

Riviera-West News



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OPEN BOARD

MEETINGS

FRIDAY,

July 17, 2009

PROPERTY OWNERS

@ 5 PM

WATER COMPANY

@ 6 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Property Owners:

President.: TBD

V-Pres.: TBD

Treasurer: TBD

Secretary: TBD

Director: TBD

Water Company:

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9 AM - 1 PM

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SUMMERTIME: IT'S HOT OUT THERE!

July has arrived and, 'Porgy and Bess' were mistaken – high temperature living is *anything* but easy. The triple digit temperatures of the run-up to Independence Day were a stark reminder that Lake County's ever creeping average summer temperature holds some serious challenges in the months ahead, as well as some much anticipated, laid back fun.

With the cooler, but temporary, lower temperatures we're now enjoying, the optimum time is here to prepare for the inevitable fire danger ahead: clearing dead vegetation, cleaning rooftops, pruning overreaching limbs, opening up BBQ areas and updating/refilling fire extinguishers. Verifying that the water meter is not moving, when water is not in use, will eliminate any worry about 'leaks'. Visually inspecting the various landscape drip system cycles, will reveal those components that need repair or replacement. Arranging for home and property oversight by neighbors or friends during extended absences protects your investment, as well as our Community. With winter precipitation levels in a third successive year of sub-average rainfall, we really must pay serious attention to the manner, time and control of our vegetation watering, employing the premise that deeper, plant-specific, temperature-driven systems, run before dawn, provide the most cost-effective and plant-thriving results. Conversely, rainbird-filled fields, operating full-bore in the heat of the day, sadly produce only the heartbreak of sunburned plants and costly evaporation. It's all in the planning!

On the lighter/brighter side, the months of July, August and September are positively *filled* with seasonal events that are the envy of our neighbor counties: the Saturday Morning Farmers Market, the Kickin' in the County Street Dances, the Lake County Fair, the Kelseyville Pear Festival, the Moore Family Winery Concert Series, the Blue Wing Saloon Blues Festival, the Old Time Bluegrass Festival and the 80th Annual Lake County Rodeo. All things considered, summertime in Lake County may not be easy...but it sure is fun!



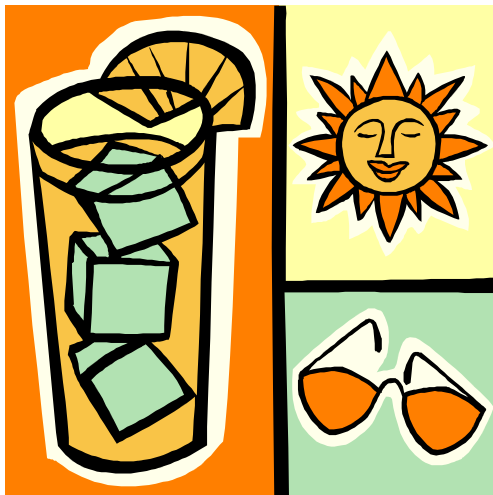
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Thank You!

Thank You to our outgoing Board members Nona Krause and Matt Snodgrass and our continuing Board members Karl Hoenke, Doug Bridges, Linda McPherson, Jim Snodgrass, Dave Worswick, Jan Worswick and Barb Curtis. Thank you for all of your volunteered hard work and your contributions to our community.

And a special Thank You to Dave Worswick for your help getting the pool up and running!



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.

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Ladies' Club News

2009-2010 Ladies' Club Officers

Karen Magnuson, President
Pat Eggert, Vice President
Jan Wilson, Treasurer
Betty Helf, Secretary

The Ladies' Club welcomes the Riviera West Community to the

Saturday BBQ @ The Pool

September 26, 2009
@5pm

For more information contact
Vivian Moen at 279-4511

EVENING PLANNING MEETING
August 26, 2009 @ 7pm

We want to expand membership to include women who haven't attended the day-time activities with a monthly evening activity. Refreshments will be provided while discussing when and what to do.

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

Contact Jan Wilson or Betty Helf

Obsidian

By: Betty Helf

My sincere apologies to Will Rogers, but it seems I never met a rock I didn't like. It's hard to say which I noticed first upon moving to Lake County...Lake County diamonds or obsidian. (BH)

The geology of Lake County would be incomplete without due mention being made of the great bodies of obsidian which are to be found within its limits. The main body of this rock lies to the south-west of Uncle Sam Mountain [Mt. Konocti], and the road from Glenbrook to Kelseyville passes through a large portion of it, and the road leading from Kelseyville to Lower Lake passes through a portion of it also. It is a volcanic production - a veritable lava, but with such marked peculiarities, that it is noticed sooner than any other rock by the casual observer. To all intents and purposes it is a glass, and will fuse at as low a temperature as will glass. How it was formed in Nature's laboratory or smelting-works far down underneath the ground, is an interesting subject for scientific research. Soda and silica abounded here in sufficient quantities, and evidently in very nearly the right portions, to form glass, and heat was the only element lacking for the effecting of the union, and glass was the natural result. In the course of time chemical action generated the requisite degree of heat, and the molten mass began to ooze out of the crater and to spread over the surface of the country. From day to day the volume increased, and lapped over the already partially cooled mass, and apparent stratification occurred. Since this flow evidently extensive eruptions have occurred, and the mass is broken and sundered in all directions. The depth of the body varies from a few inches to several feet, and the color ranges through all the shades from gray to black, and from the dull, lusterless leaden surface to the bright, almost mirror-like.

As obsidian was in such abundance in the country, it was favored by the Indians here for use in making their arrowheads and spearheads.

From *History of Napa and Lake Counties, California*, Slocum, Bowen & Co., Publishers (1881).
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One of California's most important resources—water—is threatened. Drought and environmental problems are reducing water supplies in key areas of the state. Although state and local water managers are working on long-term solutions, there is an immediate need for Californians to reduce their water use. Conservation is a key part of a comprehensive solution to the state's water challenges, and it's something we can do today.

That's why the California Department of Water Resources has joined with the Association of California Association of Water Agencies—450 public water agencies throughout the state—to kick off a new statewide conservation and education program called "Save Our Water."

The good news is that it's not difficult to save water in our daily lives. Just as we have embraced compact-fluorescent light bulbs and recycling, Californians can get in the habit of reducing water use inside and outside our homes on a daily basis. As we have seen with energy conservation, small changes in our daily habits can add up to a big difference for California.

The "Save Our Water" program is asking people to take simple steps to save water, such as:

- Take shorter showers.
- Don't leave water running.
- Check for leaks.
- Wash only full laundry loads.
- Water only when your landscaping needs it and only in the early morning hours.
- Use a broom instead of the hose to clean driveways and walkways.

Learn more at www.saveourH2O.org or join the effort on Facebook or Twitter.