

Riviera-West News



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OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

PROPERTY OWNERS

Thursday, March 18, 2010
@ 9 AM

WATER COMPANY

Friday, March 19, 2010
@ 6 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Property Owners:

President.: Phil Wilson

V-Pres.: Doug Bridges

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Karl Hoenke

Director: Doug Morris

Water Company:

President.: Tom Smythe

V-Pres.: John Norin

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Barbara Sarao

Director: Barbara Eichten

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9 AM - 1 PM

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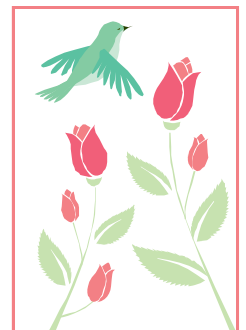
Riviera West Mutual Water Company

Greetings from the new Water Board! As we move toward spring, we are waiting to hear from the State about our loan for the water plant upgrade. The good news is that we are at the top of the list, and seem to be passing all requirements asked of us. The process, however, moves very slowly, and we don't really know if we will get an answer in a few weeks, or a few months. We will continue to work attentively with these folks who are trying very hard to help us reach our goals for an improved water plant. When we are approved for a loan, we will then get a visit from Bruce and Amy, from State Public Health, who will discuss the particulars of the upgrade with the community.

Regarding the Regional fine, we are still in a holding pattern, awaiting their determination to discuss a discretionary penalty. Meanwhile, we are progressing with the Discharge to Land Permit, which will assure Regional that, in future, there will be no more problems with paperwork, or questions about where our waste water is going.

The Water Board is looking forward to seeing the community at our next open Board meeting on Friday, March 19th at 6 p.m. Hopefully, we will have more answers by then, and welcome your questions and comments.

Riviera West Mutual Water Company Board of Directors



Riviera West Property Owners' Association

Hi to all West Rivierians.

March already. We have had some good rain. Things are starting to grow. The lake is up and in good shape as I hope all of you are. The committees are working on their respective hopes and ideas. Jim is doing his winter/spring maintenance, getting ready for summer. We have some new homeowners and we welcome and wish them the best.

The POA board recently discovered that it has inadvertently not complied with the Davis-Sterling Act Civil Code 1363.05. Under this code, the board cannot meet, discuss community issues or make any decisions except in an open meeting. This, of course, will change the tone of our board meetings. The board will only be allowed to discuss agenda items. During the open forum part of the board meetings, members may bring up any topic or comment on any issue related to the association. In addition, members may ask questions. However, as provided for in Civil Code 1363.05, the board may not discuss any item not on the agenda except to:

Briefly respond to statements or questions

Ask a question for clarification

Make a brief statement or report

Any topic that needs discussion, opinion or conclusion, must be put on the next meetings agenda. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely, Phil Wilson



APHORISMS

Submitted By: Phil Wilson

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance- that principle is contempt prior to investigation." Herbert Spencer

It's a simple formula: " Do your best and somebody might like it." --- Dorothy Baker

Riviera West Activities Sponsored by the Ladies' Club

March 10th Wednesday

Ladies Club Meeting - 1pm

Focus on Emergency Response Team/St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Coed Game Night - 7pm

Lots of fun, bring cards and games! Plus Poker with \$1-\$2 limit.

Call Ron if questions: 279-1640

March 20th Saturday - 5pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Don't miss Wilma's Fabulous St. Patrick's Day Feast and her fantastic dessert.

Call Vivienne today to sign up. 279-4511 or vivmoen@mchsi.com

April 23rd Friday - 4pm to 7pm

T.G.I.Friday Martini/Cocktail Party

Bring appetizers and B.Y.O.B. We'll provide several blenders and ice!

May 8th: Saturday - 5pm--Cinco de Mayo Celebration

September 18th: Saturday - 4 pm--Barbecue & Pool Party

October 16th: Saturday - 5pm--October Fest

November 12th: Friday - 4pm to 7pm--T.G.I.Friday plus Soup Contest

December 4th: Saturday - 2pm or 5pm--Holiday Buffet

CRAB FEEDBACK

They say it takes a village. The Crab Feed certainly reflected what can be accomplished with each and everyone's support because it was a tremendous success. 47 attended. Many thanks to Kat and Karl Hoenke for coordinating and picking up the freshest crab ever. Thanks also to Norma Simmons, Nina Pohl, Barbara Sarao, Bonnie Richards, Betty Helf, and Carol Biggs for bringing fabulous appetizers, authentic Louie Salad, and beautiful platters, and more thanks to Vivienne Moen, Roberta Beat, and Pat Eggert for helping all of us with setting up or cleaning up and coordinating calls and tickets. We encourage you to join in the fun and join our group by calling 707-279-1256.

Karen Magnuson, Ladies' Club President

If questions, 279-1256 or email: spidermouz@gmail.com

Upcoming Events in Lake County



Tulip Hill Winery's 6th Annual Festival of Tulips

Saturday, March 27, 2010

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Monday Night Blues Blue Wing Saloon & Cafe, Upper Lake

Every Monday Evening 6:30pm—9:00pm

For More information:

www.lakeportchamber.com



Please visit our website so that you may receive the most current news and updates for Riviera West at:

www.rivierawest.org

Riviera West documents, such as the Rules and Regulations, can be found under the Documents tab. Or, if you prefer, you may pick these up at the office.

The Redbud Tree

By; Betty Helf

The Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), designated as the official flower of Lake County, is one of the most beautiful of California's native flowering trees.

Deep magenta blossoms bloom from the middle of March until mid-May, and the colorful trees line the highways throughout Lake County. They can be seen from State Highways 20, 53 and 29, and on county roads edging Soda Bay, Sulphur Banks, Clearlake Park and Scotts Valley areas. The trees grow along the road sides, on the mountains, and in the region's canyons. The rare white Redbud tree can also be found in areas of the county.

The brilliant fuchsia color of the blossoms at first bloom gradually fade to a deep orchid or pink as they become mature at the end of the season. These trees bloom early in clumps; others will continue blooming where the first leave off, creating a vivid display for two spring months.

During the summer the foliage of the Redbud serves as a natural cover. In autumn, its round leaves turn yellow to light red before falling off. The red-brown pods that remain drop off in winter.

The Redbud, or Judas tree, thrives in the volcanic soil that is so prevalent in Lake County. It grows well in foothill areas away from the coast and is very drought-tolerant, relying on Mother Nature for water. The tree does not grow well in salty soil or where it might be exposed to coastal winds.

A legend about the tree explains how the large plant became known as the Redbud or Judas tree. Centuries ago the blossoms of the tree were white, according to legend, and the flower was popular for use at festive occasions and in decorations. Legend says the tree's blossoms turned crimson red in shame after Judas Iscariot, in remorse at the guilt of betraying his friend, fled to the hills where he hanged himself from one of the white-blossomed trees, and wood from that tree was used to make the cross on which Christ was crucified.

Packets of Redbud seeds, provided by the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association, are available at the Lake County Visitor Information Center and at the visitor center at Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville. Instructions for planting the seeds are included. The best time for planting is in the early spring, when frost danger has passed.

