward retirement.

Dispatcher Patrick Rangel



Hello residents of Spring Valley Lake! My name is Patrick Rangel and I am one of the Public Safety Dispatchers. I have worked for the department close to a year and I thoroughly enjoy serving the Homeowners. Some of the things that I enjoy

doing outside of work are: Recreational shooting and hunting, exercising, and playing any sports. I am currently attempting to enter the Law Enforcement field to become either a Police Officer or a Sheriff's Deputy. I am willing to answer any questions that you may have about my job or about me! Please do not hesitate to email me at Prangel@svla.com for any further information!



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When you see everyone in the community dealing with their allergies, pollen flying through the air and new buds coming alive... you know that Spring is definitely in the air! We've had a few showers, but not near enough as of yet. Let's hope that we experience more rain in the next couple of months, so that all those May flowers bloom for us.

With spring comes the dreaded two words, "Spring Cleaning"! As we begin to shake off winter, we start looking around at all those projects we have on our To Do lists. We just want to remind you that all projects **must** have an Architectural Project Application submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval. A Thousand dollar (\$1,000) fine is way too much to pay for not filling out a project application. If you're a new resident and not familiar with the rules of the association, please do not hesitate to contact the association office with any and all questions. Ashley Yates, our new Architectural Liaison, will be glad to help you with your application on any project that you may have.

Some of the projects that require Architectural approval are window swamp coolers and AC

units. Before putting those "Easy Ups" on your decks, and patio's, make sure you submit a project application to the committee for approval. We encourage residents to start cleaning their yards, and making sure your home is in good repair. When your property and home look good, it helps keep your property value high.

We have seen San Bernardino County out and about inspecting the community. Not only do they inspect vacant lots, but the landscaping of all homes. Should they see weeds over four inches, you will receive a notice from them. If you are a member of our Weed Abatement Program, we have already begun to clear the lots. If you live near a lot you are concerned about, please call the Code Enforcement Department and let them know. We have noticed a bumper crop of weeds as we drive the streets. If you spray them, give them a few days to die before removing.

The one complaint we receive more than any other, is about the trash cans being on the street or in public view. Many of you are new, but some have been here for years and know that trash cans need to be out of sight by Wednesday morning. **Please** put those trash cans behind gates or anywhere out of sight.

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Story and Photos by Jeri Lawrence

The Spring Season Bocce Ball Tournament ended in a three way team tie. Dora & Bob Hernandez, Cheri & Paul Berger and Carol & Ed Grace. Well played everyone and congratulations to all the fine team winners. The tournament players enjoyed a celebration lunch at Nick's Pizza. Bocce Ball is only one of the fun events with the Social & Fishing Club. In the coming months there will be a BBQ and Movie night, a Golf Tournament and awards dinner plus the scheduled Bingo and Ice Cream Socials and Pot Luck nights. Every now and then we can plan to hold a game of Bunco. Our

club is enjoying a growing "spurt" and you might want to think about joining us. There is a nominal fee that helps to cover our Christmas Feast at years' end and we hold Opportunity (50/50) drawings each event. This year, member Stew Anderson, is diligently arranging interesting speakers updating us on local interests. All events take place right here in our community with your local friends and neighbors. Make a call to Carol Grace, the club President, at 243-8014 and enjoy these events with the largest and oldest social club in Spring Valley Lake. 💎



Story by Paul Kang

Hey kids! Because I couldn't publish an article last month due to school work, this issue will feature two fun activities! First up is the Spring Valley Lake Amateur Radio Club (SVLARC). The SVLARC was founded in February 1983 and is continuing strong to this day, with many new members. Joining is as easy as having a radio (the basic ones cost less than \$100) and having a license. If you can't



join, but still want to get the license so you can use a radio by yourself, that's okay too. Rick Danzey is the president of the SVLARC and sponsors radio classes in Spring Valley Lake. As usual, the details can be found on the SVL website: www.svla.com. The best part is that being a radio operator isn't just cool and fun, you can help out all of Spring Valley Lake during a disaster by using it to coordinate where people deliver supplies or how to rescue a person.



The second fun activity is bicycling. I talked to kids around Spring Valley Lake this past month on what bicycle paths in Spring Valley Lake

they liked the most. Almost everyone agreed that going around the lake by using Country Club Drive, Driftwood Drive or Hidden Valley Road was a good choice. For exciting and fast roads, they said Vista Point Drive, Rancho Bonita Road or Hidden Valley Road (from Sierra Vista Drive to Evergreen Lane) were all good choices because they are all steep hills. Be careful though, going too fast on these roads is dangerous.

P.S. Kudos to Officer Ortiz of Public Safety for helping a dog in my cul-de-sac back into its owner's backyard after it got loose.

If you want something or someone to be featured in my articles, let me know at: paul.kang2040@gmail.com 💎



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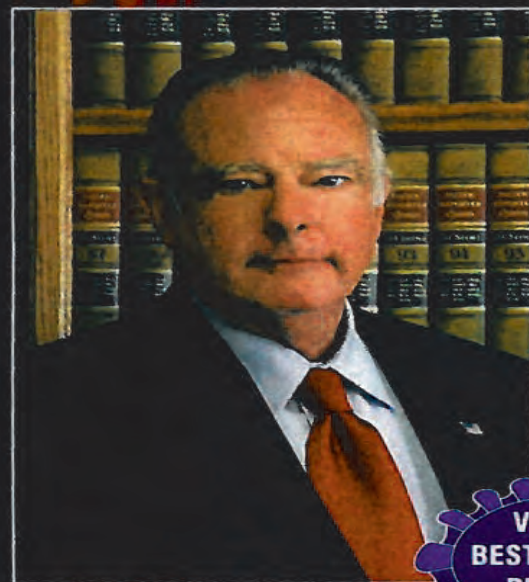
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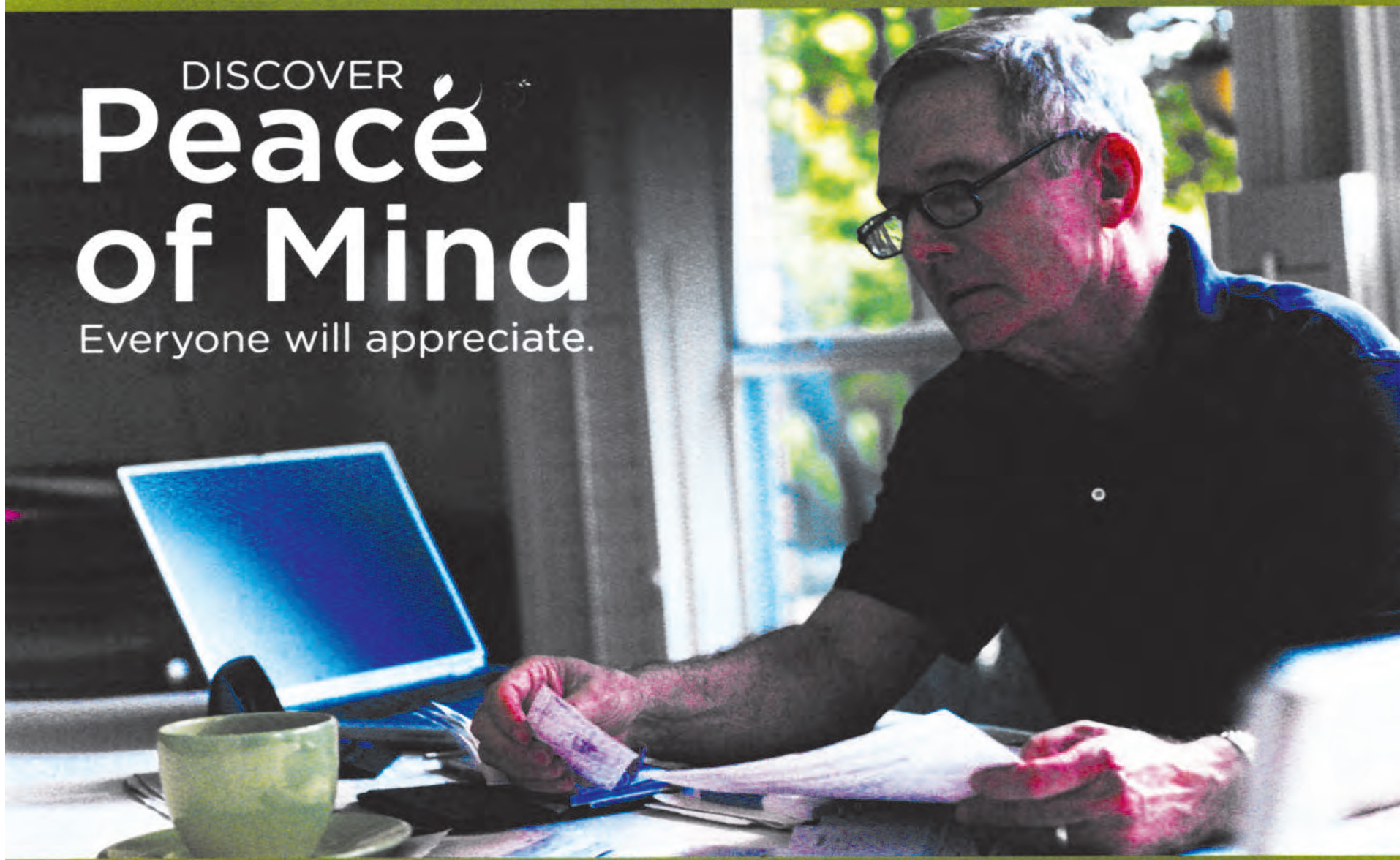
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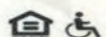
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Easter Egg Hunt 2015



The Easter Egg Hunt was a big hit on Saturday April 4, 2015. We had a very large crowd attend which filled Meadowlark Park. The Easter Bunny had approximately 1500 eggs hidden all around the park for all the kiddos to hunt for. The egg hunt was separated into 2 age groups. Ages 5 & under were located in the large playground area and ages 6 & up were located on the baseball field directly behind the playground area.

The Easter Bunny made his appearance promptly at 9am and hung out while the egg hunt began. The eggs were found quickly and all the baskets were full. After the egg hunt was over everyone took their turn to say hi to the Easter Bunny and have their photos taken.

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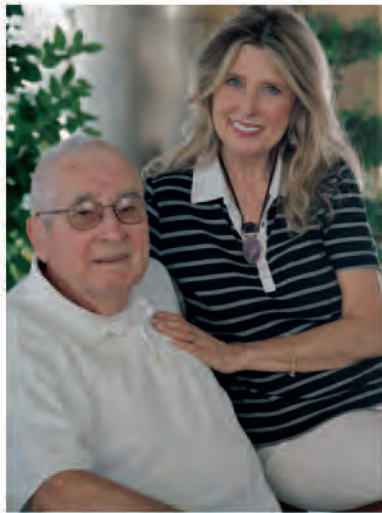
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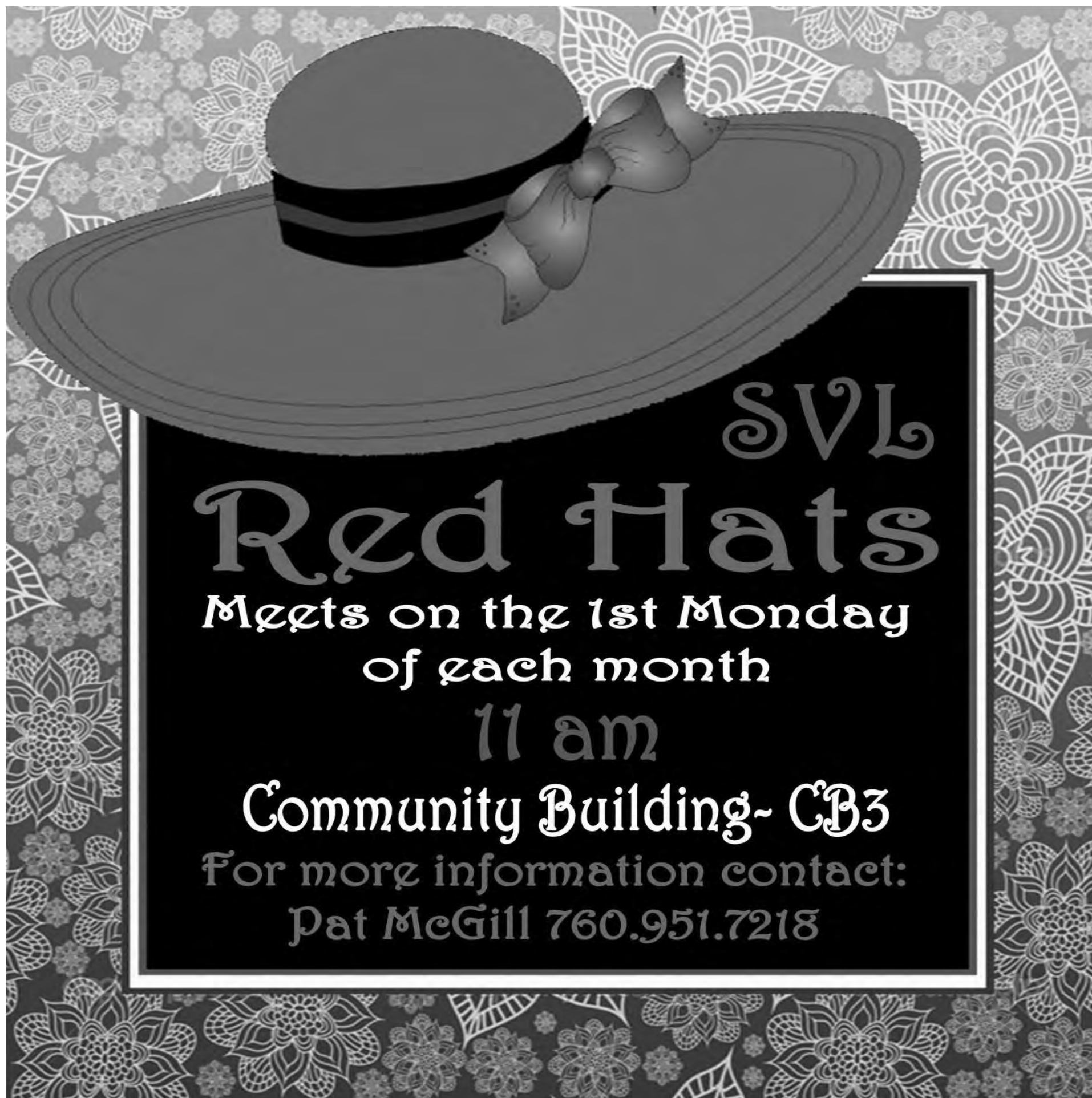
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COMMUNITY events

4/23	Architectural Committee	3pm	CB4
4/25	Board of Directors Election	10am	CB1
4/27	BOD Executive Session	6pm	CB4
4/28	BOD Open Meeting	6pm	CB1
5/5	Citation Committee	5:30pm	CB4
5/9	Adult Dinner Dance Reservations Required	5:30pm	CB1
5/13	Lake Committee	10am	CB3
TBD	BOD Executive Session	6pm	CB4
5/14	Architectural Committee	3pm	CB4
5/19	Equestrian Estates Committee	6pm	EECH1
TBD	BOD Open Meeting	6pm	CB1
5/28	Architectural Committee	3pm	CB4

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SVL Committees

COMMITTEES	COMMITTEE CHAIR	MONTHLY	TIME/LOCATION
Citation Committee	Don Nelson	1st Tuesday	5:30pm CB4
Equestrian Estates Committee	Marvin Jobes	3rd Tuesday Every other Mon.	6pm EQ1
Lake Committee	Pete Lawson	2nd Wednesday	10am CB3
Communication Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Architectural Committee	Penny Mickelson	2nd & 4th Thurs.	3pm CB4
Community Plan Committee	TBD		
Budget Review Committee	Jim Carr	Meetings vary	

SVL Clubs

CLUBS	INSTRUCTOR CONTACT
Yacht Club - 3rd TH, 6-8pm CB1	Byron Ward 760-963-4942
Craft Club - 2nd & 4th TH, 10-3pm CB3	Sandra Dorman 760-962-1999
Rods & Relics Club - 2nd SAT, 8am CB4	Don Sedam 760-955-6052
Lions Club Poker - 1st F, 7pm CB1	Jim Meehan 760-680-0029
Social & Fishing Club - Varies, CB1	Carol Grace 760-243-8014
The Coffee Break Club-Pending	Lisa Verhagen (AO) 760-245-9756
Amateur Radio Club - 1st TH, 7pm CB3	George Ellison KK6EFY 818-585-5759, george@4mailservice.com

SVL Recreational Classes

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	Instructor
Bocceball /Horseshoes	M.W.F	8 - 11am	MLP	Raul Paz 760-245-6311
Group Exercise (Body Express)	M,W,F	8 - 9am	CB1	Jace Knisely 760-628-6416
Archery Club	T	2pm, 3pm, 4pm	PFP	Bob Gierlich 760-243-6082
Line Dance Beginner/Intermediate.	M	9:10-10:10am 10:10-11:40am	CB1	Su Kim 760-241-8823
Line Dance Ultra Beg./ Beg./Easy Intermediate	T	8-9am, 9-10am 10-11:30am	CB1	Su Kim 760-241-8823
Bunco 2nd TH./mo.	TH	6pm	CB1	Debbie Clements 760-245-8204
Arthritis Exercise	T,TH	8 - 9am	CB3	Dottie Schiller 760-243-4697

Key for Locations

Abbreviation	Name/Location of Facility
CB1	Community Building 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Great Room)
CB3	Community Building 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Small Room)
CB4	Community Building 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Conference Room)
EECH1	Equestrian Estates Clubhouse, 12660 Indian River Drive, Apple Valley
MLP	Meadow Lark Park, 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive
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Mardi Gras

Dinner Dance

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