

Silver Lakes Golfers Aim High

The Ledger



Fairways to the Future

For two young men from the Silver Lakes community, countless hours on the golf course have paid off in a life-changing way. Through dedication, discipline, and success in CIF competition, both athletes have earned full-ride golf scholarships, turning a passion for the game into an opportunity for higher education.

While many sports are known for loud crowds and fast action, golf often tells its story in moments of concentration,

trust, and perseverance. Their accomplishment is not only a proud moment for their families, but for the entire Silver Lakes community as well. It serves as another reminder that talent from the High Desert continues to reach far beyond our local neighborhoods.

Read the full story inside this issue of The Ledger as we take a closer look at their journey through

CIF competition, the challenges they overcame, and what comes next for these promising student-athletes.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hello Silver Lakes, and welcome to June 2026! Your Board of Directors has been extremely busy coordinating and getting several projects off the ground, while looking for solutions to others.

First, let us answer the question most asked on Silver Lakes social media. "Is the Gym open yet"? The answer is, YES, it is! As of May 18th, our Silver Lakes gym has been temporarily relocated downstairs into the original weight room and the room formerly utilized as our Youth Room. The Youth Room was always designated as a gym on the original County building plans, so it is going back to what it was originally designed for.

Our maintenance department has been working hard preparing the two rooms for your use. The original gym will be for heavy weights and weight machines. The room has been repainted; additional fans installed as well as upgraded lighting. The former youth room will be used as the cardio portion and has been given additional dedicated electrical outlets for the treadmills and elliptical bikes and all other equipment designed to assist with your cardio workout.

The Board had to make a

hard decision regarding where the gym would be relocated and based upon ALL the various groups that use the recreation/library room, the original two gym rooms were the most viable option until a more permanent solution for a gym can be found. The Board remains committed to seeing this done. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

On the "golf course front," you may notice that many of the dead trees have been removed or are in the process of being removed. This comes after a moratorium on tree removal due to last year's budgetary needs. We are also addressing some of the areas where we have standing water on our cart paths. This work is ongoing but should be completed shortly.

RV Park Storage is also seeing some action. We recognize and understand that there is a wait list for space in our RV/Boat/Trailer storage areas. We have begun the process of identifying and removing those vehicles which have been sitting for years without updated registrations or plainly abandoned. This process is lengthy because we have to ensure that all legal procedures are followed. If you

happen to own one of those unregistered dilapidated vehicles/trailers/boats, you need to go to the RV park office and rectify the situation immediately. Removal may be imminent.

Our Fourth of July celebration is around the corner, and there will be a couple of changes this year. Firstly, there will be NO early set-ups. The practice of leaving your easy-up and tables and items on the beach and park areas the night before or VERY early that morning will no longer be allowed. The gates will open at 6 am the morning of the fourth and it will be a "first come first served" basis. Vehicles will line up and be escorted into the area and

then out when unloaded.

Secondly, there will be no parking in the actual parking lot. The entire lot will be designated for vendor use. We have had to turn down vendors in the past due to lack of space, but this year we decided to allow extra vendors. Parking on the streets, restaurant, and the dirt area in front of the restaurant along Silver Lakes Parkway will of course be permitted. Please make sure you have your UPDATED SLA ID cards available.

Code Enforcement will be on hand until the END of the celebration, so the practice of slipping in the last two hours without possessing a current SLA ID

will no longer be viable.

We understand that this is a popular event, so if you have more guests than SLA guest cards, do not forget to drop by the RV office and get additional guest passes.

As a reminder, the County of San Bernardino prohibits the use of personal fireworks and Silver Lakes enforces this rule. The use of fireworks within our community is NOT allowed.

We are so excited that our Fourth of July celebration will be on the actual fourth! We want everyone to have a day full of fun and fellowship all followed up with a spectacular firework display.



A graphic with a green border. On the left, a blue clipboard with a green pushpin holds a document titled "COMMUNITY UPDATE" with three green person icons above it. A green megaphone is positioned in front of the clipboard. On the right, a green calendar icon with a checkmark is above the text "STAY Informed" in large blue and green letters. Below this, it says "Attend Open Board Meetings and review community updates to stay connected and informed." At the bottom right, a green button with a globe icon contains the text "silverlakesassociation.com".

Silver Lakes Restaurant & Lounge

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed	2 Ladies Club TR Private Event	3 Mens Gaggle TR Restaurant Committee 4:30pm Salad Bar 4:30pm	4 DR Silverlinks Meeting TR Private Event	5 Fish Fry 11am Live Music Albert MirandProject 7pm-10pm	6 Summer Kick Off 5pm Clubhouse Ladies Club Member Guest DR Private Event Prime Rib 4:30pm
7 DR Ladies Club BR Private Event Breakfast 9am	8 Closed	9 Ladies Club TR Private Event	10 Men's Gaggle TR Private Event Salad Bar 4:30pm	11 Men's Senior TR Private Event TR Lakes Advisory 5pm	12 Silverlinks Member Guest TR Private Event	13 Silverlinks Member Guest BR Private Event
14 Silverlinks Member Guest BR Private Event Breakfast 9am	15 Closed	16 Ladies Club DR Private Event TR Private Event TR Kids Night	17 Men's Gaggle TR Private Event Salad Bar 4:30pm	18 TR Private Event	19 Men's Club TR Silverlinks Meeting 6pm	20 Men's Club Karaoke 7pm-10pm BR Private Event
21 Father's Day	22 Closed	23 Ladies Club TR American Legion 7pm	24 Men's Gaggle RR Open BOD 6pm Salad Bar 4:30pm	25 Ladies Senior TR Private Event	26 Live Music Southern Spirit 7pm-10pm	27 TR Private Event
28 Breakfast 9am	29 Closed	30 Ladies Club TR Private Event				

The Ledger

Letter from the Editor

When we brought The Ledger back into print, I honestly did not know what to expect. In a world dominated by social media feeds and fast-moving headlines, I wondered if people still wanted a hometown newspaper they could hold in their hands. What I've discovered over these past few issues is that this community absolutely does.

From the moment the first issue hit the stands, I've been overwhelmed by the encouragement, kind words, story

ideas, and excitement from readers of all ages. Seeing neighbors pick up the paper at local businesses, hearing people talk about articles around town, and watching the community rally behind this project has been both humbling and inspiring.

One of the most rewarding parts of this experience has been the opportunity to connect with so many wonderful people throughout the community. Whether it's speaking with local business owners,

interviewing community members, attending events, or simply hearing someone share a memory about Silver Lakes, every conversation reminds me why local newspapers matter. They give us a chance to celebrate the people, organizations, traditions, and stories that make our town special.

What excites me even more is seeing how many people want to be involved. More and more residents have reached out wanting to contribute stories, photographs, announcements, ideas, and support. Local

businesses have stepped up to advertise and help keep this paper alive, community groups have opened their doors to share their work, and readers continue to encourage us every step of the way. That level of support means everything.

My goal with The Ledger has always been to create something that truly belongs to the community — not just a newspaper about Silver Lakes, but a newspaper built with Silver Lakes. A place where local voices are heard, accomplishments are celebrated, and

neighbors stay connected.

Thank you for reading, supporting, contributing, advertising, sharing ideas, and believing in what we're building together. This newspaper only works because of this community, and I'm excited to continue growing The Ledger alongside all of you. Here's to many more stories still to come.

— Travis Nguyen
Editor, The Ledger

Silver Lakes Ledger

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Silver Lakes Association
PO BOX 179
Helendale Ca 92342-0179

Administration Offices

760-245-1606
15273 Orchard Hill Lane
Helendale, CA
Hours: 7am-3:30pm - M-F

Silver Lakes Offices

Pro Shop 760-245-7435
Restaurant 760-245-7700
Recreation 760-952-7180
RV Park 760-245-7180
Tennis Shop 760-952-3125

Code Enforcement

760-245-9942
27801 Mountain Springs Rd
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Emergencies: 911

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**Sheriff resources are allocated
based upon call load.
Don't let even the smallest
crime go unreported.**

Fire Department Disclaimer

In an emergency please call 911.

In the past we have received calls for emergen-
cies on the fire station business line. Doing this
is dangerous 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
to go dead or you were to become unconscious
we would be unable to locate the origin of the
call. Often times we're not in the station due to
emergency responses, training, and fire depart-
ment business. Calling the station direct slows
down our response and we prefer you to call 911.

**In the Case of an Emergency regarding
Property Damage in Ammenities / Common Areas**

Please Contact Code Enforcement

760-245-9442

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. 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 and enforcement or violations of the Association's Rules and Regulations, where applicable.

The Silver Lakes Association does not provide 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. If residents are advised to call the Sheriff and/or California Highway Patrol for emergencies.

NOTICE

For Non-Emergency Issues Please Contact Code Enforcement

760-245-9442

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

Calls Responses for April 2026

Type	Total
911 Calls	1
Accidents	1
Alarms	1
Basic Assist (Non-emergency)	234
Boat Extractions	24
Boat Launches	22
Boat Complaints	3
Car Complaints (Speeding, Broke down, Suspicious)	3
Dead or Injured Animals	1
Dog Citations/Warnings issued	4
Dog Complaints (Loose, Barking, ETC.)	15
Dog Registrations	1
Dog(S) involved in attacks/aggressive	3
Dog(s) picked up by Animal Control	1
Dog(s) returned to Owners	1
Domestic Disputes (fights, arguments)	2
ECC Violations verified	7
Fires (put out)	X
Fishing Violations/Complaints	7
Found Animals called in	5
Garage Doors open	2
Garage Sales Checks	33
Golf Cart Complaints/Citations	3
Graffiti/Vandalism/Rock Throwing	4
Gunshots/Paintballs/BB'S/Fireworks reports	2
ID Checks South Beach	80
ID Checks North Beach	195
ID Checks Clubhouse	891
ID Checks Hartford Park	125
ID Checks Fishing Areas #1-19	40
Information Calls	245
Loud Music/Noise Complaints	3
Medical/Fire assist, calls	X
Missing Animals/ Persons	2
Motorcycle/Bicycle Complaints	2
Spa Closure(s)/Complaints	4
R & R CITATIONS	3
R & R WARNINGS	6
RV Checks	346
Sheriff Assists/Back-up	5
Snake and Other Wildlife reports/complaints	3
Supicious Activity	14
Table & Chair Contracts completed	17
Thefts/Break-ins reported/recorded	1
Tresspassing	6
Utility Trouble (GAS, ELEC, WATER, SPRINKLERS, ETC.)	4
Vacation Patrols Checks	252

SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance Committee

*Meets 2nd Thursday of Month
3pm – BOD Conference Room**
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Steve Donnelly – 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**
Jim Granger - Board Liason
Scott Limbacher– Board Liaison
Debbie Valentine-Smith-Board Liaison
Terri Salerno – Chair
Rick VanEpps– Vice Chair
Robert Kolterman
Bo Mattina
Debbie Falk

Fines Review Committee

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

Green Committee Volunteer Workers

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

Welcome Advisory Committee

TBD
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Jim Granger – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison
Yolanda Reynolds
Lori Hernandez
Holly Flores
Bonnie Chaves
Tamara Powers

Golf Course Advisory Committee

*Meets 1st Wed of Month @ 5pm
Located @ Restaurant/Terrace Room**
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Steve Donnelly – 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

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 1st Tues of Month @ 2pm
Located @ Clubhouse Library*
Jim Granger – Board Liaison
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Joy Boni – Board Liaison
Lee Yaegle – Chair
TBD– Vice Chair
TBD – Secretary
Martin Porcelli
Phil Harris
Paul Tracy
Blake Witham
Paul “Oogie” Lee
Wendy Greulach
Jeff Jost
Carlos Banuelos- Staff Representative

Lakes Volunteer Workers

Susan DiBenedetto, Shawna Olachea, Chris Olachea,
Beth Yaegle, Patty Jacobs, Angie Hawk, Jim Kain,
Wendy Greulach, Vashon Jackson, Sparky Kale, Trini
Harkness, Steve Nall, David Thomas, Marie Porcelli,
Jacob Hoon, Doug Simko, Libby Thomas, Denise
Delgado, Kristy Kremer, Michael Cacciatori, John
Darvell, Phil Brown, Leslie Thomas, Matt Williams,
Tony Portis, Joe Salerno & Scott Wheaton.

Restaurant Committee

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

Fitness Center Advisory Committee

*Meets on Monday March 23rd @ 6:30pm
Clubhouse/Library**
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
Steve Donnelly – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison
Ray Salberg – Chair
Paul Tracy – Co-Chair
Paul Stenberg – Secretary
Mark Johnson
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Carl Eversole
Amelia Zappa Mace

Recreation Advisory Committee

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

**Meeting times and location subject to change.*
Revised: 05-13-26

Open Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 24
6:00 p.m.
Silver Lakes Clubhouse Library

DEADLINE
For *Ledger* PUBLICATION

All articles and advertisements being submitted for publication to The Ledger 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

2026
Board of Directors Meetings
Meetings are Subject to Change

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.**

Silver Lakes Association

Summary of Revenues and Expenses 3/1/2026 - 3/31/2026

	Current Period			Year To Date			Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Operating Income							
Administration Income	2,844.82	2,189.00	655.82	30,788.09	19,701.00	11,087.09	26,272.00
Maintenance Income	-	1,767.00	(1,767.00)	5,075.00	17,553.00	(12,478.00)	22,850.00
ECC Income	12,659.25	12,494.00	165.25	284,873.50	150,688.00	134,185.50	176,873.00
Recreation Income	3,015.23	3,000.00	15.23	19,541.98	22,420.00	(2,878.02)	32,920.00
Snack Bar Income	12,813.57	9,810.00	3,003.57	94,696.07	83,832.00	10,864.07	116,610.00
Restaurant Income	63,268.31	58,273.00	4,995.31	499,869.86	513,548.00	(13,678.14)	688,900.00
Pro Shop Income	23,570.41	17,710.00	5,860.41	164,728.07	163,185.00	1,543.07	241,356.00
Assessments/Other/Capital Income	818,902.83	801,135.00	17,767.83	7,333,649.89	7,210,215.00	123,434.89	9,613,619.00
Total Income	937,074.42	906,378.00	30,696.42	8,433,222.46	8,181,142.00	252,080.46	10,919,400.00
Operating Expense							
Payroll Expenses	327,813.85	351,182.00	23,368.15	2,960,527.79	3,212,487.00	251,959.21	4,300,959.00
Contract Services	197,790.46	197,095.00	(695.46)	1,906,154.80	1,929,464.00	23,309.20	2,535,367.00
Repairs & Maintenance	6,296.14	10,268.00	3,971.86	86,049.13	94,804.00	8,754.87	125,600.00
Equipment Purchases	44.70	166.67	121.97	2,886.68	4,000.03	1,113.35	4,500.00
Supplies	26,896.03	18,856.33	(8,039.70)	216,684.42	217,145.97	461.55	290,895.00
Legal	310,594.47	26,900.00	(283,694.47)	655,616.11	242,350.00	(413,266.11)	327,800.00
Utilities	62,801.17	58,929.00	(3,872.17)	659,387.59	760,141.00	100,753.41	990,534.00
Administrative	79,459.95	55,164.00	(24,295.95)	501,379.68	511,304.00	9,924.32	692,846.00
Other Expenses	273,372.49	415,382.00	142,009.51	1,030,791.12	1,193,857.00	163,065.88	1,465,550.00
Contingency	-	500.00	500.00	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	6,000.00
Total Expense	1,285,069.26	1,134,443.00	(150,626.26)	8,019,477.32	8,170,053.00	150,575.68	10,740,051.00
Operating Net Total	(347,994.84)	(228,065.00)	(119,929.84)	413,745.14	11,089.00	402,656.14	179,349.00
Net Total	(347,994.84)	(228,065.00)	(119,929.84)	413,745.14	11,089.00	402,656.14	179,349.00

Silver Lakes Association

Summary of Revenues and Expenses 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

	Current Period			Year To Date			Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Operating Income							
Administration Income	1,531.22	2,189.00	(657.78)	32,319.31	21,890.00	10,429.31	26,272.00
Maintenance Income	-	1,767.00	(1,767.00)	5,075.00	19,320.00	(14,245.00)	22,850.00
ECC Income	8,129.14	9,350.00	(1,220.86)	293,002.64	160,038.00	132,964.64	176,873.00
Recreation Income	2,912.85	3,000.00	(87.15)	22,454.83	25,420.00	(2,965.17)	32,920.00
Snack Bar Income	12,494.72	10,398.00	2,096.72	107,190.79	94,230.00	12,960.79	116,610.00
Restaurant Income	49,722.57	58,272.00	(8,549.43)	549,592.43	571,820.00	(22,227.57)	688,900.00
Pro Shop Income	15,968.88	26,607.00	(10,638.12)	180,696.95	189,792.00	(9,095.05)	241,356.00
Assessments/Other/Capital Income	821,124.87	801,135.00	19,989.87	8,154,774.76	8,011,350.00	143,424.76	9,613,619.00
Total Income	911,884.25	912,718.00	(833.75)	9,345,106.71	9,093,860.00	251,246.71	10,919,400.00
Operating Expense							
Payroll Expenses	266,219.62	353,172.00	86,952.38	3,226,747.41	3,565,659.00	338,911.59	4,300,959.00
Contract Services	184,550.38	197,798.00	13,247.62	2,090,705.18	2,127,262.00	36,556.82	2,535,367.00
Repairs & Maintenance	15,615.89	10,268.00	(5,347.89)	101,665.02	105,072.00	3,406.98	125,600.00
Equipment Purchases	365.60	166.67	(198.93)	3,252.28	4,166.70	914.42	4,500.00
Supplies	15,421.45	23,608.33	8,186.88	232,105.87	240,754.30	8,648.43	290,895.00
Legal	543.45	31,150.00	30,606.55	656,159.56	273,500.00	(382,659.56)	327,800.00
Utilities	57,973.33	68,574.00	10,600.67	717,360.92	828,715.00	111,354.08	990,534.00
Administrative	50,042.13	52,697.00	2,654.87	551,421.81	564,001.00	12,579.19	692,846.00
Other Expenses	96,250.80	90,458.00	(5,792.80)	1,127,041.92	1,284,315.00	157,273.08	1,465,550.00
Contingency	-	500.00	500.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Total Expense	686,982.65	828,392.00	141,409.35	8,706,459.97	8,998,445.00	291,985.03	10,740,051.00
Operating Net Total	224,901.60	84,326.00	140,575.60	638,646.74	95,415.00	543,231.74	179,349.00
Net Total	224,901.60	84,326.00	140,575.60	638,646.74	95,415.00	543,231.74	179,349.00

**June 2026 is the 3rd 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.



UNATHORIZED 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

Phone number for Code Enforcement

760-245-9442

RV Park, Storage Area,

Between the hours of 6 AM to 8 AM and 4:30 PM to 9 PM
Call Code Enforcement at 760-245-9442 to access.

Attention: Owners of a Rental Property

A Property Owner who rents a home must have on file at the RV Park Office a “Crime Free Addendum”. 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.

\$1000.00 Reward

Silver Lakes Association is offering a \$1,000.00 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person vandalizing or painting graffiti on any Silver Lakes Association property.

Dog Registration

Where: Clubhouse – Code Enforcement Office – 7am-9pm

One time registration is free to property owners and tenants.

Bring current SLA Cards and a picture of your dog.

If you don't have a photo, please call for an appointment time to register your dog and have their photo taken by our Code Enforcement.

Golfers:

The following rule will be enforced and a fine may be imposed:

Smoking materials, sunflower seeds, peanut shells or any other waste materials must be placed in provided receptacles.



Before making exterior changes to your home or property, be sure to review the architectural guidelines on our website or contact Silver Lakes Association Compliance Department.

This helps avoid delays and ensures compliance within the community standards.



ECC Compliance Department: 760-243-1569



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Document Postings

Designated Location for posting of “General Notices”

Civil Code § 4045 (3) (a)

Effective April 1, 2026, the Association designates the following location for the posting of “General Notices” to the membership:

Website/Portal
Silver Lakes Association
P.O. Box 179
Helendale, CA 92342-0179

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)

Please submit a written request for copies of Board Meeting Minutes to the following address:

Silver Lakes Association
General Manager
P.O. Box 179
Helendale, CA 92342-0179

The Silver Lakes Association posts these documents on Silver Lakes Association Website/Portal:

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.

website – www.silverlakesassociation.com.

The C&R's, Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws and Architectural Guidelines are also available to view on website/Portal or pick up a copy in the Administration Office.

**Silver Lakes Association Administration Office
Contact Ashley Woods Executive Assistant if you need assistance**

760-245-1606 ext. 233

Awoods@silverlakesassociation.com



Your Lakes Advisory Committee

The lakes are officially “Summer Ready!” The water has warmed, clarity has returned, and schools of small fish can already be seen along the shoreline. The fathead minnows we stocked last year have begun to multiply and should provide a great forage supply for our sportfish—an encouraging outlook for our fishery. We are also seeing many cute ducklings this year, indicating a healthy ecosystem.

As we head into the summer swimming season, our lakes need everyone’s help to stay clean and healthy. The Lakes Advisory Committee, along with management, recently installed “NO DUMPING – Drains to the Lakes” medallions on surrounding storm drains as a reminder that street runoff flows untreated directly into our waters.

Here are a few simple ways we can all help protect our oasis:

Car Wash Runoff Must Be Captured

Mobile services are legally required to prevent polluted runoff from entering the storm drain system. Ensure runoff is captured and does not flow into the

street. Dispose of soapy water through household drains instead. If you are the client, it is just as much your responsibility as it is the service provider’s to confirm wastewater is not reaching our storm drains.

Pick Up After Your Pets

Animal waste increases bacteria levels in the lakes, potentially causing illness and disrupting the ecological balance.

Check Your Sprinklers

Repair broken sprinkler heads promptly. Sprinkler runoff carries fertilizers and pollutants into the lakes, reducing water clarity and oxygen levels while contributing to harmful algae growth and fish kills.

Choose Lake-Friendly Fertilizers

Use fertilizers with zero phosphorus, indicated by a “0” in the middle number of the fertilizer ratio. Slow-release fertilizers reduce runoff into the lakes. Leave a buffer zone near streets and shorelines when applying.

Minimize Pesticide Use

Excessive pesticide use can harm fish and waterfowl when chemicals wash into



the lakes. After treatments, clean up dead insects and debris before they blow or wash into the water.



No Dumping

Never dump paint, oil, chemicals, yard waste, or other pollutants into streets or storm drains. Dispose of hazardous household waste through approved collection services.

Anything left on our streets, driveways, or patios—including trash, cigarette butts, pet waste, fertilizers, and construction debris—can make its way into our lakes during rainfall or strong winds.

Protecting our lakes is a duty we all share as residents. By respecting the rules, practicing conserva-

tion, and supporting those who maintain our lakes, we ensure this beautiful resource remains an integral part of our community.

So the next time you kayak across the shimmering waters, fish along the shoreline, or enjoy the serene views, let your sense of pride fuel your commitment to protecting what is ours—our lakes, our community, and our shared legacy.



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 eggs hatch and release more larvae
5. The larvae infect humans who swim in the water

PREVENTION TIPS:

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

LEARN MORE AT: www.cdc.gov/parasites/swimmersitch

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

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.

CALIFORNIA FISH & WILDLIFE

www.wildlife.ca.gov/mussels | 866-440-9530

OSP 16 141 369

BOAT INSPECTION

Help protect our lakes and waterways.

CLEAN
Remove plants, mud, and debris.

DRAIN
Drain all water from the boat.

DRY
Dry your boat and equipment.

All boats must be inspected before launching at Silver Lakes. Thank you for doing your part!

For more information, contact Code Enforcement.

760-245-9442



Wetting Agents!

We have used wetting agents and surfactants for many years at Silver Lakes to help water enter the soil, improve water retention, and help manage irrigation uniformity. As drought conditions persist and water costs continue to increase, wetting agents and surfactants continue to play an increasingly important role in our irrigation management.

There are many different wetting agents to choose from, but not all are the same. Some are designed to simply break the surface tension of water, allowing it to more easily penetrate the soil, while others are designed to help the soil retain water. Wetting agents are therefore chosen based on specific situational needs. For example, we use a different wetting agent for greens during the summer than we do for localized dry spots.

On greens, we utilize a wetting agent on a monthly basis that balances the air and water ratios under all soil conditions. This allows us to manage moisture in the greens, leading to a firmer, more consistent putting surface. Tees and fairways receive a wetting agent during the warmer months of May through August with a chemistry that allows us to reduce the surface tension of the water, enabling better penetration as well as improved retention. This chemistry allows for a reduction in overall water usage while maintaining healthy turf and good playing conditions.

A third chemistry is utilized on localized dry spots and focuses on reducing surface tension during hand watering, allowing greater penetration into dry soil, which in turn allows for the rehydration of the soil.

As always, we look forward to seeing you out on the course!



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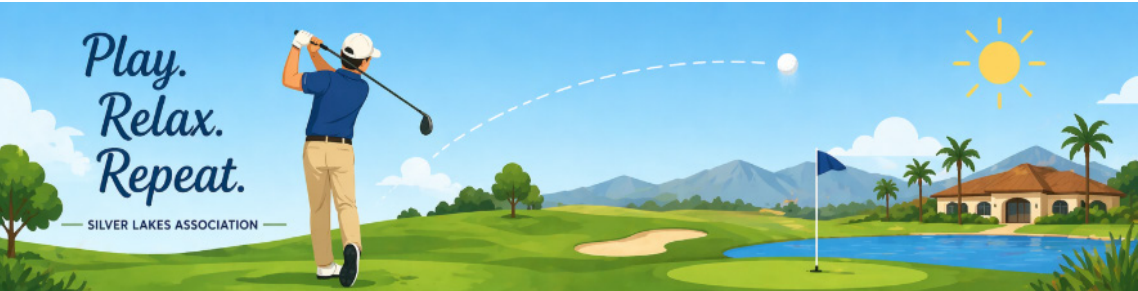
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Golf Course Activity - April 2026							
Date	Day	Member	Guest	Tenant	SLVC/TS	Inn	Total Play
1	WED	87	3	3	0	0	93
2	THU	31	4	7	0	0	42
3	FRI	110	8	5	0	0	123
4	SAT	119	16	4	0	0	139
5	SUN	122	2	9	0	0	133
6	MON	91	12	0	0	0	103
7	TUE	89	16	6	0	0	111
8	WED	104	4	4	0	0	112
9	THU	61	14	4	0	0	79
10	FRI	128	11	7	0	0	146
11	SAT	140	7	4	0	0	151
12	SUN	118	1	3	0	0	122
13	MON	50	4	6	0	0	60
14	TUE	74	3	4	0	0	81
15	WED	112	4	4	0	0	120
16	THU	81	4	10	0	0	95
17	FRI	121	1	6	0	0	128
18	SAT	156	10	9	0	0	175
19	SUN	147	20	6	0	0	173
20	MON	75	3	0	0	0	78
21	TUE	84	7	4	0	0	95
22	WED	78	6	4	0	0	88
23	THU	75	28	6	0	0	109
24	FRI	125	8	6	0	0	139
25	SAT	75	11	6	0	0	92
26	SUN	77	12	5	0	0	94
27	MON	88	10	0	0	0	98
28	TUE	98	6	6	0	0	110
29	WED	95	16	3	0	0	114
30	THU	100	18	6	0	0	124
	Totals	2911	269	147	0	0	3327

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	3466	309	133	0	0	3908
April	2911	269	147	0	0	3327
Totals	12669	883	588	0	0	14140





COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR

COUPLES GOLF





THE LAST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH

4:00 PM



SIGN-UP
in the
golf shop



ENJOY
9 holes



AND A
LIGHT MEAL
after in the
restaurant



CALL THE GOLF SHOP
760-245-7435
FOR DETAILS.

George Butterfield Memorial

4th of July Golf Tournament

For Kids

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

All Proceeds Benefit
Silver Lakes Youth Sports
Organizations

Sign-Up Sheets Available at
Pro Shop

Hole Sponsorship: Contact:
Dan Guinn • 760-388-2047
Lynn Butterfield • 760-964-2766



From the Director of Golf

by Todd Edwards

760-245-7435

As we move out of our recent mild winter season, activity is picking up. The Men's, Ladies', and Silver Lakes Club Championships have either recently concluded or are just getting started. This is always an exciting time of year, and we are looking forward to a full and engaging tournament season ahead.

The golf course has almost completely healed following aerification. Wayne and

the IGM team have done an outstanding job managing the recovery process, and we are seeing improvements daily in both playability and overall presentation. The Board recently approved an overseed program for this coming fall. Given our present condition, this will further enhance course conditions moving forward.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent demo days.

The Callaway, Mizuno, and Ping events were very well received. It is always great to see so many members taking advantage of the opportunity to explore new equipment and follow that with purchases at the lowest possible price. I am currently processing several orders as a result of fittings from these demo days, which is another positive sign of engagement.

Looking ahead, one of our more significant updates is our transition into the Friday and Saturday night light schedule, along with extended summer operating hours. Beginning Monday, June 1st, we will be extending golf shop operating hours to 6:00 PM Monday through

Sunday. This adjustment will allow us to evaluate whether expanded hours better serve the membership compared to our traditional 5:00 PM closing time.

The main change is that rental carts will not have to be returned until 5:15 PM and can be rented one hour later than usual (1:30 PM for 18 holes and 3:30 PM for 9 holes). We will also be shifting to 7:00 AM tee times on days when we do not have a shotgun start. Shotgun start times will remain at 8:00 AM.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, the golf shop will close at 6:00 PM and reopen from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM to facilitate the purchase of range balls. We hope to

supplement this activity with a putting league, as well as possible glow golf featuring a 3-hole format that could run over multiple nights and formats.

As always, the staff and I sincerely appreciate your continued support, participation, and input. If you are in need of merchandise for yourself or a gift, please remember that we are currently featuring our 50th Anniversary collection featuring Under Armour clothing. We have men's and women's apparel in many styles and sizes, as well as commemorative headwear from Pukka. Pick yours up today as we celebrate 50 years of resort living at Silver Lakes.

Until next month.

SILVER LAKES MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWS

By SCOTT WHEATON



Greetings Golfers and all Silver Lakes residents.

Mother Nature just can't seem to choose what weather she likes here in the High Desert.

BUT don't let that stop you from entering our upcoming spring and summer events.

May 15, 16 & 17 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) – Format: Club Championship

June 19 or 20 (Friday or Saturday) – Format: Presidents Cup Qualifier

July 18 (Saturday) – Format: Red, White, & Blue Shotgun

August 15 & 16 (Saturday & Sunday) – Format: 2-Day August Ordeal

The April Two-Man Best Ball extravaganza winners were...

- Gross A Flight Winners – Nate & Bryce Carlson
- Net A Flight – Dave Dupree & Carlos Olmos
- Gross B Flight Winners – Eric Thein & Jim English
- Net B Flight – Dan VanFleet & Paul Tracy
- Gross C Flight Winners – Tony Samorski & Richard Zapata
- Net C Flight – Mike Woolley & Gary Sole

Congrats to Ariana Ramirez for winning the SLMGC 50/50 drawing.

Are you aware of the value our golf course adds to our homes here in beautiful Silver Lakes? It is estimated that private golf course communities generally command a 20% to 30% higher property value compared to similar homes in non-golf communities... I knew I loved golf for a reason!

Be sure to sign up for tournaments early, fix your divots, and always be sure to post your scores!

“You can talk to a slice, but a hook won't listen.” – Lee Trevino





SILVER LAKES LADIES GOLF

By Amanda Dunagan

Silver Lakes Ladies Golf League

By Amanda Dunagan

Happy June, Silver Lakes golfers!!

It has been a crazy last month for our Ladies League, and I cannot wait to update you! We had two of our biggest tournaments finish last month: the President's Cup and the Club

Championship! All our ladies played amazing golf, and excellent job to all, but we have a few who deserve extra celebration.

First up, our President's Cup Championship went to the final round. Ariana Martinez-Ramirez and Candy Huh went head-to-head to see who our next

President's Cup Champion would be. Drum roll, please!! Congratulations to... ARIANA!!! Ari did such a fantastic job and played an amazing golf game. There were so many supporters, and the match ended on the very last hole.

For our next big set of news, we have two golfers to celebrate from our Club Championship. This tournament spans two weeks and includes three rounds of golf for the ladies. We crowned our Net Champion, who was... Pam Orr!! Congratulations, Pam, on an amazing golf game. And for our Gross Club Champion, a round of applause for... Candy Huh! She has been our champion for many years, and each year she somehow contin-

ues to get even better. We are all so proud of you ladies and the amazing rounds you have been playing.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our Tournament Director, Paula Dunagan. She works tirelessly to ensure that every tournament is run efficiently, successfully, and FUN. There is so much work behind the scenes, and I, for one, am so grateful that she puts these tournaments together. Thank you, Paula—the entire club appreciates you!

Most Improved for May: none other than our Net Champ, Pam Orr! Way to go, Pam, for just dominating all last month!

The most exciting tournament of the year is coming

up next month! Our Member/Guest Tournament is a full weekend packed with fun between the cocktail party, the golf, and the horse race on Saturday afternoon. I would encourage everyone to attend by driving their golf carts behind the group to watch the competition. Our Member/Guest Tournament theme is Mad Hatter's Tee Party. So many whimsical costumes, fun treats, and good times are going to be had.

I can't wait to update you next month on all the fun and celebrate our amazing sponsors and the people who put these tournaments together. Have a great month, Silver Lakes!



SILVER LAKES RECREATION

The Recreation Department at Silver Lakes Association has been actively preparing for the upcoming summer season while continuing to provide fun community events for members of all ages.

April activities included Lifeguard Tryouts on April 11, with six participants taking part as we continued preparing our summer lifeguard staff. Lifeguard Certification Courses were held May 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9, with four lifeguards successfully passing the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification course. Congratulations to Ashley Hong, Andrew Unger, Julian Fontanez, and Dilynn Jackman on earning their certifications.

The Race 4 ACE event, held on April 25, brought together 54 participants and successfully raised \$1,770 for the ACE Cross Country Team. Congratulations to all of the runners who achieved personal bests during the event.

Race 4 ACE Results:

Men’s Division — 1st Place: Jacob Martinez, 2nd Place: David Behle, 3rd Place: Noah Chavez

Women’s Division — 1st Place: Hailey Moen, 2nd Place: Stella Chavez, 3rd Place: Erica Reyes

The Recreation Department looks forward to another exciting summer season filled with pool activities, youth programs, community events, and recreation opportunities for Silver Lakes members and guests.



Silver Lakes Recreation

YOUTH

6 MONTHS-13 YEARS

SWIMMING LESSONS

8 LESSONS

\$35

Session One

June 23-July 3

Session Two

July 14-July 24

SCAN TO REGISTER!

slarecreationdept.com | 760.952.3107

Silver Lakes Recreation

Silver Lakes Restaurant & Lounge

Saturday, June 6th

summer

Kick Off

5-9 PM

FREE EVENT

LIVE MUSIC | WATER SLIDE

FOOD, DRINKS & ADULT BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, CASH ONLY

CLUBHOUSE COMPLEX 27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

CURRENT SLA ID OR GUEST CARD WITH PHOTO ID

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 760.952.3107 OR SLARECREATIONDEPT@GMAIL.COM


Silver Lakes Recreation



MOVIE NIGHT
LUCA

Movie begins at 8pm

FRIDAY JUNE 19TH

Current SLA ID or Guest Card with photo ID required

POPCORN WHILE IT LASTS
Free Event
All Ages



SLA CLUBHOUSE POOL
27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

760.952.3107 or slarecreationdept@gmail.com


SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION
NORTH BEACH
27722 LAKEVIEW DRIVE

SATURDAY

4th OF JULY

CELEBRATION

FIREWORKS AT DUSK

MUSIC • FOOD • FIREWORKS • FUN

WATERSLIDES 12PM-8PM
LIVE MUSIC 2PM-5PM
DJ 6PM-9:30PM

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CURRENT SLA ID OR GUEST CARD WITH PHOTO ID REQUIRED


SILVER LAKES RECREATION
27801 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS ROAD

AGES 13-17



WATER VOLLEYBALL
FRIDAY JUNE 12

TEEN NIGHT AT THE SLA POOL

PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT FOR ANYONE 13 YEARS OF AGE
PARENT PRESENT AND SIGNED RELEASE OF LIABILITY BEFORE EVENT STARTS

SHALLOW END FOR WATER VOLLEYBALL
9PM-10PM
GATES CLOSE AT 10PM

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Silver Lakes Recreation

SUMMER EXPERIENCES
AGES 6-12
MONDAY-THURSDAY
10AM-3PM
\$15 PER DAY



SESSION 1 (JUNE 15-JUNE 18)

WELCOME TO THE OASIS MONDAY, JUNE 15	OASIS HEROES DAY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
OASIS ADVENTURE EXPEDITION TUESDAY, JUNE 16	FROZEN OASIS THURSDAY, JUNE 18

SESSION 2 (JULY 6-JULY 9)

HIGH DESERT BOUNCE & RALLY MONDAY, JULY 6	TIDE POOL EXPERIENCE WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
FLAVORS OF THE OASIS TUESDAY, JULY 7	THE GREEN OASIS THURSDAY, JULY 9

SESSION 3 (August 3-August 6)

THE BIG MELT MONDAY, AUGUST 3	MIRAGE MAKERS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
FLAVORS OF THE OASIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 4	LAST SPLASH THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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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

7pm-10pm

UPCOMING
EVENTS

June 5

Albert Miranda Project
Blues, Jazz, Funk

June 20

Karaoke w/KJ Kipp
Singing and Dancing

June 26

Southern Spirit
Country Music

July 10

Cocktail Katz Karaoke
Singing and Dancing

July 18

Remember Then
A Blast from the Past playing everything from 50's
and up.

Silver Lakes Restaurant & Lounge

14818 Clubhouse Dr.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
HELENDALE

Helendale Community Services District

26540 Vista Road, Suite B | Phone: (760) 951-0006 www.helendalecsd.org

CONCERTS
IN THE PARK
HELENDALE • 2026

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • FUN • COMMUNITY

Bring your blankets and chairs ! Enjoy live music
under the stars with family and friends!
Great music, tasty food, classic cars, and cold
drinks in the beer garden.

2026 Concert T-Shirts will be available
for purchase at the event and at the
Helendale CSD office!

15425 Wild Rd. Helendale Community Park | 6:00 – 9:00 PM

FREE
ADMISSION!

2026 LINEUP

★ JUNE 13 ★
Soulicious
Motown & R&B

★ JULY 11 ★
Fair Avenue
Pop

★ AUGUST 8 ★
Aviator
Rock 70's to Now

★ SEPTEMBER 12 ★
OC3
Country

★ OCTOBER 10 ★
New Romantics
Taylor Swift Tribute

DON'T MISS THE:

Lions Club Beer Garden
Food Trucks
Sunsetters Classic Car Show

COMMUNITY
YARD SALE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Community Yard Sale will take place Saturday, June 6th, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at 26540 Vista Rd. in Helendale. The event is open to the public, and vendor spaces are available at no cost. It's a simple way to buy, sell, or browse locally. Vendors may register at www.helendalecsd.org.

HELENDALE CSD
NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages: 5 – 17
Fee: \$80
Season: June 27 – August 22
Games: **UPDATED** – games will be held on **Saturday mornings**.
Location: 15425 Wild Rd. Helendale

Coach Meeting: June 1st
Player Evaluation: June 6th
Draft: June 8th

Important Deadlines:
Coach Registration: May 22nd
Player Registration: May 31st – After the deadline fee is \$90 and players will be placed on a waiting list.

Register at
www.helendalecsd.org

- Volunteers Needed -
If you would like to referee or coach, contact us at 760-951-0006 ext. 230

HELENDALE CSD
YOUTH CHEER

Ages: 3 – 14
Fee: \$80 – after May 31st - \$90
Season: June 27 – August 22
Games: Friday / Saturday
Location: 15425 Wild Rd. Helendale

Coach Registration: May 22nd
Participant Registration: May 31st

Register at
www.helendalecsd.org

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Friday 6/5

Fish Fry Day

Starting 11AM

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

\$16

Saturday 6/6

Prime Rib Night

Starting at 430PM

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

\$38

While Supplies Last

THE SALAD BAR

SILVER LAKES RESTAURANT

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

KIDS EAT FREE

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

DINE IN ONLY

12 AND UNDER (KIDS MENU)

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Helping Our Community Stay Healthy & Independent

HELENDALE SENIOR OUTREACH CENTER

26540 Vista Road, Suite C
Open Monday thru Friday, 10:00AM – 2:00PM

PLEASE HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ACT AS HOSTS OR HOSTESSES AT THE SENIOR CENTER FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. Your primary responsibilities would be to make coffee, ensure the coffee supplies are plentiful, socialize with the senior guests, and lock up after 2:00 PM. You can pick one day a month, Monday through Friday, and of course, you can always volunteer for multiple days. We are especially in need of volunteers for Wednesdays. Just give Pam Olsen a call at (760) 684-8801 if you can donate a bit of your time.

Speaking of volunteers, we want to personally thank the seniors who lend a helping hand by setting up extra tables, moving furniture around, making an occasional cup of coffee, and bringing tasty snacks. Also, your monetary contributions to the “donation jar” are very much appreciated, as that jar funds coffee, cream, sugar, cups, et al. We are run solely on donations and fundraisers.

As the weather heats up, please come into the Senior Center and stay cool. Lunch is served from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM for a voluntary donation of \$5.00. If you prefer, you can bring your own lunch. Afterwards, stay and play games, do a puzzle, or just socialize with new friends. New faces are always welcome.

Once in a while, Greg and Bill will sing and play guitar at the center. Their selection of songs will surely bring a smile to your face. It is a treat that we all enjoy so much!

Watch for special events that are arranged to benefit us all. We have had talks on fraud, assisted living, trusts, hospice, and many more topics. Everyone especially enjoyed it when Charlie came in with his therapy dog. What a special animal... and so well trained. We generally post flyers that let everyone know the date, time, and subject. Look on the bulletin board as you enter the Senior Center for information.

Currently, we are working on providing a monthly arts and crafts project. It is not a certainty yet, but thoughtful considerations are in process.

We’ll keep you posted.

Meanwhile, stay happy and healthy!

HSO Board of Directors

HAVE AN IDEA OR REQUEST FOR A PROGRAM?

Call Barbara Englehardt at (760) 475-2632
or Pam Olsen at (760) 684-8801

MONTHLY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Monday: Wii Bowling - 10:00
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

1st & 2nd Tuesday: Pinochle – 10:00am
Mexican Train & Rummikub – 12:30

3rd Tuesday: Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm
Dept of Aging Booth – 1:00pm

4th & 5th Tuesday: Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

Wednesdays: Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

1st Thursday: Bingo – 10:00am
Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

2nd Thursday: Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – 1:00pm

3rd Thursday: Bingo – 10:00am
Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

4th & 5th Thursdays: Pinochle – 10:00am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

Friday: Texas Hold ‘Em – 10:00 am
Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30 pm

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.”



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 7:00pm - 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 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Helendale Community Church

15488 Riverview Drive

Wednesday Step Study

Al-Anon Meeting

Does someone's drinking bother you?

We can help.

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Helendale Community Church

(East classroom off rear parking lot)

If you have any questions, please
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Helendale Community Church

15488 Riverview Road

Helendale, CA 92342



Services:

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

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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



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COME JOIN US !!

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



Mark Wood
Pastor

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9:00 am

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HES June 2026

Thank you to our PTC for a wonderful year! Thank you for always supporting our students and staff. Happy Summer!

Please join us in celebrating Mr. Dokie as Helendale Elementary School's March Certified Employee of the Month. Since arriving last year, he has made a profound impact through his exemplary science instruction and dedication to student learning. We are also proud to share that he has been recognized as the MEEC Teacher of the Year.

Our school vision is to ensure that the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of ALL students are supported through tiered interventions to produce college- and career-ready students.

Upcoming Events

Now enrolling for the 2026–27 school year! Please stop by the front office to pick up an enrollment packet. The school office is open all summer long from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

June 9 – July 17

Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Summer School for students enrolled at HES

ELOP available 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

(Must be enrolled in Summer School to participate in ELOP)

August 6

Back-to-School Night – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

August 10, 2026

First Day of School – Minimum Day

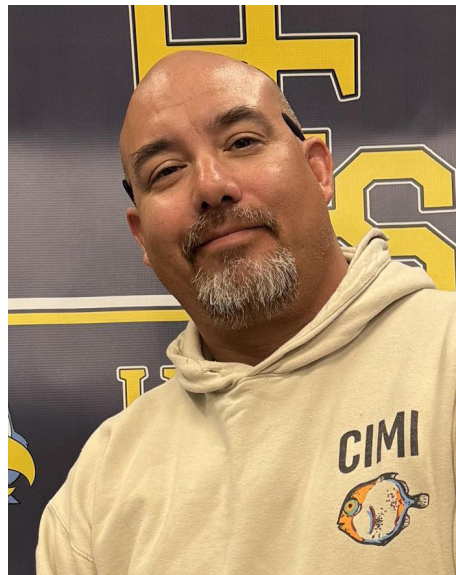
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August 18

PTC Meeting @ 3:45 PM

(See the PTC website for log-in information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hes-ptc/home>)



Mr. Dokie

ACE & RMS SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

JUNE 9 - JULY 17

ONLINE CURRICULUM
WITH IN-PERSON OR
ZOOM SUPPORT AVAILABLE
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM-1PM

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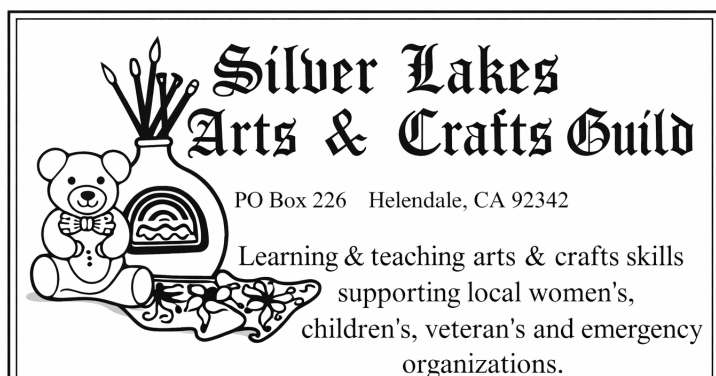
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Greetings Silver Lakes!

Everyone scoffs when we talk about Christmas in June. But if you have any desire to make gifts for your family and friends, ceramic class is a fabulous place to start. There are hundreds of molds to choose from on our ceramic shelves, all very well organized. From simple to complicated, you can decide. We are talking about full chess sets, nativity scenes of all dimensions, plates of all sizes, bowls of all shapes, cute little water drips, and fun birds to stick in a pot or flower arrange-

ment. We can go on and on.

Silvia Lemus heads up this department, and they meet every Wednesday night at 5:00 PM in the back room just to the side of the library. It's a good time to think ahead and get started on making those special presents. It only costs you the fee for the slip. Help is plentiful, and the laughter is extremely contagious. Silvia really runs a fun evening! Join our club first so you can participate without delay.

Rhonda Limbacher, as of May 20th, has resumed her FREE watercolor classes

from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM every Wednesday in the Clubhouse Library. Everyone tells us they enjoy and benefit from this tutelage. Rhonda is so generous with her knowledge and techniques. Many members have shared their final "works of art" with our club, and they are just beautiful. One of our members even did a portrait of her daughter—what a lovely idea. It is not too late to join. Just call Rhonda at (760) 559-0017, and she will give you the start-up supply list. Of course, you must be a current member to join the watercolor class.

Alesha Armstrong, our Board Recording Secretary, has a dream. She is currently promoting the start of a YOUTH Arts and Crafts Guild. She is concerned that sewing, knitting, quilting, and many other unique skills will be lost if we do not start teaching our youngsters. If you want to participate, donate money, or have any ideas, please contact Alesha at (909) 273-4925.

The Silver Lakes Arts and Crafts Guild meets every second Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse Library. Refreshments are

served at 9:30 AM, and the meeting starts at 10:00 AM. You must be at least 18 years old to attend and be able to show a current Silver Lakes ID. Membership dues are \$25.00 a year and worth every cent! We appreciate all our members! You can come to any Board meeting and join right then. Or, if you prefer, contact Ellen Johnson at (760) 221-3429.

Wishing you love, luck, and laughter always~

Silver Lakes Arts & Crafts Guild Board!



Silver Lakes Socials

By Jasmine Shireen Kresh

Havana, Ooh-Na-Na!

The latest Silver Lakes Socials event, “Havana Nights,” was a huge success. If you were not there, you missed out on some Latin fun! So many men looked sharp in their white linen, with some sporting colorful Tommy Bahama-style shirts. And the ladies... vibrant, flowy outfits made for the dance floor. Lucky for everyone, there was a DJ taking requests and playing the best music to groove to.



Even the appetizers had some spicy flavor, such as delicious papa rellena from Trevor. It is always a good time seeing friends and sharing memories. That is what this group was intended for, so mark your calendars for the upcoming events. June 18th — Join us at 5:30 PM in the Terrace Room for “Swap & Shop.”

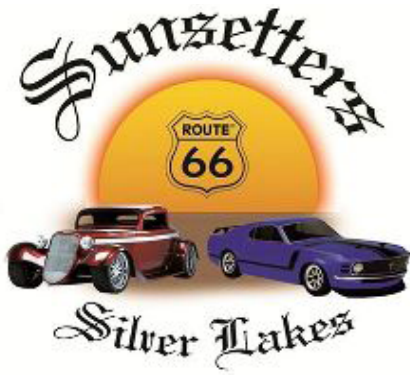
The entry fee is \$25, which includes dinner and 10 raffle tickets to shop after you swap. Just bring two new or gently used items, and you will receive 10 additional tickets per item for a chance to win a new treasure to take home.



- August 20th** — “Craft Night” in the Terrace Room.
- October 10th** — The annual “Murder Mystery,” with Sienna Morton and Jasmine Shireen Kresh co-directing. This event will be held in the Ballroom.
- December 9th** — Another annual favorite, the “Cookie/Ornament Exchange,” in the Terrace Room.
- January 30th** — The fourth annual “Casino Night” in the Ballroom.
- March 7th** — “Reggae Night” in the Ballroom.

More details to follow.
Bluegrass Dr. Contact Michelle at (818) 427-3053
or Tiffany Eason at (760) 953-4904,
or drop off at 26234 Corona Dr.

Make sure to join our Facebook page at Silver Lakes Socials News Page.



Sunsetters Car Club of Silver Lakes News

April marked the start of the Friday evening cruises hosted by various car clubs here in the High Desert, and these events will continue every week through October. Various Sunsetters members attended the different cruise nights and enjoyed themselves. The event locations are listed in the upcoming events below.

Late April and early May were great times for Bob and his 1958 Ford Ranch Wagon. He received a Best of Show award from the Outcasts Car Club at their 3rd Friday of the month cruise night held at 3rd Strike Brewery in Hesperia, the High Desert Ford and Mustangs Pick of the Night award at their 1st Friday of the month cruise night at the Sizzler Restaurant in Hesperia, and the President of the Newberry Springs City Council Award at their Route 66 100-Year Anniversary Car Show.

Claudia's 1959 Chevrolet Impala received a Sponsor's Award at the High Desert Ford and Mustangs cruise night. The Sunday cruise to the Antique Station to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 was attended by about 35 cars from various car clubs across the High Desert. Seven cars from the Sunsetters Car Club made the cruise and had a great time checking out the store and visiting with everyone.

Because this year marks the 100th anniversary of Route 66—the Mother Road that started in Chicago and ended in Los Angeles—there are a lot of classic car events being scheduled to celebrate this milestone, and our car club will be a big part of these events.



Upcoming Car Shows and Events:

- 1st Friday of every month**, May through October: Car show at Sizzler Restaurant in Hesperia
- 2nd Friday of every month**, May through October: OTHG Car Cruise in Apple Valley
- 3rd Friday of every month**, May through October: Outcasts Car Club Cruise Night at 3rd Strike Beer Company in Hesperia
- 4th Friday of every month, May through September**: Sunsetters Cruise and Car Show at Sunsetters Landing
- 4th Sunday of every month, May through October**: Afternoon cruise to Steak 'n Shake
- 5/9/26**: High Desert Car Club Council car show.
- 5/9/26**: Silver Lakes First Concert in the Park of the Season – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- 5/23/26**: High Desert Ford and Mustang Memorial Day weekend car show.

If any of these events or car shows are of interest to you, and you have a special-interest, classic, antique, hot rod, or street rod car or truck, the Sunsetters meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Lion's Clubhouse on Helendale Road at 6:00 PM. Contact Bob Ward at 951-318-5816 for more information. Please join us.

Bob Ward, Club Historian





Mystery, Music, and Mayhem at Mystic Manor

Silver Lakes audiences stepped into a world of mystery and music as the Entertainers brought *Murder at Mystic Manor* to life—a playful, high-energy production filled with suspense, laughter, and a touch of classic intrigue.

With clear inspiration from the beloved board game *Clue*, the show introduced a cast of colorful characters—literally. Each guest at Mystic Manor was named after a color, adding a clever and entertaining layer as personalities clashed and secrets began to surface.

The story begins with a gathering unlike any other. Guests arrive at the mysterious manor, each bringing a valuable artifact for what

is meant to be an elegant art showcase. But the evening quickly takes a dark turn when a murder occurs, trapping everyone inside and turning the night into a search for the truth.

Adding to the fun was the production's strong *The Pink Panther*-style energy. The show's detective character was clearly inspired by the bumbling charm of Inspector Jacques Clouseau, bringing exaggerated humor, awkward confidence, and perfectly timed comedic moments to the investigation. The performance gave the mystery a lighthearted tone that balanced the suspense and kept audiences laughing throughout the night.

As suspicion grows, each character recounts their version of events—brought to life through energetic song and dance numbers. The musical selections play a major role in shaping the mood of the production, pulling from a range of classic hits that amplify both the mystery and the humor. Songs like *Psycho Killer* by Talking Heads lean into the show's darkly playful tone, while *People Are Strange* by The Doors adds an eerie, offbeat atmosphere that fits perfectly with the cast of suspicious characters. The tension builds even further with *Paint It Black* by The Rolling Stones, giving certain moments a dramatic edge that keeps audiences locked into the unfolding mystery.

One of the most memorable highlights of the evening came from a special performance by the Silver Lakes burlesque group, the Daring Dames of Tease. Their routine to *Somebody's Watching Me* by Rockwell brought an electrifying energy to the stage, perfectly complementing the show's themes of suspicion and secrecy. The performance added a bold and entertaining layer to the production, showcasing yet another facet of local talent within the community.

The production strikes a strong balance between suspense and humor. While the mystery keeps audiences guessing, the comedic moments and exaggerated personalities bring plenty of laughs along the way. Each

character plays an important role, creating a layered story where every detail matters.

And just when it seems the truth is within reach, the show delivers a fun and unexpected twist—one that leaves a lasting impression long after the final curtain call.

Murder at Mystic Manor is a standout example of the creativity and dedication behind local theater. Through strong performances, imaginative storytelling, and a clear love for the craft, the Entertainers continue to bring engaging and memorable productions to the Silver Lakes community.

History of Silver Lakes Association

Volume 1: 1971-1980 All credit and praise to Shirly Hummitch (1936-2025), Rest in Peace

MARTIN J. PORCELLI

The history of Silver Lakes begins along the Mojave River, near the Mojave River Trails that parallel historic Route 66. In the 1850s and 1860s, military forts were established in this region to protect travelers, settlers, and miners while maintaining important communication routes through the desert.

Helendale itself began as what was known as a “point of rocks,” similar to the rocky area visible today near the Vista Road entrance. Originally known simply as Helen, the name was later changed to Helendale to avoid confusion with Helena, Montana. From the early 1900s through the 1960s, the surrounding area consisted largely of ranches, dairies, alfalfa fields, hay farms, and chicken operations. Development was slow, and the Mojave River’s periodic flooding shaped both the land and the community’s early growth.

A turning point came in the 1960s when Robert Theodore Older purchased the 3,200-acre Silver River Ranch at auction for approximately \$1.1 million, well below the \$2.75 million asking price. Over time the property expanded to roughly 4,300 acres by incorporating nearby farms

and ranches. The property was later sold to Dart Industries, which began development of what would eventually become the Helendale and Silver Lakes community.

Justin Dart, a former Northwestern University football player and executive in the Rexall pharmaceutical company, played a major role in launching the project. Dart was also married to Ruth Walgreen, heiress to the Walgreens drugstore chain. The early vision for the community was ambitious: a planned recreational resort originally called LakeWorld, featuring two lakes and a wide range of amenities.

Construction began around 1970–1971 with an estimated development cost of \$27 million, later increasing to about \$29 million. Engineers experimented with several techniques to line the lakebeds to prevent water loss. Early attempts included soil-cement mixtures and liquid soil emulsions, but the successful method ultimately used a compacted sand-and-cement base. Filling the lakes required approximately 227 million gallons of water.

Recreational planning for the community was guided by a Sports Advisory Board led by USC foot-



ball coach John McKay. The development required massive earthmoving operations to shape residential lots, waterways, and recreational areas. Plans included the golf course, clubhouse, equestrian trails, tennis courts, swimming pools, a recreation center, and a 65-room hotel.

The golf course itself involved a major landscaping project costing over one million dollars and was designed as a 27-hole course, originally expected to open in 1974 but completed closer to 1975.

During construction, local

Helendale residents sometimes complained about the heavy equipment, dust, and disruption caused by the large-scale development. By 1973, Dart had invested heavily in several California resort communities, including Silver Lakes, Bear Valley Springs near Tehachapi, and Tahoe Donner Pass. The financial strain eventually forced Dart to sell Silver Lakes in December 1974 to McCulloch Properties, Inc. (MPI) for about \$15 million.

McCulloch Properties was already well known for its development of Lake Havasu City, including the famous relocation of the historic

London Bridge to Arizona. Under MPI, Silver Lakes development continued with plans for nearly 2,977 improved home sites, complete with underground utilities including water, sewer, telephone, and cable systems. During the mid-1970s, the average lot sold for about \$9,700, while homes typically ranged from \$31,000 to \$45,000. Financing opportunities provided through HUD programs helped many families purchase homes in the community.

Tune in next time for part two of our two part series from 1970-1980.

ACE Golfers Turn Dedication Into Opportunity

In a community known for its golf courses and local pride, two young men from Silver Lakes are turning years of dedication into life-changing opportunities. The Academy of Careers and Exploration students Nathaniel Carlson and Cody Grounds have each earned scholarships that will allow them to continue both their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

The accomplishment marks a major milestone not only for the students and their families, but also for the community that watched them grow along the way. Through years of practice, competition, and perseverance, both golfers transformed a childhood pastime into an opportunity that will carry them into the next chapter of their lives.

For both students, golf first began through family influence at a young age. Carlson recalls riding along with his father at the golf course and learning the game early on, while Grounds says he became more invested in golf after stepping away from baseball around the age of ten because of his father's love for the sport. As the years passed, both students found themselves drawn not only to the competition, but to the personal

challenge that golf presents.

"I like the pace of the game and the concentration that it requires," Carlson said. "Every round is a new challenge."

Grounds echoed a similar mindset, explaining that one of the most rewarding parts of golf has been watching improvement happen over time despite struggles along the way.

Both athletes eventually realized golf could become something larger than recreation as tournament success and scholarship opportunities began opening doors for their futures.

Growing up in Silver Lakes also played a major role in their development. With year-round access to courses and practice areas, both students say the community helped create an environment where they could constantly improve their game.

"Lots of supportive people," Carlson explained, specifically crediting ACE golf coach Todd Lagergren for helping guide him throughout his journey.

Grounds similarly pointed to Coach Lagergren, along with former head golf professional Cory Davis, as important mentors who helped

encourage and support him throughout high school.

Both students also credit The Academy of Careers and Exploration for helping them grow academically and athletically through tournament opportunities, travel experiences, and continued academic support.

This fall, Carlson will attend Northwestern College in Iowa to pursue Criminal Justice while continuing collegiate golf. Grounds will attend Rocky Mountain College in Montana on both a golf and academic scholarship while pursuing a business degree with hopes of eventually becoming a pilot.

The achievements of Carlson and Grounds reflect more than athletic success. Their stories highlight the value of mentorship, persistence, and community support. As they prepare to leave the High Desert for the next chapter of their lives, both carry with them the pride and encouragement of the Silver Lakes community that helped shape their journey.



Helendale Hearsay

Here's what the community has to say!

Welcome to your first monthly edition of Helendale Hearsay. In this column, you are going to find a collection of community online gossip and updates sourced from both the Life Helendale FB pages (LIH), town heresay, and general updates of Helendale happenings. In case you missed it online, each monthly edition will be discussing a variety of issues in our community—from the rants and the raves to everything in between.

Sonic Boom Scoreboard

Nothing like starting off your morning with your house rumbling, dogs barking, and a deep echoing boom. Welcome to Silverlakes, am I right? Community members have inundated Helendale Facebook pages with posts regarding the sonic booms:

“This last sonic boom was so loud, it made me jump 3 times.”

“That was the loudest sonic boom I have ever heard!”

Subsequently, and quite creatively, local Helendalians have created a drinking game out of the sheer number of post about the sonic booms. One community member wrote on Life in Helendale, “What's the

over/under on sonic booms for today? I got \$10 on 3 sonic booms.” For those new to the drinking game, 1 post = 1 shot. You can often find community members frequently commenting shot glass emojis on any and all posts regarding sonic booms. Between April and May, totaling all the posts between 2 Facebook pages, we are looking at a combined total of around 25 shots. Now if you want to participate, don't drink them all at once. Helendale Hearsay is not liable for any harm or damages caused from drinking excessive shots.

Trash Talk

On another note, some residents think Silverlakes streets are getting a bit trashy. One community member took to LIH to express his concern with a neighbor who has been overfilling trashcans, consequently leading to trash affecting the surrounding areas. Many commenters suggested speaking to the neighbor directly, while others posed the possibility of the neighbor being elderly and needing assistance with their trash. On another note, you know what's really trashy? Youth ending our first Concert in the Park series with a local ruckus. Punches being thrown, cameras out, kids

huddled in a circle. Allegedly, during this incident, one participating individual pulled a gun out. In a now deleted video, you could see a variety of teenagers huddled around 2 boys throwing punches, as the camera pans out you see multiple pairs of youth throwing fist at each other in an all out brawl. Community members caught in the mix trying to make their way out of the area as multiple voices and shouts are heard in the background. Thank you to the event support staff who put an end to the amateur WWE showdown. While this was disturbing to many community members, most seemed to enjoy the Concert in the Park, from the groovy music, to the yummy food vendors, to the refreshing evening breeze. Helendalians seem to have a positive outlook on future concerts, despite this single occurrence. One bad apple doesn't have to ruin the bunch.

The Bark Side

Amongst all the conflict, community members seemed to unite on one topic this month. Banning together to put an end to breeders advertising their animals on LIH. There was a sense of unity amongst commenters who didn't agree with a local breeder sharing multiple posts advertising their upcoming arrival of bred puppies for sale. Those posts did get deleted, and for good reason. As a reminder, Life In Helendale

does not allow the sale of animals to be advertised within the Facebook group. While many members believe in the “adopt, don't shop” slogan, there are still members who have recently posted in search of specific animal breeds for sale. While some comments responded with additional information on locating this dog breed, a few commenters highlighted the importance of seeking a dog from a local shelter, rather than a breeder due to the oversaturation of animals in shelters. One thing is for certain, community members have not been chicken when it comes to expressing their strong opinions on breeders in the comment section.

Cluckin' Controversy

On the topic of chicken, our local Red Hen has seen some contrasting opinions on Facebook. One community member took to LIH recently to complain about his experience at the Red Hen, regarding poor service, food quality, and that he was ultimately denied service at his most recent visit. While few agreed with the complaint, many community members flooded the comments of the post with their positive experiences and support for the business. In addition, further posts highlighted relevant context to the initial complaint regarding it as one sided and lacking important details. It's safe to say, it looks like Red Hen is still at

the top of the pecking order.

Passhole Patrol

To wrap up this first edition of Helendale Hearsay, I would like to close with our final section: passholes. While a passhole is originally known as an individual who aggressively reacts to other cars passing them. We will be using an alternate definition more specific to our community.

Route 66 Passhole; a noun An individual who unsafely or illegally passes while driving on Route 66.

There were a variety of route 66 passholes identified on LIH this month. Community members have no qualms with posting pictures of the alleged Route 66 passholes on Facebook. This month there were around 6-10 cars posted to the group with allegations of individuals passing on double yellow lines, driving erratically, and on one occasion passing a school bus. Just a friendly reminder, despite being a passhole, most folks often end up at the same light on Air Expressway. Better safe then sorry.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of Helendale Hearsay. Stay tuned for next month's happenings.

Signed,

Xoxo Helendale Gossip Girl

What's Growing On?

Your Weeds Are Trying to Feed Your Garden



These days most people pull weeds and throw them in the trash. However for the majority of human history, many plants which we now call weeds were seen as important contributors to a healthy garden ecosystem. I'm here to make the case that we ought to reconsider our toxic relationship with these so-called "weeds". Those plants have been doing something valuable for you all spring, and I don't want you to let their work go to waste.

Desert weeds are miners. Their whole survival strategy is to send roots deep into hard, dry, depleted soil and pull up minerals and nutrients that are locked too far down for other plants to reach (this is why in ecology they are referred to as

"pioneer plants"). All that work shows up in the leaves and stems above ground. When you take those weeds and immerse them in a bucket of water, all of those minerals are extracted into the liquid. Think of it like a fertilizer tea. Pour that back onto your garden and you've just completed the cycle: what the soil was missing is brought up to the surface, in a form your plants can use right away.

The method is simple. Pull your weeds and stuff them into a bucket. Add a scoop of soil from under a healthy tree or shrub, because that soil is chock-full of a plethora of living microorganisms that do the work of breaking things down. Now here's an important note for Helendale residents: our tap

water is chlorine treated, and chlorine will kill those beneficial organisms before they can do their job. Fill a separate bucket with tap water and let it sit uncovered for 24 hours first. The chlorine will gas off on its own. Then use that water to fill your weed bucket, put a lid on it, and set it in the sun. In ten days to two weeks you'll have a dark, rich liquid ready to use. Dilute one tablespoon per gallon of water and pour it slowly at the base of your plants.

Unlike anything you can buy in a bag, this is a custom fertilizer which is designed specifically to address the nutrient deficiencies in your garden, no guesswork required. Just keep dropping pulled weeds in and topping your bucket off

with de-chlorinated water all season long. Fair warning: the bucket will smell, however in my experience adding some crushed charcoal will absorb that smell, while providing a fixed carbon home for the microbes.

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