



## **Spring Valley Lake Association**

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### **Message from the Board President for SVLA Breeze May 2016**

Hello neighbors! For my first act as the new SVL Board President, I'd like to thank everyone who came out and cast a ballot for this year's election. Regardless of who you voted for, the importance of having your voice heard cannot be overstated. While only about one in four homes returned their ballots, our Board is confident we can increase community involvement in the coming year.

Additionally, I'd like to thank both our returning and new Board members for their commitment to serving our neighborhood. Our returning members John Smith, Amy Stanton, Rob McCoy, and Jonathan Tasker bring diverse expertise and comprehensive experience to the team, while newcomers Loran Keith and Christopher Huntingford introduce fresh perspectives and new ideas to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Finally, as both a resident and a member of the SVL Board, I'd like to extend my sincerest gratitude and thanks to our two outgoing Board members, Mike Visser and Scott Eckert. Mike served 4 years on the Board and always managed to see the brighter side of tough decisions. His comprehensive background in law enforcement and teaching brought leadership and wisdom to the Board, qualities that will always be appreciated. Scott also served 4 years on the Board—the last 2 as President. He was the driving force behind water purchases, the ongoing opposition to the proposed Tamarisk Marketplace (WalMart), road improvements and many other projects. His presence on this Board as a forward thinker, with a heart for homeowners, will be sorely missed.

Prior to the April Board meeting, First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood hosted an extensive Q&A with over 100 SVL residents covering County and SVL topics. The most exciting news of the night came when Mr. Lovingood announced that the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) would be committing a loan to the City of Victorville to complete the City's portion of the Yucca Loma Bridge. This means that, when completed, the Yucca Loma roadway will continue across the train tracks and into Victorville, relieving the anticipated congestion to the SVL community.

In the coming months, the community can continue to look forward to improvements like the fishing area upgrades, new public restroom facilities, park improvements, and street repairs. Also, our summer events calendar is shaping up to be outstanding with concerts at the beach and our famous fireworks show on June 25th.

During my tenure as Board President, I hope to continue and expand upon the amazing progress our community has made in recent years. With your continued support, I look forward to another exciting year in Spring Valley Lake.

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