

The Ledger Returns to Print

The Ledger



After time away from print, The Ledger returns to the stands with a renewed focus on the people, places, and stories that make Silver Lakes special. This community newspaper is dedicated to highlighting local events, celebrating our neighbors, and sharing the moments that bring our town together.

Inside this issue you'll find updates from around the community, spotlights on local happenings, and stories that reflect the spirit of Silver Lakes and the High Desert. We're glad you're here, and we're proud to bring The Ledger back to our community.

- **Community Events**
- **HOA Updates**
- **On The other Side of the Tracks:**
A Community Perspective on the Proposed Barstow International Gateway Project (B.I.G.)
- **New Recreation T-Shirt**



Letter from the Editor

There's something special about holding a newspaper in your hands.

In an age where most of our news arrives through glowing screens and endless scrolling, the return of *The Ledger* in print feels a little like coming home. Newspapers have long been the heartbeat of small communities. They capture our milestones, document our challenges, and celebrate the people and places that make our towns unique.

That's exactly why we're bringing it back.

At Mars Publishing, we believe local stories matter. The High Desert is full of hardworking people, creative thinkers, small businesses, educators, and families building something meaningful together. Too often, those stories go untold beyond a quick social media post or a passing conversation.

Our goal with this revived edition of *The Ledger* is simple: to reconnect the community through storytelling.

Inside these pages you'll find updates about local events, highlights of the people shaping our region, spotlights on small businesses, and conversations about the future of Silver Lakes and the surrounding communities. While we're proud to bring The Ledger back to print, it will also remain available online for your convenience — ensuring you can stay connected to our community wherever you are.

The best local papers are built from the voices of the people who live there. If you have a story to tell,

an event to share, a piece of local history worth remembering, or an idea about what our community should be talking about, we want to hear from you. As a High Desert native, teacher, graphic designer, and now a new father, I find myself thinking more and more about the kind of community we're building and the stories we choose to preserve. Local newspapers have always served as a record of everyday life — the small victories, the big milestones, the people who quietly make a difference. Bringing *The Ledger* back into print is our way

of making sure those stories aren't lost, and that the spirit of communities like Silver Lakes continues to be shared and remembered.

Thank you for welcoming The Ledger back into your homes, businesses, and coffee tables. We're excited to grow this publication together and to help preserve the stories of our community for years to come.

See you in the next issue.

— Travis Nguyen
Editor, The Ledger
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COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors has the following update on several concerns currently under review, as well as the steps your newly elected Board has taken.

Board Transition & Initial Meetings

On February 14, 2026, the newly seated Board focused its initial efforts on leadership alignment and operational oversight. The Board met with the Association's department managers, including Code Enforcement, the Golf Pro, Restaurant Management, the Non-Compliance Department, Recreation, and Maintenance. These meetings provided valuable insight into current operations, challenges, and opportunities.

The Board also met with each standing committee and representatives of the membership. We sincerely thank our committee members. Our community is fortunate to have members who volunteer their time, knowledge, and experience. Their participation is not only appreciated; it is one of the key ways we are able to control costs and save money for the Association.

Budget Review Meetings – April 2026

The Board of Directors will be conducting a series of Budget Review Meetings to provide transparency and allow member input as we evaluate the Association's financial planning for the upcoming fiscal period. Membership participation is encouraged. These meetings are an opportunity to better understand operational costs, reserve funding, and long-term financial priorities for our community.

- April 2, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.
- April 11 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.
- April 15, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

All meetings will be noticed in accordance with governing documents and applicable law. We encourage members to attend, ask questions, and stay informed about the financial direction of the Association.

1. Gym Relocation

A member of the Association recently raised concerns regarding the structural integrity of the gym flooring (flooring load). In response, the Association retained a licensed engineer to conduct an evaluation. It was confirmed that the weight load of certain gym equipment exceeds the floor's design loads. The engineer's professional recommendation is to relocate the gym.

This was a very difficult development, particularly for a newly elected Board. However, member safety and protection of Association property must always come first.

Within four days of receiving the engineer's findings, the Board called an emergency meeting to address the issue. We were pleased to see strong member attendance and appreciate the thoughtful input provided.

As a result, the Board voted to form a Gym Relocation/Planning Committee. This committee will assist in evaluating relocation options and identifying requirements, including flooring specifications, electrical needs, equipment layout, access points, and related improvements.

Board member liaisons have been assigned, and appointments to the committee are currently underway. We appreciate the members who have volunteered and those submitting recommendations. Updates will be shared with the membership as progress is made.

2. Proposed Regulation – Adult Supervision at Community Amenities

At a recent Board meeting, members inquired about amending the Association's rules to require an adult member to be present when community amenities are being used.

In accordance with governing procedures, the proposed regulation has been distributed to the membership for review and comment to determine whether there is majority support for the change.

Members are encouraged to submit their opinions and feedback to: awood@silverlakesassociation.com

All comments will be reviewed prior to the Board discussion at the March Board meeting.

The Board remains committed to transparency, responsible governance, and decisions that protect both the safety and financial stability of our community. We appreciate your continued involvement and constructive participation.

Your Board of Directors

Silver Lakes Ledger

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Hours: 7am-3:30pm - M-F

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RV Park 760-245-7180
Tennis Shop 760-952-3125

Code Enforcement

760-245-9942
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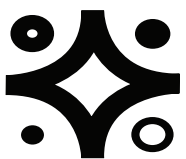
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Don't let even the smallest
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In an emergency please call 911.

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on the fire station business line. Doing this is danger-
ous and can delay our response to your call for help.

When you call 911 your address is automatically
provided to the dispatcher. If the phone line was
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CODE ENFORCEMENT:

The Silver Lakes Association diligently monitors compliance with the Governing Documents to preserve the value of the Community for every resident. The Association, through its Board of Directors is obligated to enforce the Association covenants, Rules and Regulations in a fair, consistent and equitable manner. We monitor use and operation of recreation facilities and Common Areas to ensure that all residents are in compliance with the rules and regulations regarding the use and enjoyment of these facilities. Our goal is to encourage every resident to understand the Community rules and standards and to comply, voluntarily, so that the Association is not forced to compel compliance or issue fines for violations. In addition, consistent, diligent code enforcement, and monitoring the activities of Silver Lakes residents serves as a deterrent to crime and criminal activity.

Notwithstanding the Association’s code enforcement efforts, the Association can never be completely crime free. It is therefore the responsibility of every Silver Lakes resident to take whatever steps they deem necessary to safeguard and protect themselves, and their property. The Association will continue to disclose any information regarding crime, criminal activity or community safety; however, residents cannot and should not rely upon the Association to protect you from loss or harm.

Residents must safeguard their own property with such precautions as keeping doors locked; requesting identification from contractors or service providers; installing a security system; carrying insurance; etc.

The Association’s Code Enforcement personnel are responsible for patrolling ONLY the Association Common Areas, various Association properties and facilities, and to observe and report on service calls, suspicious activities or violations of the Association’s Rules and Regulations, where applicable.

The Silver Lakes Association does not provide, and has never offered or provided security services to members and/or their properties. Code Enforcement will come out as a courtesy if there is a need to observe or take a report. Code Enforcement will also assist first responders should their services be requested. However, if a situation warrants it, residents are advised to call the Sheriff and/or California Highway Patrol.

Calls Responses for February 2026

Type	Total
911 Calls	x
Accidents	x
Alarms	1
Basic Assist (Non-emergency)	285
Boat Extractions	20
Boat Launches	25
Boat Complaints	x
Car Complaints (Speeding, Broke down, Suspicious)	3
Dead or Injured Animals	2
Dog Citations/Warnings issued	2
Dog Complaints (Loose, Barking, ETC.)	5
Dog Registrations	2
Dog(S) Placed in Kennel	1
Dog(s) picked up by Animal Control	1
Dog(s) returned to Owners	x
Domestic Disputes (fights, arguments)	x
ECC Violations verified	x
Fires (put out)	x
Fishing Violations/Complaints	3
Found Animals	8
Garage Doors open	4
Garage Sales Checks	20
Golf Cart Complaints/Citations	2
Graffiti/Vandalism/Rock Throwing	12
Gunshots/Paintballs/BB’S/Fireworks reports	x
ID Checks South Beach	140
ID Checks North Beach	400
ID Checks Clubhouse	2875
ID Checks Hartford Park	115
ID Checks Fishing Areas #1-19	70
Information Calls	280
Loud Music/Noise Complaints	7
Medical/Fire assist, calls	x
Missing Animals/ Persons	4
Motorcycle/Bicycle Complaints	2
Spa Closure(s)/Complaints	4
R & R CITATIONS	1
R & R WARNINGS	15
RV Checks	224
Sheriff Assists/Back-up	1
Snake and Other Wildlife reports/complaints	2
Supicious Activity	27
Table & Chair Contracts completed	10
Thefts/Break-ins reported/recorded	2
Tresspassing	4
Utility Trouble (GAS, ELEC, WATER, SPRINKLERS, ETC.)	1
Vacation Patrols Checks	252

SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance Committee

*Meets 2nd Thursday of Month
3pm – BOD Conference Room**
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Jeff Mckellar – Board Liaison
Debbie Valentine-Smith Board Liaison
Terri Salerno –Chair
Clinton Unger–Vice Chair
TBD–Secretary
Yolanda Reynolds
Graham Button
Cassie Yoon

Environmental Control Committee

*Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of Month
9am – BOD Conference Room**
Scott Limbacher– Board Liaison
Greg Thomson – Board Liaison
Debbie Valentine-Smith-Board Liaison
Terri Salerno – Chair
Rick VanEpps– Vice Chair
Robert Kolterman
Bo Mattina
Debbie Falk
TBD – Staff Representative

Fines Review Committee

*Meets 2nd Tues of Month @ 5:30pm
Located @ BOD Conference Room*
Greg Thomson-Board Liaison
Debbie Valetine-Smith-Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr.-Board Liaison
Rick VanEpps – Chair
Olav Cabel – Co-Chair
Joan Button
Nyla Kolterman
Linda Woolley
TBD – Staff Representative

Golf Course Committee Volunteer Workers

Bill Bradock, Wes Watkins, Ben Dunagan
TBD - Staff Representative
Carlos Banuelos- Staff Representative

Recreation Advisory Committee

TBD
Debbie Valetine-Smith – Board Liaison
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison

Green Sub Committee: Blooming Golfers

Sandy Wood–Chair
TBD-Vice Chair
Sandy Deutsch
Robert Kolterman
Kristy Kremer
Sandy Kuizin
Steve Orr

Lakes Advisory Committee

*Meets 2nd Thurs of Month @ 6pm
Located @ Terrace Room*
Jim Granger – Board Liaison
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Greg Thomson – Board Liaison
Lee Yaegle – Chair
TBD– Vice Chair
TBD – Secretary
Kris Cerone
Phil Harris
Paul Tracy
Blake Witham
Paul “Oogie” Lee
Wendy Greulach
Jeff Jost
TBD – Staff Representative
Carlos Banuelos- Staff Representative

Lakes Volunteer Workers

Susan DiBenedetto, Shawna Olachea, Chris Olachea, Adrianna Pages, Beth Yaegle, Patty Jacobs, Angie Hawk, Jim Kain, Wendy Greulach, Vashon Jackson, Sparky Kale, Doug Grady, Elizabeth Grady, Trini Harkness, Steve Nall, Brian McLauchlin, David Thomas, Martin Porcelli, Marie Porcelli, Jacob Hoon, Doug Simko, Libby Thomas, Denise Delgado, Kristy Kremer, Michael Cacciatori, John Darvell, Kristy Kremer.

Welcome Advisory Committee

TBD
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Jim Granger – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison

Restaurant Committee

*Meets 1st Wednesday of Month @ 4pm
Located @ Terrace Room*
Frances Diggs– Board Liaison
Jeff Mckellar – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison
Yolanda Reynolds – Chair
TBD– Vice Chair
Martin Porcelli – Secretary
Donna Granger
Lori Hernandez
Bonnie Viola
Tamara Powers
Kerriann Dershem – Staff Representative
Kaylinn Hernandez – Staff Representative

Fitness Center Advisory Committee

Joy Boni – Board Liaison
Steve Donnelly – Board Liaison
Debbie Valentine-Smith – Board Liaison
TBD-Chair
TBD-Co-Chair
TBD- Secretary
Mike Ohren
Scott Marshall
Peggy Marshall
Scot Martin
Geoff Grounds
Steve Ross
Frank Melendez

Golf Course Advisory Committee

*Meets 1st Wed of Month @ 5pm
Located @ Restaurant/Terrace Room**
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Jeff Mckellar – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison
Ray Salberg – Chair
Paul Tracy – Co-Chair
Paul Stenberg – Secretary
Mark Johnson
Benjamin Dunagan
Carl Eversole
Amelia Zappa Mace
TBD – Men’s Club Liaison
TBD – Silver Links Liaison

DEADLINE

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being submitted for publication to
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MUST be received by the
Silver Lakes Association Office no
later than:
***Noon ~ the 10th of each month prior
to publishing.***

If the 10th falls on the weekend or
holiday, when Admin is closed, the
deadline is the next business day.

Preferred method of submitting
articles is by emailing to

kseidenkranz@silverlakesassociation.com

~THANK YOU~

The next Open Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Clubhouse/Library

Special Open Budget Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 2026 5:00pm

Saturday, April 11, 2026 2:00pm

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:00pm

Silver Lakes Clubhouse Library

2026

Board of Directors Meetings
Meetings are Subject to Change

Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	1/14/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	1/28/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	2/11/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	2/25/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	3/11/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	3/25/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Special Open Budget Workshop	4/2/2026 5:00pm	Clubhouse/Library
Special Open Budget Workshop	4/11/2026 2:00pm	Clubhouse/Library
Special Open Budget Workshop	4/15/2026 5:00pm	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	4/8/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	4/22/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	5/13/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	5/27/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	6/10/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	6/24/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	7/8/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	7/22/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	8/12/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	8/26/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	9/9/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	9/23/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	10/14/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	10/28/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	11/4/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	11/18/2026	Clubhouse/Library
Executive BOD Meeting (Closed)	12/9/2026	BOD Conference Rm
Open BOD Meeting	NO MEETING	Clubhouse/Library

Closed Executive BOD Mtgs. held the 2nd Wed. of the month @ 5:00 p.m., **except November.**
Open BOD Mtgs. held the 4th Wed. of the month @ 6:00 p.m., **except November & December.**

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APPROVED

SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION
OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2026
6:00pm
Clubhouse – Library

ATTENDANCE:

Jeff McKellar	Board President
Scott Limbacher	Board Vice President
Frances Diggs	Board Treasurer
Debbie Valentine-Smith	Board Secretary
Jim Granger	Board Director
Greg Thomson	Board Director
Wayne White Sr	Board Director

President Jeff McKellar called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. All current Board Members were in attendance. Also, Ashley Woods, Executive Assistant and Carlos Banuelos, Maintenance Superintendent was present . See attached sign in sheet for Property Owner attendance.

72 Hr. Waiver

ITEM#14773 : Review/Discuss/Action: Add 72 Hr. Waiver to Agenda: Request to enter into a listing agreement with Angela Rosenberg w/First Team Real Estate to SLA owned vacant land properties:

Proposed SLA owned property to list

APN	Address	Back Tax owed	Default
1. 0467-563-11-0000	27237 Peach Tree Ln.	\$3836.66	7/20
2. 0467-252-10-0000	14988 Rivers Edge Rd.	\$3499.29	7/20
3. 0465-564-13-0000	26510 Silver Lakes Pkw.	\$1873.16	7/21
4. 0465-532-09-0000	26555 Oar Ln.	\$1782.40	7/21
5. 0467-571-12-0000	14874 Autumn Ln.	\$1907.86	7/21
6. 0465-562-03-0000	14167 Polly Ct.	\$2232.26	7/21
7. 0467-264-15-0000	14817 Crofton Ln.	\$1782.74	7/23
8. 0467-331-13-0000	15224 Tournament Dr.	\$(473.40)	Current

MOTION: Motion to approve 72 Hr. Waiver to Agenda

ACTION: Motion Carried

MOVED: Jeff McKellar **SEC:** Wayne White Sr. **PASSED:** 7-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge of Allegiance – Debbie Valentine-Smith, Secretary
Roll Call – All Board members were in attendance
President’s Report – Submitted paperwork with county for our barn and well #17 cover. We need to purchase a new Refrigerator for Silver Lakes Restaurant.
General Manager’s Report: None

Open Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2026
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MEETING RULES: No audio or video recording allowed by attendees. However, the Secretary may record the meeting to aid in the preparation of minutes. The recording is deleted once the minutes have been prepared. As provided in the "Open Meeting Act," members may observe the meeting but do not have the right to participate in the Board's deliberations or votes. Members may address issues during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Attendees may not engage in obscene gestures, shouting, profanity, or other disruptive behavior. If attendees become disruptive, they may be expelled from the meeting and fined.

ITEM#14761: Consent Agenda: The following items have been recommended for approval and will be acted upon simultaneously, unless a member of the Board of Directors wishes to remove an item for separate consideration.

Motion: That the Board of Directors approves consent Items “A” through “Q” Items to be pulled ____, ____, ____, for discussion and separate vote.

- A. Approval of Open Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025
- B. Approve and file various Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. Resignation from Kris Cerone as Vice Chair and a member of the Restaurant Advisory Committee
- D. Approve Ray Salberg as a member and Chairman of the Green Advisory Committee
- E. Approve Paul Tracy as a member and Vice-Chair for the Green Advisory Committee
- F. Approve Paul Stenberg as a member and Secretary for the Green Advisory Committee
- G. Approve Mark Johnson as a member of the Green Advisory Committee
- H. Approve Benjamin Dunagan as a member of the Green Advisory Committee
- I. Approve Carl Eversole as a member of the Green Advisory Committee
- J. Approve Amelia Zappa Mace as a member of the Green Advisory Committee
- K. Ratify Emergency Email Vote for Snack Bar Freezer paid in the amount of \$5,322.40 from Reserve Account
- L. Ratify the approval to move forward with Notice of Defaults with California HOA Collections Services for: **December 2025 - \$25,004.33/3 Properties: 465-551-14, 467-602-04 & 467-591-01**
- M. Ratify the approval to move forward with Notice of Defaults with G3 for: **December 2025 - \$18,672.68/ 6 Properties: 465-512-01000, 465-471-05, 465-441-07, 467-252-13, 465-423-13, 467-723-07.**
- N. Ratify the approval to move forward with Notice of Defaults with California HOA Collection Services for **January 2026 - \$13,836.46/3 Properties: 467-252-06, 465-265-06 & 467-594-01.**
- O. Approval of Abbreviated Special Executive Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 21, 2025

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF SPECIAL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2025
1:00pm
BOD CONFERENCE ROOM/Zoom

All Board Members were present with the exception of Wayne White Sr. Board Member who was absent and Frances Diggs, Treasurer available on Zoom. Also, in attendance was Ashley Woods, Executive Assistant.

Item#14721 Tabled: Member Discipline
Item#14722 Approved: Personnel Matter

P. Approval of Abbreviated Executive Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 10, 2025

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2025
BOD Conference Room

President Jeff McKellar called the meeting to order at 4:06pm. All Board Members were present. Also, in attendance was Executive Assistant, Ashley Woods, Compliance Administrator and Carlos Banuelos, Operations Superintendent.

Item#14723(A)	Approved: Executive Board Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025
Item#14723(B)	Approved Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025
Item#14723(C)	Accept and File Meeting Minutes of the ECC-Fines & FRC Minutes
Item#14723(D)	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14724	Approved: Member Discipline
Item#14725	Information Only: 3 rd Party Contract
Item#14726	Approved: Member Discipline
Item#14727	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14728	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14729	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14730	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14731	Approved: Legal Matter
Item#14732	Approved: 3 rd Party Contract
Item#14733	Information Only: Legal Matter
Item#14734	Information Only: Personnel Matter
Item#14735	Information Only: Legal Matter

- Q. Request to authorize California HOA Collections Services to prepare and record assessment liens and sign the Authorization of Board to Lien Delinquent Homeowner forms for:
November – \$9,830.20 / 14 Properties: 11-261-00000, 12-075-02000, 12-091-00000, 12-380-01000, 12-453-02003, 16-001-03000, 16-208-00000, 16-272-03000, 18-158-00000, 20-193-01000, 20-296-02000, 20-331-00000, 20-382-00000, 20-455-00000.

December- \$20,689.75/23 Properties:11-128-02000, 11-131-04000, 11-141-0000, 11-148-02000, 11-189-00000, 11-203-00000, 11-213-00000, 11-289-00000, 12-060-00000, 12-073-02000, 12-261-01000, 12-452-01043, 12-465-00000, 15-256-00000, 15-256-00002, 15-256-00005, 17-037-01000, 18-059-01000, 18-134-02000, 19-015-03000, 20-005-01000, 20-250-03000, 20-367-02000, 20-368-00000.

MOTION: Motion to approve Consent Agenda

ACTION: Motion Carried

MOVED: Wayne White Sr. **SEC:** Greg Thomson **PASSED:** 7-0

ITEM#14762: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Board Committee Liaison Reports

ACTION: Information Only

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Members will be allowed to address the Board once, about any or all items on the agenda, at the beginning of the meeting. Any Member wishing to address one or more of the agenda items will be required to completely fill out a “Request to Speak” prior to the start of the meeting. Each Member wishing to address the Board will have a total of 3 minutes to do so. This is the Members’ opportunity to address the Board on any agenda items before they are considered and voted on by the directors. Member comments that are disrespectful, confrontational, offensive, or involve derogatory language will not be tolerated and will be subject to moderation. Once the initial Member comments are concluded, the Board of Directors will proceed to conduct its proceeded meeting to address the agenda items. Any comments that are brought up by Members during the Membership Comments section will be considered by the Board although the Board may not be responding to any Member’s comments specifically. Member comments will not be accepted during the Board’s discussion of the agenda items.

Comments:

Kris Cerone-#14764- Posting on Facebook of previous employer asking for guest passes to go fishing

Martin Porcelli-#14761-Consent Agenda, #14764-Homeowner Correspondence, #14765-SLA ballots for BOD Election 2026,#14766-American Legion 4th of July Golf Tournament, #14769-Request to approve the purchase of 2 vehicles for Code Enforcement, #14770-SLA Parking Lot Proposals, #14771-Janitorial Cleaning Service Proposals.

Lori Hernandez-#14773- Request to enter into a listing agreement w/Angela Rosenberg w/First Team Real Estate to SLA owned vacant properties.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE:

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM#14763: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Financials for October & November 2025

ACTION: Information Only

ITEM#14764: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Homeowners Correspondence

A. Kris Cerone

- Posting on Facebook asking to borrow guest passes to go fishing after fish drop

ACTION: Information Only

ITEM#14765: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Request authorization to open all SLA ballots for the 2026 BOD election, submitting ballots with no votes for the sole purpose of establishing quorum

MOTION: Motion to approve authorization to open all SLA ballots for the 2026 BOD election, submitting ballots with no votes for the sole purpose of establishing quorum

ACTION: Motion Carried

MOVED: Debbie Valentine-Smith **SEC:** Wayne White Sr. **PASSED:** 7-0

ITEM#14766: **Review/Discuss/Action:** American Legion 4th of July Golf Tournament for Friday, July 3, 2026

- Date and time of Tournament have been approved by Todd in Pro Shop
- Team signups will be \$600, individual signups will be \$100 and we will pair them up
- Sponsorship of a Hole will be \$1000 for full sponsorship, or \$500 for half hole sponsorship
- An agreement has been reached with Kerryanne at Silver Lakes Restaurant to provide food at the turn and Dinner at the Restaurant. Dinner will be served on Friday after the tournament (time to be determined)
- American Legion Post #855 will provide a 1 day event Liquor License for the event

- Sodas, beer, Truly's and water will be provided on all Par 3's and at the turn
- Raffle and 50/50 will be set up on Tuesday June 30th in the Terrace Room, with drawings being made at the dinner on Friday, July 3rd

As in the past 3 years, the American Legion does not make a penny on this event. It is a fundraising event. Every penny of this event has gone to the youth sports organizations of Silver Lakes. Last year, the Little League/Softball Organization, ACE Sports, and CSD Youth Sports, each received a check for \$7022.62.

We would like to request the following from the Board:

- Waive the charges for Carts and Greens Fees for non resident players
- Sponsor a hole for \$1000. This will include a 6 person team, recognition of the Association on the hole you are sponsoring, and in all advertising for the Tournament.
- Provide event insurance, as per last year's Tournament

MOTION: Motion to approve American Legion 4th of July Golf Tournament for Friday, July 3, 2026
ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Wayne White Sr. **SEC:** Greg Thomson **PASSED:** 6-1
NO: Jeff McKellar

ITEM#14767: **Review/Discuss/Action:** #9 South Pond Soilfloc Proposal in the amount of \$16,899.75
MOTION: Motion to approve #9 South Pond Soilfloc Proposal in the amount of \$16,899.75 paid from the Reserves
ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Wayne White Sr. **SEC:** Debbie Valentine-Smith **PASSED:** 7-0

ITEM#14768: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Health & Safety determination
Member Discipline: XN#423514
MOTION: Motion to designate this as a Health & Safety Violation
ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Frances Diggs **SEC:** Debbie Valentine-Smith **PASSED:** 7-0

ITEM#14769: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Request approval for the purchase of two additional vehicles for the Code Enforcement Department, at a total cost not to exceed \$65,000.00, including all applicable taxes and licensing
MOTION: Motion to approve the purchase of two additional vehicles for the Code Enforcement Department, at a total cost not to exceed \$65,000.00, including all applicable taxes and licensing paid from the Reserves
ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Jeff McKellar **SEC:** Debbie Valentine-Smith **PASSED:** 6-1
NO: Jim Granger

ITEM#14770: **Review/Discuss/Action:** SLA parking lot slurry proposals:

- Clean area with power blower. Install Industrial Rubberized Crack-filler to open cracks in asphalt
- Seal coat- Power clean and apply one coat of industrial Diverfied Seal Coat to existing asphalt.
- Stripping 1 coat

Bid good for 6 months

Total Cost per location:

RV- One coats industrial seal material total \$17,000

North Marina- One coat industrial seal material total \$10,000

Maintenance Yard- One coat industrial seal material total \$6,300

Administration Office- One coat industrial seal material total \$3,750

South Beach-One coat industrial seal material total \$9,300

North Beach-One coat industrial seal material total \$9,600

Grand Total \$55,950

MOTION: Motion to approve 3rd Party Contract for SLA parking lots in the amount of \$64,450.00 paid from Reserves

ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Wayne White Sr. **SEC:** Frances Diggs **PASSED:** 7-0

ITEM#14771: **Review/Discuss/Action:** Janitorial Cleaning Service Proposals:
Bidder#1

- Daily full janitorial services for all Silver Lakes Association facilities.
- Will perform monthly and quarterly tasks outlined in contract
- Provide all cleaning products and chemicals required to perform these services.

Fully licensed, insured, and bonded commercial cleaning company with an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

-Fourth of July Event: \$1,500 flat rate continuous cleaning and restroom restocking at North Beach (including post-event outside trash collection)

-Annual Carpet Cleaning: \$1,500 annually (Admin. Building, RV Office, RV Conference Building, Restaurant, Players' Lounge, and Clubhouse)

-Total monthly janitorial services: \$9,500/monthly (\$114,000 for 1 year contract)

Proposal is valid until February 1, 2026

Total for the 1-year contract: \$117,000

Bidder#2

- Provide daily janitorial and cleaning services to Silver Lakes Association facilities and other association properties within Silver Lakes.
- Will perform monthly and quarterly tasks outlined in contract.
- No additional cost for continuous cleaning and restroom restocking at North Beach for the Fourth of July Event.
- Provide all cleaning products and chemicals required to perform these services.

Insurance and Licensing: All American Janitorial will maintain liability insurance and required licenses.

Proposal is valid until February 1, 2026

Monthly janitorial services: \$16,650

Total for 1-year contract \$199,800

- Provide daily janitorial cleaning services to Silver Lakes Association facilities.
- Will perform monthly and quarterly tasks outlined in contract.
- Provide continuous cleaning and restroom restocking at North Beach for the

Bidder#4

- Provide daily janitorial cleaning services to Silver Lakes Association facilities.
- Will perform monthly and quarterly tasks outlined in contract.
- Fourth of July Event 10 am- 11pm approx. 13 hours- Special Event Cleaning: \$40 hourly per cleaner (flat rate or hourly rate per crew) Provide continuous cleaning and restroom restocking at North Beach
- Provide all cleaning products and chemicals required to perform these services

Warranty: Satisfaction guaranteed or team will return within 24 hours to re-services at any location at no additional cost

Maderos Home Remodeling Inc. carries full general liability insurance coverage

Proposal is valid until February 2026

Monthly janitorial services: **\$33,000**

Special Event Cleaning: **\$520** for 13 hours

Total for 1-year contract \$396,520

MOTION: Motion to approve 3rd Party Contract Bidder#1 for a 1-yr contract in the amount of **\$117,000.00**

ACTION: Motion Carried

MOVED: Frances Diggs **SEC:** Debbie Valentine-Smith **PASSED:** 7-0

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ITEM#14773 : **Review/Discuss/Action:** Request to enter into a listing agreement with Angela Rosenberg w/First Team Real Estate to SLA owned vacant land properties:

Proposed SLA owned property to list

APN	Address	Back Tax owed	Default
1. 0467-563-11-0000	27237 Peach Tree Ln.	\$3836.66	7/20
2. 0467-252-10-0000	14988 Rivers Edge Rd.	\$3499.29	7/20
3. 0465-564-13-0000	26510 Silver Lakes Pkw.	\$1873.16	7/21
4. 0465-532-09-0000	26555 Oar Ln.	\$1782.40	7/21
5. 0467-571-12-0000	14874 Autumn Ln.	\$1907.86	7/21
6. 0465-562-03-0000	14167 Polly Ct.	\$2232.26	7/21
7. 0467-264-15-0000	14817 Crofton Ln.	\$1782.74	7/23
8. 0467-331-13-0000	15224 Tournament Dr.	\$(473.40)	Current

MOTION: Motion to approve and enter into a listing agreement with Angela Rosenberg w/First

Team Real Estate to SLA owned vacant land properties not to exceed 5 months on listing agreement

Proposed SLA owned property to list

APN	Address	Back Tax owed	Default
1. 0467-563-11-0000	27237 Peach Tree Ln.	\$3836.66	7/20
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8. 0467-331-13-0000	15224 Tournament Dr.	\$(473.40)	Current

ACTION: Motion Carried

MOVED: Jeff McKellar **SEC:** Wayne White Sr. **PASSED:** 6-1
NO: Jim Granger

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

The General Membership comments section is the opportunity at which time members may address the Board about any matter, on or off the agenda. Each Member wishing to address the Board will have a total of 3 minutes to do so. Member comments that are disrespectful, confrontational, offensive, or involve derogatory language will not be tolerated and will be subject to moderation. The Board may not respond during this time.

Comments:

Mark Johnson – Ace Golf Tournament Schedule

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

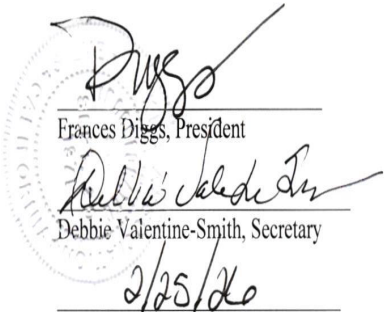
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Agenda request forms are available at the Association Administration Office. **The request MUST be submitted one week (Wednesday by Noon) prior to scheduled Open Board Meeting AND requires a Board Member or the General Manager's approval for placement.**
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MOTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm
ACTION: Motion Carried
MOVED: Debbie Valentine-Smith **SEC:** Wayne White Sr. **PASSED:** 7-0



Frances Diggs, President
Debbie Valentine-Smith, Secretary
2/25/26
Date

Document Postings

Designated Location for posting of "General Notices" Civil Code § 4045 (3) (a)

A "General Notice" is a notice by the Association to the entire membership.
Effective January 1, 2014, The Association has designated the following location for the posting of "General Notices" to the membership:
Silver Lakes Association Clubhouse
27801 Mountain Springs Road
Helendale, CA 92342

Right to Receive General Notice by Individual Delivery Civil Code §§5310(a)(4), 4045(b)

All members have the option to receive general notices by individual delivery, instead of by General Delivery. A request for individual delivery of general notices to the Member, that would otherwise be posted in the common area, on the website, or made by some form of general notice, or a request to cancel a prior request for individual delivery of general notices. This request must be in writing. Any electronic record satisfies the "in writing" requirement, as long as it comes in a form that can be retained, electronically or printed.

Right to Receive Board Minutes Civil Code §§5310(a)(5), 4950(b)

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Silver Lakes Association
Rusty Mace, General Manager
PO Box 179
Helendale, CA 92342-0179

The Silver Lakes Association posts these documents at the Clubhouse:

- Agendas for upcoming Executive Board of Directors Meeting and Open Board of Directors Meetings
- Most recent approved Open Board of Directors Meeting minutes
- Currently proposed, and the most recent approved Rules and Regulations changes or additions

Other required documents which need posting will also be found at this location. All the mentioned can also be found on the website - www.silverlakesassociation.com.

The C&R's, Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws and Architectural Guidelines are also available to view and/or print on the website.

Silver Lakes Association Administration Office
Contact Ashley Woods, Executive Assistant if you need assistance
760-245-1606 ext. 233
awoods@silverlakesassociation.com

George Butterfield Memorial

4th of July Golf Tournament



Event: 6 Person Scramble

**Date: Friday, July 3rd
8:00 AM Shotgun**



**Dinner Friday, July 3rd
at Silver Lakes Restaurant**

Prizes: Best Decorated Cart

Extras: Raffle • 50/50 Drawing

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**PUBLICATION
DESIGN**

April 2026 is the 1st month of the
2nd Quarter

All Tenant ID Cards and Tenant Guest Cards
must be updated in order to use any of the
Silver Lakes Association amenities
New sticker is **Yellow w/black '26'**

***A Property Owner who rents a home must have on
file at the RV Park Office a Crime Free Agreement.***

***If the rights have been assigned to the tenant a
current lease/rental agreement must also be on file
in order for the tenant to receive their ID card or
have their current ID card updated.***

**Renew at the RV Park Office 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed ½ hour during lunch.**

Compliance Department Announcement

Compliance Department: 760-243-1569

The Compliance Department
will be inspecting properties for
dead landscaping. Please look
out for any dead branches that
need to be trimmed or dead
plants that need to be removed
or revived. Please be advised
that dead plants must be
removed to ground level
leaving no visible stumps.



UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES

On Association property, unauthorized
vehicles include abandoned or dilapidated
vehicles, vehicles with expired or illegible
Silver Lakes registration decals/stickers, or
any vehicle that does not otherwise comply
with the Association's governing documents.

**Unauthorized vehicles may be subject to
removal from SLA property at the owners
expense.**

If you have any questions or concerns,
you may contact the Compliance
Department at 760-243-1569

Compliance Department Announcement

**Hello All Silver Lakes residents,
Now is the time for updates!**

**As you apply your new SLA
stickers, ensure to check if your
decals are faded or damaged.**



**If your decals are illegible,
you may be in violation of the
Rules and Regulations. If you
have questions about
updating your cards, golf cart,
boats, etc. you may contact the
SLA RV park at 760-245-7180.**

Please Call if you have any questions: 760-243-1569

2026 Yearly Golf Activity

Month	Member	Guest	Tenant	SLVC/TS	Inn	Total
January	3306	157	188	0	0	3651
February	2986	148	120	0	0	3254
March				0	0	0
April				0	0	0
May				0	0	0
June				0	0	0
July				0	0	0
August				0	0	0
September				0	0	0
October				0	0	0
November				0	0	0
December				0	0	0

Totals	6292	305	308	0	0	6905
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Golf Course Activity - Feb 2026

Date	Day	Member	Guest	Tenant	SLVC/TS	Inn	Total Play
1	SUN	149	11	8	0	0	168
2	MON	89	5	0	0	0	94
3	TUE	89	3	4	0	0	96
4	WED	129	1	2	0	0	132
5	THU	104	3	8	0	0	115
6	FRI	130	18	4	0	0	152
7	SAT	157	6	11	0	0	174
8	SUN	100	1	6	0	0	107
9	MON	91	4	0	0	0	95
10	TUE	78	3	2	0	0	83
11	WED	91	3	2	0	0	96
12	THU	76	4	2	0	0	82
13	FRI	143	11	9	0	0	163
14	SAT	196	4	2	0	0	202
15	SUN	137	9	14	0	0	160
16	MON	43	0	5	0	0	48
17	TUE	45	2	0	0	0	47
18	WED	2	0	0	0	0	2
19	THU	16	0	0	0	0	16
20	FRI	121	5	3	0	0	129
21	SAT	146	9	4	0	0	159
22	SUN	154	7	10	0	0	171
23	MON	100	6	0	0	0	106
24	TUE	110	6	4	0	0	120
25	WED	100	1	2	0	0	103
26	THU	118	13	4	0	0	135
27	FRI	144	10	8	0	0	162
28	SAT	128	3	6	0	0	137
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	Totals	2986	148	120	0	0	3254



THE GO GO'S

(Golden Oldie Golf Organization)

Open to all Silver Lakes property owners and tenants with assigned rights of usage who are 62 or older. Spouses of 62 year olds are welcome regardless of age

- Open to both men and women
- Play 9 holes each Thursday at 1:30pm (with the exception of the 1st Thursday of each month)
- Men play gold tees & Women play pink tees
- No membership Fees & No Handicap Required

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CONTACT: Pro Shop at 760-245-7435

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TRANSITION

As summer approaches, the transition from Ryegrass to Bermudagrass will be similar to years past as we anticipate the golf course will be overseeded again this fall. After a relatively warm winter, we believe the set-up for a good bermudagrass season is in place for this summer. However, we will continue promoting both turf types and allowing the Ryegrass to thrive in heavily shaded areas of the golf course. In this dual variety approach the cool season Ryegrass will perform well in the heavy shade areas and the Bermudagrass will perform well in the open, sunny areas.

Bermudagrass needs 120 days of optimal growing conditions to remain healthy and produce energy it needs to survive the winter. To achieve this, we go through transition, which is the process of promoting the growth and health of the Bermudagrass base while reducing competition from the winter Ryegrass.

Transition can be achieved through several different

procedures. One procedure is the use of chemicals which will gradually kill the cool season Ryegrass. These chemicals usually take between three and six weeks to remove all of the cool season grass. The benefit of this procedure is it allows for the complete elimination of the Ryegrass allowing for no competition. Unfortunately, this process will also expose and highlight any areas with thin or no Bermudagrass.

Another procedure, which is more conservative, is to gradually transition through maintenance practices such as: reducing mowing heights, reducing irrigation inputs, aerification, growth regulators and fertilizer applications. This option is ideal for maintaining desired playing conditions.

Lowering of mowing heights combined with a growth regulator application will start in mid-March and continue until May. By gradually lowering mowing heights and reg-

ulating the spring growth, we allow more sunlight to reach the soil and the emerging Bermudagrass leaves without compromising playability. This allows soil temperatures to rise and the Bermudagrass to start producing food. Reducing irrigation inputs will cause the Ryegrass to gradually thin further allowing the sunlight to warm the soil and feed the Bermuda. Aerification will continue the process of slowly removing the Ryegrass and promote the growth and health as well. Fertilizer applications after aeration and throughout the summer will further promote the growth and health of our Bermudagrass base. Lastly, a spring application of turf pigment will help retain some heat in the plant resulting in a faster green-up of Bermudagrass in the Spring. The benefit to this process is the transition is slow with little disruption to course conditions. If there are areas where the bermudagrass base is thin, the Ryegrass will hopefully hold on and maintain turf coverage while we nurture the Bermudagrass into summer conditions.

As always, we hope to see you out on the course!



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The weather is finally starting to warm up and the golf course is showing signs of spring conditions. The upcoming Spring and Summer schedule has many events scheduled and we hope to see lots of players signing up and participating.

As we move into the warm weather, we want to remind everyone that the dress code for the golf course is presently as follows:

MEN

- (1) Shirts must have collars and sleeves. Turtlenecks and mock turtleneck shirts must have a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ " collar. Tank tops and T-shirts are prohibited.
- (2) Blue denim jeans, or shorts are prohibited.
- (3) Shorts must have at least a fourteen (14) inch out-seam not including waistband or no more than six (6) inches above or below the knee. Swim trunks, jogging shorts, bike shorts, tennis shorts, baggy shorts below the knee and cutoffs are prohibited.
- (4) Shoes with metal spikes, big knobby sole shoes, flip-flops, and any similar type shoes are prohibited.

WOMEN

- (1) Shirts must be tailored for golf. Turtlenecks and mock turtleneck shirts must have a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ " collar. Tank tops and T-shirts are prohibited.
- (2) Blue denim jeans, or shorts are prohibited.
- (3) Halter-tops, tops with spaghetti straps, and/or bare midriff tops, and swimsuit tops are prohibited.
- (4) Shorts must have at least a fourteen (14) inch out-seam not including waistband or no more than six (6) inches above or below the knee. Swim trunks, jogging shorts, bike shorts, tennis shorts, baggy shorts below the knee and cutoffs are prohibited.
- (5) Shoes with metal spikes, big knobby sole shoes, flip-flops, and any similar type shoes are prohibited.

The dress code applies whether you are a member or a guest and are out to watch, play, or use the driving range and any of the practice areas. If you have any questions regarding the dress code please do not hesitate to call the golf shop. Staff will be happy to discuss the dress code much rather do this than have to bring any infractions to someone's attention after they have arrived at the course.

Always a hot topic we have been tasked with seeing what other clubs do and will be passing that info on to the board for further consideration. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their help and compliance with dress code.

Watch for our clinics on the last Saturday of the month. Clinics are free and as the weather warms up we hope that as many golfers as possible sign up and take advantage of the opportunity to fine tune your skills. Sign up now by calling the golf shop as spaces are limited.

SWIMMER'S ITCH

WHAT IS SWIMMER'S ITCH?

Swimmer's itch is caused by the larval stage of flatworm parasites that use freshwater snails and birds like ducks as part of their parasitic life cycle. These parasites can cause an **itchy rash** that is commonly contracted by swimming in lakes and ponds.

SYMPTOMS:

- ✓ Itchy red rash
- ✓ Small bumps or blisters
- ✓ Appears shortly after swimming, often more intensely in children

Typically goes away within a week

POSSIBLE TREATMENTS:

- ✓ Anti-itch cream
- ✓ Antihistamines
- ✓ Bathing in Epsom salt, baking soda or oatmeal

HOW DOES SWIMMER'S ITCH HAPPEN?

1. Infected freshwater snails release parasitic larvae (cercariae) into the water
2. The larvae seek out and infect birds like ducks, where they mature and lay eggs
3. Bird droppings containing the eggs contaminate the water
4. The larvae hatch and seek out humans
5. Humans get itchy after swimming in the water

PREVENTION TIPS:

- ✓ Rinse off with clean water after swimming
- ✓ Towel off vigorously right away
- ✓ Avoid wading in shallow, marshy areas.

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SILVER LAKES
MEN'S GOLF
CLUB NEWS
by Scott Wheaton

Greetings Golfers and all Silver Lakes residents, WOW has the weather improved... perhaps "Spring has Sprung"! As most of you may have noticed, the golf course is looking magnificent. The Men's Club has some excellent ideas, concerning Golf Carts, to help keep our fairways looking incredible....

1. Stay on the Path: Drive the cart on the designated cart path for as long as you can.
2. Turn at 90 Degrees: When you are in line with your ball, turn the cart 90 degrees (a right-angle turn) off the path.
3. Drive Straight to the Ball: Go directly to your ball in a straight line across the fairway.
4. Return to the Path: After hitting, drive straight back to the cart path at a 90-degree angle, not further down the fairway.

The month of is the annual 2 Day Eclectic Event. March 21 & 22 (Saturday & Sunday) are the dates and your chance to be a winner! Everyone had a great time at February's tournament, 3 Man - 2 Best Ball event, listed below are winners per flight

- Gross A Flight – Nate Carlson, "D.B." Braddock and Steve Orr
- Net A Flight – Bryce Carlson, Brandon McCord & James Dorn
- Gross B Flight – Geoff Grounds, Andy Harris & Peter Park
- Net B Flight – Dave Thomas, Jason Reed & Ben Rosenberg

Congrats to Angelo Rodriguez for winning the SLMGC 50/50 drawing.

Men's Club applications can be obtained at the Pro Shop, just ask Todd or one of his staff. Be sure to sign up for tournaments early and always be sure to post your scores!

"If profanity had an influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is". – Sam Snead

"In life, all good things come hard, but wisdom is the hardest to come by." – Lucille Ball



Wow March's tournament was a windy one! You had to be really skilled in keeping your golf ball low for this tournament, especially since we played South course! This month's tournament was the 6-6-6 format which is one of my favorites! For this one, you pick your partner and then play three different formats each 6 holes, starting with best, Stableford and then ending with a two person scramble. Every duo had a great time and was able to make it through the crazy weather! Great job ladies! The results are as follows:

Flight 1

1st place Gross: Grounds & DiTulio
 1st place Net: Huh & Kim
 2nd place Net: Rambicure & Kramer
 3rd place Net: Yoon & Roberts
 4th place Net: McKinley & Boni

Flight 2

1st place Gross: Wall & Martinez-Ramirez
 1st place Net: Watkins & Negrete
 2nd place Net: Dunagan & Morgan
 3rd place Net: Dennis & Fidler
 4th place Net: Woolley & Salerno

Congrats ladies! After the tournament, the league met in the Terrace room for a special lunch. The restaurant served the "Grinder sandwich" which was special version of an Italian sandwich on a croissant. It was delicious and I for one would love if they added it to the permanent menu! Thank you again to the Silver Lakes Restaurant for taking care of us. We had our first general meeting of the year to talk about all things new with the ladies club! We were able to announce the Member

Guest theme which is.... The Mad Hatter Tee Party! I can't wait to see all the whimsical ideas people will have, so don't be late! This tournament is scheduled for June and it's our most popular one for the year so start thinking about who your guest will be! Most improved for March is.... Louise Dennis!! Congrats Louise, you are truly such a great golfer and we appreciate you for all the hard work you do on and off the course! Louise helps run Meals on Wheels for our senior community and

also maintains the beautiful roses by the Pro Shop! So not only is she a great player who continues to improve her game but is so important to so many people! Next month's tournament is the Gold Tee it up where you able to tee your ball up wherever you are on the course! I've never played this tournament so I can't wait to see how it goes! I look forward to reporting our Presidents Cup Winner within the next months article so stay tuned!





SILVER LAKES RECREATION

LIFEGUARD TRYOUTS

NORTH BEACH

APRIL 11TH

9AM

SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK

Participants will swim from North Beach to North Marina and back.

Bring towels, goggles and your passion for water safety. Participants **MUST** contact SLA Recreation for more information and details.

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Certified Lifeguard Class includes Professional CPR/FIRST AID/AED

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This American Red Cross program teaches the skills and knowledge required to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. Successful participants receive a 2-year certification necessary to apply for a SLA lifeguard position.

This course will be a blended learning class. Students **MUST** complete the required 8 hour **ONLINE** course before attending the 38 hour classroom & water training portions.

Online learning can begin as soon as payment is made.

Cost: \$75 per person

When: Friday May 1 (5:30pm-8:30pm), Saturday May 2 (9am-6pm), and Sunday May 3 (9am-6pm)

AND Friday May 8 (5:30pm-8:30pm), Saturday May 9 (9am-6pm), and Sunday May 10 (9am-6pm)

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL 6 DAYS. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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SILVER LAKES RECREATION

RACE 4 ACE

4.25.26 * 9AM

Saturday

Check in starts at 8:00am



SLA CLUBHOUSE

FUNDRAISER FOR ACE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

5K

\$30

Medals for all entrants

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in male and female categories





Scan QR Code to register

In-person registration day of event stating at 8:00 AM-\$35

Call 760.952.3107 or slarecreationdept@gmail.com for details



Silver Lakes Recreation

SLA Clubhouse Pool

27801 Mountain Springs Road

Aqua Dance

Join our Low-impact, High-Energy Pool Workout

WEDNESDAYS

FREE 6PM-7PM

APRIL 15, 22, 29

MAY 6, 13, 20, 27

INSTRUCTOR JAMMIE



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SILVER LAKES RECREATION

SILVER LAKES SWIMMING POOL

27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

WATER AEROBICS

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

10AM-11AM

INSTRUCTOR TOM

APRIL 13 - OCT 11

*POOL HOURS AND AVAILABILITY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR REQUIRED MAINTENANCE.

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Silver Lakes Recreation

SLA LARGE POOL

2026 SEASON

Monday, April 13th-Sunday, October 11th

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MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS MUST CHECK IN WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT or POOL MONITOR WHEN PRESENT

SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK

*Pool hours and availability are subject to change due to weather or required maintenance.

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SILVER LAKES RECREATION

TINY Tots CLUB

Wednesdays 10AM-12PM

SLA CLUBHOUSE- RECREATION ROOM

27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

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FREE-NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

DESIGNED FOR PRE-K

FUN, CREATIVITY, AND LOTS OF GIGGLES

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SILVER LAKES RECREATION

FAMILY BINGO Night

FRIDAY APRIL 17

STARTS @ 7:00 PM

SLA CLUBHOUSE RECREATION ROOM

27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

\$5 FOR DECK OF CARDS

ALL 10 GAMES IN ONE DECK

LIMIT OF 4 DECKS PER PERSON

SNACKS, DRINKS, AND POPCORN FOR SALE

*CASH ONLY

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AWESOME PRIZES AWAIT YOU!

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SILVER LAKES RECREATION



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SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

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PHOTOS WITH THE
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TO RESERVE YOUR
SPOT!
WALK-UPS ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME!

PARMELEE FIELD
27256 PEACH TREE LANE

9AM-10:50AM

4X6 PHOTO
w. EASTER FRAME

\$10 FOR TWO



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Inviting Your World to Experience God's Grace

Sunday Service:

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Silver Lakes Recreation





Spring Break Color Splash

Mini camp

SLA Clubhouse-Ballroom
27801 Mountain Springs Road
\$10 per camper, per day

Mon March 30, COLOR CRAZE
Wed April 1, BLUE CRAZE
Fri April 3, RAINBOW CRAZE

**AGE : 6-12
YEARS**

**11AM
to
3:00 PM**

FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES (outdoor weather permitting)
Campers bring lunch (snacks and water provided)
WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED. CURRENT SLA ID OR GUEST CARD WITH PHOTO ID
\$15 registration fee day of the camps
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SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION



EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4th, Parmelee Field

 **9:00 AM – 10:50 AM | Photos with the Easter Bunny!**
 **9:00 AM – 10:50 AM | Life-Size Candy Land Adventure!**

 **Easter Egg Hunt Schedule:**
 **11:00 AM | Ages 0-2 – Playground**
 **11:05 AM | Ages 3-5 – Middle Field**
 **11:10AM | Ages 6-8 – Back Field**
 **11:15 AM | Ages 9-11+ – Front Field**

Don't forget your basket and get ready for a morning full of fun, surprises, and maybe even a Golden Ticket!

27256 Peach Tree Lane

FREE EVENT

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**Silver Lakes Association
Board of Directors and Officers
2026-2027**

President	Frances Diggs
Vice President	Scott Limbacher
Treasurer	Steve Donnelly
Secretary	Debbie Valentine-Smith
Board Member	Joy Boni
Board Member	Jim Granger
Board Member	Wayne White Sr.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings in Helendale

Saturday Participation Meeting
(This is an open meeting, all are welcome.
Speaker on the first Saturday of the month.)

Saturdays at 7:00 to 8:30pm
Helendale Community Church
15488 Riverview Road

Women's AA Meeting

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am
Helendale Community Church
(East classroom off rear parking lot)

Men's Stag Meeting

(This is a closed meeting for men who think
they have a problem with alcohol.)
Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm
Lions Club
27437 Helendale Road

**Thursday Night Fourth Dimension
A.A. Book Study Meeting**

(This is a closed meeting for people who think
they have a problem with alcohol.)
Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Helendale Community Church
15488 Riverview Drive

Silver Lakes Restaurant
PRESENTS

Family GAME NIGHT

3rd Tuesday of every month
14818 Clubhouse Dr.
FROM 4:30PM-6:30PM
\$3.00 Personal Cheese Pizza
For 14 and under

GAMES AVAILABLE TO PLAY
BOARD GAMES - CONNECT 4 - JENGA

For more info call: 760-245-7700

THE SALAD BAR

SILVER LAKES RESTAURANT
14818 CLUBHOUSE DR.
EVERY WEDNESDAY 4:30PM-7:30PM
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$16

Silver Lakes
— SNACKBAR —

Starting Wednesday, April 1st
BACK TO REGULAR HOURS
7AM TO 2PM DAILY
GRILL OFF AT 1:45

New Spring Drinks Available!

Leprechaun Boba Lemonade Iced Blonde Espresso Monster Peach Sunrise Energy Drink

Try Them All!
14818 Clubhouse Dr (Next to Pro Shop)
760-245-3385

KIDS EAT FREE

EVERY WEDNESDAY FREE CHILDREN'S MEAL WITH
THE PURCHASE OF AN ADULT ENTREE

DINE IN ONLY
12 AND UNDER (KIDS MENU)
11AM-8PM

SILVER LAKES RESTAURANT
14818 CLUBHOUSE DR. HELENDAL
760-245-7700



Friday 4/3

Fish Fry Day

Starting 11AM

**3 Pieces Fried Cod, Fries,
Cole Slaw, Lemons, &
Tartar Sauce**

\$16

Saturday 4/11

Prime Rib Night

Starting at 430PM

**10 oz cut served with
Baked Potato,
Vegetables, Au Jus, &
Creamy Horseradish**

\$38

While Supplies Last



Special Menu March 2026

Liver & Onions \$12

Liver topped with Grilled Onions & Bacon, served with
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Vegetables

Grilled Cheese with a cup of Soup \$8
Toasted White Bread with American Cheese

Pollock Sandwich \$10

Fried Pollock, on a burger bun with Tartar Sauce,
served with Cole Slaw

Ground Beef Steak topped with Mushroom Gravy,
served with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables \$12

Fried Shrimp Plate \$12

5 Fried Shrimp, served with Cocktail Sauce & Fries

Crispy Korean Pork Ribs Dinner \$12

4 Fried Riblets tossed in Korean Butter Sauce,
garnished with Green Onion & Sesame Seed,
served with Thai Basil Rice & Broccoli

Shrimp Sofrito \$14

4 Grilled Shrimp in Sofrito Sauce, topped with fresh
Crema, served with Grilled Pita Bread

Silver Lakes Restaurant
14818 Clubhouse Dr.
760-245-7700

Tuesday through Saturday
12pm-6pm
Only-No Substitutions

760-245-7700

Easter Brunch

Silver Lakes Restaurant & Lounge

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Brunch Buffet 10am-2pm

Scrambled Eggs, Country Potatoes, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Syrup
Honey Ham, Citrus Salmon, Chicken Francais
Green Beans Almondine,
Scalloped Potatoes & Rice Pilaf
Breakfast Pastries
Fresh Fruit, Salad Bar, Desserts
Includes Coffee & Iced Tea

Adults \$38, Kids ages 4-12 \$20, Under 3 Free

Call ahead for Reservations: (760)245-7700

14818 Clubhouse Dr. Helendale, CA

7pm-10pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21

Karaoke w/ KJ Kipp

Singing and Dancing

March 28

Lenor & That 80's Band

All your favorite 80's Music

April 4

Albert Miranda Project

Blues, Jazz, and Funk

April 10

Lenor & that 80's Band

Top 40, Country, and Classic Rock

April 18

Karaoke w/KJ Kipp

Singing and Dancing

Silver Lakes Restaurant & Lounge

14818 Clubhouse Dr.

HELENDALE SENIOR OUTREACH CENTER

“The Place to Meet & Greet”

26540 Vista Rd., Ste C (760) 780-1123

Open Monday thru Friday, 10:00 – 2:00

“WHEELS DOWN” SINCE 2011 every Monday morning Meals-on-Wheels teams have delivered meals to qualifying recipients. “THEY KEEP ROLLING ALONG.”

Program history. Weekly on Monday mornings after picking up large coolers at Grace Bible Church, drivers drove to Barstow Senior Center to pick up frozen meals. Upon drivers’ return, coolers were transferred to team cars. Having a designated driver, members had numerous scheduled delivery routes in Silver Lakes and outside our gates. Coolers were all then returned to church for storage.

Later necessity required, thanks to the generosity of Greg and Larry Perring, cooler storage and weekly volunteer pickup point was relocated at Silver Lakes Market. Currently, delivered from Barstow, volunteers pick up Meals-on-Wheels at the CSD.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, beginning 2011 our community has been blessed with the years of leadership and never tiring dedication of NYLA KOLTER-MAN to Meals-on-Wheels. Think Meals-on-Wheels, think of Nyla, recipient, or volunteer. THANK YOU is not sufficient for

Our gratitude to you Nyla and supportive husband Robert. We pray your days ahead be filled with love, happiness and especially God’s blessings.

DRIVERS AND VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO HIT THE ROAD Mondays to deliver five easy to prepare meals to seniors, shut-ins or one recovering from surgery, with MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM. Meat included in each meal with starch, vegetable, and half-gallon low-fat milk. Bananas supplied by Helendale Senior Outreach. Silver Lakes Women’s Golf Club donates weekly treats. Cost \$20.00. Contact Melissa Miller (559) 586-3385

“SWEET TIME’ WAS ENJOYED by all at the “Strawberry Shortcake Shindig.” Celebrating

Valentine’s Day, Pam served shortcake, fresh sliced strawberries, and whipped cream. Theme and party decorations “touched the heart” of Seniors. “Heart-felt” thank you Pam for the event.

HAVE AN IDEA OR REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM

Call Barbara Englehardt (760) 475-2632

MONTHLY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Monday: Wii Bowling - 10:00 – New bowlers are welcome.

Tuesday: Mexican Train & Rummikub – 10:00 & 12:30

2nd Tuesday: Mexican Train & Rummikub – 10:00 & 12:30

3rd Tuesday: Daily Activities 10:00 – Dept. of Aging – 1:00

4th Tuesday: Crafts with Alesha 10:00 – Fee under \$5.00

Wednesday: Rummikub – 10:00

Wednesday: Rummikub – Lynne teaching – new and seasoned players tables – 1:00

Thursday: Pinocle – 10:00

1st Thursday: Bingo - \$2.00 cards – Colleen caller - 10:00

2nd Thursday: Monthly Birthday Party - Shannon and Barbara – 1:00

3rd Thursday: Bingo - \$2.00 cards – Colleen caller - 10:00

Friday: Texas Hold’em – Easy to learn game - 10:00

Most days: Mexican Train & Rummikub – 12: 30

Mission Statement: Helendale Senior Outreach seeks to provide services in Helendale.

Community senior citizens and homebound that will bring confidence and more freedom to their lives.”

-Georgia Ritchie



**CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC CHURCH
NOW OPEN AT HELENDALE FOR MASS**

PASTOR: Father Canice Nwizu, V.F.

Mass is being held at the
Helendale, CSD Community

Center ROOM C

26540 Vista Road

Saturdays at 4:30 P.M.

COME JOIN US !!

“For where two or three are gathered
Together in my name, there am I
In the midst of them”.

Helendale Community Church

15488 Riverview Road

Helendale, CA 92342



Services:

10am Sunday Morning – Worship Service

Bible Study Starting from 6pm – 7pm Starting January 10

Phone # 760-951-0213

Calvary Chapel
Helendale

Calvary Chapel is a House of Refuge with

<https://lovelife.org/house-of-refuge/>

If you have or had an unplanned pregnancy and need
help, please call or email CCHelendaleHofR@gmail.com

Service: Sundays at 10:30 a.m

Address: 26719 Vista Rd. (Community Center)

Phone: 760-952-2227



Mark Wood
Pastor

Sunday Worship
9:00 am

14766 Smithson Road

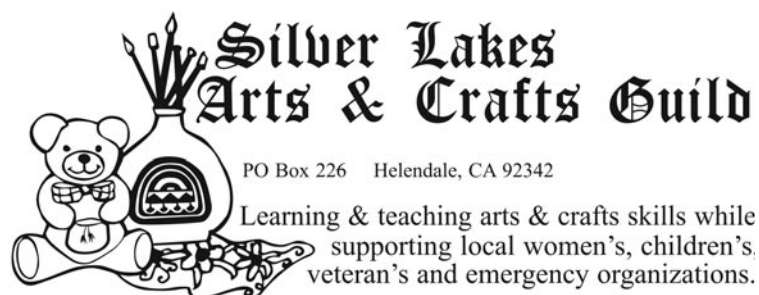
Silver Lakes

(760)952-1485

Child Care Provided

silverlakescommunitychurch.com

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Greetings Silver Lakes! Our potluck was such a fun filled evening! Gwen Davis and her helpers (special shout out to her husband) made it so exceptional. We had festive decorations, valentine cards to share, even a special spot to take photos. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault; there were plentiful great food choices. AND we must mention that we play BINGO right after we dine. The buy-in is reasonable and EVERYTHING is paid out. So, remember, we offer this event once a quarter; so, do not miss this occasion next time.

The gym upstairs has been shut down due to structural damage caused by excessive weight. The quick solution was to switch locations with the library. Many of our Guild members, Entertainers and Players attended the open board meeting to express their concerns and offer alternative options. The Silver Lakes Board has now opted to appoint a special committee to further evaluate and present the best resolution.

Every year, Arts & Crafts create and donate quilts to "Quilts of Valor." Tina

Braddock showed us a beautiful quilt in progress. She needs volunteers on Thursdays from 1-4, and every 3rd Thursday from 10-4. There are many steps in creating quilts and help can be utilized in every phase. The reward when you see the faces of these Veterans and hear their stories is *priceless*.

Scott Limbacher, an Arts & Crafts member and a Silver Lakes board member, was on hand to update us on a few particulars.

We were incredibly happy to be told that the Ledger will again be coming out in hard copy. Not going to be mailed, but available for pick up at specific locations. ECC and Fines committees need volunteers. If interested contact the Association office. Heads up! Several of our guild members will be featured in the upcoming Entertainers production of "The Mystery of Mystic Manor." Showings on April 22, 23, 24, 25 & 30, May 1 & 2. Get your tickets and support our artists.

As mentioned last month, Sheila Orosco and Angele Laib from Solstice spoke at our meeting. Take advantage of their offer and give

them a call at (760) 247-1766 to tour their facility and be treated to lunch. In March we had our club renewals. It was a perfect time for anyone who thought of joining to pay the \$25.00 annual fee and become an active member. If you missed our annual Membership Luncheon you can still enlist in Arts & Crafts. Simply call Ellen Johnson at (760) 221-3429. The crafting choices are endless and you will be so glad you signed up with our Club.

Happy Easter from Silver Lakes Arts & Crafts Guild Board!



What's Growing On?

Gardeners Beware of the False Spring

- Farmer Roy

With temperatures soaring into the 80s and even 90s, flowers blooming, and green buds appearing everywhere, it might feel like spring has arrived early. But gardeners should beware, there's an important difference between a true early spring and what growers call a false spring.

Even though plants are happy to wake up during warm weather, longtime growers in the High Desert know that an early warm spell can actually increase the chance

of damage later on. When plants break dormancy too early, tender new growth becomes vulnerable if a late frost arrives.

Helendale is especially prone to this pattern because it sits in a cold-air basin with sandy soils, clear skies, and very low humidity, these are the conditions that allow temperatures to drop quickly overnight.

The worst scenario is planting all of your tender crops during a warm March only to watch a surprise frost in early April wipe them out.

Tomatoes, squash, basil, and even early stone fruit blossoms are particularly vulnerable.

If you want to hedge your bets, keep planting cool-season crops like winter greens, root vegetables, onions, peas, and beans. For warm-season crops, it's usually safest in Helendale to wait until around April 10 before planting them outdoors.

Patience now can save a lot of disappointment later, and help ensure a healthy, productive spring garden.



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On the Other Side of the Tracks: A Community Perspective on the Proposed Barstow International Gateway Project (B.I.G.)

Author: Sherry B.,
Community resident and member
of the High Desert Community Alliance.

Across the High Desert, many people have heard about the proposed B.I.G. project. It is often described in terms of economic growth, transportation infrastructure, and regional logistics. But for those of us living near the proposed site, the conversation feels very different. It is about our homes, our families, our water wells, air

quality, and the quiet desert lifestyle many of us chose when we knew this was where we would call home. Our community of rural neighborhoods is made up of families, generations of families, retirees, children, and longtime desert residents who value the open space and natural beauty of this area. Many of us

have spacious outdoor land, enjoy the night sky, and appreciate the peaceful rhythm of desert life. These qualities are what make this part of the High Desert special. The Barstow International Gateway project proposes a very large rail and logistics facility that would transfer international shipping containers from trains to domestic containers for distribution across the region. Plans include rail infrastructure along with nine million square feet of warehouse space across an area of roughly 4,700 acres. Because of this scale, some residents have begun asking

an important question: is this primarily a transportation infrastructure project, or is it more accurately a large logistics and industrial development centered around warehousing and distribution? The distinction matters for communities like ours. While rail transportation has long been part of Barstow's identity, the addition of large-scale logistics and industrial facilities raises broader questions about how this may affect our roads, air quality, water resources, noise, and long-term land use next to established neighborhoods. Of particular interest for many across the

High Desert is the increase in truck transportation. What may once have been a reasonable commute could soon begin to feel like a bottleneck much closer to home. Also raising additional questions about whether our existing road infrastructure is prepared to handle that level of traffic. We all know what happens when there is an incident on the I-15—traffic reroutes to Main Street and Route 66, which could bring its own set of challenges. These are the same roads that many residents rely on each day for work, school, errands,

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and emergency services. For many High Desert residents, transportation corridors connect our communities, meaning that changes in one area can often ripple outward across the region.

Residents living closest to the proposed site have been carefully reviewing public documents, attending meetings, and asking questions through the environmental review process. Our concerns are not about opposing progress. Instead, they center on how development of this scale can move forward responsibly while protecting the health and quality of life for the communities located immediately adjacent to the project.

This is how the High Desert Community Alliance began to take shape. The goal is simple: to provide a respectful and informed way for residents to stay engaged, learn about projects affecting our region, and ensure that the voices of local communities are heard.

Healthy communities depend on open dialogue, accurate information, and participation from the people who live there. Whether someone supports development, has concerns about it, or simply wants to understand it better, everyone deserves access to information and a seat at the table. The High Desert has always been a place where neighbors look out for one another.



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As our region grows and changes, maintaining that sense of stewardship and community will be more

important than ever. Residents who would like to stay informed or connect with neighbors about local

issues are invited to join the High Desert Community Alliance. Together, we can continue working toward a future that respects both growth and the communities that already call this desert home.

Many residents share concerns but have not yet spoken publicly. Community engagement can begin simply by staying informed, asking questions, participating in local discussions, or simply showing your presence. Working toward responsible development that protects our communities today and for generations to come.

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Sunsetters Car Club of Silver Lakes News

February, after the run to Pegg Sues on Super Bowl Sunday included a car show in Lake Havasu. As part of this car show there was a garage tour to 11 different personal garages to see the cars that were on display and the capabilities of many of the restorers / car collectors. Harout and Becky, Kenny, Frank, Steve Barnes and Bob Kahlick and I enjoyed the garage tour and car show although I didn't have my car at the show. Frank received an award for his beautiful El Camino. 6 Sunsetters cars, along with about 350 other hot rods from California and Arizona enjoyed the cruise to Amboy for the 2nd annual car show at Roy's Café, held in this desert town on Route 66, in the middle of nowhere. This was a fun day and a great opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

Because this year is the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the Mother Road that started in Chicago and ended in Los Angeles, there are a number of classic car events being scheduled to highlight this celebration and our car club will be a big part of these events. Please check out the current updated in the schedule listed below and join us for the fun.

Upcoming car shows and events that we will be participating in include the following:

- 3/7/26: Roy's car show on Route 66 in Amboy.
- 3/27&28/26: Junkin Ain't Easy car swap meet.
- March 28: Wicked Kustomz 4th annual car show.
- April 1st Friday of every month through October, car cruise and show at Sizzler Restaurant in Hesperia.
- 4/11/26: Oro Grande Round Up and Car Show.
- April 2nd Friday of every month through October, car cruise in Apple Valley, 5-8 PM
- April 3rd Friday of every month through October, Outcast Car Club cruise night at 3rd Strike Beer Company in Hesperia.
- April 4th Friday of every month through September, Sunsetters cruise and car show at Sunsetters Landing, 5-8 PM.
- 5/2/26: Show and Go in downtown Riverside,
- 5/2/26: New Berry Springs Route 66, 100th Anniversary Car Show.
- 5/9/26: High Desert Car Club Council car shows 1-5 PM.
- 5/9/26: Silver Lakes 1st of the season Concert in the Park 6-9 PM.





New Silver Lakes Recreation T-Shirt Now Available

Silver Lakes residents now have a new way to show their community pride with the release of the Silver Lakes Recreation T-Shirt, now available for purchase at both the Golf Shop and the Administration Building.

The shirt celebrates the many outdoor activities that make life in Silver Lakes unique, while also

honoring the community's history.

The front of the shirt commemorates 50 years of the Silver Lakes Golf Course, recognizing the long-standing tradition of golf in our community and the role the course has played in bringing residents together for generations.

The back design draws inspiration from the wide range of recreational opportunities available right here at home.

From peaceful mornings fishing on the lakes, afternoons spent boating across the water, to relaxing rounds of golf on our beautiful course, the artwork reflects the lifestyle that residents enjoy year-round. At the center of the design is a classic McCulloch-style boat, a tribute to Rob-

ert P. McCulloch, whose vision and investment helped bring the Silver Lakes community to life. His contributions helped fund the construction and development of the area, making the lakes and recreation spaces that residents enjoy today possible. The boat serves as a subtle nod to the community's origins and the spirit of recreation that has always been part of Silver Lakes.

The scene is set beneath a starry desert sky, with the desert valley mountain range stretching across the background—capturing the natural beauty that surrounds our community. Together, these elements create a design that reflects both the history and the

everyday experiences that make Silver Lakes special. Whether you are a longtime resident, an avid angler, a boater, or someone who simply enjoys the peaceful desert views, the new Silver Lakes Recreation T-Shirt is a great way to celebrate the lifestyle we share.

Residents interested in purchasing a shirt can stop by the Golf Shop or the Administration Building while supplies last.

Wear your Silver Lakes pride and celebrate the recreation, history, and beauty that make our community one of a kind.



DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL

Clean, Drain, Dry

In California it is illegal to import, transport, or possess live or dead quagga or zebra mussels, including water that may contain their microscopic juveniles. All conveyances are subject to inspection and may be quarantined. Violations are subject to penalty of up to \$1000. Fish and Game Code §2301; 14 CCR §672.1

Clean, Drain, Dry

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSELS

REMOVE plants, animals & mud from gear, boat, trailer & vehicle before you leave the area.

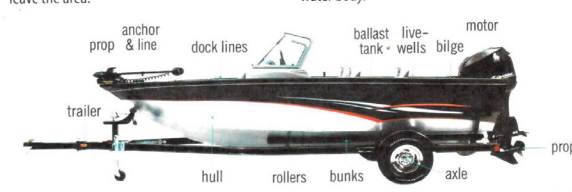
CLEAN your gear before entering & leaving the recreation area.

DRAIN bilge, ballast, wells & buckets before you leave the area.

DRY equipment before launching into another body of water.

DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.

WAIT before launching into different fresh waters. Waiting periods can vary — check with your local water body.



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Community Spotlight: Catching the Wind with Oogie Lee



When Oogie Lee moved to Silver Lakes in 2020, like many others, it was a time of transition. The pandemic had shifted daily life, and working from home opened the door to a new kind of lifestyle—one rooted in balance, nature, and community.

Silver Lakes stood out immediately.

“I was drawn to the water,” Lee shares. “Fishing and kayaking were things I really enjoyed, and this felt like the perfect place for that.”

But as any local knows, life in Silver Lakes comes with its own surprises—especially the wind.

“I wasn’t prepared for how windy it gets out here,” Lee laughs.

Instead of letting that be a drawback, Lee did what many resilient members of this community do—he adapted.

“I decided to make lemonade out of lemons.”

At age 50, with no prior board sport experience, Lee took on an entirely new challenge: learning a wind sport known as wing foiling. Starting from scratch, he bought a skateboard and a wing and began practicing in the South Lake parking lot.

“It took months of failure before I finally got it,” he admits. “A lot of trial and error.”

But persistence paid off.

“The first time I was actually flying—it was incredible. From then on, I was hooked.”

Now, Lee spends much of the year out on South Lake, riding the wind whenever conditions allow.

“I try to get out for at least an hour each session, about half the year,” he says. “It’s a fantastic workout, and it’s exhilarating.”

While he still enjoys fishing, his priorities shift when the wind picks up.

“When the wind blows, there’s nowhere else I’d

rather be than out on South Lake.”

Beyond his personal passions, Lee is also invested in the future of the community. He currently serves as a member of the Silver Lakes Association Lakes Advisory Committee, helping ensure the lakes remain a vibrant and enjoyable resource for everyone.

Oogie Lee’s story is a reminder of what makes Silver Lakes special—not just the scenery, but the people who embrace it fully. Whether it’s casting a line at sunrise or catching the wind across the water, Lee represents the spirit of adaptability, curiosity, and joy that defines this community.

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Dr. Kimberly Cox Retires After More Than 19 Years



Dr. Kimberly Cox will retire from the CSD in April, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy of leadership, vision, and public service. Dr. Cox was the District's first General Manager, hired in February 2007, shortly after the 2006 election that established the Helendale Community Services District. Over the past two decades she has been the driving force behind the District's many accomplishments including the development the Community Park used for sports and the popular Concerts-in-the-Park. She was instrumental in developing numerous recreational programs, from youth sports and community classes to large-scale special events that have become beloved local traditions.

She oversaw \$40 million in capital expenditures that included strategic property acquisitions, new wells, replacement of all customers' service lines, water rights, two maintenance buildings, and upgrades to the sewer system. The District has completed two annexations adding 23 square miles to the District's boundaries totaling 127 square miles.

Her leadership established a firm financial foundation for the District, marked by sound investments, transparent policies, and strong fiscal management. Kimberly built a team—a work family—whose commitment and professionalism will continue to serve the Helendale community for many years to come, building upon the strong foundation she so thoughtfully laid. Beyond infrastructure and operations, Dr. Cox's greatest impact may be the people she invested in. She was a dedicated mentor who intentionally developed staff, cultivated leadership within the organization, and created opportunities for professional growth. Through her guidance, encouragement, and example, she empowered employees to strengthen their skills, build confidence, and carry the District's mission forward.

Please join us for a reception on April 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM to wish Kimberly farewell and welcome the new management team. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Location: 26540 Vista Rd. Suite C.

Happy trails, Dr. Kimberly Cox. Your impact will be felt long after your well-earned retirement.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 11
8:00 - 11:30 AM

ACCEPTED ITEMS
Large items, general trash, metal, tires without rims, green waste, e-waste including TV's, microwaves, computers, phones, etc.

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