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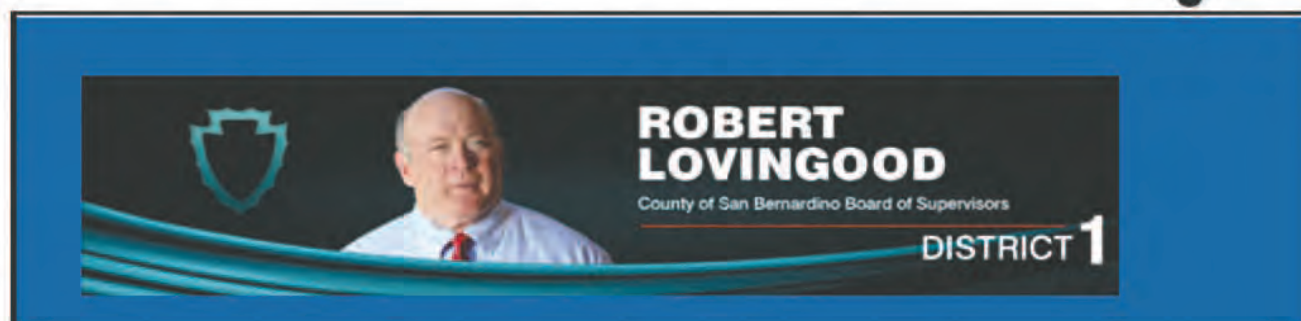
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Low crime rates in Spring Valley Lake



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The SVL Association attributed the low rates to 24/7 public safety patrols, security camera systems, Neighborhood Watch programs, Citizens on Patrol, Sheriff's and CHP patrols as well as residents who watch out for each other. To start a Neighborhood Watch program, call your local sheriff's station.

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I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and staying safe and cool. The SVLA staff have been very busy lately, putting on great events for our community. In June alone, staff conducted three major events, along with Kid's Club, and they have all been executed flawlessly. I hope everyone was able to attend some of these events to relax and enjoy our great community. It's events like these that make SVL a great place to live:

- Summer Kick-off BBQ (June 6)
- Beach Concert (June 12)
- 10th Annual Family Festival & Fireworks (June 27)

The first Beach Concert in many years was held on June 12; and even though it was rained out after an hour with thunder and lightning, the event drew a great crowd and it was a huge success. I guess we can consider it a "dry run" for the next one. The next concert will be held at Meadowlark Park on July 17 at 6 PM. Please see www.svla.com and our Facebook page for details.

The Family Festival & Fireworks show was once again a tremendous success with an awesome celebration of Independence Day. We had a packed lake and beach,

and no significant problems or issues to report. In my opinion, SVL has the best fireworks show in the High Desert.

Please thank our SVLA staff when you see them for their hard work and dedication to our community. There is a tremendous amount of planning and effort that goes into each of these events, and they managed to pull off THREE. Way to go SVLA staff – thank you! I also want to thank Cub Scout Pack 26 for cleaning up the beach the morning after the fireworks – thank you very much. Thanks also to all the community volunteers, vendors, SBSO Deputies, SB County Fire, and COPs that make our events so successful and safe.

I occasionally hear a few complaints and gripes from people about SVL not being a great place to live or that they want to move somewhere else. Well, I am not a real estate professional, but I have been a real estate investor for 35 years, and to me, two of the best indicators of a desirable community are the local crime rate and increases in home values. Because of the great people who live in our community and on-going efforts by SBSO, COP, and your Board and staff, SVL is doing well in both categories.

Hopefully you had a chance to read County Supervisor Robert Lovingood's latest newsletter which mentioned SVL's low crime rate relative to the rest of the High Desert. No one is claiming that SVL is crime-free, but given our relatively large population of 12,000+ residents, our crime rate is substantially lower than other areas in the High Desert. Also, based on recent published data in our local paper (May 2015 Housing Report, Coldwell Banker), the sales data for SVL indicate a 20% increase in Sales Price and a 21% increase in \$/Square Foot compared to May 2014. I hope you agree, SVL continues to be one of

the best communities anywhere and is still the "Jewel of the High Desert".

Please stop by our Community Building and check out the recent renovations. The exterior and interior updating of our CB has greatly improved the look of the facility and adds value to our community. Look for more improvements at Meadowlark Park later this summer.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 6PM on July 28 in our newly upgraded Community Building. I hope to see you there.

June 2015 Board Meeting Summary

- Approved May 19th Regular Board meeting minutes
- Accepted May 2015 Financial Report
- Approved 50 property liens for delinquent assessment accounts
- Approved BAI 15-06-02 Fishing Area 4, 10 & 15 Upgrade
- Approved BAI 15 -02-02 Rev1 Security Fencing Maint Yard EQ Center Lot
- Approved Architectural Committee Chairperson
- Approved SVL Veterans Club
- Approved updated Code of Conduct for Board of Directors
- Approved Committee Assignment Applications for the 2015-2016 Year
- Approved 2016 Budget Process Timeline
- Approved Board Resolution to oppose Rehab House in EQ
- Assigned Board Liaison to the Community Planning Committee and Community Event Team

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GLENN GRABIEC General Manager

June was an incredibly busy month for the staff here at the association. Numerous large events, boat registrations, and capital improvement projects required the staff to go the extra mile. That's why, this month, my article is a tribute to our incredible staff!

Our Operations staff has been hard at work on the median, the community building upgrades, building the barge for the fireworks show, installing the barn mats at the Equestrian Center, as well as continuing to conduct regular maintenance. As you can imagine, working outside in these hot conditions is almost unbearable. With 100 degree heat and high humidity, it makes accomplishing these outdoor duties that much more difficult. Our Operations staff does all of this with no complaint and most have perfect attendance records! A very commendable accomplishment!

Our Administration staff has been extremely busy helping over 400 property owners get their boats registered. Sometimes our little lobby is standing room only! The Administration staff also provides critical support to help make all of our events a success. The staff pulls together to work the different positions at the Family Festival, Concerts at the Park and Beach and summer kickoff... just to name a few. They never hesitate to work on their scheduled days off when

requested. I certainly appreciate their initiative and dedication!

Our Architectural and Code Enforcement staff has also been very busy with a large increase in architectural applications for new homes, landscaping improvements and home improvements. The enforcement aspect has been challenging as well during these drought conditions.

Our Public Safety Staff has been rising to the challenge and demands of the summer season. They are out working in the high heat conditions launching and retrieving boats almost every hour and conducting inspections for new boat registrations. There is a significant increase in the number of people using the amenities which requires an increase in membership checks. For special events such as the fireworks show and the concerts, the Public Safety Officers have to adjust their schedules so we can properly staff these events for safety. The Public Safety office also oversees our seasonal officers and lifeguards that we enlist to help provide a safe environment for all of the members using the amenities. They do all of this while still responding to medical aid calls and other calls for service, as well as regular security patrolling. Our Public Safety staff should be commended for their commitment to keep our community safe!

Meet the Association Staff

Tee Jae Austin

Code Enforcement / Citation Liaison



Five years ago this month, I joined Code Enforcement for our community. Coming from the Rocky Mountain state of Colorado, getting used to the High Desert has been the most challenging for me. Most of my family lives in the area, or are scattered down the hill, so that keeps me close to the area. I lost my only sister in April, so life has been full of changes for me

and my family.

I feel my background in Theology, Psychology, and Law Enforcement, has been most helpful in my job here. Many things have changed over the past five years, but I find people are about the same wherever you are. In between my careers, I did manage to raise two handsome boys. I've always said they are the best part of who I am. Should I be here another five years, each day I will try to serve you and do my job to the best of my ability.

Jeaneen Beam

Director of Administration / Human Resources



I have been a resident in the high desert since 1988. I was employed with Vons Companies Corporate office until moving to the desert. I have also worked for a private school and a local home builder. I am a Certified Community Association Manager (CCAM), and also a Notary Public for the State of California.

I joined Spring Valley Lake Association in 2007 as Executive Assistant; my title was later changed to Director of Administration and HR and I have held the same position since I was hired.



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ALFRED LOGAN, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

We want to take the time to thank our Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.). At every event SVLA has the COPS show up to help keep our community safe. Every so often our Public Safety Department receives inquiries about volunteering for their community. Here is your opportunity!

"Citizens on Patrol are a generic name used by many to describe a special group of Law Enforcement Volunteers. As the name implies, Citizens On Patrol are Citizens who, after being screened, background checked, and trained by their local law enforcement agency, patrol their communities acting as "Eyes and Ears" for law enforcement. By patrolling their community, on a regular basis, usually in 4-8 hour shifts, Citizen Patrol Volunteers become more familiar with their community and are better able to recognize "suspicious" activity and notify the authorities. Due to their

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- (NACOP.org)

If becoming a Citizen on patrol sounds interesting to you, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Phil Thomasson PDTom@Verizon.Net or Coy Beavor Coycharb87@aol.com. You can also call PSD dispatch at 760-245-6409 and we will be happy to get you the contact information you need. We hope to see some new faces out there soon.



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

Officer Michael Lomeli



Hello Spring Valley Lake Residents. My name is Michael Lomeli and I've been with the Department of Public Safety since November of 2012. I started off as a Dispatcher and later on transitioned to an Officer at the end of summer 2014. I can honestly say this has been an awesome experience serving all you great people. I am currently positioned on graveyard where my job duties/responsibilities are loud noise compliance, bar compliance, animal traps, and recently acquired flag detail. So if you ever have any questions, feel free to contact me via email mlomeli@svla.com; or if you're a night owl, feel free to call and request to speak to me personally. I will gladly answer any questions or concerns you may have. I'm also

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.

proudly serving in our nation's finest fighting force the United States Marine Corps. I've been in for 2 years now. My Military Occupation Specialty is 1812 M1A1 Abrams main battle tank armor crewman and currently hold the rank of Lance Corporal. I'm also attending San Bernardino County Sheriff's Modular 1 law Enforcement academy in class 15-11, pursuing a career in law enforcement. I really enjoy spending time with my family on my personal time. My hobbies are hunting, soccer, and boxing. I've been hunting all my life and really enjoy being out in the wilderness with family perusing that once in a lifetime buck and enjoying mother nature's creations. So if you guys ever see me around, feel free to approach and say hello because I love meeting all of you. Remember ladies and gentlemen, stay safe!

Officer Justin Gice



Hello residents of Spring Valley Lake! My name is Justin Gice. I am a public safety officer. I have been working for Spring Valley Lake Public Safety since October of 2013. I am currently on graveyard shift. My job duties/responsibilities are to input vehicle inspection sheets. The thing I like most about my job is that everyone I have worked with in public safety has become a friend; we

are like our own little family here in PSD. On my off time I enjoy playing sports. Basketball is my favorite. You may have even seen me playing at the beach or at the park before work, on my lunch, or even after work. If you ever see me shooting feel free to come and play. I enjoy shooting with others. I recently started coaching with my cousin a youth basketball team ages 6-9. If you ever have any questions for me you can reach me via email Jgice@svla.com or just call the office phone line and ask for me specifically.

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by DENNIS TEECE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

PROJECTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Center Median

We are in the final stages of completion, but the minor items that still need to be done will not



significantly change the existing appearance. We will spray a coat-



ing onto the river rocks to give them a wet look. You may have noticed that the first island that the archway is on has not been com-

pleted yet either. The landscaping on this island and the landscaping at the east and west sides of the Parkway on Bear Valley will

be completed after CSA64, who owns the archway, completes their cosmetic upgrades. These upgrades will include stacked stone veneer and paint that will be very similar to our Community building up-

grades. The County will also be upgrading the Spring Valley Lake logo and monument signage with back lighting, creating a prominent announcement for our community.

Community Building Facelift

The landscaping around the west and north side of the building will be upgraded as of July 15th and completed within 3 weeks.

Starting July 16, the new interior doors will be installed. These

new doors will be frosted, similar to the frosted entrance doors as pictured below.



Fishing Area upgrades at FA 4, FA 10 and FA 15

We will be starting the upgrades at these fishing areas starting with FA 4. Construction will start this month and will be similar to FA 6 including benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, stamped concrete and taking advantage of the cash for crash program.

Fishing Area 8 Restroom

The engineer should have a set of documents ready this month to start the bid process.

At the Equestrian Estates

We will be starting the installation of the new Arena fencing this month and expect to have this complete before the Hoedown event at the Equestrian Estates.

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As required by the health department we continue to conduct our weekly test of the swim area and here are the results to date.

| Date | Fecal Coliform | Total Coliform |
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| 5/19/15 | 8/100ML | 50 MPN/100ML |
| 5/26/15 | 11/100ML | 30 MPN/100ML |
| 6/9/15 | 11/100ML | 110 MPN/100ML |
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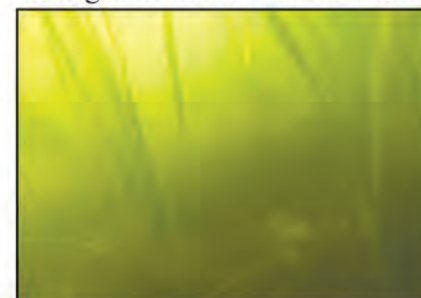


OUR LAKE

We are continuing our bi-monthly chlorine treatment of the swim beach. Please note that we will be closing the swim area at 4:30pm on these dates. 7/28, 8/11 & 8/25.



We have planted another 1,000 plants of Vallisneria Americana throughout the marina this time.



We are also seeing a lot of Milfoil and some curly leaf plant growth throughout the lake.





June 27, 2015 marked 10 Successful years of hosting the Family Festival and Firework Show. It was a fun day filled with lots of activities. The Family Festival kicked off at 11am at Meadowlark Park and the crowd stayed steady until 3pm. There were 10 different activities that ranged from bounce houses, water slides, mazes, rock wall, mini golf and were accompanied by the very popular BMX Show and Magic Show. There were several food and merchandise vendors who offered some great products to all who came out. We heard great things from all who came out and took part in the day.

Everyone then transitioned over to the beach area for the Firework show which always leaves people talking about its greatness for many days to follow.

Thank you to everyone who participated and to all those who pitched in and made the day possible.





ATTENTION ALL SVL VETERANS

The SVL Veterans Club was approved at the Tuesday, June 23, Board of Directors meeting, making it an official SVL Club!

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building in room CB3.

Additional info can be found on Facebook. Search for the 'SVL Veterans Club' or type in the following:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/SVLVeterans>
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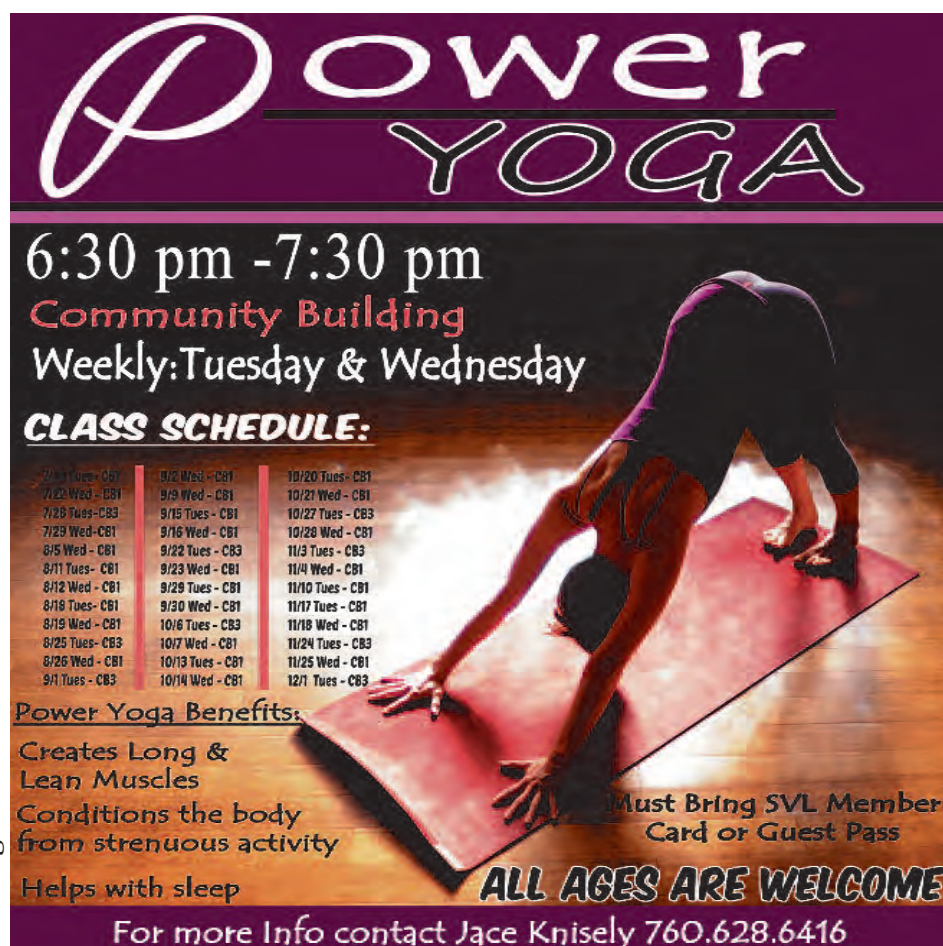
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| 7/20 Tues - CB1 | 9/16 Wed - CB1 | 10/27 Tues - CB3 |
| 7/20 Tues - CB3 | 9/22 Tues - CB3 | 10/28 Wed - CB1 |
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Cub Scouts Pack 26 headed out to the SVL beach early Sunday morning, June 28. They had their plastic bags ready to go and began picking up trash piece by piece.

They were able to clean up the entire area, leaving it clear of all trash and debris from the firework show that took place the night before.

Thank you for your contribution to the community and for playing a role in keeping SVL a beautiful place to live.



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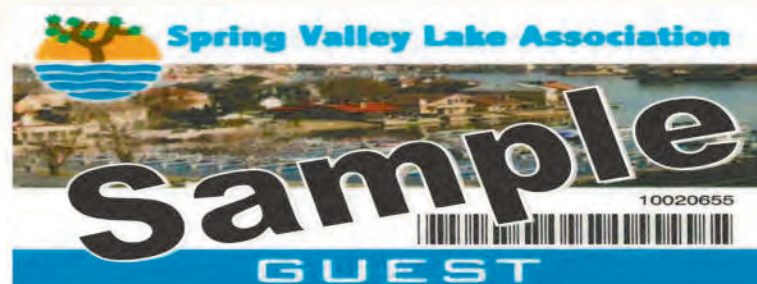
New Guest Passes

As many of you already know.... We have updated our membership card system and all property owners have been issued new guest passes. Each property owner will be receiving a new set of 4 guest passes, per property, through U.S. Mail.

As the letter states, these new passes replace any guest passes you have been issued in the past. All old passes should be discarded immediately and are no longer valid. Your photo membership cards are not affected by this update and therefore are still valid. Do not discard your photo member card.

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PAUL BEAM Director

We hope everyone enjoyed the spectacular fireworks this year. It seems that a good time was had by one and all.



Summer has come in with some high temperatures this year, and everyone is doing their best to stay cool. The hottest months are still ahead of us, so this may prove to be one HOT summer. If you install a temporary swamp cooler or a window mounted air conditioner, please remember to submit an Architectural Project application for them. It only takes a few minutes to fill one out and get it to Ashely Yates in the Association office.

We have noticed a lot of dead trees in the community. The gardeners are saying some of the trees are infected with some kind of a beetle. The little critter bores a perfectly round hole to enter the tree bark,



and then eats the inside of the tree. This leaves the tree hollow on the inside. If you see your tree is dying, check the bark for round holes.

If you need to take down a dead tree or bush, don't forget to turn in an Architectural Project application for them.

Per CSA 64 Water Company, we can now only water two times a week. Many of the residents are going to Desert Landscaping to help conserve on water. You might call the water company and see if they still have funds for the Cash for Grass program.

During this draught period, we are not writing for brown, yellow, or dead lawns. We are writing for other landscaping issues, and hope you kept your yards weed free, mowed, and free of various debris.

As we drive around, we are noticing that many of you are leaving your trash cans on the street or in plain view. Please move these containers behind your gates, into the garage, or to a location that is not visible from the street. This may seem like a petty issue, but when it is happening all over the community, it then does become a problem. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. 💎



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Concert at the Beach

Friday night, June 12th, 2015, was a very exciting evening for Spring Valley Lake members. It marked the first concert at the beach after several years of not being able to hold them. A lot of work and preparation went into making this a great night and a great way to bring this event back to the community. The odds were in our favor except for one thing, the weather. The evening started out great with a large number of people setting up post with their lawn chairs and blankets. There were 3 different vendors who came out to provide their delicious goods and merchandise. The Rob Staley Band got up on stage and began yet another wonderful performance for Spring Valley Lake and then it began... At approximately 7:15pm we began to feel rain drops falling one by one and then they rapidly began to fall heavily. The band quickly covered their equipment and took a break to see if the rain would pass quickly. Unfortunately the weather forecast caused for an interruption in the evening and ultimately led to the night coming to an end early. Apart from the weather it was a great evening. We are looking forward to doing more concerts at the beach in the future and we will keep our fingers crossed for no more surprises in the weather.



Planning Committee

by Jeri Lawrence

The Planning Committee has its (maximum) of seven (7) members. We have a fine slate of volunteers who care about SVL, the amenities and improving our home values by updating those amenities. As of now, our concentration is on Meadowlark Park at the Community Center. At the last Board Meeting, our Board liaison, Rob McCoy, suggested we get ideas from the SVL members as to the changes and updates "they" would like to see. I have already received several ideas from members; plus, Board Director, Amy Stanton,

has offered to design a "Survey Monkey" for those ideas. Look for more information on that survey and take advantage of having your thoughts be a possibility. A big "thanks" to board Director, Steve Garcia for his suggestion to do a survey. It's exciting to see so many Directors getting excited about the much needed updates to our amenities. The community will be apprised of changes and updates as we go along. Of course this project will happen in phases as funds allow. Stand by.

A Message From Your Water Agency

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Water and Sanitation Division



"It is hard to imagine that in 3 short years the state of California went from the drought being declared over, to 93% of the state being in severe to extreme drought conditions. To recover from this, all Californians will need to do more than hope that an El Nino winter will save us. Together, we are going to have to comply with the Governor's historic mandated statewide 25% water reduction order. Water agencies across the state are having to reduce water use by 8% to 36%; with Spring Valley Lake required to reduce water use by 32% by February 2016. In San Bernardino County, water conservation is a way of life, but in order to meet the state mandate we are going to have to do even more. Remember, every drop counts!

-Jeffrey Rigney, Director

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Spring Valley Lake Association Semi-Annual Membership Meeting Presentation of 2015-2016 Budget

Community Building
12975 Rolling Ridge Drive
Saturday, August 22, 2015
10:00 A.M.

Notice of Meeting: The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Spring Valley Lake Association is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the Community Building, 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive, Spring Valley Lake, CA 92395. The recording of any SVLA meeting without prior written consent of the SVLA Board and verbal consent of all those in attendance at the meeting is prohibited.

A. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

B. Homeowners Open Forum - Speakers must be Members or Associate Members

During Homeowners open forum, each owner may address the board for up to three minutes. A director or manager may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Speakers must observe rules of decorum and not engage in obscene gestures, shouting, profanity or other disruptive behavior. If a speaker is in the middle of a sentence when time is called, he/she may finish their thought before sitting down. The time guidelines ensure that others will have an opportunity to speak. Speakers may not allot their time to others. All persons must follow the Meeting Rules. You must state your name and address.

C. Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Staff Budget Recommendation for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 will be presented to the Board of Directors by Glenn Grabiec, General Manager

D. Discussion

E. Adjourn



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The June club Golf Tournament proved to be very competitive, but only because of the hot, hot temperature of the day. The saving mercy game, a Scramble, kept the teams going to the end. The team of Tom and Jo Anne Eide, Marilyn Smith and Joe Mannella, combined handicap of 31, took first place with a net of 41. A close second was the team of Eileen Bender, Joannie Bender, Laurie Marronie and Joyce Bryant; boasting a 25 handicap and winning with a 42 net. In third place with a 22 handicap and winning with a 47 net was the team of Bob, Judy & Joe Eaton and Jean Devine. A contest of closest to the pin on hole #18 at 3'-11/2" was won by Judy Eaton. Congratulations to all the winners. Paul Berger did a fine job, once again, of chairing this tournament. After the game we enjoyed pizza and beer in the (newly updated) Community Center. Winners of cash drawings abounded and were only matched by the fun

Story by Jeri Lawrence
and laughter of our members.

As the upgrades to the Community Building and grounds go forward, you most likely noticed the honorary plaque for Coy Turner is not in its usual place. Also, the tree in his honor has been removed. The tree roots were causing problems with the building foundation and had to be taken down. But the plaque will be replaced, with the blessing of his family, at Fishing Area nine (9). Coy Turner was very active in the past years in the Fishing Club, as well as an active member and volunteer in Spring Valley Lake. The plaque will be well suited in its new location.

Besides our scheduled July Bingo and Ice Cream Social, we will attend the local Maverick's game on July 16th. The cost to join the SVL Social & Fishing Club is very minimal and there are plenty of planned functions throughout the year. To join, call Carol Grace, 760 243-8014. We have fishing derbys the first Monday of each month. With the year round (club) fishing rules in place, winners happen! ♦



We've Been Cut Off!

by Rick Danzey, KK6AIZ



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Summer 2015 Kick Off

Our 4th Annual Summer Kick Off took place on Saturday June 6, 2015. The weather was beautiful with blue skies and lots of sun. We had over 10 teams participate in the sand castle building contest and the judges were very impressed with the building that took place. Tug a war was not only a big hit among the little ones, but with the adults as well. We had a large turnout of participants for both age groups. Finally the Obstacle Course was the grand finale of the day and we had approximately 40 children take place in the activity and they all were well out of breath at the end of the course. There was a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winner for both the sand castle contests and the obstacle course.

While all these activities were taking place, many were taking advantage of the delicious BBQ that was being cooked up at East Beach, which consisted of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, soda and beer.

It was a great day to have some fun in the sun and we thank all those who came out and joined us. We hope to see you all at the remainder of the summer activities.





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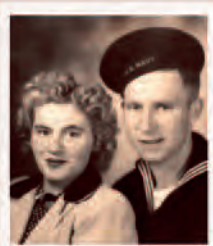
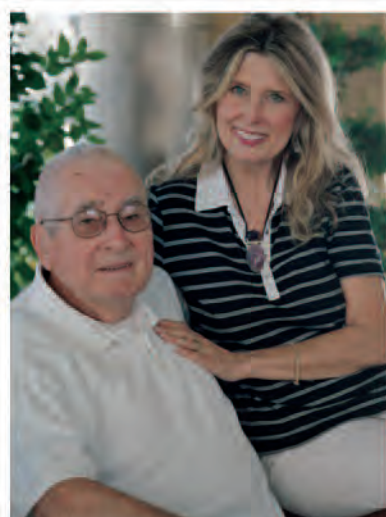
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Lark at the Lake

by Joy Ohler



Dreaming of those lazy, hazy days of summer? The boys of summer could teach us all a thing or two about gardening. Did you know one time Met's bull pen coach, back in the day, was Joe Pignatano?



Joe noticed a small tomato plant growing way out beyond right field and, when the Mets won the World Series that year, Joe, with a little help from his friends, established a bull pen tomato garden. One of Major League Baseball's official historians says the first known ballpark vegetable patch took root in 1969 at Shea Stadium, the since demolished home of the New York Mets. I suppose this historian was making reference to Pignatano's green thumb.

The Mets were in the gardening business, but they were not the only baseball team to grow tomatoes in foul territory! The Cardinals, Giants, and the Orioles have the most closely guarded vegetable patches, but even those can't compare with the 'AT&T Park' garden.

Anyway back to our own Spring Valley Lake 'ball diamonds' Our neighborhood gardeners, baseball diamonds and lake fishers all benefit when we remember that a healthy living can't possibly be separated from the quality of our community planning ideas, so let's think rain once again everyone, and end the drought!

And finally a humorous study I have giggled over, written by Bonnie L. Grant, and shared freely with all media outlets is how "dirt can make you happy". Listen to this: "Prozac may not be the only way to get rid of your serious blues. Soil microbes have been found to have similar effects on the brain and are without side effects and chemical dependency potential. Learn how to harness the natural antidepressant in soil and make yourself happier and healthier....Most avid gardeners will tell you that their landscape is their "happy place" and the actual physical act of gardening is a stress reducer and mood lifter. The fact that there is some science behind it adds additional credibilityThe presence of a soil bacteria antidepressant is not a surprise to many of us who have experienced the phenomenon ourselves. Backing it up with science is fascinating, but not shocking, to the happy gardener." So this is Joy, joyfully recycling bath and dish water into her blue Weber agave. Thoughts of a Sweeeet natural high.

COMMUNITY events

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|------|--|--------|-------|
| 7/21 | Equestrian Estates Committee | 6pm | EECH1 |
| 7/23 | Architectural Committee | 3pm | CB4 |
| 7/27 | BOD Executive Session | 6pm | CB4 |
| 7/28 | BOD Open Meeting | 6pm | CB1 |
| 8/4 | Citation Committee | 5:30pm | CB4 |
| 8/12 | Lake Committee | 10am | CB3 |
| 8/13 | Architectural Committee | 3pm | CB4 |
| 8/15 | Luau Dinner Dance Reservations Required | 5:30pm | CB1 |
| 8/22 | BOD Budget Meeting | 10am | CB1 |
| 8/24 | BOD Executive Session | 6pm | CB4 |
| 8/25 | BOD Open Meeting | 6pm | CB1 |
| 8/27 | Architectural Committee | 3pm | CB4 |

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS
CLOSED MONDAYS
OPEN TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
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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 | Ilene Bandringa | 2nd & 4th Thurs. | 3pm CB4 |
| Community Plan Committee | TBD | 3rd Thurs | 6:30pm CB4 |
| Budget Review Committee | TBD | Meetings vary | |

SVL Clubs

| CLUBS | FACILITATOR+ 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-3rd TH, 10am-12pm CB1 | Lisa Verhagen 760-243-2128, thecoffeebreak@earthlink.net |
| Veterans Club - 3rd T, 7-8:30pm, CB3 | Robert Read 760-961-6870 |
| Cub Scout Pak 26 , 2nd, 3rd 4th M, 6pm, CB1 | Britt Imes 760-900-3897 |
| Scouts Venture Crew 257, TH 5:30pm, CB3 | Casey Hillers 760-780-7828, caseyhillers@gmail.com |
| Boy Scouts Troop 2226, 2nd, 3rd 4th M, 6pm, CB3 | C.J. Cook 760-887-6200 |
| 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 |
| Power Yoga | T/W | 6:30pm-7:30pm | CB3 or CB1 | Jace Knisely 760-628-6416 |
| 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 |
| WB | West Beach, 13230 Country Club Drive |
| EB | East Beach, 13244 Country Club Drive |

Boat Test for Vessel Operator's Permit occurs Daily at 9am in CB4

SVL TRIPLE CROWN WINNER



Vickie Cohen wins the 2015 Trophy for Club Champion at Spring Valley Lake Women's Golf Club for the third year in a row.

RETIRING YOUR HONORED AMERICAN FLAG

By Jeri Lawrence



The American Flag is flown to show allegiance, honor, love of country and pride in service to our country and to those who gave of themselves for the freedoms we cherish in America. Flying a tattered or worn flag proves all of these observances, but at the same time we should respectfully retire those flags and replace them with new and bright colors of pride. Not sure how to proceed after replacing this symbol of freedom? There

is a code of honor in place when retiring an American Flag. The United States Flag Code (4 USC Sec 8 Para (k) Amended 7 July 1976) states: "The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

While it is not advisable that you build a fire on your property, you can none the less follow the appropriate guidelines by contacting the Spring Valley Lake Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts pack leaders. The Spring Valley Lake Scouts of fine young boys have previously performed this "ceremony of dignity" right here in SVL. This ceremony is a huge part of the scout's honored service to communities. While there may be other fine groups (VFW,

(Retiring Your Honored American Flag cont.)

etc.) you could contact to perform a Flag retirement program; why not keep it local and send an email off to the current leaders Brit Imes, hdpack26@aol.com and CJ Cook, svlatroop2226@aol.com. or contact the SVLA office (760 245-9756).

We have their consent to contact them and make arrangements. You might be advised to

"donate" your worn flag to the troop until they have a few flags to retire. If a lot of requests are received, perhaps "a day of Flag retirement" for the community can be submitted to the Association staff for calendar approval. Either way, please do retire your tattered flag with the utmost respect when flying your new "red, white and blue" love of loyalty.

A CENTURY OF AMAZING

By Jeri Lawrence



We are seeing a number of the Agave Americana this year in the High Desert. The plant is also known as the Century Plant. The one pictured here is boasting its colors and can be seen from the number 10 Green Tees on the golf course here in Spring Valley Lake. Others have been spotted growing on the college grounds. The life of the flower blooms are not specific, so enjoy them while they last. The name

"century plant" was branded because the blooms happen every 20 to 30 years and only once in that plants lifetime. The stalks growing from the center of a genus agave plant can be as tall as 10 or even 25 feet. The blooms will die and fall away but will leave "offsets" for future growth. The Century Plant was a source of soap, food, weapons and medicine for Native Americans. The plant is an ornamental here in Southern California, but in Mexico, the plant is used commercially as a source to produce the liquors tequila, pulque and mescal.

Numerous bees were seen on and around this plant on the golf course. Being kept at a distance, you could still see the inner beauty of the blooms. The amazing colors of yellows, oranges, reds and maroons made up the blooms while the stalk was a deep brown with hues of purple all coming out of a silver green base. Beautiful!



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