

The BIG Picture



Silver Lakes' Voices Bring Result

When plans for the \$4.5 billion Barstow International Gateway (BIG) project moved forward, many Silver Lakes residents feared what increased train traffic could mean for emergency response, school buses, and daily life. Rather than staying silent,

the community organized, spoke up, and helped secure commitments from BNSF toward improving local railroad crossings.

The effort demonstrates how local voices can influence major infrastructure projects

when a community comes together with a shared purpose. Read how residents, local leaders, and elected officials worked together to put Silver Lakes on the map—and why the fight for safer crossings is far from over. See page 27.

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14365 Nautical # D
\$449,900 | ±2,389 SF
Sandi S. & Jammie S.
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26335 Catamaran Ln
\$469,900 | ±2,072 SF
Sandi S. & Jammie S.
760-780-8047



27263 Lakeview Dr
\$365,000 | ±1,862 SF
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760-780-8047



14772 Chaparral Ln #15
\$265,000 | ±1,200 SF
Lori H. | Kelly C. | Steffani M.
760-952-3415

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES:

- LOCATING TENANTS
- TENANT SCREENING
- MONTHLY RENT COLLECTIONS
- INSPECTIONS & MAINTENANCE
- RENTAL COMPARISONS
- MONTHLY FINANCIALS
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & PAYABLE
- FINANCIAL REVIEW & ANALYSIS
- LEASE ADMINISTRATION & COMPLIANCE
- DOCUMENT PREPARATION
- SERVICE OF LEGALNOTICES



14555 Ketch Ln
\$765,000 | ±3,695 SF
Lori H. | Kelly C.
760-220-9142



14920 Fireside Ln
\$399,000 | ±2,034 SF
Lori H. | Kelly C.
760-220-9142



14531 Galleon Ln
\$804,000 | ±3,285 SF
Steffani Moody
951-595-9055



15005 Tournament Dr
\$529,999 | ±2,681 SF
Steffani M. | Lori H. | Kelly C.
760-952-3415

PROPERTY LOT LISTINGS

13799 Windward Ln Lot 93 - **\$10,770**
14620 Cool Glen Dr Lot 15 - **\$25,000**
27646 Lakeview Dr - **\$325,000**
Listed By Jammie and Sandi
989-627-4884 | 760-780-8047

26701 Blue Water Rd #376 - **\$40,000**
26358 Edgewater Ln #298 - **\$78,000**
Listed By Sandi Spinelli
760-780-8047

0 Blue Water Rd #383 - **\$95,000**
Listed By Jammie
989-627-4884

26482 Anchorage - **\$75,000**
14547 Ketch Ln - **\$73,500**
Listed by Lori and Kelly
760-220-9142

14682 Rivers Edge - **\$50,000**
14907 Tournament - **\$69,900**
14666 Echo Ln - **\$24,999**
Listed by Lori and Kelly and Steffani
760-952-3415



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COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Silver Lakes Board of Directors

A special thank you goes to our incredible volunteers. Whether you helped prepare for the festivities before the event or returned early on the morning of July 5 to assist with cleanup, your generosity, dedication, and willingness to serve made a tremendous difference. Community events like this are only possible because of volunteers who generously give their time, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to Silver Lakes.

The spirit of Silver Lakes is reflected in neighbors coming together to support one another. That sense of community is what makes events like this so special, and we are proud to be part of such an outstanding community. We would also like to share an update regarding the fireworks show. During the performance, an unexpected premature detonation occurred involving a portion of the fireworks inventory. Thankfully, no one was injured, and the licensed fire-

works crew immediately implemented their established safety procedures. Their professionalism and quick response allowed them to safely continue the show using the remaining fireworks and provide the best experience possible under the circumstances.

Although the show did not unfold exactly as planned, we are grateful that everyone remained safe. We also appreciate the professionalism of the fireworks com-

pany and the understanding and support shown by our residents. As part of our post-event review, we will be working closely with the vendor to evaluate the incident and identify any opportunities to further enhance the safety and success of future celebrations.

If you are interested in volunteering for next year's Fourth of July Celebration, we encourage you to contact our Recreation Department. Volunteers play an essential

role in making these events possible, and we would love to have you join our team.

Thank you again for helping make this year's Fourth of July Celebration a memorable one. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming community events throughout the year!

**With appreciation,
The Silver Lakes Board of Directors**



Silver Lakes Ledger

Mailing Address

Silver Lakes Association
PO BOX 179
Helendale Ca 92342-0179

Administration Offices

760-245-1606
15273 Orchard Hill Lane
Helendale, CA
Hours: 8:30am-5pm - M-F

Silver Lakes Offices

Compliance 760-243-1569
Pro Shop 760-245-7435
Restaurant 760-245-7700
Recreation 760-952-3107
RV Park 760-245-7180

Code Enforcement

760-245-9942
27801 Mountain Springs Rd
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Fire/Medical Rescue
Emergencies: 911

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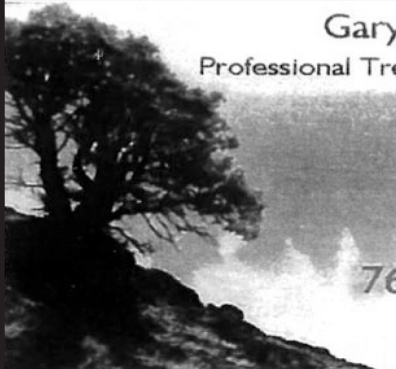
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Sheriff resources are allocated
based upon call load.
Don't let even the smallest
crime go unreported.

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. 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 department business.

Calling the station direct slows down our re-
sponse and we prefer you to call 911. When you
call 911 your address is automatically provided
to the dispatcher.

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. 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 June 2026

Type	Total
911 Calls	1
Accidents	0
Alarms	1
Basic Assist (Non-emergency)	231
Boat Extractions	1
Boat Launches	31
Boat Complaints	4
Car Complaints (Speeding, Broke down, Suspicious)	6
Dead or Injured Animals	2
Dog Citations/Warnings issued	4
Dog Complaints (Loose, Barking, ETC.)	19
Dog Registrations	2
Domestic Disputes (fights, arguments)	1
Fires (put out)	1
Fishing Violations/Complaints	4
Found Animals	6
Garage Doors open	4
Garage Sales Checks	50
Golf Cart Complaints/Citations	4
Graffiti/Vandalism/Rock Throwing	5
Gunshots/Paintballs/BB'S/Fireworks reports	-
ID Checks South Beach	189
ID Checks North Beach	450
ID Checks Clubhouse	3590
ID Checks Hartford Park	75
ID Checks Fishing Areas #1-19	25
Information Calls	450
Loud Music/Noise Complaints	10
Medical/Fire assist, calls	1
Missing Persons	-
Motorcycle/Bicycle Complaints	1
Spa Closure(s)/Complaints	14
R & R CITATIONS	10
R & R WARNINGS	47
RV Checks	262
Sheriff Assists/Back-up	1
Snake and Other Wildlife reports/complaints	4
Suspicious Activity	14
Table & Chair Contracts completed	16
Thefts/Break-ins reported/recorded	6
Trespassing	6
Utility Trouble (GAS, ELEC, WATER, SPRINKLERS, ETC.)	2
Vacation Patrols Checks	240

SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance Committee

*Meets 2nd Thursday of Month
3pm – BOD Conference Room**
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Martin Porcelli – Board Liaison
Yolanda Reynolds - Board Liason
Terri Salerno – Chair
Clinton Unger – Vice Chair
TBD – Secretary
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
Bo Mattina - Chair
Terri Salerno – Vice Chair
Rick VanEpps
Robert Kolterman
Debbie Falk
Pamela Olsen

Fines Review Committee

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

Golf Course Committee Volunteer Workers

Bill Bradock, Mark Johnson, Paul Kiess,
Ray Salberg, Dave Thomas, Paul Tracy, Steve
Orr
Wess Watkins, Ben Dunagan, Wayne White
Sr.
Carlos Banuelos- Staff Representative

Recreation Advisory Committee

TBD
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Yolanda Reynolds – Board Liaison
Debbie Valentuine-Smith – Board Liaison

Golf Course Advisory Committee

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

Golf Course 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 Tuesday of Month @ 2pm
Located @ Clubhouse Library*
Jim Granger – Board Liaison
Scott Limbacher – Board Liaison
Debbie Valentine Smith – Board Liaison
Lee Yaegle – Chair
TBD– Vice Chair
TBD – Secretary
Phil Harris
Paul Tracy
Blake Witham
Paul “Oogie” Lee
Wendy Greulach
Jeff Jost
Carlos Banuelos- Staff Representative

Lakes Advisory Committee Volunteer Workers

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

Restaurant Committee

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

Welcome Advisory Committee

*Meets 4th Thursday of Month @ 5pm
Located @ RV Park*
Frances Diggs – Board Liaison
Wayne White Sr. – Board Liaison
Yolanda Reynolds – Board Liaison
Tamara Powers
Lori Hernandez
Holly Flores
Bonnie Chaves

**Meeting times and location subject to change.*
Revised: 07-14-26 - Revised

Open Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 26
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)	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.**

GET INVOLVED

In Your Community!

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Silver Lakes Association is looking for property owners who are interested in serving on one of our advisory committees.

Your ideas, experience, and involvement can help shape the future of our community.



LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Help improve and preserve our lakes, beaches, and waterfront amenities.



BUDGET & FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Review financial information and provide recommendations on Association budgeting and fiscal planning.



RESTAURANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Provide feedback and recommendations to help enhance the dining experience for our community.



RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Help plan and support recreational programs, events, and activities that bring our community together.



WELCOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Help welcome and connect new residents and promote a strong sense of community and belonging.



INTERESTED IN SERVING?

Committee applications are available at the Administration Office or on our website.

Applications must be completed and submitted for Board approval.

The application packet includes:

- ✓ Committee Assignment Application
- ✓ Volunteer Information Sheet
- ✓ Signed Code of Conduct Agreement*

*Per Silver Lakes Association requirements.



QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!



CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
760-245-1606



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
SilverLakesAssociation.com



Silver Lakes Association
15273 Orchard Hill Lane
Helendale, CA 92342

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Stronger Together. Better Community.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Better Serving Our Community



EFFECTIVE JUNE 29TH, 2026

To better serve the needs of our residents, the Silver Lakes Administration Office will be adjusting its hours of operation.

OFFICE HOURS



MONDAY – FRIDAY

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



CLOSED DAILY FOR LUNCH

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM



CLOSED ON WEEKENDS (SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS)

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to continuing to serve our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

August 2026 is the
2nd month of the 3rd 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 **RED 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

Silver Lakes Association

Summary of Revenues and Expenses 6/1/2026 - 6/30/2026

	Current Period			Year To Date			Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Operating Income							
Administration Income	(185.02)	2,193.00	(2,378.02)	33,226.17	26,272.00	6,954.17	26,272.00
Maintenance Income	500.00	1,663.00	(1,163.00)	6,150.00	22,850.00	(16,700.00)	22,850.00
ECC Income	8,945.00	8,785.00	160.00	311,112.64	176,873.00	134,239.64	176,873.00
Recreation Income	1,813.76	4,000.00	(2,186.24)	22,754.42	32,920.00	(10,165.58)	32,920.00
Snack Bar Income	10,867.13	11,190.00	(322.87)	130,523.31	116,610.00	13,913.31	116,610.00
Restaurant Income	52,882.30	57,460.00	(4,577.70)	654,139.37	688,900.00	(34,760.63)	688,900.00
Pro Shop Income	16,441.05	27,431.00	(10,989.95)	225,170.23	241,356.00	(16,185.77)	241,356.00
Assessments/Other/Capital Income	814,843.63	801,134.00	13,709.63	9,828,717.73	9,613,619.00	215,098.73	9,613,619.00
Total Income	906,107.85	913,856.00	(7,748.15)	11,211,793.87	10,919,400.00	292,393.87	10,919,400.00
Operating Expense							
Payroll Expenses	313,316.67	376,023.00	62,706.33	3,857,492.97	4,300,959.00	443,466.03	4,300,959.00
Contract Services	212,345.13	196,559.00	(15,786.13)	2,485,830.77	2,535,367.00	49,536.23	2,535,367.00
Repairs & Maintenance	10,835.86	10,264.00	(571.86)	129,561.59	125,600.00	(3,961.59)	125,600.00
Equipment Purchases	627.11	166.63	(460.48)	3,938.94	4,500.00	561.06	4,500.00
Supplies	30,502.42	25,429.37	(5,073.05)	298,601.41	290,895.00	(7,706.41)	290,895.00
Legal	16,414.08	27,150.00	10,735.92	680,714.67	327,800.00	(352,914.67)	327,800.00
Utilities	99,860.92	85,405.00	(14,455.92)	913,872.04	990,534.00	76,661.96	990,534.00
Administrative	76,198.30	64,452.00	(11,746.30)	682,362.25	692,846.00	10,483.75	692,846.00
Other Expenses	94,421.51	91,026.00	(3,395.51)	1,452,224.81	1,465,550.00	13,325.19	1,465,550.00
Contingency	-	500.00	500.00	6,599.98	6,000.00	(599.98)	6,000.00
Total Expense	854,522.00	876,975.00	22,453.00	10,511,199.43	10,740,051.00	228,851.57	10,740,051.00
Operating Net Total	51,585.85	36,881.00	14,704.85	700,594.44	179,349.00	521,245.44	179,349.00
Net Total	51,585.85	36,881.00	14,704.85	700,594.44	179,349.00	521,245.44	179,349.00



SILVER LAKES ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CASH PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED

BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2026

Effective **August 1, 2026**, the Silver Lakes Association Administration Office will no longer accept cash payments.

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS



IN-OFFICE PAYMENTS

Payments made at the
Administration Office



Check



Money Order



ONLINE PAYMENTS (HOMEOWNER PORTAL)

Secure payments made
online through the
Homeowner Portal



ACH



Credit Card



PAYMENTS THROUGH YOUR BANK

Set up through
your financial institution



Bank Bill Pay



If you currently make your assessment payments with cash,
please plan to use one of the payment methods listed above
beginning **August 1, 2026**.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Administration Office
(760) 245-1606



OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Lunch
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Closed Weekends



CONTACT US

(760) 245-1606



VISIT US

15273 Orchard Hill Lane
Helendale, CA 92342



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Our Administration Team is
here to assist you with
questions, account
information, and more.



HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS?

Silver Lakes Association
has transitioned to
SUNWEST BANK
for assessment payment
processing.



IMPORTANT: Cancel Western Alliance Payments

If you are currently using Western Alliance to pay your assessments,
please cancel those payments to avoid delays or misdirected payments.

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS BY:



1. PAY ONLINE THROUGH HOMEOWNER PORTAL

- Go to portal.silverlakesassociation.com
- Click "Sign Up" (top right or bottom of screen)
- Fill out the fields and click "Sign Up"

Payment Options Available:

- ACH Debit:** No fee. Automatically debited on the 5th of each month.
- eCheck (One-Time or Recurring):** \$2.99 fee
- Debit & Credit Cards (One-Time or Recurring):** 3.5% fee
Credit cards accepted through Google Pay and Apple Pay (app only).



2. PAY YOUR PERSONAL BILL ONLINE (BILL PAY)

If you use online bill pay,
delete the old payee and add:

Payee: Silver Lakes Association

Address: PO Box 25376
Santa Ana, CA 92799-5376

Be sure to include your HOA account
number in the memo portion and
allow 7-10 business days
for processing.



3. MAIL TO OUR P.O. BOX OR PAY IN OFFICE

Mail to:

Silver Lakes Association
P.O. Box 179
Helendale, CA 92342

Pay in Office:

We accept: Check or
Money Order

Office Address:

15273 Orchard Hill Lane
Helendale, CA 92342



QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Call us at (760) 245-1606

*Thank you for your
prompt attention!*



P.O. Box 179, Helendale, CA 92342-0179

(760) 245-1606 | www.silverlakesassociation.com

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.*

Silver Lakes Association

Proposed Amendment to Architectural Guidelines for Approval of Exterior Sherwin Williams Color Choices

(This is being published for a 28-day comment period prior to possible adoption by the Board of
Directors.)

The Board invites your comments on the proposed amendment(s).

Deletions shown in Strikethrough ~~XXXXX~~ Additions shown in **Bold Italics, Underlined XXXXX**

Purpose and Intent: The purpose of the following amendment is to clarify the architectural rules for
Exterior Sherwin Williams Color Choices

SECTION II

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDLEINES

E. Miscellaneous Improvements

9. Repaint/Re-Stucco

- f. The following 414 color choices have been approved by the ECC Committee. Note:
Other colors may be approved by the ECC but must be submitted for review and
approval prior to application. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in the
ECC Committee declining the color choice, which would require the Homeowners (at
the Homeowner’s expense) to repaint their property with an approved color within 30-
days. All of the following color options are based on the Sherwin Williams Primary
Color Pallet. Other paint manufactures paints maybe used but the color must comply
with the values established by the SW Colors. If another paint manufacturer is used,
the color choice and LRV must be confirmed and approved by the ECC Committee
prior to application

Approved Exterior Sherwin Williams Color Choices:

1. ESSENTIALS – Black, White and Grey’s – LRV Greater than ~~30~~20 (52 acceptable
color choices)
2. FUNDAMENTALLY NEUTRAL – LRV Greater than ~~30~~20 (164 acceptable color
choices)
3. Color Options – LRV Greater than 60 (198 acceptable color choices)
4. ENERGETIC BRIGHTS – NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ANY COLOR

All comments need to be received by August 26, 2026

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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
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Helendale, CA 92342-0179

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

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area, on the website, or made by some form of general
notice, or a request to cancel a prior request for individ-
ual 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.

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Please submit a written request for copies of Board
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**Most recent approved Open Board of Directors Meeting
minutes Currently proposed, and the most recent ap-
proved 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 Incorpo-
ration/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
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assistance**

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Aerification

With summer in full swing, it is time to start preparing for our fall aerification. Aerification achieves three important objectives: it relieves soil compaction, improves the soil mixture in the root zone, and helps manage thatch.

Over time, traffic from play compacts the soil, causing us to lose the air pockets that turf roots rely on for healthy growth. If left untreated, this compaction can lead to unhealthy turf. By pulling cores during aerification, we create more air space in the soil while promoting deeper root growth,

resulting in healthier turf.

The addition of sand topdressing, along with soil amendments, extends porosity and improves drainage by incorporating new soil material into the root zone. It also helps resist compaction, both of which are essential for the "push-up" style greens at Silver Lakes.

Some thatch, which is an accumulation of dead stems, leaves, and roots, is necessary for a healthy green. However, excess thatch leaves the turf susceptible to disease and insects. Sand

topdressing also helps reduce thatch accumulation. Topdressing combined with aerification is one of the most effective ways to reduce existing thatch while preventing excess thatch from developing.

While many golfers dread the idea of having the greens aerified, it is a short-term disruption that provides long-term benefits for the golf course. Remember, without those little holes, the greens would eventually deteriorate.

With the club set to overseed again this year, we will complete aerification during the first couple of days of the course closure to ensure play will not be impacted by the process.

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

WHY WE AERIFY

Aerification is one of the most important things we do to keep the golf course healthy, playable and looking its best. Here's why:



RELIEVES SOIL COMPACTION

Pulling cores removes compacted soil, creates air space, and encourages deeper, stronger root growth.



SHORT-TERM DISRUPTION, LONG-TERM BENEFITS

Those small holes are temporary, but the results are long-lasting. Without aerification, greens would eventually deteriorate.



IMPROVES SOIL MIXTURE & DRAINAGE

Sand topdressing and soil amendments increase porosity, add new material to the root zone, and improve drainage while resisting future compaction.



PREPARES FOR OVERSEEDING

Aerification is completed prior to overseeding so new seed has the best possible contact with the soil for strong germination and a healthy stand.



MANAGES THATCH

Aerification and sand topdressing reduce existing thatch and help prevent excess buildup, keeping turf healthier and more resilient.



BETTER TURF. BETTER PLAY.

Healthier soil means healthier turf, more consistent greens, and a better golf experience for everyone.



Aerification is an investment in the long-term health and playability of Silver Lakes. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



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Golf Course Activity - June 2026

Date	Day	Member	Guest	Tenant	SLVC/TS	Inn	Total Play
1	MON	66	2	1	0	0	69
2	TUE	88	4	6	0	0	98
3	WED	112	7	4	0	0	123
4	THU	73	17	6	0	0	96
5	FRI	137	7	7	0	0	151
6	SAT	135	3	6	0	0	144
7	SUN	132	5	5	0	0	142
8	MON	99	1	5	0	0	105
9	TUE	93	4	0	0	0	97
10	WED	103	4	4	0	0	111
11	THU	88	4	6	0	0	98
12	FRI	109	19	9	0	0	137
13	SAT	173	7	9	0	0	189
14	SUN	189	5	5	0	0	199
15	MON	67	5	4	0	0	76
16	TUE	87	7	6	0	0	100
17	WED	108	8	10	0	0	126
18	THU	65	9	4	0	0	78
19	FRI	133	9	5	0	0	147
20	SAT	147	13	9	0	0	169
21	SUN	142	14	1	0	0	157
22	MON	65	8	0	0	0	73
23	TUE	92	1	6	0	0	99
24	WED	101	2	4	0	0	107
25	THU	108	6	5	0	0	119
26	FRI	91	4	6	0	0	101
27	SAT	94	17	9	0	0	120
28	SUN	114	16	5	0	0	135
29	MON	87	0	0	0	0	87
30	TUE	88	2	5	0	0	95
	Totals	3186	210	152	0	0	3548

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
May	4390	356	153	0	0	4899
June	3186	210	152	0	0	3548
Totals	20245	1449	893	0	0	22587



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THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH | **4:00 PM**



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golf shop



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9 holes



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restaurant

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WE WILL HAVE NEW WEEKEND HOURS!

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7AM – 7PM
GRILL OFF AT
6:45PM

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From the Director of Golf

by Todd Edwards

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What’s Happening to the Golf Course?

If you’ve been out playing recently, you’ve probably noticed that parts of the golf course look a little different than they did just a few weeks ago. Some fairways are beautifully green, while others have patches of lighter or darker color. If you’ve been wondering why, you’re not alone—and the good news is that what you’re seeing is exactly what we expect this time of year.

Every summer, our golf course goes through what is known as the turf transition. During the winter months, we enjoy lush overseeded ryegrass that provides excellent color and playability. As the desert temperatures climb into the 90s and 100s, that ryegrass naturally begins to fade while our Bermudagrass comes to life. Bermudagrass is our warm-season turf, and it thrives during the hottest months of the year.

The challenge is that Mother Nature doesn’t flip a switch overnight. Bermudagrass doesn’t emerge at the same pace across the entire golf course. Areas that receive more sunlight, have slight-

ly different soil conditions, or warm up a little faster will green up sooner than others. That’s why you’ll see a mixture of bright green Bermudagrass alongside fading ryegrass, creating the “patchwork” appearance many of you have noticed.

While the color may not be perfectly uniform for a few weeks, our maintenance team is hard at work helping the transition along. Through careful mowing practices, irrigation management, and fertilizer applications, they’re encouraging the Bermudagrass to spread, strengthen, and become the healthy, dense turf that provides outstanding playing conditions throughout the summer.

You may also notice that the fairways and roughs are being mowed a little differently during this period. Those adjustments aren’t accidental—they’re part of a carefully planned program that helps the Bermudagrass establish itself while reducing stress on the turf. Every decision is made with the long-term health of the golf course in mind.

The payoff is well worth the wait. As the transition continues over the next several weeks, you’ll begin to see the course take on a much more consistent appearance. Even more importantly, you’ll enjoy firm fairways, healthy turf, excellent lies, and playing conditions that stand up well to our summer weather.

We know the transition can sometimes raise questions, and we appreciate your patience as nature does its work. Our maintenance staff is committed to presenting the best possible golf course every day, and although this is one of the more challenging times of the year, it’s also one of the most important. Before long, the Bermudagrass will be fully established, and the course will reward all of us with the outstanding, award-winning conditions that Silver Lakes is becoming known for.





SILVER LAKES
GOLF COURSE

SUMMER HOURS

BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST



NEW GOLF SHOP HOURS



MONDAY - THURSDAY

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

CARTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 5:15 PM



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

CARTS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE DUSK



SUNDAY

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

CARTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 7:00 PM



TO SCHEDULE A TEE TIME

PLEASE CALL THE PRO SHOP AT
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT RANGE HOURS

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Purchase range balls and enjoy an evening at the practice facility under the lights!

More Golf.
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More Fun!

EXTENDED CART RENTALS





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RETURN BY
5:15 PM



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
RETURN BY
BEFORE DUSK



SUNDAY
RETURN BY
7:00 PM



COMING SOON PUTTING LEAGUE

Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for your continued support!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE COURSE THIS SUMMER.

WHY DOES THE COURSE LOOK DIFFERENT THIS SUMMER?



RYEGRASS IS BRIGHT & LUSH
during the cool seasons, giving us excellent color and playability.



AS TEMPERATURES RISE,
ryegrass naturally fades as summer heat arrives.



BERMUDAGRASS THRIVES
during the summer months and is our warm-season turf.



This natural transition is part of keeping *Silver Lakes* healthy, playable, and beautiful throughout the summer.



COLOR VARIATIONS ARE NORMAL
during this transition as areas green up at different rates.



THE TRANSITION HELPS PRODUCE
firm, healthy playing conditions throughout the summer.



OUR GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE TEAM
works every day to guide this transition and deliver excellent playing conditions.



It is with great pleasure that I announce the results of the 2026 George Butterfield Memorial Golf Tournament for the Kids.

First, the Tournament winners:

1st Place: Nate Carlson, Bryce Carlson, Ronnie Bourgeois, Dave Thomas, John Macy, and Jim Henderson

2nd Place: James Kishbaugh, Andy Harris, Bill Braddock, Brian Butterfield, James Dorn, and Torrel Smarr

3rd Place: Beau Bradbury, Jake Seidenkranz, Ben Seidenkranz, Matt Czarnota, Mark Fenton, and Brandon McCord

Best Decorated Cart: Bill and Lisa Roach

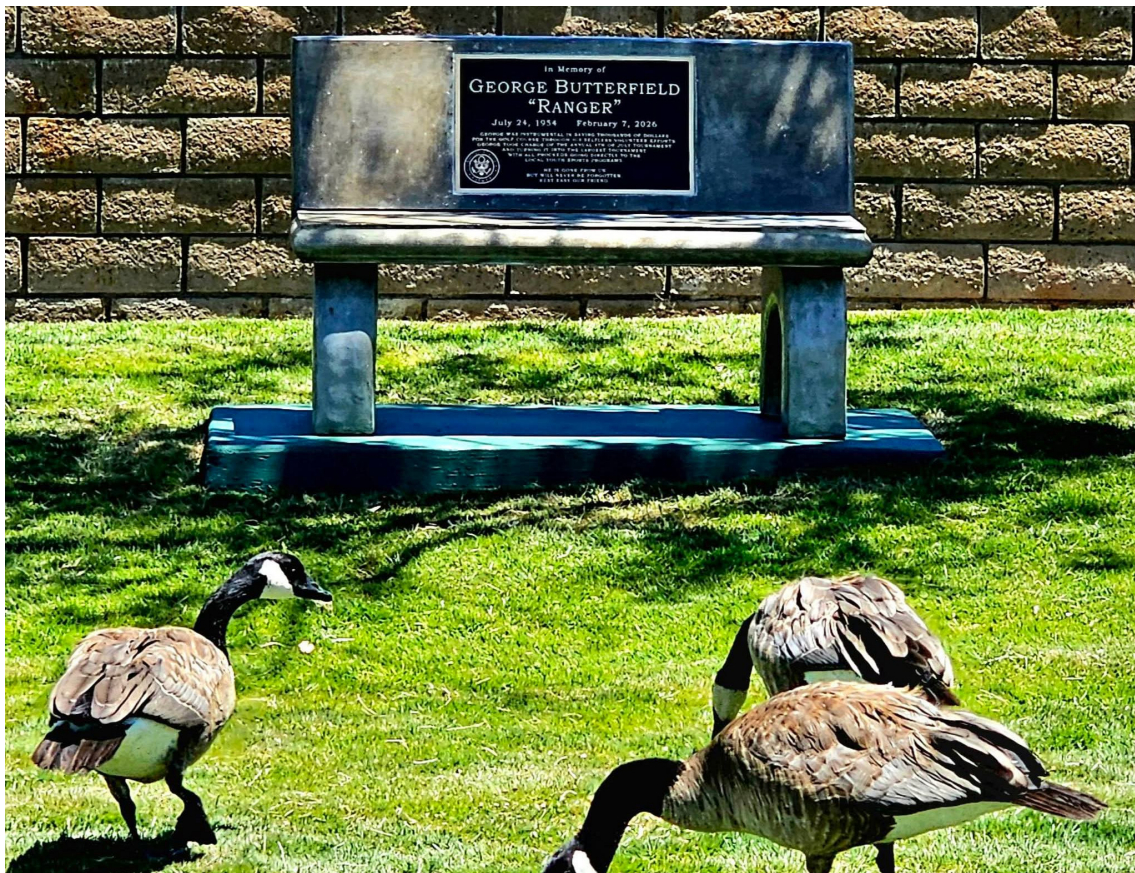
Congratulations to all our winners!

Finally, thanks to the incredible generosity of this community, our sponsors, everyone who played, contributed, and volunteered, and a generous contribution from the Christy Raymond Foundation, we had our best year ever!

The total proceeds from this tournament were **\$32,981.22**. Each of the three athletic organizations—Helendale CSD Athletic Department, Helendale Silver Lakes Little League, and ACE Athletics—will receive a check for **\$10,993.74**. The checks will be presented at the American Legion meeting on July 28th.

I know George would be profoundly grateful, as am I, for the amazing support of this tournament and what these proceeds mean for the kids right here in Silver Lakes.

We hope everyone had a wonderful day, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!





SILVER LAKES LADIES GOLF

By Amanda Dunagan

Greetings, Silver Lakes! I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer and somehow staying cool in this insane heat! Golf is always a little more difficult during the summer months, which is why we don't have a tournament scheduled for July. Since I don't have any tournament results to share this month, I thought I would give an update on what's coming up for the remainder of the year.

It seems like only a month ago we were golfing in the freezing wind during the President's Cup, and now we're looking ahead to our remaining tournaments. We have some great events to look forward to:

8/1-8/2: Eclectic Tournament – Improve your scores from the previous day..

9/5: Stableford Tournament – Always a fun favorite!

10/3: Tombstone Tournament – Decorate your own tombstone, and once you reach your maximum strokes, you "die" on the course and plant your tombstone.

11/7: Turkey Shoot – Each team includes a male player who is the "Tom," and the ladies alternate shots with their turkey.



12/5: Christmas Scramble – Everyone dresses in their Christmas best! Following the tournament, we'll enjoy a luncheon and cookie exchange.

The rest of the year is shaping up to be so exciting, and I can't wait to play with everyone.

Most Improved for June is... our President, **Sandi Weiss!** She has had a fabulous year of golf, and

we are all so proud of her. Way to go, Sandi! Keep improving your game!

I also want to say one last thank you to all the members of the Silver Lakes Ladies Board for their hard work. They put on an amazing Member/Guest Tournament, and it truly was a group effort.

A huge thank you to Ariana Marinez-Ramirez and Kayla Wall for securing dona-

tions, planning the menu, and creating the beautiful decorations for our Mad Hatter's Tee Party. Thank you to Paula Dunagan for serving as Tournament Director and organizing two fantastic days of golf. And thank you to Sandi Weiss and Amy Mace for all of your support in making the tournament such a success. I love serving on the Board with all of you ladies! Until next time, Silver Lakes!





Your Lakes Advisory Committee

We hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July festivities! It takes an incredible team of volunteers and staff to make **the best day of the year** in Silver Lakes such a success. A heartfelt thank you goes to our management team, Code Enforcement, Maintenance Department, and the many committees that planned and supported the day's activities. Your hard work made this celebration possible, and our lakes looked their best. We also appreciate everyone who came out to celebrate with neighbors and friends.

Our annual boat parades were once again a highlight of the holiday. On the North Lake, congratulations to

Terri Salerno (#4) for Best Decorated, the Dunagan Family (#7) for Best Music, and Diana Victory-Mathis (#8) for Best Spirit. On the South Lake, Amber Bell (#1) and Ryan McCarty (#14) tied for Best Decorated, while Nathan Handy (#12) earned the award for Most Lively. Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you to Silver Lakes Market for providing participation prizes and to the Association for sponsoring the winners' awards.

As we move into the second half of summer, more residents and guests will be enjoying our lakes. A few simple reminders will help keep everyone safe while protecting one of our com-

munity's greatest assets. **Boaters:** Please operate at safe speeds and be mindful of the wakes your boat creates. A boat's wake travels farther than many people realize and can affect swimmers, paddleboarders, kayakers, and other boats. Always stay alert for people in the water, and remember to display your swimmer flag whenever swimmers are near your boat.

Swimmers: Help prevent swimmer's itch by avoiding muddy shoreline areas where the parasite is more common. If you're prone to swimmer's itch, applying baby oil, tanning oil, or a thin layer of petroleum jelly before entering the water may help reduce exposure. Don't forget to apply sunscreen before heading out.

Anglers: While a few trout remain, please remember that bass, crappie, and sunfish are catch-and-release species. Returning these fish unharmed helps maintain a healthy fishery for everyone. Redear sunfish are especially important because they feed on the snails that carry the parasite responsible for swimmer's itch.

Lake homeowners: Protecting water quality is especially important during the busy summer months. Please check your irrigation systems to ensure they aren't creating runoff into nearby streets or the lakes. Fertilizers, pesticides,

household chemicals, and car wash soap can contribute to algae blooms, fish kills, and poor water quality. These reminders aren't just rules—they're ways we can all work together to protect

our lakes. They belong to all of us, and with care and consideration, we can keep them clean, safe, and enjoyable throughout the summer. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer!



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.

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

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BOAT INSPECTION

Help protect our lakes and waterways.

CLEAN
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DRAIN
Drain all water from the boat.

DRY
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 Thank you for doing your part!

For more information, contact Code Enforcement.
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Congratulations TO OUR WINNERS

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#5

Best Music

JUSTY & LAURA DUNAGAN

#16

Best Decorated

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 Special thanks to Victoria Arizaga for making the amazing eagle!

★ Thank you ★
 TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED
 I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAD
20 REGISTERED BOATS
 this year!
Happy 4th of July!
 ★ 250th ANNIVERSARY AMERICA! ★

South Lake BOAT PARADE WINNERS

Thank You TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

★ CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS! ★

★ **BEST DECORATED (TIE)** ★
AMBER BELL (#1) & RYAN McCARTY (#14)

★ **MOST LIVELY** ★
NATHAN HANDY (#12)



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Helendale Community Services District

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Board Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm

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Helendale Community Park 15425 Wild Rd, Helendale



6:00 – 9:00 PM

August 8, 2026 - Get ready for a fun summer evening with **Aviator**, bringing an upbeat mix of **classic rock favorites from the 70s, 80s, and 90s**. Expect familiar songs, great energy, and plenty of music to sing along and dance to. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends, and enjoy a night of live music, food trucks, and community fun at Helendale Community Park.

Helendale CSD remains committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and family-friendly environment for all Concerts in the Park attendees. As part of our ongoing efforts, concerts will include an increased public safety presence. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department will be onsite at all future concert events. We are also making additional operational improvements related to lighting and event layout.

Concerts in the Park series are an important community tradition, and we appreciate the continued support, feedback, and cooperation from our residents.



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Our Concerts in the Park series is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. We sincerely thank Barstow Community Hospital, Supervisor Paul Cook's Office, Silver Lakes Association, Lakeside Heating and Air, Red Rocket Plumbing, UIA, Yeghoian Grading and Paving, CalPortland Cement, Mitsubishi Cement, Rio Tinto, JDR, Silver Lakes Maintenance, Burrtec, AAA, Handy Hutch, Modern Edge Wealth, Silver Lakes Market, Nobel Systems, and Jumonville Construction for helping make these events possible.

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WHEN: August 11th

TIME: 9:00 AM

To register call

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August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Ladies Club BR Private Event TR Ladies Club Fish Fry 11am-8pm
2 Ladies Club TR Private Event Breakfast 9am	3 Closed	4 Ladies Club	5 Gaggle TR Restaurant Committee 4:30pm TR Golf Course Advisory 6pm Salad Bar 4:30pm	6 TR Private Event	7	8 Silver Links BR Private Event Prime Rib 4:30pm
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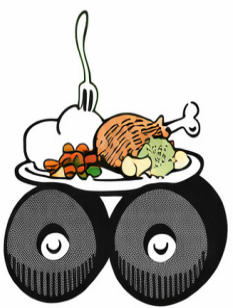
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Helping Our Community Stay Healthy & Independent



Silver Lakes Socials

By Jasmine Shireen Kresh

Swappin' and Shoppin' was exactly what the Silver Lakes Socials did this past June! Twenty-five ladies gathered in the Terrace Room for cocktails, mocktails, and, of course, a delicious dinner.

After dinner, everyone took their raffle tickets and looked over all the items the ladies had brought to share. There were designer purses, home décor, clothing, beauty products, and home care items. Once everyone had a chance to browse, they could place all of their raffle tickets—or just one—toward the treasures they hoped to win. When it was all over, I looked around, and all the lovely ladies seemed very happy with their new belongings.

August 20th will be Craft Night, where you can choose to make either a fall or Halloween wreath. This fun event will take place in the Terrace Room at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$25 and includes dinner and all craft supplies.

October 10th will be the annual Murder Mystery, co-directed by Sienna Morton and Jasmine Shireen Kresh. This event will be held in the Ballroom at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$30 and includes the show, heavy appetizers, a 50/50 drawing, and chances to win prizes. The grand prize will go to the person who correctly guesses the murderer in the show.

December 9th will be another annual favorite, the Cookie/Ornament Exchange, in the Terrace Room.

January 30th will be the fourth annual Casino Night in the Ballroom.

March 7th is Reggae Night in the Ballroom.

More details to follow.

For more information, contact Michelle at (818) 427-3053 or Tiffany Eason at (760) 953-4904. You may also stop by 26234 Corona Dr. Be sure to join our Facebook page, Silver Lakes Socials News Page.



4th Annual Silver Lakes Helendale Lions Club Reinvention Fashion Show September 26, 2026

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Tickets Per Person:

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

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
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Thursdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm
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Wednesday Step Study

Al-Anon Meeting

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Silver Lakes Arts & Crafts Guild

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Greetings Silver Lakes!

ALERT!!! Silver Lakes Arts and Crafts Guild is now signing up vendors for its 28th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Last year, we had 70 vendors participate in selling their goods. Inside and outside of the Clubhouse will be filled with so many different kinds of crafts,

making it a wonderful display of handcrafted merchandise. You can stay all day because the Lions Club has a booth that offers donuts, hot dogs, and snacks for purchase. If you are a vendor and are interested in enrolling, contact Donna at (760) 524-8026 or Gwen at (559) 283-5461. And, meanwhile, those looking to "shop till you drop,"

mark your calendars.

In addition to the Craft Fair, we also host a raffle. The Guild is looking for contributions of handmade items that we can include in our raffle at the end of the day. If you have something that you would like to donate, please contact Sandy at (661) 714-1089 for more information.

Since we are talking about FAIRS, let's move to the San Bernardino Fair. One of our Guild members, Linda Blankenship, has received numerous awards for her entries in the competition. There are way too many for this article to include (10 ribbons that I counted), but please note the three that we were able to include in this article: *Snowman* (First Place and Best in Show), *Gingerbread House* (First Place), and *King Neptune* (First Place). I have been told that many of our Guild members in past years have entered their artwork in the San Bernardino Fair and done well. It just confirms the talent that is in our community. **CONGRATULATIONS to Linda!!**

If you have ever thought about learning to quilt, you may want to come to our meeting on Thursday, August 13th. Our quilters will be exhibiting various stages of quilting. You may take a look at the process and want to join our club so you can learn from some of the most patient and talented members. We welcome guests at



our general meetings so they can get a taste of our group.

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 join and be able to show a current Silver Lakes ID. Membership

dues are \$25.00 a year and are valid from March to March. We appreciate every one of our members! If interested, or if you forgot to renew, please contact Ellen Johnson at (760) 221-3429.

We hope you are enjoying your summer!!!!

Silver Lakes Arts & Crafts Guild Board!





Sunsetters Car Club of Silver Lakes News

June was a fun month for the Sunsetters, with four Friday cruise night events attended by several of our club cars, as well as a cruise and car show at the Route 66 Museum in Victorville. A few of our cars also attended the Cruise for Paws Car Show and the Route 66 Antique Station Car Show in Oro Grande. Harout and Becky's fantastic 1938 Chevrolet convertible received a Pick of the Night Award at the Over the Hill Gang Cruise Night.

Special event planning meetings were in full swing for the much-anticipated Sunsetters Annual Car Show, which will be held on August 8th at Helendale Community Park, 15425 Wild Road, Helendale, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the awards

presentation beginning at 12:00 noon.

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 that we will be participating in include the following:

1st Friday of every month, July through October: Car show at Sizzler Restaurant in Hesperia.
2nd Friday of every month, July through October: OTHG Car Cruise in Apple Valley.
3rd Friday of every month,

July through October: Out-cast Car Club Cruise Night at Consbeeracy Brewing Company in Hesperia.

4th Friday of every month, July through September: Sunsetters Cruise and Car Show at Sunsetters Landing.

4th Sunday of every month, July through October: After-noon cruise to Steak 'n Shake.

7/11/26: Silver Lakes 3rd Concert in the Park of the Season, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

7/18/26: Apple Valley Inn Custom Car Hangout, 7:00 PM.

7/25/26: Junction Car Show, Pinon Hills.

8/8/26: Red, White and Cruise Car Show, Hesperia Library.

8/8/26: Sunsetters Annual Car Show, Helendale Community Park.

8/8/26: Silver Lakes 4th Concert in the Park of the Season, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

8/15/26: Wrightwood Annual Car Show.

8/22/26: Indoor Car Show at the South Point Casino, Las Vegas.

8/29/26: Junkin' Ain't Easy Car Show and BBQ.

9/19/26: Apple Valley Lions Club Car Show at Town's End Bar and Grill.

10/10/26: Barstow Route 66 Centennial Car Show.

11/21/26: Fill the Fire Truck 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 each 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



Harout and his Pick of the Night award

SUNSETTERS Silver Lakes
15 YEARS AS A CLUB
ROUTE 66
CAR SHOW
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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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Sunsetters August 8th 2026 Car Show

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Greg and Bill sure made another one of our Wednesdays special. Periodically, they share their musical talents with us. If you happen to see either one of them, please express your appreciation. We watched them bring in all the “stuff” they need to perform... only a love of music would inspire someone to do so much work!!!

LuAnn Baum generously donated boxes and boxes of medical and personal supplies to the Senior Center. Everyone dug in and was delighted to take some of the items they could use. We heard so many comments about how grateful everyone was. If anyone has disposable briefs, diapers, bed pads, bandages, ointments, cotton swabs, or any other type of medical supplies, just give Pam a call and she will come pick them up. The Seniors are always in need of those types of supplies. We will be certain that LuAnn receives a huge “thank you.”

Those of us who are playing Rummykub each day are just having a great time. It is a fun game that really makes you think. Good for our brains, so they say. Many days we have two tables playing, and we have enough games in our closet to host four tables. So, if anyone wants to learn to play, all of us will be happy to teach you. Just approach any table and say you are ready to learn, and many will gladly offer their expertise. Generally, there is someone playing this game right after lunch every day the Center is open.

We will be performing our annual Christmas show in December, and we are just getting started. If you would like to participate in the show, please contact any member of the Board and they will point you in the right direction. If you have decorations that you no longer want to keep, please consider donating them to the Senior Center. We are always happy to receive new decorations, and honestly, some of our trees are falling apart. If it is inconvenient for you to bring them to the Senior Center, give us a call and we will arrange a pickup.

Feedback is invaluable. Please, if you have a comment or suggestion, let us know. This is your center, and we want everyone to benefit.

Meanwhile, please be happy and healthy!

HSO Board of Directors

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Rummykub & Mexican Train – 12:30pm

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

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
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4th & 5th Thursdays: Pinochle – 10:00am
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All Fridays: Texas Hold ‘Em – 10:00 am
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Mission Statement:
“Helendale Senior Outreach seeks to provide services in the Helendale Community to senior citizens and homebound that will bring confidence and more freedom to their lives.”



“BIG” Deal” for Silver Lakes



BIG stands for Barstow International Gateway. According to Congressman Jay Obernolte, the project has been in the planning stages for more than a decade. It gained significant momentum following the COVID-19 pandemic, when severe bottlenecks at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach exposed vulnerabilities in the nation's supply chain. Shipping containers sat for weeks waiting to be unloaded, creating shortages and delays across the country.

In response, BNSF Railway proposed the Barstow International Gateway, a \$4.5 billion investment that was approved by the Barstow City Council earlier this year. The project encompasses approximately 4,500 acres and includes a state-of-the-art intermodal rail facility along with roughly 9 million square feet of warehouse and logistics space. For perspective, the Amazon fulfillment center located at Phelan Road and U.S. Highway 395 in Hesperia contains approxi-

mately 2.5 million square feet of warehouse space on about 160 acres. The scale of BIG is several times larger, making it one of the most significant logistics developments in the region.

With a project of this size comes increased rail traffic, and for residents of Silver Lakes, that means growing concerns about the railroad crossing on Vista Road. Many residents already have stories of lengthy waits at the crossing, but the greater concern is the impact on emergency services and school transportation. Delays affecting ambulances, fire engines, sheriff's deputies, and school buses could have serious consequences.

Despite these concerns, Silver Lakes was not specifically addressed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) approved by the Barstow City Council. During the public approval process, several Silver Lakes residents spoke about the challenges they have experienced while waiting at the crossing and urged of-

ficials to consider the community's unique situation.

In response, the Silver Lakes Association Board, together with the Helendale Community Services District, organized a community-wide letter-writing campaign to ensure local voices were heard. The Board also met with Congressman Jay Obernolte and State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh to discuss the long-term feasibility of constructing a grade-separated crossing to improve public safety and emergency access. The importance of the issue was underscored during a Barstow City Council meeting, when one councilmember recounted the story of a woman who became trapped waiting for a train while in labor. She ultimately reached the hospital just in time, giving birth only ten minutes after arriving. The story served as a powerful reminder that blocked railroad crossings are more than an inconvenience—they can become life-and-death situations.

Those efforts produced meaningful results. BNSF pledged \$10 million toward a future grade-separation project, \$2 million for improvements to the existing at-grade crossing, and \$1 million to fund engineering and bridge design studies for a potential overpass near Daugherty Road. BNSF also committed to adding an additional rail line designed to stage trains in a manner that reduces the likelihood of crossings being blocked near Silver Lakes. The community's advocacy also prompted the San Bernardino County Supervisor's Office to submit three grant applications that could provide additional funding for future crossing improvements.

Perhaps most remarkably, Silver Lakes was the only community along the Barstow-to-Long Beach rail corridor to organize and formally advocate for its concerns throughout the approval process. Community members, local agencies, and elected officials worked together to ensure

that Silver Lakes' unique challenges would not continue to be overlooked.

The commitments made by BNSF and the progress achieved so far demonstrate what can happen when a community comes together and refuses to be overlooked. While these are encouraging first steps, they are not the finish line. Securing the funding, completing the engineering, and ultimately building a safer crossing will require continued attention and persistence.

Now is not the time to become complacent. Stay informed, attend public meetings when you can, and continue making your voice heard. Every letter written, every meeting attended, and every conversation with our elected officials helps keep this project moving forward. Together, we have shown that Silver Lakes can make a difference. Let's continue fighting the good fight until our community has the safe, reliable railroad crossing it deserves.

What's Growing On?

Newberry Springs Looks to Helendale for Garden Inspiration

By Farmer Roy

For their monthly meeting, Members of the Newberry Springs Garden Club traded their usual meeting hall for a working farm, touring Seeds of Succession in Helendale to see how regenerative growing methods hold up under some of the harshest conditions the Mojave has to offer. The visit was less a garden stroll and more a class in desert systems thinking, with club members walking among rows of polycultures including jujube, pomegranate, apple, black-

berry, and so much more. We talked about how every plant, animal, and insect on the property is working together to produce a diversity of abundance.

The centerpiece of the tour was the farm's unusual layout, where trees, shrubs, grasses, herbs, and flowers are all growing together in long water harvesting trenches. A diversity of native fodder crops run down the center of the alleys between these rows, feeding nitrogen back into the soil as

they're cut back to feed animals, while mulberry, mesquite, silk tree, and other companion species provide shade for more heat-sensitive crops planted nearby.

One of the more surprising lessons of the day was on weeds. Rather than treating every volunteer plant as an enemy, we walked the group through how certain weeds are left in place deliberately.

By controlling which weeds grow we can hold soil moisture, pull nutrients up from deeper layers, and offer habitat for the beneficial insects that keep pest populations in check naturally, all while producing edible or medicinal crops.

That same philosophy carried into the farm's approach to pests and disease: instead of reaching for synthetic sprays, the farm relies on a rotation of fermented plant and mineral inputs, applied as foliar sprays, to build plant immunity and soil biology from the ground up. It's an approach rooted in Korean Natural Farming principles, adapted specifically for high desert stress conditions.

Heat stress was the final piece of the conversation, and perhaps the most rele-

vant for Newberry Springs gardeners facing their own scorching afternoons. Foliar feeding, dense planting, and strategic shade from the tree canopies all work together on the farm to help crops push through triple-digit

stretches without collapsing. Garden club members left with notebooks full of ideas and a shared sense that regenerative growing isn't just possible in the Mojave, it might be exactly what the desert is asking for.



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Putting The Home in Homestead

By Keona Yaeger

The apple trees remind me of one simple truth: abundance is a wonderful problem to have.

It is our first serious apple harvest, alongside my fiancé, and I don't think I was prepared for just how generous an orchard can be. He cares for five acres, and when harvest season arrived, the trees seemed to offer more than I could have imagined. Basket after basket came down from the branches until every box in the fridge, counter, and corner of the kitchen seemed to be filled with apples. It made us smile to

think that our biggest problem was figuring out what to do with so much goodness. Of course, apples don't stay fresh forever. They remind us that every harvest has its season and that when we're given something in abundance, it's worth taking the time to enjoy it, preserve it, and share it with others. So, while my fiancé spends long days caring for the farm, I find myself exploring ways to fill the kitchen with the next chapter of our apples' story.

Before we ever made apple cider or apple chips, my fi-

ancé spent days building a solar dehydrator and an apple press by hand. Using scrap wood and simple materials, he designed and built it himself. Watching him bring an idea to life with his own hands made me appreciate just how much thought and care goes into a homestead, and how everything will come together in time. Nothing was fancy, but everything was made with purpose. When it was finally finished, we put it to work right away.

I would stand at the kitchen counter, slicing apple after apple into thin slices. I would lay them across the drying screens while he carried each tray outside and slid them into the dehydrator beneath the blazing sun. Later, those fresh apples had become sweet, chewy apple chips. Now, gathering apples has become part of our daily rhythm. Each day we bag apples, and rather than rushing to press them right away, we fill the freezer. Freezing the apples helps mechanically break down their cell walls, allowing them to release more juice once they're thawed.

Once completely frozen, we let the apples thaw before placing them into a five-gallon bucket. Using a drill fitted with a paint mixer attachment, we blend them into a mash. Adding a teaspoon of natural pectin enzyme serves to further break down the ap-

ples' cell walls biologically, enabling the apples to release even more juice when pressed. After giving the enzyme a few hours to work its magic, the apples are finally ready for the press.

Standing there together, each of us doing our part, I realized that every apple we saved was another way of honoring the season's gen-

erosity. Those apple chips became much more than a snack. Every handful reminds me of our first harvest together, and how this is the start of something bigger: the creativity it takes to preserve nutrition, and the joy of building a life where even scrap wood and a basket of apples can become something that lasts.



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Letters to The Ledger

Fireworks and Our Four-Legged Neighbors

The question to a veterinarian was “When it comes to fireworks is it the sound or vibration that bothers dogs the most: You can include wildlife, all domesticated pets, babies and those with sensitivities.

The Veterinarian said: “It is primarily the sound of the fireworks that distresses dogs the most. Because a dog’s hearing is significantly more sensitive than ours, they can hear higher-frequency sounds and perceive explosions at volumes up to four times louder than humans do. While the sound is the main trigger, it works in tandem with other sensory inputs to create a complete sensory overload:

Acoustics & Frequency: Fireworks booms and crackles don’t just register as: loud”. Every explosion registers at frequencies that can be physically painful to sensitive canine ears.

The Vibration Factor: The shockwaves from heavy aerial blasts or close-range fireworks do create physical vibrations. While these vibrations contribute to a dog’s overall panic, they are almost always accompanied by the deafening audio.

Unpredictability: Unlike natural storms that offer environmental warnings like dropping barometric pressure and wind, fireworks are abrupt and random. Dogs cannot comprehend what is happening, turning the noise into a terrifying threat.”

Because Helendale is an unincorporated community, it falls under the jurisdiction of San Bernardino County, where the sale, possession and use of all fireworks are completely prohibited. This includes even state-approved “Safe and Sane” fireworks In Silver Lake Ca fireworks are completely prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Silver Lakes Association. Community Standards prohibit unauthorized fireworks with an immediate association fine of \$500.00 Code enforcement and patrol personnel can issue citations and impound fireworks.

It is understandable that there is a lack of resources at certain times of the year and issuing citations or impounding fireworks might not be the way to address the problem, especially when you have groups of people who may have been drinking. Perhaps signage when entering Helendale/Silver Lakes, that fireworks are illegal and can be enforced with fines. A Possible solution is code enforcement and patrol personal can concentrate on address of violators to be sent notices. My understanding is that code enforcement was so busy that it was taking longer to get to all the areas of complaints.

Thank you,
Anonymous Concerned Dog Owner



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I want to thank Life Times owner/management for the beautiful, triple filtered cold water and large capacitance water system that we have for the golf course. It is so nice to have this before entering the course, especially this time of year. I send kudos and lauds for your company and thank you from the bottom of our heart for your donation to our health. I hear filtered water is better than some of our tap water that we use with the elements and PFAS in the water. It is so important to hydrate during this time of year and it is a reminder to all our SLA residents, especially our golfers out on the course how you must hydrate yourself about 3% of body weight as I read. Thank you again from SLA members. We appreciate you and so love the special touch you gave the golfing community.

Sincerely yours,
Anonymous Golfer

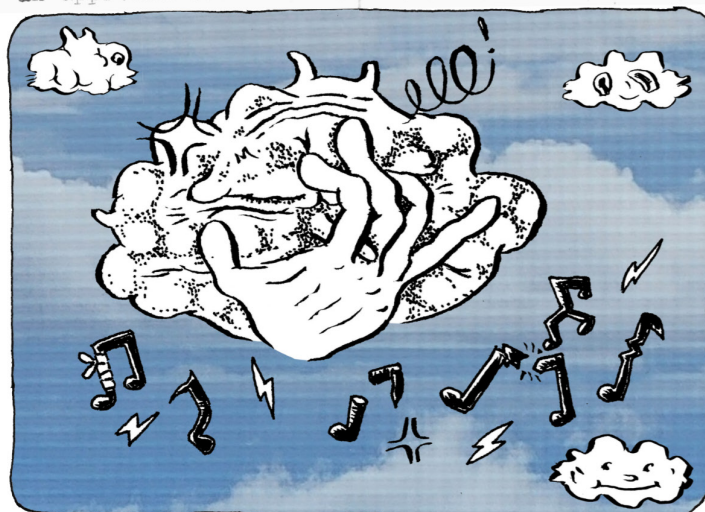
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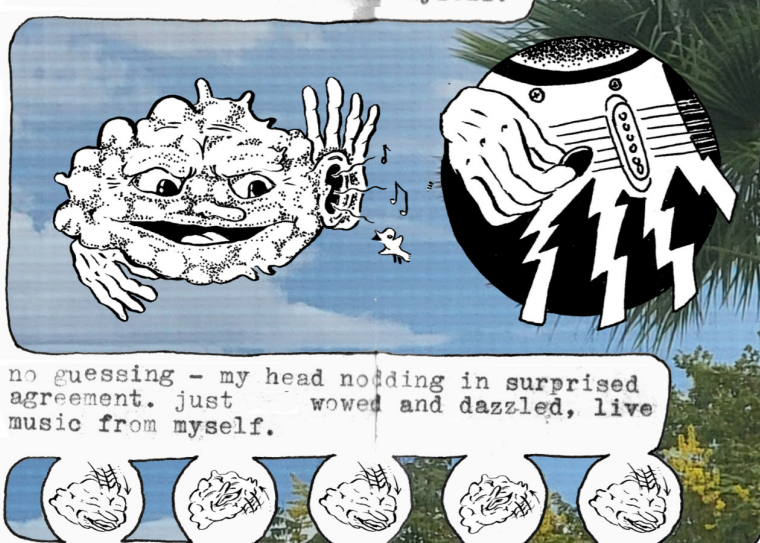
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an approach with conviction, that would be nice.



i'd like to see that from myself:



no guessing - my head nodding in surprised agreement. just wowed and dazzled, live music from myself.

although i practice and learn, things click wonderfully at a ratio of 1/13 success rate, maybe. it is a picture-in-the-clouds lottery.



it is a good feeling, so i chase it.



Letter from the Editor

Hello, and happy August!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe how quickly it has flown by. For my family, much of the summer has been spent unpacking boxes and settling into our new home here.

One of my favorite parts of living here has become my evening bike rides around the lakes. There's something peaceful about watching the sun set over the water, seeing neighbors out walking, fishing, or simply enjoying the fresh air.

As August arrives, I'm also looking forward to returning to the classroom. Every school year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and make a positive difference, and I'm grateful to have the chance to do just that.

carries over to The Ledger. My goal has always been to make this newspaper more than just a publication—it should be a reflection of our community. Whether it's celebrating local accomplishments, sharing concerns, highlighting events, or simply thanking a neighbor, your voices are what make these pages meaningful.

Please continue sending in your letters, story ideas, photos, and community news. This paper belongs to all of us, and I will always strive to put the community first. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and contributions. Together, we're creating something that truly represents the spirit of Silver Lakes.

— Travis Nguyen
Editor, The Ledger

The same excitement

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