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## Summer Concerts

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**June 2**  
The Mother Scratchers

**June 16**  
British Beat

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The Regulators

**August 11**  
Rob Staley Band

**September 8**  
B.ok Band

@ West Beach





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LEWIS PONCE

First, I want to say it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on the SVL HOA Board of Directors these past four years. My first two-year term started out with the normal schedule of once-a-month Executive and Open Meetings in which the Board dealt with the typical decisions that an HOA Board has to manage: Issues with Homeowners, contracts, employees, vendors, legal problems, the reserves, and the annual budget. However, when the opportunity/necessity to purchase the SVL Country Club “fell” into our lap (due the combined efforts of Board Member Brian Hurst and the well-known community member Joe Brady) the responsibility of the Board took on a much more serious role. Suffice it to say that the next 3 years were filled with way more Board activity than anyone could have imagined would be necessary. Ultimately, the SVL CC (now Bear Valley CC) was purchased by a company that agreed, in writing, to keep the golf course as a golf course in perpetuity; this was a better-than-expected outcome for our community.

At this point I would like to pay homage to the other Board of Directors that made being on the Board a valuable and gratifying adventure that responsibly protected the value of every Homeowner’s investment. By the way, I purposefully did not mention what impact the Covid-19 Pandemic had on how and when the Board could meet or the decisions that had to be made, taking into account the constraints

this virus imposed on our HOA. At this point, we are all glad to move on from that topic.

JoAnne Romero is a thoughtful, devoted Board member that always had insightful input to offer based on her long history of living in the SVL HOA community since before the streets were even paved and having witnessed, first-hand, the growth and maturation of our little piece of heaven. Her devotion was evident in her consistent attendance and volunteering for subcommittees as well as her service as a board liaison to the Architectural Committee.

Cheri Boyd brought a Human Resources perspective to the Board that was important in helping the entire board understand the nuances and pitfalls that running a business such as an HOA can have on a regular basis. She has also been an active participant in several subcommittees; and her ability to organize and summarize highlights her professionalism.

Bill Scott apparently doesn’t understand that being retired means one can slow down and enjoy life. Instead, he came on the Board and poured his energy, experience, and knowledge into numerous HOA projects, providing insights that have helped the rest of the Board understand the mechanical and engineering side of projects that were either already underway or in need of being addressed. His business experience helped him bring aspects to light that were important to helping the Board make more knowledgeable decisions.

Brian Hurst is the type of person that you feel lucky to have on your team. He is both serious and light-hearted, but always has valuable input. I have little doubt that The Man Above put him in the right place at the right time so that his passion for golf would coincide with being within earshot of a conversation—while out of town playing golf—that resulted, ultimately, in the sale of the SVL CC to the SVL HOA and immediate sale of that SVL CC to the current owners, thus preserving the golf course in our Jewel of the Desert.

Brad Letner is one of those natural leaders that isn’t afraid to quickly whittle down a problem to the specific issue, make a recommendation, and move on to the next item on the agenda. Or, if more information is necessary to make a recommendation, he doesn’t hesitate to recognize this fact and press for that information to be obtained. While this may have taken some getting used to for the rest of the Board it served a valuable and necessary purpose when the Board would get bogged down and not see for the forest for the trees. No one on the Board was quicker to make motions than Brad. My suggestion is that every Board should have such a Director to keep the momentum going forward.

Brian Bickhart has been the Board President since our previous Board President stepped down. I admire his willingness to serve in that role because it takes a HUGE commitment of time and energy, not to mention the ability to suffer through the many negative comments directed at the person serving this role. In addition, the Board President has a much larger role to play in keeping both Directors and others in line. Brian’s stature is matched by his patience but is also reflected in his ability to make hard

decisions when necessary for the good of the SVL HOA. It should be noted that Brian, as the Board President, had to attend even more meetings than the other Directors, a time commitment that few who haven’t served in that role can appreciate.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention Al Logan, our General Manager. While not a Board member, he does embody all the traits one could wish for in a General Manager. He is humble, has a good rapport with the staff, he brings issues to the Board that warrant the Board’s attention, and he provides background information for the Board if (and when) the Board needs to be involved in making decisions that are larger than the day-to-day running of the HOA. Al is also wise enough to constantly educate himself on the ever-evolving practice of running an HOA by attending seminars and developing a network of contacts with other HOA General Managers; this provides him with a resource base different from what a consultant might offer and has been used to the advantage of the SVL HOA on multiple occasions.

I wish I had several more pages to mention the many others that contribute to the success of the SVL HOA; here are a few that each and every Homeowner should be aware of that work diligently day after day to keep our HOA running: Jeaneen Beam, Director Administration & Human Resources; Nick Gonzalez, Director of Operations; Lisa Falcetti, Director of Public Safety; Dee Dee Walker, Accounts Manager; Clint Summers, Code Enforcement & Architecture Manager.

With Respect,  
*Lewis Ponce*  
 Board Director, 2019-2020,  
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LISA FALCETTI, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

## Lake and Boating Safety are Top Priority for Public Safety.

While residents are out to play, the Spring Valley Lake Public Safety team is hard at work. Lake and boating safety are top priority during the summer season to ensure maximum safety of all residents with minimal interference to their day.

The SVLA has set rules and regulations that all residents must follow to use the amenities that this wonderful community provides. By doing so, residents are helping Public Safety Officers ensure their safety and the safety of others. Public Safety feels it is necessary to remind residents of some of these rules. Boating rules and guidelines should be read by all residents before going out on the lake.

All residents are reminded to never drink and operate a vessel. It is the same as drinking and driving and it is illegal. According to SVLA Rules and Regulations, Department of Boating and Waterways has determined that alcohol is a high factor of all fatal motorboat accidents in California. Please do not drink and operate a vessel. Please keep in mind that any safety violation can result in immediate citation from a Public Safety Officer.

Residents who have homes on

the lake are not allowed to swim past the 16-foot easement from their property. Wind, current, exhaustion and swim experience are very serious factors to be aware of while in the water. Failure to pay attention to these factors could be fatal, however, Public Safety enforces these rules and regulations to help prevent situations like this from happening.

It is important to remember that the speed limit in the main body of water is 35 mph. Boaters need to consider that not everyone will be going the same speed. Boats that are pulling a skier or tuber will be driving at slower speeds. Please keep in mind that faster speeds can equate to less reaction time to avoid other boats or people in the water.

Speeding and creating a wake has been a continuous problem within the no wake zone. Speeding is not allowed and is in no way tolerated within this area of the lake. Boaters speeding within the area could put paddle boarders and swimmers in immediate danger. According to SVLA Rules and Regulations, paddle and row boats, kayaks, and canoes shall remain within the "No Wake" areas.

There has been some confusion about the buoys, once a ves-

sel has passed an orange buoy it must reduce speed to avoid creating any sized wakes. Water to the right of the orange buoys and within the channels is considered the no wake zones. Once boaters enter the no wake zone, they will see white buoys that say, "no wake zone". These are here to remind residents that they are currently in a no wake zone. Vessels creating a wake in a no wake zone can also cause damage to the lakefront homes property.

When beaching a boat, be mindful of the wakes that arise from your boat when entering the no wake zone. Those wakes travel and could cause other boat passengers to lose their balance and/or fall into the water and injure themselves. Many boaters wish to enter and exit the beaching area at the same time and there is limited room. Be mindful to remain a safe distance from other boats to be as safe as possible.

Personal watercrafts (PWC), such as but not limited to, jet skis and sea-doo's, have certain restrictions set by California State Boating and Waterways and Spring Valley Lake Rules and Regulations: Operators will not jump another vessel's wake within 100 feet of the vessel creating the wake, including any other PWC, water skier, or any allowable towed object. Operators will not drive so fast and close to another vessel that they cause the other operator to

swerve at the last minute to avoid collision. PWC operators will not drive towards any person or vessel in the water and turn sharply at close range to spray that vessel or person. PWC operators shall not tow any device or skiers while on Spring Valley Lake.

The Public Safety Department advises boaters to go through a pre operation check list before going out on the lake. The vessel inspections list can double as a pre operations check list to make sure your boat is fully prepared for any situation that may occur while on the lake. Additional recommended equipment that is beneficial to have while boating on the lake: a paddle, bucket/pump, first aid kit, and throwable buoy.

It is required that all boats are equipped with functioning front and back navigation lights. According to the SVL Rules and Regulations, Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable condition and displayed in accordance with the Rules of the Road between sunset and sunrise and at other times of restricted visibility.

Thank you for your attention towards these important matters. The Public Safety Department looks forward to working with all residents to maintain proper lake and boating safety. Prioritizing the health and safety of our community will ensure another wonderful summer in the "Jewel of the Desert".





Public Safety cont.

### Lake Hours for the Season

As our summer season is getting ready to begin, I just wanted to remind everyone that the lake hours will be extended to midnight starting on Saturday, May 27, 2023 and will end on Labor Day, September 4, 2023. Please remember, if you are on the lake after sunset, the entire lake is “no wake” speed, and you will be required to use your Navigation lights.

5.4.2.2. From sunset to 10:00 p.m. daily except during the

period beginning at sunrise on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and ending at midnight on Labor Day when the period shall be extended to midnight.

5.5.1.4. Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable condition and displayed in accordance with the “Rules of the Road” between sunset and sunrise and at other times of restricted visibility.

Have a safe and fun summer.

### MEET THE TEAM

Selenne Quintero, Officer



My name is Selenne Quintero, I am 23 years old. I started working as a Public Safety officer around June 2022. I remember that when I started working in this job, I was a shy person. I didn't know how to approach people and communicate with them, but my supervisors helped me a lot by giving me some advice, and this job is helping me to develop my communication skills. On the other hand, some of the things that I like to do when I am away from work are going to the gym, hiking, reading, running, playing the guitar, and spending time with my

family. But right now, I am currently working on my associate degree in criminal justice, and someday I would like to become a Sheriff's Deputy. As far as I know, this type of career is not easy to accomplish, but I believe that if I work hard and by making the commitment to it, I will accomplish it.

**SECURITY DISCLAIMER:** We hope that our security systems and Public Safety Department provide some deterrence to crime. However, no matter what steps we take, the Association can never be completely safe and secure. For example, it is possible for someone to enter the property under false pretenses to commit crimes, for residents to commit crimes against their own neighbors, and for guests of residents to commit crimes. As a result, the Association is not and can never be free of crime and we cannot guarantee your safety or security. Accordingly, you should NOT rely on the Association to protect you from loss or harm. Instead, you should provide for your own security by taking common sense precautions such as carrying insurance against loss; keeping your doors locked; refusing to open your door to strangers; asking workmen for identification; installing a security system; locking your car; etc. Additionally, the duties of the Public Safety Department personnel are ONLY to patrol and secure the various Association properties and amenities and to observe and report on service calls, suspicious activities or violations of the Association's Rules and Regulations, where applicable.

## RULES & REGULATIONS REVISIONS

2.2.1. Identification cards - a plastic or paper form, wallet-sized card, provided by the Association, which identifies various categories of authorized users of Association facilities. These cards are to be used in conjunction with another form of identification (i.e. drivers license, student ID. SVLA Identification cards are issued to all members that are 9 years of age and older.

2.5. Guest passes are required for persons 9 years of age or older that are non-residents. The owner(s) of each lot receive(s) 4 guest passes. Up to 6 extra one-day guest passes may be requested from the association office 4 times per fiscal year. Extra one-day guest passes will not be issued on Association event days. Owners may allow anyone to use the passes except for tenants renting or leasing homes in Spring Valley Lake. Owners who allow tenants to use their guest passes are in violation of these rules and may be cited.

7.2. Use of the Spring Valley Lake beach area is limited to Members and their guests. Each guest must have an Association issued guest card in their possession when using the facility. This rule does not apply to guests under 9 years of age. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age who is a competent swimmer

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~ Nick Gonzalez, Director of Operations

Hello SVLA Residents, Spring weather is upon us and along with that brings the weeds and the allergies. Hopefully everyone is surviving both. We are gearing up for summer, as all departments are hiring for seasonal employees and the lake is officially open. Look below to see what we have been up to over the past month....

#### **Beach Area:**

- Sanitizing picnic tables and playground equipment bi-weekly
- Cut Grass
- Weed abatement
- Concrete repairs at East and West Beach
- Replaced light bulbs in restroom
- Completed repairs on beach wall
- Repaired gate at West Beach

#### **Parks:**

- Sanitizing picnic tables and playground equipment bi-weekly
- Cut grass
- Removed carpet from bocce ball courts
- Repaired boarder edges on walkway at MLP
- Repaired leaning Juniper trees at MLP
- Adjusted water timer at Long Acres Park
- Cleared graffiti from Playfair park

#### **Equestrian Center:**

- Cut grass
- EQ repairs and clean up
- Replaced eye wash station at EQ
- Start remodeling EQ break room
- Repaired EQW panels
- Repaired stall #23
- Weed abatement
- Install rebar case for flag pole
- Repaired EQ pen timer
- Stump removal Pinto Way

#### **Fishing Areas:**

- Sanitized picnic tables bi-weekly
- Cut Grass
- Irrigation repairs at FA #14
- Repaired FA #8 floor panels
- Cleaned up wood from FA #14 shoreline
- Repaired concrete at FA#14 and FA #9
- Replaced no swimming sign at FA#8
- Removed trees at FA#7

#### **Buildings:**

- Sanitized AO building, Community Building & exterior AO restrooms door handles and hard surface areas daily
- Replaced outlet covers at AO
- Replaced burnt out lights at Community Center
- Annual fire sprinkler inspection
- Re-attached fascia rock on Community Center

- Fire extinguisher inspections
- Replaced AC filters and performed monthly inspection
- Cleaned ice machine at CB Kitchen
- Run CAT 6 in Maintenance Office
- Repaired lights at Community Center
- Replaced soap dispensers at AO
- Replaced toilet paper holder at AO

#### **Grounds:**

- Worked on Safety List
- Broken tree removal
- Picked up trash around the community
- Worked with TNN on camera issues
- Sprayed weeds at all common areas
- Irrigation grounds check
- Parkway entrance weed abatement

#### **Floating Islands:**

- Floating Islands at FA #3 & FA #12 are doing well. Aquatic plants are flowering and establishing

#### **Wells:**

- All wells are active

#### **Lake Filtration Systems:**

- Installed all diffusers on aeration systems
- Built 2 aeration door enclosures

#### **Lake & Marina Dock Maintenance:**

- Retrieved lake data
- Cleaned up shoreline daily
- Backflow inspections
- Aeration and well data
- Retrieved loose barge
- Ordered Americanas plants
- Began dock repairs

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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#### **NAOMI ALLAN, Administration & Lake Management**



The lake level is quickly approaching normal level. We are currently approximately 6" away from being full. The lake opened on April 23, 2023 with a no wake in effect and fully opened with no restrictions on

May 1, 2023. We are very excited to see everyone back out enjoying the open water, just as the weather begins to warm up.

We have been doing our best to continue with the lake clean up as the water continues to rise. If you notice any areas with excessive trash or debris, it is always helpful to let us know. Give the office a call or send an email



**NAOMI ALLAN, Administration & Lake Management cont.**

maintenance@svla.com.

We have also acquired a lake consultant to come out and do a complete assessment of the lake. We are aiming to get to the core of the problem, with the coving damage and to see what our options are for repairs and for preventing additional damage in the future. This consultant will provide us with their findings and give recommendations as to how we can improve the integrity of our lake, moving forward. We are looking forward to seeing the results of the study within the next month or so.

The existing docks, that were housed in the middle of the lake for the duration of the lake lowering, were moved back to the Marina on April 21, 2023 and are being inspected for repairs. The two slips that are

being replaced were taken to east beach, where we had a crew demo and dispose of them.

Phase 1 of the dock replacement is also underway. All materials have been delivered onsite and our vendor has begun to assemble and install them in the marina. You will be seeing a lot of activity in the Association parking lot and marina, over the next month, as they are being completed. They are estimated to be done by June 1, 2023. If you are interested in renting a slip, contact the Association Office to find out what the process is, as we expect them to fill rather quickly.

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

**Lake Data April 14, 2023:**

MARINA DOCK		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	7.04	17"	Olive	5.5 MPH	South	Clear	04/14/23	10:05 am
Nitrate	-----	DO	10.29	10.87	10.49	10.12		
Phos	-----	Temperature	52.3°	52.0°	52.1°	51.9°		
		Saturation	114.40%	115.20%	116.30%	113.50%		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

Center of Lake		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	7.06	18"	Olive	5.4 MPH	South	Clear	04/14/23	10:13 am
Nitrate		DO	11.6	11.48	11.47	11.28		
Phos		Temperature	51° F	51.8° F	51.5° F	51° F		
		Saturation	115.60%	117.10%	116.70%	114.00%		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

SOUTH END		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	7.12	21"	Olive	5.6 MPH	South	clear	04/14/23	10:25 AM
Nitrate		DO	11.26	10.89	10.19	11.09		
Phos		Temperature	52.1° F	52.4° F	52.4° F	53.1° F		
		Saturation	114.30%	114.00%	113.80%	112.90%		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

NORTH END		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	7.08	22"	Olive	4.5 MPH	South	clear	04/14/23	10:36 am
Nitrate		DO	11.24	11.48	11.43	11.46		
Phos		Temperature	53.2° F	52.8° F	52.3° F	52.2° F		
		Saturation	114.20%	113.00%	114.00%	115.10%		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

**Year to Date Water Usage:**

Date	YTD usage	FPA per year	FPA Balance	Repl. Oblig.
11/4/22	-230	2,073	2303	0
11/10/22	-289	2,073	2362	0
11/18/22	-365	2,073	2438	0
12/3/22	-482	2,073	2555	0
12/9/22	-523	2,073	2596	0
12/16/22	-451	2,073	2524	0
12/23/22	-435	2,073	2508	0
12/30/22	-410	2,073	2483	0
1/6/23	-454	2,073	2527	0
1/13/23	-501	2,073	2574	0
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3/10/23	-252	2,073	2325	0
3/24/23	208	2,073	1865	0
3/31/23	223	2,073	1850	0
4/14/23	527	2,073	1546	0
4/21/23	682	2,073	1391	0







## CODE ENFORCEMENT

*Clint Summers, Code Enforcement / Architectural Manager*

With the lake rising and opening to full speed soon, I know residents are chomping at the bit to get out there and enjoy this warmer weather. Before you head out for some sun at the lake or head out for a family vacation, take a second to look at your home and see if there is anything that has fallen into disrepair. We will be doing our annual inspections throughout the community. Upon completion, this will commemorate half a decade since we started doing them. Being proactive with these items can save you some time and hardship; so take it into consideration. A list of some of the things we will check during these inspections has been included in this paper for your edification should you not know what Code Enforcement looks for on these inspections. This list is not all inclusive of everything we look for but is a good start for the property owners to work on. Please do not neglect some of the everyday

things like not parking on unimproved surfaces, leaving your trash cans out longer than 24 hours before and after they are picked up, or leaving vehicles parked unused for long periods without being moved. We realize that having multiple issues pointed out can take some time for you to resolve, so we will be giving 30 days for any annual inspection violations instead of our typical two weeks. Should you have any questions about this process, feel free to call the office or email [code@svla.com](mailto:code@svla.com) and we will happily help you with any questions. Finally, we want to say goodbye to one of our Code Officers, Chelsey Williams, and welcome our two new seasonal employees Adan Arciniega and Gloria Pena who will be helping with our annual inspections this year. We are still hiring, so if you are interested in working for code enforcement for the season, turn in an application.

### MEET OUR SEASONAL CODE OFFICER



Who would've thought driving down these streets all these years, I would one day be a part of this community I call home. I would like to formally introduce myself as the newest seasonal code enforcement officer, Adan Arciniega. I am a student athlete and a local to the community. I have been living here for most of my life and strive to be friends with everyone. Living here has shown me what it feels like to

be a part of this wonderful community, and now being part of the association has given me a fantastic new perspective. My outgoing personality and compassion make me an open book; so please, if you ever see me out, don't be afraid to say hello. To conclude, I would like to express that I am a genuine person at heart. My whole life I have been shown to lead by example; therefore, I am a person of morals, principles and beliefs and I can't express how excited I am to further the greatness in this community.

## BEFORE AFTER



### 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 / RiverWalk:

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



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# Community MATTERS

## Frank Castaños



Frank Castaños supervises Victor Valley College's Community and Contract Education Department, serving as a bridge between students and local businesses for training opportunities. From grant programs to industry certification sponsorships, Frank played a huge part in providing

numerous VVC students with employment resources. He was recently inducted into VVC's Alumni Hall of Fame for the work he does for the institution.

Not only does Frank support college students, but he also coached several teams on the soccer field over the years. Frank has dedicated his time serving as a role model for young children, instilling a sense of responsibility and teamwork among them.

With the support of his wife and three children, Frank continues to give back to the High Desert community. The Spring Valley Lake Association would like to shine a light on Frank for his selflessness and determination to help others!



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by Jeri Lawrence

## DEAL 'UM UP

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# SPRING VALLEY LAKE VETERAN MONUMENT



Since its visual conception and design to present, the SVL Veteran Monument, an extension of the SVL Veteran Club, operates under its own budget and mission. Courtyard Paver Sales are designated to "Spouses of DAV's Scholarship Fund" and SVL Veteran Affairs and Events. Additional costs, Flag Poles, Flags, Lighting, Maintenance, Insurance and cost over-runs have been covered via private funds.

Presently the SVL Veteran Monument has embarked upon a rehabilitation project estimated at \$5000.00, and is seeking financial assistance from SVLA Veterans, Members, and local businesses with this project.

### PROJECT & ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Dust to Dawn AC lights for each Flag-pole, requiring 110' of underground wiring, junction box, etc. The courtyard will have individual lighting with multi-auto changing colors matching Military and National Holidays. Bi-weekly cleaning requires 140' of water piping. A media/sound system with the ability to Honor each Military Service branch's birthday, plus notable Military and National Holidays, with proper music, four times that day. Proper lighting for holidays such

as Christmas.

Added to rehab costs, the Monument needs another year's supply of Flags (National, Military Branches, notable Military Dates and POW/MIA), monthly maintenance costs, 2023/24 Insurance.

Upon hearing of the project prior to this announcement, Joseph W. Brady, The Bradco Company, cut a check for \$500.00. He asked me to state, he challenges other local companies to match, for SVL Veteran Monument is an established Historic Landmark via Google maps.

As curator of the SVL Veteran Monument, I am requesting 200 \$25.00 tax deductible donations from a combination of SVL Veterans, SVLA Members, local establishments, SVL and SVLA Clubs or Entities.

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# Lake Update

The Lake is back to normal level!!!!

**The lake opened back up with no restrictions, on May 1, 2023.**

The new slip assembly and installation has begun in the Association Parking lot.

Our vendor has one section of slips assembled and ready to be installed and then they will begin assembling the next section of slips.

Please keep in mind that due to the assembly and installation of the slips taking place in and around the boat ramp, there are periods of time where the boat ramp is inaccessible.

The demo of the old slips will be completed on Monday, May 8, 2023. We faced a few delays this week due to the weather, but the demo will be complete on Monday and we will have the area cleaned up.

If you haven't already, begin the process of registering your vessels so you can enjoy the open water.

**To save time, call the Association Office at 760-245-9756 to see what is missing from your vessel file, prior to coming in.**



# SPRING VALLEY LAKE YACHT CLUB

SAVE THE DATES!!\*

- 5/20 - Hold'em Poker Tournament
- 6/10 - "Guac-Off" Salsa Contest
- 6/17 - Patriotic Boat Parade
- 7/15 - Lake Poker Run
- 8/19 - Land Poker Run II 'LIGHTED'



9/9 - Community Yard Sale

9/23 - Stand Up Paddle Board & Non-Powered Regatta

10/7 - Lake Poker Run II

10/21 - Halloween Trunk-or-Treat & Parades

Oct. - Halloween Decoration Contest

11/4 - Sunset Social

Dec. - Christmas Decoration Contest

\*Events and dates subject to change

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# THE VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE MYSTERY TOWER

cations antenna that could reach throughout the project site. It was also intended to be a landmark for Boise Cascade to let everyone know where Spring Valley Lake was located. Apparently the landmark concept of this tower paid off well. According to Bob Sher, one of the original Spring Valley Lake Salesmen, they took reservations for 1,000 lots in the first weekend.

The tower was built in the fall of 1969 for \$15,000. It was constructed by the Leo Chase Construction Company in five sections in 63 days. Just adjacent to the tower is a building now known as Building 10 at Victor Valley College. It served as the Spring Valley Lake sales office which opened on October 25, 1969, and also supposedly contained a convenience store. Back then even some of the Boise Cascade management did not know the purpose of the tower. Peter Lacques from Boise admitted that “This tower does not have a functional use. It is just a landmark to indicate where Spring Valley Lake is.”

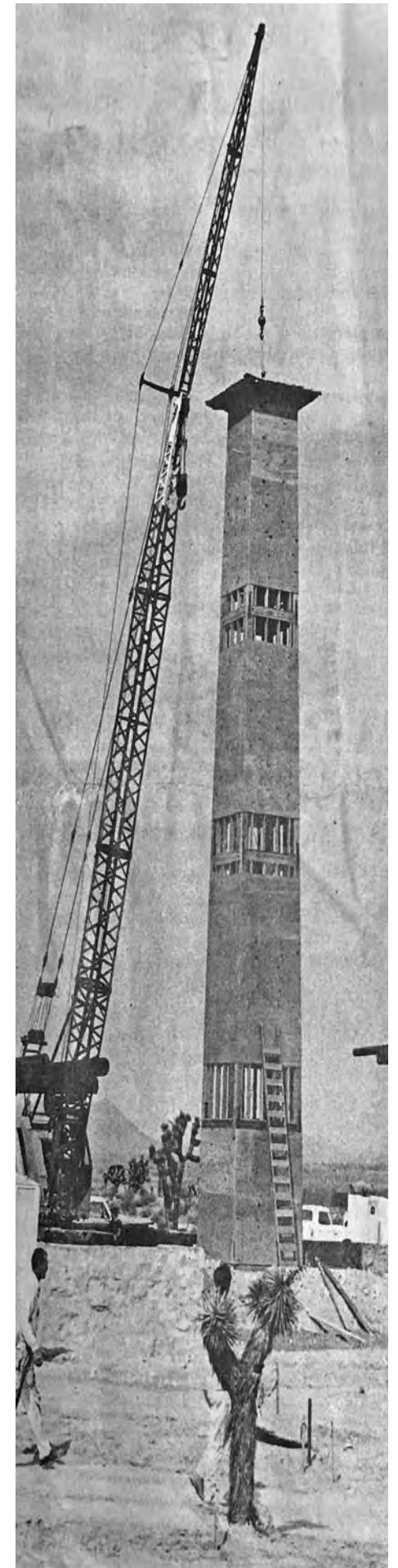
The community and visitors knew well where Spring Valley Lake was by 1974, and Victor Valley College purchased the land and sales office, as well as the strip center across the street for \$349,000. The initial intention for the strip center land was to create a Student Services Center. The Tower was included in this deal, but it was probably just an afterthought, with no idea of how this tower would be used in the future.

Everything was quiet until 1987 when the Victor Valley College

Board of Trustees began mulling over demolition of the tower. Then College President Ruth Johnson raised questions about the ability of the tower to withstand the powerful desert winds. As opposed to full demolition of the tower, an option was to make structure upgrades to the tower for \$8,000. Johnson asked the Board, “Does it serve any function other than aesthetic value? Would a flagpole be more appropriate?” Board member Carollee Stater said “Aesthetically it’s not bad”. She wanted student input on the crumbling spire that Board member Percy Bakker described as “kind of a landmark for the college.” With that acknowledgement of importance, a survey of 166 students and faculty members was conducted in March 1987. More than 54 percent voted against demolition. “Apparently students really want the tower,” Board member Frank Bohannan told the San Bernardino Sun newspaper. “They think it’s a landmark of the school.”

And so the tower was saved by students in search of “something to identify with,” as Bohannan put it. It resolutely stands today as an odd monument to nothing in particular. The college had the tower checked out by a licensed engineer about three years ago, and it was deemed safe and in good structural condition. Some minor stucco repairs were made, and the tower was repainted.

By Rickie B. Zimmerman based on information from Robert Sewell, Dr. Daniel Walden, Robert Sher, and a 2017 ]article by Matthew Cabe.



Tens of thousands of people pass by Victor Valley College each week, and see the tall, slender, obelisk-style tower on the northeast corner of Bear Valley Road and Spring Valley Parkway. What is it? Is it an old air raid siren from times long past, a bell tower for the College, or possibly a tall vent for some underground infrastructure? It is none of these. How many people actually know what it is and the history behind this landmark. Very few at best!

Prior to 1969 the land which is now known as Spring Valley Lake was largely undisturbed desert. When the Boise Cascade Home and Land Corporation envisioned a major new development on this land in the late 60's, they had to develop a Master Plan. The land they were going to develop extended from Bear Valley Road on the south to Yucca Loma Road on the north, and from Ridgecrest Road on the west to Apple Valley Road on the east. This was about the same time that Boise Cascade Recreational Properties, Inc. was developing the land they owned around Lake Arrowhead.

The Spring Valley Lake project encompassed an incredible amount of land and communicating with various construction crews and other personnel throughout the site was a major issue to tackle. Boise Cascade came up with a solution that served two purposes. The tower was constructed as a tall communi-





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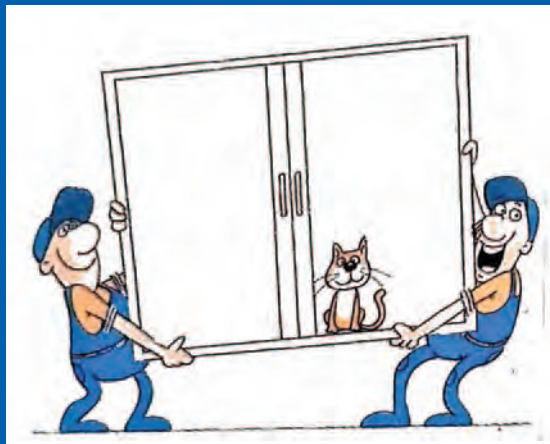
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Citation Committee	Paul Stanton	1st Tuesday	5:00pm PVR
Communications Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community Plan Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Equestrian Estates Committee	Veronica Tait	3rd Tuesday	6pm EECH1
Lake Committee	Chris Hall	2nd Thursday	6:30pm PR

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CLUBS	FACILITATOR+ CONTACT
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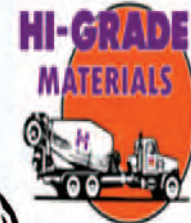
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