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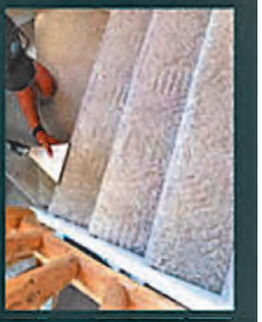

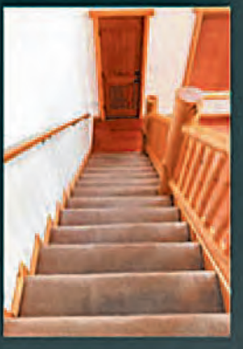

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SVLA BOARD PRESIDENT TIM CRAIG

I briefly touched on this on social media, but I wanted to take a moment to fully reflect on something truly remarkable that happened about a month ago. I was asked by the office staff to stop by and sign some paperwork on behalf of the Association. As I was heading in, I noticed several Public Safety officers gathered on a street corner along Country Club.

When I arrived at the office, I asked if there was something special going on that day, thinking perhaps there was a drill or some event. It turned out that a homeowner on Country Club had heard her doorbell ring, but couldn't get to it immediately. When she later checked her Ring camera, she saw a video of a toddler, around 3-4 years old, who had rung the bell and then wandered off camera. Alarmed, she rushed to the door, but found no trace of the child or anyone else.

She immediately called Public Safety, and within 10 minutes, all on-duty personnel were mobilized to help locate the child. Vicki Fitch, who was in the office with me at the time, joined the search, along with a large number of volunteer homeowners. As I searched my assigned nearby street, I estimated that at least 50 people were out looking for the toddler.

So, why do I describe this as something remarkable? First, it turns out the toddler was never in any real danger—he had wandered out of his garage after a repairman left the door open, but he was never truly alone. Unaware of the situation, the child's mother had taken him back inside and closed the garage, missing the Public Safety officers who were knocking door-to-door in their search.

Here's the remarkable part: Within just 15 minutes, 50 people were out on the street searching for this child. If the situation had required it, I'm confident the number would have grown into the hundreds. How many communities do you know that could mobilize such an effort, coordinated so efficiently by Public Safety and the office staff, in such a short amount of time? As we all know, in cases of missing children, the first few minutes are often the most critical.

Two important points need to be made: First, there was no negligent parenting involved here—just a very understandable misunderstanding. Second, we often focus on what Public Safety can't do, sometimes overlooking the incredible things they can accomplish that even the police might struggle with. While I wish we could guarantee that no catalytic converters would ever be stolen in our neighborhood again, this experience last week gave me a renewed sense of confidence in our community's safety. It also reminded me to appreciate what we have, rather than focus on what we lack.

# Berry Cobbler
Serves 6

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 Pint Strawberries | 1 Tsp. Salt | 1 Cup Sugar |
| 2 Pint Blueberries | 1 Tsp. Baking Powder | 1 Tbsp. Cornstarch |
| 3/4ths Cup Flour | 1 Egg | 1/4 Cup Milk |
| 1/2 Tsp. Vanilla Extract | 6 Tbsp. Melted Butter | |

## INSTRUCTIONS

1.Preheat oven to 375F°. In a bowl combine all berries, 1/3 cup, plus 2 tsp. sugar and cornstarch. Let sit for 10 Minutes

2.In another bowl, mix flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. In a third bowl stir egg, milk, vanilla, and butterAdd dry ingredients and stir well

3.Place six, 6-oz ramekins on the baking sheet. Divide fruit evenlyand top each with a few spoonfuls of batter. Bake 25 to 20 minutes, until tops are golden brown.
Cool 5 minutes; Serve!

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# MONTHLY SUMMARY JULY 2024

- ***Current Cash:***
  - Operating - Heritage $2,534,204.00
  - Operating - Other $289.00
  - Reserves - Investments $2,820,626
  - July interest received Operating - $6,062 & Reserves $7,167

- ***Account Receivable:***
  - $1,052,079.13

- ***loans:***
  - Pacific Western Bank: $3,000,000 for water rights - Current balance $459,371.48. The board approved total loan payments of $1,000,000.00 for the current fiscal year. The minimum monthly payment amount is $23,835.55. An additional principal payment of $59,497.78 a month is being made.

- ***Account Payable:***
  - The association has no accounts payable exceeding 30 days past due.

- ***Reserve Study:***
  - 11/1/23-10/31/24- 43.4% funded

- ***Month to Date Position:***
  - MTD Revenue $765,957
  - MTD Expenses $677,731
  - Net Position Excess (Shortage) $88,226

- ***Fiscal Year to Date Position:***
  - FYTD Revenue $6,122,364
  - FYTD Expenses $4,399,836
  - Net Position Excess (Shortage) $1,722,528

- ***Items To Note:***
  - Citations Paid in April; $7,969.22

- ***Action Items:***
  - Nothing at this time

Thank you, Brian Bickhart, for your dedication to the SVL community. Brian served diligently on the Board of Directors for 5 years; and before that, he volunteered on the Lake committee. Brian has also been an active member of the SVL Yacht Club for many years. Thanks to his willingness to be involved, he has helped our community flourish.

We are thankful for Brian and his years of service and are appreciative for all he has done for us. Thank you, Brian, for all your hard work on the Board of Directors and Committees.

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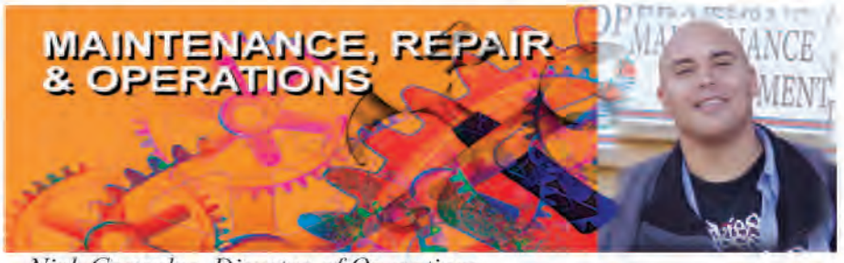


*~ Nick Gonzalez, Director of Operations*

Hello SVLA Residents,

As we welcome August, the final chapter of the summer, we hope you are enjoying the vibrant energy and warm weather here in Spring Valley Lake. This month brings extended daylight and clear skies, offering the perfect opportunity to indulge in outdoor activities, whether it's relaxing by the lake, hiking our scenic trails, or simply soaking up the sunshine.

We encourage everyone to make the most of this beautiful season while staying mindful of hydration and sun protection. Remember to drink plenty of water and apply sunscreen when spending time outdoors.

Our community truly comes alive during this time of year, and we are excited to see you at the various events and gatherings planned to celebrate summer in spring valley lake, keep an eye out for announcements about upcoming activities that promise to make this season unforgettable. SVLA summers are always filled with fun and excitement, ensuring there's never a dull moment. Check out below to see what we've been up to over the past month.

**Beach Area:**
- Replaced damaged trash cans
- Repair clogged drain in restroom
- Cut branches park area
- Irrigation repairs
- Sanitize restrooms and remove trash daily

**Parks:**
- Began xeriscape at Meadowlark Park 2nd phase.
- Continuing Irrigation adjustments Meadowlark park pump station and replumbing.
- Long Acres main line break repaired pressure regulator will need to be added

**Equestrian Center:**
- Continue monitoring rodent control at Long Acres park. Current traps are considered more humane
- Requested EQ Trail clean up
- Irrigation main line leak repair at Long Acres park
- Additional prep time requested

**Fishing Areas:**
- Ventilation to aerators completed. All aerators working correctly
- Thermal paint to the lid aerators completed
- Continuing maintenance on all fishing areas
- Shoreline clean up on Mondays and Fridays

**Buildings:**
- Fire extinguisher inspection
- Repaired electrical issues in Meadowlark Hall (MLH).
- AC mini split inspection Second inspection pending pricing (MLH kitchen and electrical room)
- Irrigation repairs playground area

**Grounds:**
- Irrigation repairs and adjustment on all common areas
- V-Ditches are scheduled bi-weekly for maintenance
- Replaced beach area damaged trash containers
- Beach area tree trimming

**Wells:**
- All wells are active

**Lake Filtration Systems:**
- Cleaning has been put on hold until the plan is approved by County
- Aerator repair completed all functional

**Lake & Marina Dock Maintenance:**
- Bi-Weekly Lake data
- New buoy placement map created
- Buoy adjustments every Monday and Friday
- Buoy adjustments for the entire lake perimeter and main body are conducted once per week
- Beacon lights were repaired and replaced
- Lake debris removal is scheduled for every Monday and Friday
- Installing 5 artificial substrates to monitor quagga and zebra mussels

The Operations Department is always working diligently on maintaining SVLA's stature as well as keeping up on regular training videos to ensure we are delivering the best service possible. If you ever notice a maintenance related issue or concern around the community, please call the Association Office (@760-245-9756) and we will do our due diligence to correct the issue(s) or concerns.

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Happy September! As summer draws to a close, the activity around the lake remains vibrant.

With the season winding down, we're maintaining our commitment to lake care. This month we're continuing our enhanced lake cleaning three times a week and daily clean-ups to keep the waters clear. If you notice any areas with excessive trash or debris, it is always helpful to let us know. We're also intensifying our lake samplings and ongoing Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) monitoring to ensure the safety and well-being of our community as we move into fall.

The LPO permit has finally been approved, and we are currently finalizing the fees.

We have begun to do biweekly inspections on the v-ditches throughout the community. We are hoping to be able to stay on top of these and keep them clear of debris. If you live near a v-ditch and you notice excessive debris, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can address it right away.

Give the office a call or send an email to maintenance@svla.com.

Look to see the most recent lake data that has been gathered.

*(Maintenance, Repair & Operations cont.)*

# Lake Data AUGUST 2024:

| MARINA DOCK | | Transparency | Watercolor | Wind Speed | Wind Direction | Sky | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PH | 8.12 | 16" | olive | | | clear | 8/22/24 | 7:53 am |
| Nitrate | ---------- | DO | 6.91 | 6.84 | 6.84 | 6.70 | | |
| Phos | ---------- | Temperature | 74.3° F | 73.5° F | 73.3° F | 72.8° F | | |
| | | Saturation | 89.6% | 88.3% | 88.0% | 85.7% | | |
| | | | 6" | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |

| Center of Lake | | Transparency | Watercolor | Wind Speed | Wind Direction | Sky | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PH | 8.91 | 16" | olive | | | clear | 8/22/24 | 8:45 am |
| Nitrate | | DO | 7.62 | 7.31 | 7.16 | 6.97 | | |
| Phos | | Temperature | 73.4° F | 73.6° F | 73.6° F | 73.6° F | | |
| | | Saturation | 98.2% | 94.3% | 92.5% | 89.0% | | |
| | | | 6" | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |

| SOUTH END | | Transparency | Watercolor | Wind Speed | Wind Direction | Sky | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PH | 8.88 | 16" | olive | | | clear | 8/22/24 | 9:23 am |
| Nitrate | | DO | 7.67 | 7.50 | 7.15 | 5.25 | | |
| Phos | | Temperature | 74.5 ° F | 74.8 ° F | 74.8° F | 74.6 ° F | | |
| | | Saturation | 99.9% | 98.2% | 93.2% | 92.3% | | |
| | | | 6" | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |

| NORTH END | | Transparency | Watercolor | Wind Speed | Wind Direction | Sky | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PH | 8.66 | 16" | olive | | | clear | 8/22/24 | 8:05am |
| Nitrate | | DO | 7.03 | 6.87 | 6.80 | 6.71 | | |
| Phos | | Temperature | 72.1° F | 72.4° F | 72.4° F | 72.4° F | | |
| | | Saturation | 89.3% | 87.6% | 86.7% | 85.6% | | |
| | | | 6" | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

*Clint Summers, Director of Code Enforcement / Architectural*

Summer is coming to an end. Hopefully, the high temperatures will be ending too; so the community can enjoy our amenities without frying. If your plants or lawn received a little too much sun, you may want to consider submitting an architectural application to get some desert tolerant landscaping. If you are not sure what kind of plants will thrive in our community, our website svla.com has a guide to high desert landscaping that may have useful suggestions to browse. Once you have a plan of what you want to do, create a design detailing your plan and make an appointment through our website to submit it. A code enforcement officer will meet with you and discuss any issues or items that do not conform with our rules to better assist in getting the project through the architectural process.

Our annual inspections are still underway. If there are any issues with your home that are on our checklist, consider addressing them promptly to avoid any notices and for a chance for your home to be highlighted in the breeze. We appreciate the efforts you make to keep your home and our community looking amazing.

The most common violations our officers see are trash cans left out past the allotted time, weeds, and projects started/completed without approval by the Architectural Committee. If a resident has any questions about a courtesy notice or violation, we recommend you call the code enforcement office so an officer may assist you.

The Code Enforcement department also wants to remind residents that decorations can only be put up 30 days before and taken down 30 days after the holiday. Sadly, this means no skeletons or Jack O'Lanterns are allowed to be up this month, but we look forward to seeing what creative things our community comes up with in October.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**Front of Property:**

- Roof
- House Numbers
- Doors
- Windows/Screens
- Gates/ Fence
- Landscape
- Trim
- Stucco/Paint
- Exterior Lighting
- Garage Door
- Driveway
- Unsightly Objects

**Golf Course / Lakefront / EQ / River Walk:**

- Roof
- House Numbers
- Railings
- Gates/Fence
- Deck/Dock
- Unsightly Objects
- Trim
- Stucco/Paint
- Exterior Lighting
- Landscape
- Pool

Below are some homes our Code Team thought looked great and wanted to recognize.

| July Stats | Code Enforcement | Architectural |
|---|---|---|
| *Opened Items | 216 | 43 |
| *Closed Items | 294 | 50 |

*Open items are newly observed items resulting in a courtesy call or courtesy notice. Closed items are open violations that are closed due to being in compliance or the Board ruling on a citation.

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Dear Spring Valley Lake Residents,

As our summer season comes to a close, I'd like to extend my gratitude to the seasonal officers and lifeguards who helped ensure the safety of our community's amenities. This year, we were fortunate to have four seasonal officers who supported our full-time officers by monitoring the amenities and responding to a variety of calls from May through September. They also played a role in helping with the many events we hosted during the summer.

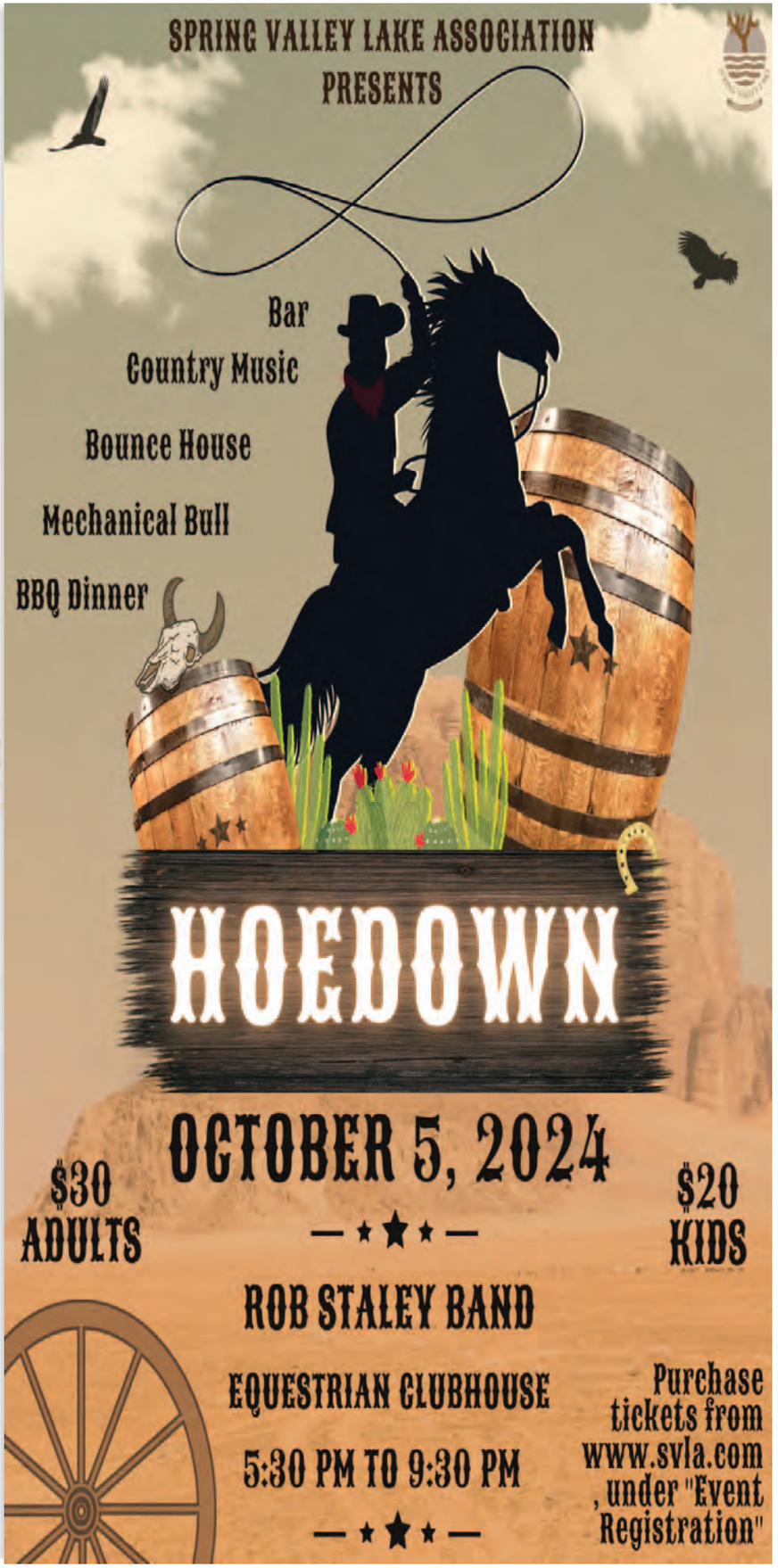
We also had a team of fourteen lifeguards who did a great job overseeing the beach area, ensuring the safety of the children in and around the water. Our lifeguards participate in daily and bi-weekly training sessions to maintain essential lifesaving skills, including first aid and water rescues.

This summer, we introduced wristbands for residents visiting the beach area on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

I'd like to express my appreciation to all the staff for making this season a success.

Please note: Starting September 3rd, the lake will close at 10:00 p.m.

Thank you again for a wonderful season!



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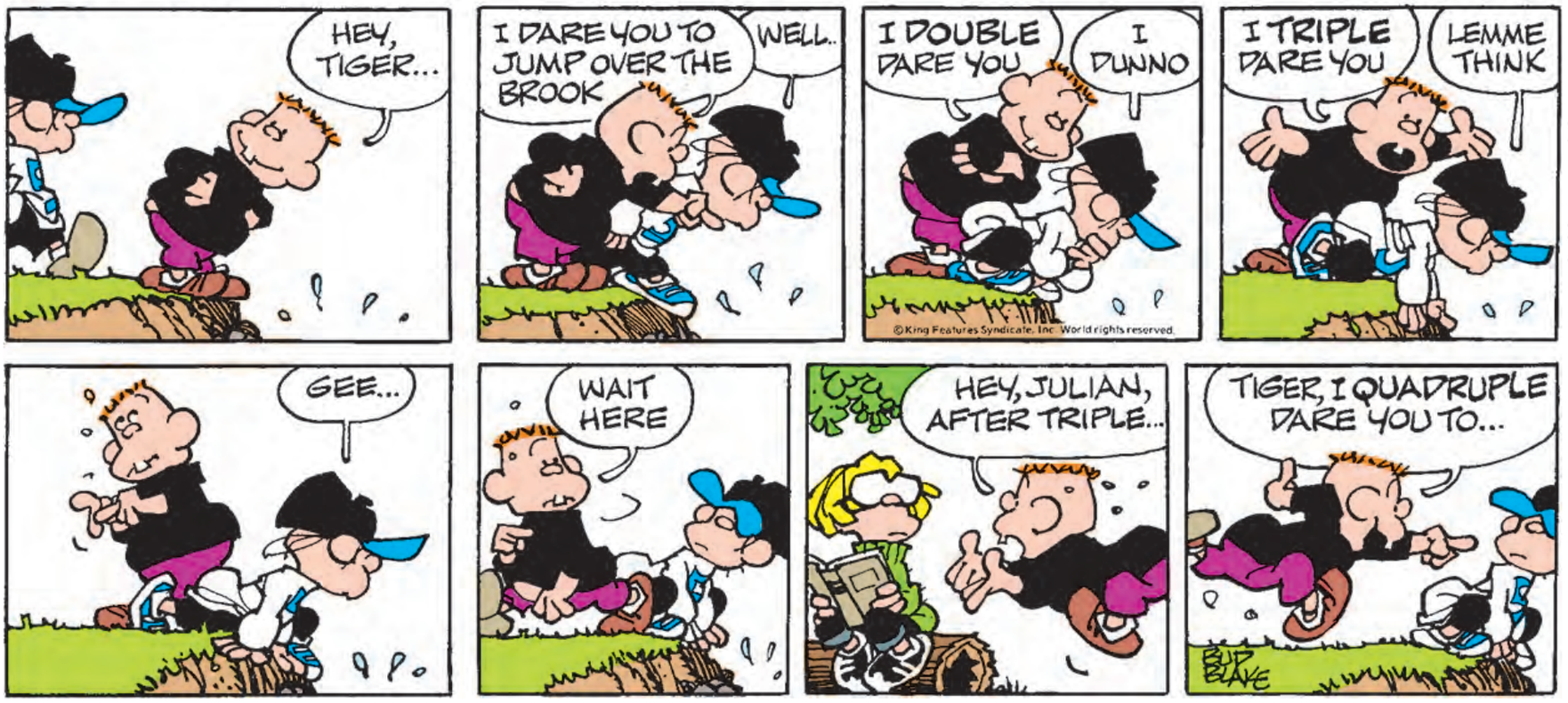

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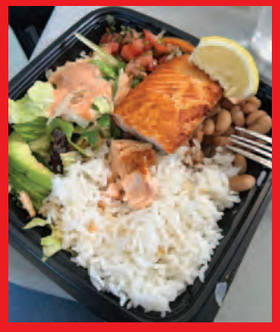

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| Hoedown | October 5 | 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM | EQ Clubhouse |
| Paint Night- Instructor | October 19 | 3:00pm – 5:00pm | EQ Clubhouse |
| Halloween Party | October 26 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | MLH |
| Craft Fair | Nov 9 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | MLH /parking lot |
| Tree Lighting & Parade | December 6 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | CB parking lot |
| Holiday Gala | December 7 | 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM | MLH |
| Breakfast with Santa | Dec 14 | 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM | MLH |

*The Board of Directors meet the 4th Tuesday of each month and on the Monday evenings prior, except during holidays:*
*Next Board meeting:*
*BOD Executive Session - September 23, 2024, 6pm- EQ1*
*BOD Open Session - September 24, 2024, 6pm - MLH*

• Vessel Operator Permit (VOP) online test is available at www.svla.com click on Department tab - Public Safety After testing, contact Public Safety at 760.245.6400 for further instructions on obtaining your VOP

• Vessel Operator's Permit renewals occur daily at 9am and 7pm (See Public Safety Dispatch - Community Center)

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### SVL Committees

| COMMITTEES | COMMITTEE CHAIR | MONTHLY | TIME/LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| Architectural Committee | Randall Dewey | 2nd & 4th Thurs. | 4pm MLH |
| Citation Committee | Bill Walters | 1st & 3rd Tues. | 5:00pm MLH |
| Communications Committee | Daniel Barton | 2nd Tues. | 6:30pm MLH |
| Community Event Committee | Donna Baker | 2nd Tues. | 5:00pm Patio |
| Community Plan Committee | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Equestrian Estates Committee | Ronnie Tait | 3rd Tuesday every other month | 6pm EECH1 |
| Lake Committee - via ZOOM | Ruth Brock | 2nd Wednesday | 6:30pm |

### SVL Clubs

| CLUBS | FACILITATOR+ CONTACT |
|---|---|
| Amateur Radio Club - 3rd T, 7pm Locatin Varies | Doug Iverson N6DJI 909-578-1367 KK6SVL@gmail.com |
| Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Sun, 12pm EQ1 | Leonor Frazier 760-662-9547 |
| Boy Scouts , 1st TH 7pm MLH | Jessica Simpson |
| BUNCO, 2nd M @ 5pm MLH & 3rd Sun @ 1pm MLH | Sandy Harmon 661-510-4543 |
| Yacht Club - 3rd TH, 6-8pm MLH | David Stolfus 760-985-9223 |

### SVL Recreational Classes

| CLASS | DAY | TIME | LOC. | Instructor |
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| Arthritis Exercise | M,W,F | 8 - 9am | MLH | Rhonda Goulden 909-262-7498 |
| Line Dance Beginner to Upper Level | M | 9:00-11:15am | MLH | Su Kim 760-684-3207 |
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### Key for Locations

| Abbreviation | Name/Location of Facility |
|---|---|
| MLH - Meadowlark Hall | Community Center 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Great Room) |
| PR - Palm Room | Community Center 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Small Room) |
| PVR - Parkview Room | Community Center 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 |
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| PFP | Playfair Park (Equestrian Estates) |

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