

# Riviera-West News



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## BOARD

### MEETINGS

#### PROPERTY OWNERS

Thursday, Nov 17, 2011

@ 4 PM

#### WATER COMPANY

Thursday, Nov 17 2011 @

6 PM

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

##### Property Owners:

President: Ray Oliva

Vice President: Doug Bridges

Treasurer: Barbara Eichten

Secretary: Karl Hoenke

Director: Thomas Moore

##### Water Company:

President: Tom Smythe

Vice President: Position Vacant

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Treasurer: Barbara Eichten

Director: Norma Simmons

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#### NEW Office Hours/Days:

**Tuesday,**

**Thursday,**

**Friday**

**10 am to 4 pm**



**OFFICE HOURS, THANKSGIVING WEEK**  
Mon, Tue, Wed - 10am to 4pm. Closed Thu and Fri.



**Next POA Board Meeting is Nov 17 at 4pm. Stay with us for the PROGRAM at 5pm. Next MWC Board Meeting is Nov 17 at 6pm.**

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE REPORT

We had a very successful Autumn Quarterly Emergency Response Training on October 29th with 16 property owners in attendance. We want to especially thank, Fire Chief, Mike Stone, for volunteering to conduct these trainings which are open to all Riviera West residents. Each quarter we will address safety issues and offer ongoing emergency preparedness trainings pertinent to each season (tentatively January 28, April 28, and July 28). Fire Chief, Mike Stone, explained that preparation can make the difference between life and death. Since fire services are very limited, high density areas will receive attention first, and Riviera West may not receive help for days or even weeks in many types of disasters. We will have to rely on ourselves to be able to act swiftly and wisely in order to survive. Here are some of the points discussed:

**First Aid and Food Rations:** There are many companies including Costco that provide kits. Here's one of the links the fire chief provided: [www.quakekare.com/4-person-deluxe-survival-kit-p-10.html](http://www.quakekare.com/4-person-deluxe-survival-kit-p-10.html). Also see pages 8-13 of the Get Ready Booklet. At our January 28th Meeting, we will all be asked to bring a selection of food rations to share with the other attendees so we can all become more familiar with storing and maintaining a stock-pile of edible foods and learning how to prepare them. Don't forget to store pet food in your emergency food supply.

**Routine Maintenance Procedures:** Check and sweep chimneys at the beginning and end of each winter. Change batteries in fire detectors when you change your clocks — spring and fall. Check dryer and heater vents every year and change filters every 3 months. It was suggested that the new Carbon Monoxide detectors be purchased separately and not combined with fire detectors due to the fact that carbon monoxide is more readily detected on the ground and fire detectors are installed up on the ceiling. At the January 28th Meeting, we will have a fire extinguisher company inspector available. For a nominal fee, he will inspect your fire extinguisher and will bring others available for purchase.

**Shelter in Place:** If a fire is racing up the hill (80 miles per hour is average), remain within your house away from windows and flammable areas and items. Stay low to the ground, wait for the roaring sound of the fire to diminish, then evacuate the premises after the fire has raged by. The fire may take the house, but usually it takes 30-45 minutes. If you have time to prepare for the fire, turn off propane and electricity, block vents, close blinds and windows, hose your house, and remove vehicles from the garage. If an uphill fire is coming, it may be best to leave the area. If you cannot go by car, review the escape routes on Page 30 of the Get Ready Booklet.

**Heat Rises, Sucks out the oxygen, creates toxic air and can burn you:** Don't jump up from bed in an emergency, roll out and to the floor. Remain low. Try to have shoes handy and conveniently place flash lights and fire extinguishers 3 to 5 feet from the ground. If you should catch on fire, drop down and roll. See pages 21-28 30 of the Get Ready Booklet for more information.

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**Defensible Space:** Abatement by properly clearing your property is vital to fire safety and required by RWHO, but choosing plants wisely that our drought efficient and fire safe is critical. See pages 23-25 of the Get Ready Booklet for suggestions. Also at the November 17th Homeowner's Meeting, 4-6pm, a native plant expert will be the guest speaker. A key project of the safety committee is to re-landscape the club house with fire safe, drought resistant native plants which will be a helpful example for homeowners to learn from. The board is seeking a grant for this project.

**Reverse 9-1-1:** Hopefully, in an area specific disaster, Lake County Emergency Services will automatically call our area with an upcoming danger.

**Fire Extinguishers:** We had available the existing five fire extinguishers at the club house for a fire safety exercise. We learned how to check the fire extinguisher gauges, remove the pin and work the handle and hold the hose. The fire chief created fires for each of us to put out. Holding the hose low, we each took a turn at putting out a gasoline fire in the driveway. We held the hose horizontally and aimed low and sprayed. Once the fire was extinguished, we carefully backed away. Everyone had a back up person with a fire extinguisher in case there was a problem.

## Watch for new Water bill format!

Mark your calendar!

The date has been set for the next ANNUAL MEETING ... it will be Saturday, July 21, 2012.

## Riviera West Activities 2011 Sponsored by the Ladies' Club

### Events at the Clubhouse

Friday, November 18th

TGIF

4:30 pm until ...

**BYOB for yourself and hors d'oeuvres to share.**

Hostesses: Bonnie Richard,  
Norma Simmons,  
Barbara Eichten

Saturday, December 3rd

Holiday Open House

**BYOB — will be mixed to your favorite libation**

Bring canned goods to feed the needy

Saturday, January 21st

Crab Feed Feast

5:30PM Cocktails

Hostesses: Thomasine Griesgraber  
Karen Magnuson

### Property Owners:

As you clean your lots to eliminate fire fuel or for other reasons, please be a good neighbor. Put your unwanted vegetation in your green disposal bin ... **NOT** onto a

North Coast Energy Services has provided us with applications for the government's HEAP program. This program may assist with energy costs. If you are interested, applications that include information and worksheets are available in the clubhouse.

