



Spring Valley Lake Association

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Message from the Board President for SVLA Breeze November 2015

As you read this, the Parkway repaving project from Bear Valley Rd. into SVL should be close to starting. This project is a result of a lot of coordination between San Bernardino County, City of Victorville, and SVLA, to hammer out a cost-sharing agreement to finally repair the Spring Valley Parkway from Bear Valley Rd up to the entry into SVL, at Huerta Street. This is one of the most long-awaited projects in the history of SVL and has been a source of constant complaints since I moved here nearly 20 years ago.

November 1 was the first day of SVLA's 2016 Fiscal Year, which is when SVLA begins our new year for budgeting, accounting, and assessment purposes. With the start of the new Fiscal Year, we have several new capital improvement projects planned as well as several ongoing projects which will be completed over the coming year. Stay tuned for more information from our GM as the year progresses.

After a lot of coordination by our staff with the Mojave Water Agency over the past two years, SVLA received our Cash-for-Grass rebate of over \$38,000 for removing the grass from our Parkway median. The median now uses very little water, looks great, and lowers our maintenance costs. Thanks to all involved in this project, particularly Dennis Teece, Director of Operations, for making it happen.

We had another great Halloween with literally thousands of trick-or-treaters walking our streets, as well as a packed Community Center for the Halloween Party for little ghosts and goblins. Events like this can't happen without the help of our staff, local Scouts, and our Social Event Team. We again had excellent support from the Sheriff, CHP, COPs, VVC Police, and County Fire. All of these agencies help to ensure a safe Halloween in our community every year. I also want to thank everyone who helped clean up our community the day after Halloween. There were many people who volunteered their time, including a group of our local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Last month, for the first time in SVLA's history, the Board took action to foreclose and sell a property within SVLA that was seriously delinquent on their annual assessments. This action was taken only after repeated failed attempts to work with the owner to resolve the problem. The Board takes this action very seriously, however, in fairness to all homeowners who DO pay their assessments, it was the only remaining option available to collect the assessments owed to the members of SVLA. Please see the separate article on this subject for some more information.

Your annual assessment of \$1056 was due Nov 1, and is again payable quarterly or annually. Assessments make up about 90% of our annual operating revenue, and are critical to maintaining and operating SVLA. If you are behind on your assessments, don't wait until we send your account to our collection company, which will only increase the amount you owe. If you are delinquent, please contact our staff to see if we can come up with a plan that avoids costly collection action.

With all the reports of El Niño on its way this winter, please make sure we have your email address on file so you can receive important e-Blasts when necessary. I also suggest you visit our FaceBook page (if that means

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anything to you) and also familiarize yourself with our website at www.svla.com. Your email address will not be sold or used for any commercial purposes.

Happy Thanksgiving to our hard-working staff, fellow Board members, and all members of our community.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 6PM on Nov 17 in the SVL Community Center.

Scott Eckert
SVLA Board President