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I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful weather we had in February. However, don't bet the farm that SVLA before final Board consid-Mother Nature still doesn't have a few tricks up her sleeve. I know many of you still remember the snow storm we had on Easter back in 1995.

You will be receiving your ballots in the mail near the end of March for the Board of Directors election. Our election will be conducted by an independent third-party called The Inspectors of Elections (TIE); so please keep an eye out for their envelope containing the election material and ballots. SVLA spends over \$10,000 of your assessments every year to conduct our election, and if we don't receive at least 25% of the ballots back to meet our quorum requirement, we get to do it all over again for another \$10,000+. Please vote the first time!

The Community Task Force recommendations were accepted by the Board last month to begin the evaluation and assessment phase of the project. The CTF proposed three Rules & Regulations changes to help combat the long-term impact of poor SVL landlords and to control excessive "absentee" landlord and investor issues in SVL. The recommendations will

be evaluated by the Board and staff to assess the overall impact to eration.

I occasionally hear comments from members about amenities they would like to see improved or changed. The process to make this happen is our annual budget process; and as we get closer to starting the process around July, I'd like to ask all members to start thinking about what capital improvement projects you would like to see included in the upcoming budget. The board would like to continue our on-going capital improvement program with projects that help improve our common areas and amenities or improve our overall quality of life. Unfortunately, the cost of all the projects we consider every year is always greater than our limited budget allows, but we want to have a list of candidate projects ready as we move into the budget process later this summer. You can provide your comments directly to the Board at board@svla.com, to our GM, or during the public comment portion of our board meetings.

As a reminder that the process really does work, listed below are some recent examples of Capital Improvement or Reserve projects

by your assessments.

- New bathroom facility at Fishing Area #8 (2015)
- Bear Valley Rd Spring Valley Parkway Road Rehab Project (2015)
- · Community Building Improvements (2015)
- · Remodel of three additional Fishing Areas (2015)

- approved by the Board and funded Parkway median project (2014-15)
  - Fishing area #6 remodel (2014)
  - · Video camera surveillance system (2013)
  - · New playground equipment and sun shade for Meadowlark Park (2015)
  - · New railing for Equestrian arena (2015)

The March Board meeting will be at 6PM, on March 24, and will be the last one before the Board election, so I invite you to attend and help me say thanks and farewell to the three Board members who are completing their current terms - Ilene Bandringa, Kenny Martell, and Jonathon Tasker.



**Hene Bandringa** 



Kenneth Martell



Jonathan Tasker

### February 2015 Board Meeting Summary

- Accepted Dec 2014 and January 2015 Financial Report
- Accepted Community Task Force recommendation for evaluation
- Approved BAI for new Maintenance truck and lift trailer
- Approved BAI Community Building upgrade project
- Approved BAI for EE Barn-aisle mats
- Approved Resolution to establish Election "Date of Record" as March 20, 2015
- Approved Resolution to Vote Association Properties for quorum-only purposes
- Tabled BAI for EE storage facility



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### DIANA J. CARLONI

SPRING VALLEY LAKE PROPERTY OWNER \*

14390 Civic Drive, Suite B, Victorville, CA 92392 - owner of residence on Meteor Drive, SVL

March 4, 2015

Dear Spring Valley Lake Property Owners:

Yes, it is election time again! The season when all sorts of promises are made to raise our hopes of a better community. But are we really getting the results from the individuals for which we voted in the past? Is it time to refresh the Board Team? Do we need a blend of new thinking and knowledgeable members to move forward? I believe the answer is a resounding YES!!

### THERE ARE THREE SEATS UP FOR ELECTION.\*\*\* \*\*\*I URGE YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE FOR: \*\*\*

### JON TASKER, ATTORNEY

With Leadership Knowledge and Skills and whose History on the Board has demonstrated his support for the Residents.

### LISA VERHAGEN, RETIRED

An Organization Leader, Chief Negotiator and Founder of the Community Oriented Spring Valley Lake Citizens Group with over 900 followers on Facebook

### **JOHN SMITH**

Veteran, CEO of a Human Resource Company, dedicated to community service, actively advocating for better community amenities.

It's time to focus on the community. The community is not the sticks and bricks, the islands on the parkway or a new office building. It's the people who make the community. It's the people who deserve the benefit of their dues. Elect someone who will listen, who will respond, who has leadership skills, who will hold management accountable and who will selflessly, do what is best for the Spring Valley Lake Community.

Vote Tasker, Verhagen and Smith for SVLA Board of Directors.
Let's put UNITY back in the Community!!

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that the writer of this letter is a licensed attorney, but is communicating to her fellow Property Owners as a private property owner and SVLA association member, ONLY. This is NOT a legal solicitation.



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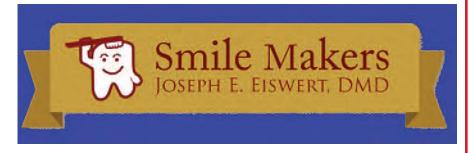
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### GLENN GRABIEC General Manager

Every so often, I am asked how our community compares to other similar communities with regard to amenities versus assessments. In October of 2013, I asked Anna Veloz, here in our office, to work on a comparison of homeowner's asso-

ciations similar or in close proximity to ours. In the comparison, we listed the types of amenities and the cost of monthly assessments. The comparison showed that Spring Valley Lake has far more amenities than other associations at a much

lower monthly assessment.

For my article this month, I thought you might be interested to see an update to this chart. I asked Anna to update the comparison we did in 2013 to see how we compare to the same associations. As

you can see by the attached chart, we are still in a favorable position with more amenities than most at a reasonable assessment. It is interesting that some associations have little to no amenities yet they still pay assessments:

### Similar HOA Amenity Comparison with SVLA

Homeowner Associations	Monthly Assess Dues \$\$	Security	Lake	Vessel Slips	Fishing	Club house(s)	Rec. Classes	Park(s)	Equestrian Center	Vessel Reg	Basketball Court(s)	Beach	Onsite Staff
Victorville Lake View Ridge Victorville, CA	\$36												
Palm Valley Goodyear, AZ	\$60												
East Lake Village Community Assoc. Yorba Linda, CA	\$70	Incl.*	15 Acres	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.		Add. Fee	Incl.		Incl.
Mountain View Homes Hesperia, CA	\$70	Incl.*									1/2 court		
Jess Ranch Apple Valley, CA	\$110	Incl.*			public	Incl.							
Sunnymead Ranch Moreno Valley, CA	\$108	Incl.*	Size unknown		Incl.	Incl.		Incl.		Add. Fee	Incl.		Incl.
East Highlands Ranch Highland, CA	\$110	Incl.*	Size unknown		Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.			Incl.		Incl.
Silver Lakes Association Helendale, CA	\$171	7.5	125 Acres 160 Acres		Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Add. Fee	Add. Fee	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.
Del Webb Sun City Apple Valley, CA	\$184	Incl.				Incl.	Incl.						
Harbor Ridge Newport Beach, CA	\$260	Incl.											
Canyon Lake POA Canyon Lake, CA	\$248	Incl.	383 Acres	Add. Fee	Incl.	Incl.	Add Fee	Incl.	Add. Fee	Add. Fee	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.
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### PROJECTS AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### **Center Median Upgrade Project**



#### The Center Median

We have just finished up over 500 drip system emitters and planted over 500 plants. LED lights will be going in next, followed by the decomposed granite ground cover. The lights poles are still intact and will remain until we have the LED lighting operational; then they will be removed.







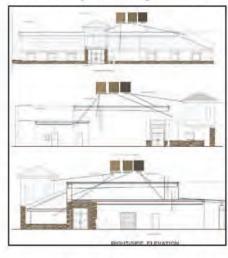
### **Projects up for Bid**

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 this month which will include stone veneer, exterior paint, new flooring, new window coverings, and new interior glass doors. We will be working closely with SVL clubs and events to limit the amount of downtime.

#### Maintenance SVLA

The projects listed are just a few of the projects we have going on. Along with these projects, our normal 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**

#### Fish stocking

As temperatures climb and our lake water warms, we have moved our last trout stocking for this year up to March 16, 2015. So by the time you read this article, the last 1,000lbs of trout for this season will have been planted. We planted a total of 6,000lbs of trout this season. To increase our low level ecosystem in our lake, we have also planted 5,000 pieces each of Minnows and Shiners this month.

We have also scheduled plantings of 2,000 each of Blue Gill, Redear and Crappie. These fish will be ready to spawn as we enter spawning season. On order are the first batch of Jungle Val plants that we have been planting in our lake for the past 2 years, trying to establish good lake bottom vegetation.



You may notice that buoy maintenance is still ongoing. We have also poured another 80 feet of concrete coving to protect the east beach in front of the seawall. These are just a few of the maintenance items we have currently scheduled.

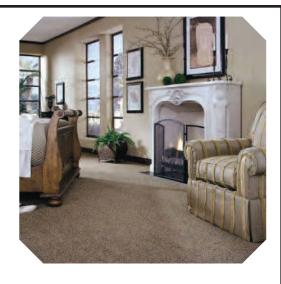




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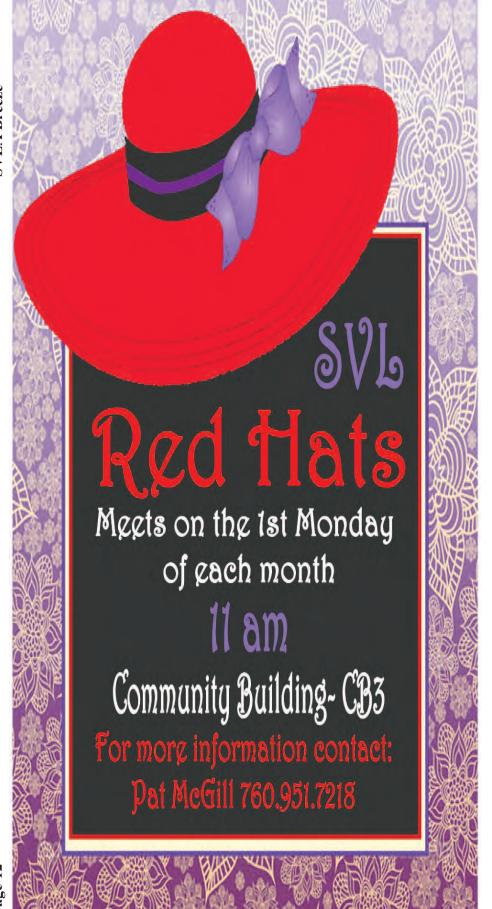
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### ALFRED LOGAN, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

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- Lake are governed by San Bernardino County and codes are enforced by the California Highway Patrol. (Lake side)
- which are available to everyone. This means that someone can park their vehicle in front of your house

without being in violation (as long as they are parked legally and not obstructing traffic).

- · However, there is a 72 hour rule that vehicles must abide by. · The streets of Spring Valley They may only be parked in one location for up to 72 hours.
- · If you notice any vehicle that has been parked for more than 72 hours, please contact the Califor-· The streets are public roads nia Highway Patrol (760-255-8750). SVLA Public Safety does not possess the authority to enforce such public regulations.

### 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 Adrian Vindas



I wanted a job where I could use both my body and my mind at the same time. Also, a job where I can people, help and make a difference in my

community; That's when I started here, on December 15, 2013, with the Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department. I have been an Officer for the Department for about a year and 2 months now. I get to talk to nice people and make

a difference a day at a time. My responsibilities now have taken me to different places and I have achieved so much and learned a lot from the little time that I've been here. My assignments are vehicle/golf cart cleanliness, yard sale compliance and vessel inspections for invasive mussel protection. I enjoy spending time with family, playing drums and staying fit. If you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hello, you can best reach me at my email at avindas@svla.com or the Public Safety Department at (760)245-6400.

### Meet the Team cont.

Dispatcher Christopher Quintero



Hello my name is Christopher Quintero, I am Dispatcher for Spring Valley Lake Public Safety. I have been a part of the Public Safety team

for about four months now, I really enjoy helping the community and talking to all of the residents. In my line of duty, when a resident calls or walks into the Public Safety office at the Community Building, I am the person that will help you. I will be the one that will decide the best route to help you. whether it requires a Public Safety

Officer to go to a location, if information needs to be emailed to Code Enforcement, transferred to the Association Office, or transferred to the Sheriff Department. During my off time I enjoy barbecuing, fishing, going to the gym and spending quality time with my family. I am going to college part time to obtain my Business Management degree in order to be an efficient leader in the work place. If you have any questions on what my job entails please feel free to call me at (760-245-6400) or send me an email at CQuintero@svla. com, I will return you call or email in a timely manner. Thank you for your time, have a wonderful day.

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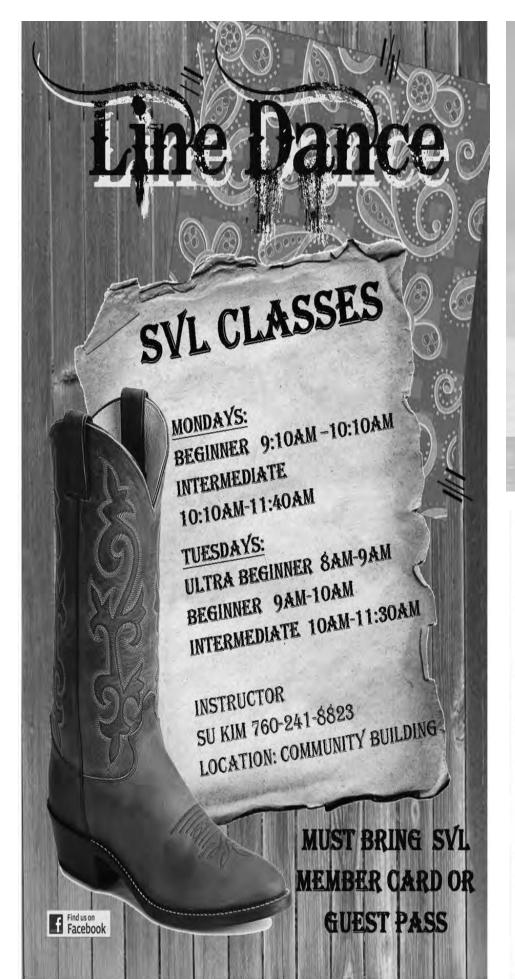


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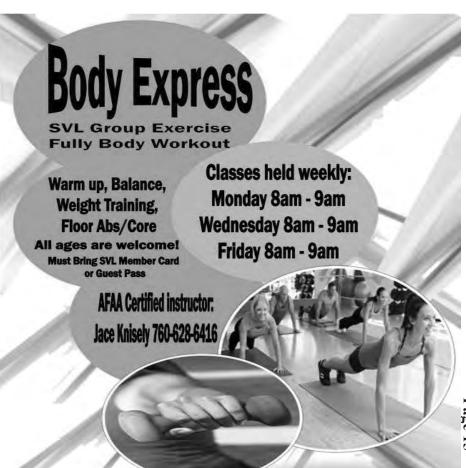
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# Lark at the Lake by Joy Ohler



### **HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS**

A measure of success, and perhaps its best measure, is one which consistently weighs, our relationship to the many forms of Truth presented.

Spring Valley Lake's brighter future is ahead. As we will elect three reliable director candidates soon, the perception in our community about concern with agendas that are a reflection of resident wishes is well placed, and a sense of well-being is gained through the open election process. With elections at hand, our community can all too often give precedence to personalities over an honest, balanced assessment of the candidates' qualifications and the issues.

Some people have found that a quiet thoughtfulness, or prayer, can help us see beyond petty politics, to the presence of prin-

cipled government. This in turn can help bring into focus for evervone what really matters in our communities. The importance of candidates who state their claims for the future of our neighborhood is of paramount importance. So whether you are disillusioned or enthused, upset or delighted about elections-or about government in general-whether or not, guess what...we still need your vote based on an understanding of principled government, as it relates to greater harmony in the community. Your vote can get us beyond the focus on personality, spin, and divisiveness.

Word of inspiration to the candidates: Generically speaking, man takes not this honor unto oneself, but is one that is called of that greater governing principle beyond self.



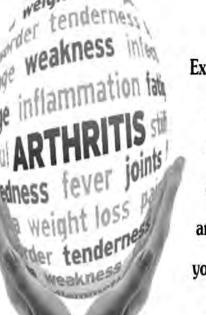
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Our club is growing. Welcome Donna Canary and Catherine Haney. All our functions take place right here in Spring Valley Lake which equals fun without leaving the community. Bingo was very well attended in February with a few promising memberships there.

For the April Pot Luck Dinner, the Executive Director for the Victor Valley Transit Authority, Kevin Kane, will present a Power Point on the Victor Valley Transit Author-

ity current and future plans. Even if you have not nor plan to utilize the mass transit system, being informed of all ventures in the High Desert from viable sources, is good for all of us.

call Carol Grace at 243-8014 and get all the information you will need. The membership fee is \$25.00 per year per household. We party, play golf, eat, play Bingo, share movies and yes, we fish.

The Social & Fishing Club supports the idea of "catch and release" for the Bass in our lake during the next few weeks. The Bass are in the first stages of spawning, and because these fish types are

not stocked in our lake, leaving them in the lake will assure they continue to thrive for years to come. Catch and release requires a special hook that does not have "barbs" on it. Bass are fun to snag, but be sporting about it through the end of March and a few weeks into April.

The Social & Fishing Club is the longest lasting and boasts the largest member count in SVL. If you would like to join our club, please



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### FEBRUARY PIZZA EVENT GOES WELL

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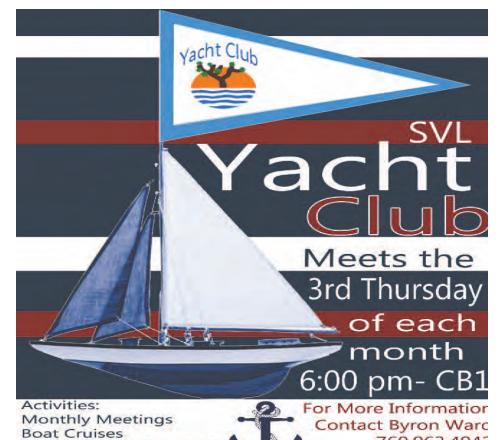


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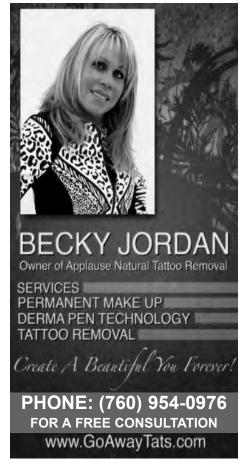
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Code Enforcement deals with these owners all the time and the many issues that concern vacant lots in our community. We need to make sure that the lots are being kept clean and that Weed Abatement is done consistently. There are three major problems with lots:

- 1. Volunteer trees: A few months ago we noticed that "Volunteer Elm" trees were sprouting up in vacant lots, and some were damaging the Lake's coving, fences & walls. We sent the owners a request to remove the trees from their lots. Many have complied, but there are still some lot owners that need to clear their property of any and all trees.
- 2. Dumping: We have noticed that some property owners are using vacant lots next to them to dump bush & three trimmings on. Please be aware that when you do this, you are trespassing on someone

else's property.



3. Illegal Use: Vacant lot owners do not see their lots that often, but we do try to keep them advised of any activity that might occur on their lot. Recently we have noticed that many vacant lots have toys, bike jumps and large holes on them. We do have on file letters from lot owners stating that NO ONE has permission to be on their property. Should any kind of accident occur on the lots, they are responsible. We fully realize that the children have very little to do in our community, and the vacant lots seem so perfect to play on. Parents, we ask that you please direct your children not to play on the vacant lots here. Public Safety will also be asking anyone on vacant lots to please leave. We thank you for all your cooperation with this issue.

On St. Patrick's Day, many will be tasting green beer and pinching those who don't have any green on. If you're still looking for the pot of gold and a stone to kiss, please do all things safely.

Have a great month and we will see you after Easter!!!

~ The Code Enforcement Team

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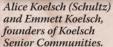
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### **SVL Board of Directors 2015 Election Candidates**

This year's election has 3 open Board of Director seats. There is one incumbent, Jonathan Tasker, joined by four other candidates: Jamie Longwisch, John Smith, Amy Stanton, and Lisa Verhagen. The three seats up for election are currently held by Ilene Bandringa, Kenneth Martell and Jonathan Tasker. Information and ballots will be mailed out in March. Ballots by mail must be returned to The Inspectors of Election (TIE) by April 23, 5:00 p.m. Elections will be held at the Community Building on April 25, 2015.

#### JONATHAN TASKER



I came to the High Desert 38 years ago from Troy, Michigan where I worked in the police department for 10 years. During my time there, I served as President of both police unions, patrolmen and command officers, where I gained experience in employee relations, negotiations and contract resolution.

In 1977, after settling in Apple Valley, I owned and operated eight businesses with many employees until 1994. During this period, I also spent time serving as chairman of the Apple Valley Christian School Board.

Since 2001, I have been practicing law as an attorney in Victorville. My wife and I moved to Spring Valley Lake in 2002. After being appointed to serve on the SVL Board of Directors in October 2011, I was elected to serve a 2 year term in 2013. This experience has been educational,

challenging, and fulfilling.

I believe our pressing issues are public safety, lake preservation, and enforcing our community codes. An additional area of concern relates to our community real estate and landlord/tenant developments.

I believe the members on the Board of Directors should think independently and work collaboratively. As some of you have seen, I have not hesitated, as a Director, to stand up for homeowners' rights. After all, Spring Valley Lake is my home, too.

~ Jonathan T. Tasker

#### JAMIE LONGWISCH



My husband Mike, daughter Mikayla, and I are proud to have called Spring Valley Lake our home since 2008. As the 4th generational family of Spring Valley Lake residents, I spent weekends and summers with my grandparents enjoying the many amenities this unique community has to offer. My grandfather was one of the first few residents who purchased lots and built their dream home on or surrounding the water in Spring Valley Lake. My family and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else in the High Desert.

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development from Azusa Pacific University and am studying Occupational Health to attain a Master's Degree. Although I have worked as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, I mostly take pride and pleasure in volunteer work and believe contributing to our community in this manner is essential. After all, no man or woman is an island. Our community is dependent upon each other to protect its unique values and maintain the very reasons we all choose to live and thrive here.

There has been significant progress made by members of the current board over the years. I would like to continue the achievements we have all benefited from in the areas of public safety, social networking,

communication outreach efforts and the financial health of our association, including increased property values. I bring strong leadership to this board with innovative ideas that will help guide our community toward the technological advances of the future. My ingrained ties to this community and its residents confirm my vested interest in listening to their voice, striving for effective communication and ensuring success in keeping Spring Valley Lake the safest community within the High Desert.

### JOHN D. SMITH



My name is John Smith. My wife, Jennifer, and I have lived in the High Desert for most of our lives. We were presented with the opportunity to move to Spring Valley Lake in 2011. We enjoy the community, love our neighbors and are very happy to be raising our son in such a great

### **SVLA Breeze**

### SVL 2015 Board of Directors Election Candidates (cont.)

place. I served 6 years in the US Air Force Security Forces career field. I deployed in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. We feel the same family atmosphere and sense of community we once knew from our years of living in military family housing.

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them. I intend to draw from this well of knowledge and experience and put them to work for the Spring Valley Lake community.

As the needs of the community change due to development around and within SVL, I will ensure these needs are addressed with our best interests in mind. I will foster esprit de corps with fellow board members and establish mutually beneficial relationships with the surrounding businesses and municipalities. My active duty service in ended in 2004, but I still employ my Air Force core values: Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community.

### **AMY STANTON**



My husband and I selected Spring Valley Lake in 1999 because we envisioned it as being a safe family community. The playground, baseball fields, beach and lake promised healthy outdoor fun for our children. We looked forward to our children being able to walk and bike to their friends' houses. We were also attracted to the beauty of Spring Valley Lake, with its unique, well-kept houses and attractive landscaping. We made the right decision.

I have enjoyed the benefits of living in Spring Valley Lake for over fifteen years and am now ready to give back to our neighborhood with my time and experience. Spring Valley Lake has been able to maintain its reputation for being the Jewel of the Desert through the dedication and hard work of volunteer Board and committee members. I am a firm believer in the value of volunteering and have consistently volunteered for numerous organizations, including schools, library, church and community groups for over thirty years. I have served as an officer of nonprofit organizations for over ten years. Professionally, I have experience as a compliance officer, risk manager, recruiting coordinator, court manager and staff attorney.

Spring Valley Lake is not immune to the economic, social, criminal, and environmental forces of the world around its borders. Our association has been active in protecting the interests of the residents by challenging intrusions from the Nutro plant and Walmart, improving security,

securing water rights, promoting environmentally friendly water use, and proactively identifying and addressing issues before they become serious problems.

As a board member, I commit to work to resolve issues that threaten our community's safety and property values. I commit to listen to your concerns and to communicate through multiple mediums to keep you informed. In addition, I commit to focus on fiscal responsibility with regard to how your assessment money is spent.

I encourage all of you to take the time to cast your vote to allow me to work to maintain and improve the quality of life in our Spring Valley Lake community.

#### LISA VERHAGEN



My other car is a power wheelchair! Hi, I'm Lisa Verhagen. Since becoming an SVL property owner 10+ years ago, I've proven my desire and ability to make a difference in our community. My vision for SVL is for us to become the



place that other communities can only dream of being by *involving* the community.

I believe that, rather than throwing money into projects in the hopes of raising property values, we can raise our property values through community involvement. It's easy to speak of making SVL a better place to live, but what has been done to make that happen? Are there activities for our youth? Do we actively engage and encourage residents to participate in events?

Property owners pay to have a voice in how our community is managed and how our assessment dollars are allocated. Yet, I've sat on committees and in board meetings and listened to our elected officials speak of "beautification", approving large projects, without asking for input from the property owners.

I've served on the CC&R Task Force, the Planning Committee and on the Communications Committee for three years, where I was responsible for much of the content in our monthly newspaper, Shootin' the Breeze. I've worked hard to unite those who call SVL home and helped create community pride by founding The Spring Valley Lake Citizens Group (SVLCG) on Facebook. Our group has accomplished uniting a disjointed community. At over 900 members strong, the SVLCG has been responsible

for everything from returning lost humans to their pets, to assisting the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in solving crimes through real-time reporting. This past December, displaying a true sense of community, our group organized SVL's Caroling Event, the likes of which Spring Valley Lake has never seen!

Change is needed in SVL. It's time to do away with the 'us' versus 'them' mentality and become a cohesive community. We must focus on the needs of the adults and the children that live here. I'd like the opportunity to help make this happen. Please help me accomplish this by supporting me with your vote.

### 2015 Board of Directors flection Calendar

March TBD "Date of Record" for Election

March 18, 2015...... 6:00 p.m. Meet Your Candidates Forum / Community Building

March 23, 2015 Notice of Meeting Mailed Out

April 23, 2015 ...... 5:00 p.m. Ballots by mail returned to TIE P.O. Box by 5:00 p.m.

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3/17	Equestrian Estates Committee	6pm	EECH1
3/18	Meet Your Candidates	6pm	CB1
3/21	Mardi Gras Dinner Dance Reservations Required	5:30pm	CB1
3/23	BOD Executive Session	6pm	CB4
3/24	BOD Open Meeting	6pm	CB1
3/26	Architectural Committee	3pm	CB4
4/4	SVL Easter Egg Hunt	9am	MLP
4/7	Citation Committee	5:30pm	CB4
4/8 Lake Committee		10am	CB3
4/9	Architectural Committee	3pm	CB4
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

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS
CLOSED MONDAYS

OPEN TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK

### **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	3rd Thursday	
Finance 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
Red Hats Club - 1st M, 11-3pm CB3	Patsy McGill 760-951-7218
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**

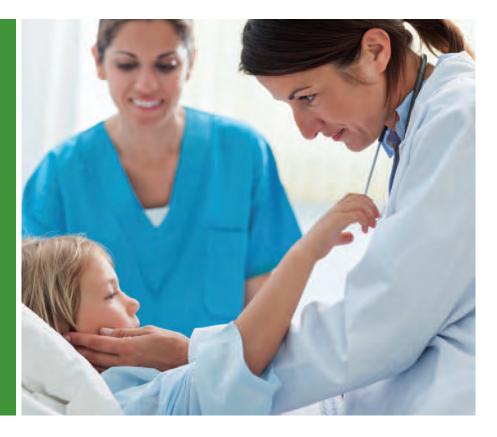
CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	Instructor
Bocceball / Horseshoes	M.W.F	8 - 11am	MLP	Raul Paz 760-245-6311
Group Exercise (Body Express)	M,W,F	8 - 9am	CB1	Jace Knisely 760-628-6416
Archery Club	T	2pm, 3pm, 4pm	PFP	Bob Gierlich 760-243- 6082
Line Dance Beginner/Intermediate.	М	9:10-10:10am 10:10-11:40am	CB1	Su 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	т,тн	8 - 9am	СВЗ	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

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### New Members Welcome Night



We had a great turn out for our first New Members Welcome Night on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Personal invitations were sent to all new SVL Property Owners who have purchased property within the last 6 months. Of those new owners, we received 30 reservations.

The evening was hosted at the Country Club and there were various Hors d' oeuvres served along with cocktail waitresses taking orders for beer and wine.

Our Association General Manager, Glenn Grabiec, gave a presentation covering all the amenities the Association has to offer along with highlighting some of the large projects taking place in the Community.

The SVL Board President, Scott Eckert, highlighted the structure of the Association by talking about the Board of Directors and the Management Team and encouraged new members to attend a Board Meeting.

The Country Club General Manager, Wayne Brouhard, covered the different Membership options and amenities the Club has to offer.

It was a successful evening and each New Member left with many of their questions answered and various handouts and giveaways.

This was the first Welcome Night we have hosted but it is not the last. Our goal is to host a New Members Welcome Night every quarter in an effort to connect and welcome New Members to the Community. Please keep in mind it is open to both new Property Owners and Tenants but invitations will only be sent to Property Owners, as we have no way of tracking Tenants. We encourage Property Owners with Tenants to pass the invite along.

We thank all the New Members who took time out of their evening to join us and we welcome you to the Spring Valley Lake Community.













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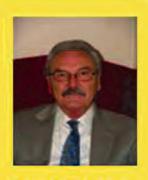




Jamie Longwisch
Graduate Student
Volunteer and
Community Advocate



Amy Stanton
Active Mom &
Community Volunteer
Business and Legal
Experience



Jon Tasker
Current Board
Member
Attorney

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