

Riviera-West News



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OPEN BOARD

MEETINGS

FRIDAY,

May 15, 2009

PROPERTY OWNERS

@ 5 PM

WATER COMPANY

@ 6 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Property Owners:

President.: Nona Krause

V-Pres.: Matt Snodgrass

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Karl Hoenke

Director: Doug Bridges

Water Company:

President.: Jim Snodgrass

V-Pres.: Dave Worswick

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Jan Worswick

Director: Barb Curtis

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Greetings to all of our Shareholders!

The Board of Directors would like to thank each and all of you who responded to the R.C.A.C. household income survey, to qualify us for grant monies from the currently-available federal infrastructure stimulus funds. We *were* able to better the required 75% response rate but, unfortunately, our average household income rate was \$4,268 too high to qualify. The stimulus monies are also available in the form of low interest loans, for those Communities who do not qualify for the grants, so we have now applied in *that* category (hopefully, with more success).

The issue with the water agency complaint is ongoing. The process of information gathering is continuing and the next scheduled meeting of all of the principals has been put on hold until the appropriate legislative analysts have met to determine how they would prefer to amend the problematic statutes. We are only one of more than 100 water companies whose paperwork was similarly miscataloged and inappropriately fined. We have been and will continue to be involved in the resolution to this complex problem.

We are all grateful for the continuing rain, in this warming climate, but as soon as things dry out a bit we'll be scheduling the tank painting and other plant related Spring projects that have been waiting in the queue. We'd like to thank Jerry Lykken, our Water Operator, for the outstanding system maintenance that he has been overseeing for the last many months, in spite of the challenging weather. Thank you Jerry!

Finally, for all of our Shareholders who are mothers and grandmothers, may we wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you,

Jim Snodgrass, President

Riviera West Water Board



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Its election time! Riviera West needs your support and participation. We need volunteers for both boards. It would be good to see new faces and hear fresh ideas.

After serving two years on the Board, I have learned the importance of volunteers. I would like to thank those individuals who donate their time on various committees, for the betterment of the community.

Phil Wilson and Bob Brackett for helping the Board enforce Architectural Guidelines.

Lee Berry, Norma Simmons, Robert Morse, Doug Bridges and Thoma-sine Griesgraber for all their hard work with the Fire Fuel Abatement Committee.

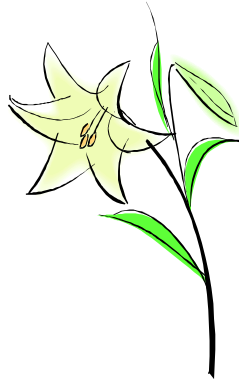
The Ladies Club and Jim Govern for taking care of the clubhouse.

Thank you all for your time and service.

Respectfully,

Nona Krause

HOA President



Riviera-West

Ladies' Club News

The Ladies' Club welcomes the Riviera West Community to the

Ladies Club Mexican Potluck

May 16, 2009
Social Hour @ 5:30
Dinner @ 6:30

For more information contact Vivian Moen at 279-4511

Ladies' Club Meeting
May 13, 2009 @ 1:00pm

Ladies Club Luncheon
Election June 10, 2009

Exercise in the Clubhouse
Mondays, Wednesdays and
Fridays at 9:00 AM

Contact Jan Wilson at
279-0490 or Betty Helf at
279-2003 for more
information.



We are adding a 'Community Service For Hire' page into our newsletter. If you would like to advertise your service, please contact the office.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS'

Riviera West Property Owners Association Dues will increase this year. The yearly dues will go from \$245 to \$260.

2009 Board of Directors' Elections

We are still looking for volunteers for the Property Owners' Board. If you are interested in running please contact the office ASAP.

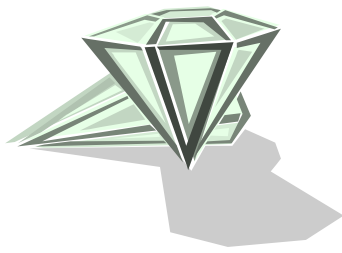
You should be receiving your ballots in the mail soon. Please vote and return them in the pre addressed, stamped return envelope.

Please visit our website, to self-subscribe to receive the most current news and updates for Riviera-West at:

www.rivierawest.org

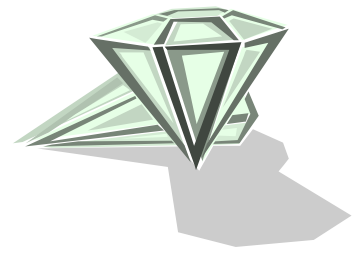
Riviera West documents can be found under the 'Documents' tab. Or, if you prefer, you may pick these up at the office.





Lake County "Diamonds"

By: Betty Helf



They are scattered across orchards and along roads, collected in jars or crammed into boxes. Faceted and polished, they glitter brightly in glass cases or in jewelry settings. Lake County diamonds were shipped to Tiffany's in New York in the 1930's to be used as semi-precious stones for jewelry.

Diamonds? Not exactly, though they look like they might be. They are a clear and brilliant high quality volcanic quartz found only in Lake County. The unique gemstones came from Mount Konocti. Lava containing minerals, including silica, flowed millions of years ago from small openings in the mountain. The silica was subjected to great heat and pressure in the magma and crystalized into hard, clear stone. The crystals came to the surface during millions of years of abrasion and shifting of the earth's crust. They're formed the same way as a diamond, but from silicon dioxide, not carbon. Though considered hard, about 7.5 to 8 on a special hardness rating scale called "Moh", the stones are not as hard as real diamonds, which rate a 10.

Pomo legend says the stones are "moon tears", shed when the Moon fell in love with a young chieftain, and her angry brother, the Sun, intervened in their romance. Another legend has it that the diamonds are the crystallized tears of the chieftain Kah-Bel who climbed the slopes of Mount Konocti to visit the gravesite of his beloved daughter, Princess Lupiyoma.

Archaeologists say the county diamonds were placed on burial mounds by some local tribes as protection against bad spirits who would flee from the blinding shine of moon tears.

These days most of the best hunting grounds, like Perini Hill and the Seigler Springs area in southern Lake County, are on private property and off limits to would-be trespassers. But fans of the semi-precious gems say it's still possible to find them along public roadways, especially after a good rain. A "diamond" hunt makes a fun outing, especially for families. Good starting points include Perini Road, Seigler Canyon Road, the Snows Lake and Hoberg Airport areas. The less adventurous can buy raw or cut stones at a variety of rock shops around the county.