

Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features



March 2011

Issue 47

## OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

### PROPERTY OWNERS

Thursday, March 17, 2011  
@ 9 AM

### WATER COMPANY

Thursday, March 17,  
2011 @ 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

Treasurer: Linda McPherson

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Director: Norma Simmons

#### Administration Office

8475 Harbor View Dr.  
707.279.8544

Monday - Thursday

9:15 AM - 1:15 PM

Katy English

[www.rivierawest@gmail.com](http://www.rivierawest@gmail.com)

## Riviera West Property Owners Association

After snow, power outages, and trees down all over the hill, we have some big clean up jobs ahead. Again, this year we must remove all ground fuel. The Kelseyville Fire Department has agreed to work with us on lot inspections.

The Emergency Response Committee will have booklets available in the office for all residents. Please stop by and get one.

There have been numerous complaints about dogs running loose. Please respect our guidelines and keep your pets contained.

There is a new dock at the marina. When the weather improves, we will be finishing work on the piers.

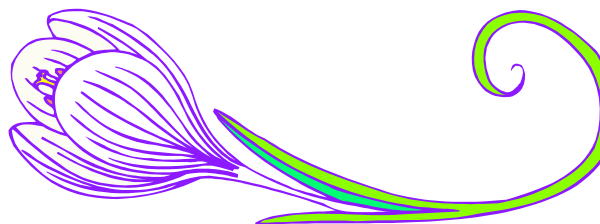
There will be three Board positions open this year for anyone interested in running for the Home Owners Board. Please contact the office for more information. The deadline for filing is May 2, 2011.

Last but not least, thanks to the Women's Club for all their help maintaining the Clubhouse.

Wishing everyone well,

Phil Wilson, President

Riviera West Property Owners Association



11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Kelseyville Olive Mill,  
5625 Gaddy Lane, Kelseyville

Live at Zino's - K.V.S. and Lindy Danton

Sunday, March 27, 2011

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, March 28, 2011

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Zino's Ristorante and Inn, Kelseyville

Blue Wing Sunday Brunch Music

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Blue Wing Saloon, Upper Lake

Calpine's Earth Day

Saturday, April 16, 2011

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center, Middletown

[www.lakecochamber.com](http://www.lakecochamber.com)

**Attention Homeowners:** If you learn that one of your neighbors has passed away, please contact me so that the RW Ladies Club can send a memorial to the favorite charity in the memory of the deceased.

Jan Wilson, Treasurer

RW Ladies Club

279-0490

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

Ladies' Club Meeting, March 9th -- 1pm

Emergency Response Training Session -- GET  
READY: Saturday March 19th 1pm

Sign up: [spidermouz@gmail.com](mailto:spidermouz@gmail.com) or call Karen at 279-1256

Note: We'll set up and decorate for the St. Patrick's Fest after the Emergency Response Training.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday, March 19th

5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner \$10

Don't miss Wilma and Harold Taylor's fabulous

St. Patrick's Day Feast and her fantastic desserts.

Call Vivienne today to sign up. 279-4511 or [vivmoen@mchsi.com](mailto:vivmoen@mchsi.com)

### IT'S APRIL-TINI TIME!!

Join us for TGIF April 22 at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite booze to be transformed into a scrumptious martini created by mixologists, Bonnie Richard and Norma Simmons, or just bring whatever you like to drink, an appetizer to share, and come mix n' mingle. We'll have background music such as big band and oldies by Frank Sinatra, and Dean Martin, etc. Mixers, garnishes, and ice will be provided. The action begins at 5:00 p.m. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!

Karen Magnuson, Ladies' Club President

If questions, 279-1256 or email: [spidermouz@gmail.com](mailto:spidermouz@gmail.com)



## Home Owner Association (HOA) Basics...

and appreciate was formed as a nonprofit corporation on March 4, 1969 The official name of the corporation is: Riviera West Country Club...

The Riviera West is a Common Interest Development. Most CID's are of the higher density Condominium type. The main difference is that with Condominiums the exterior elements of all the buildings, roads, parking and landscaped areas are typically maintained by the association. Here in the Riviera West we enjoy a variety of unique "custom" built homes on individual lots. Both are obligated by the same laws and their governing documents...

The purpose of a homeowners association is to maintain, protect and enhance the value of the real estate assets of the members and the association. The three basic areas of responsibilities are: fiscal, administrative and maintenance. A volunteer Board of Directors leads the homeowners association in these endeavors.

Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) and By-Laws are written by the original developer or sub-divider... When you purchase property here you sign title papers and agree to be bound by these documents. I encourage everyone that owns property here to read our governing documents. Over the years I have heard complaints about our "rules" being too restrictive. I would point out in this example: If we did not have a height limit in place, a home could be built and spoil your "picture post-card" view which would substantially reduce the value of your property. Few would argue that enforcing lot clean-up and reducing "fire fuel" is not the way to go, yet it is a constant battle... This cannot be repeated too many times, please, please take care of your own property...

In my opinion, one of the bigger problems we have here in Riviera West is a lack of continuity... There are changes to the Board every year, along with high turnover in office and other personnel. This tends to put us in a state of disconnect. I believe that directing a HOA is very complex undertaking and have always recommended using the services of a professional HOA manager... Some would say we can't afford one, I'd say we can't afford not to have one, at the minimum on a consulting basis. The key is to find a good one and work closely with them.

Best Regards, Paul Barber

P.S. It will soon be election time again for both the HOA and our Mutual Water Co. Please consider taking a turn by "volunteering" to serve our wonderful community...



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

[www.rivierawest.org](http://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.

## Clear Lake Was Once a “Garden of Eden” A Reminder of Pomo Heritage

To the Pomoan people living around Clear Lake, before “American” immigration in the mid 19th century, baskets were both utilitarian devices for storing all manner of materials, for preparing and serving foodstuffs, and a focal point of artistry and culture.

The following information is from the fall 1998 issue of Clear Lake Horizons, published by the Clear Lake Park Interpretive Association.

Seven distinct Pomoan languages are believed to have developed from a “Proto-Pomo” language whose speakers probably radiated out from the shores of Clear Lake. Pomoan refers to a family of grouped languages classified on linguistic research by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“Pomo” became the identity to the settlers describing all Aboriginal Americans in the region. Even though each village or tribal band had a unique identifying name in Pomoan (Hapenapo, Shokowa, Nabori), all native peoples were lumped together as “the Pomo.”

Evidence suggests that Clear Lake was a Garden of Eden for early peoples. There are estimates of as many as 15,000 for the aboriginal population around Clear Lake and adjacent areas of occupation, likely the largest concentration of Native Americans anywhere on the North American continent at the time.

In those early times, perhaps thousands of years ago, the environment around Clear Lake was apparently much wetter and marshier than today. An abundance of water margin plants such as sedges, tules, willows and creek dogwoods produced abundant roots, rhizomes and shoots.

The early residents were quite creative in using the resources of their environment for cooking, clothing, transportation and hunting. Both the abundance of resources and apparent time span of occupation seem to have contributed to a unique evolution of cultural talents.

Although Pomoan peoples were not farmers, they had an intimate knowledge of resource-managing techniques such as burning, weeding, selective pruning and cultivating.

Each village had a defined tract of land. Outsiders had to ask permission to hunt or gather on village property.

In village life there was a clear division of labor which encouraged specialization and enhanced group productivity. Tasks were assigned by gender rather than by household. While men hunted, fished and built houses, women collected acorns and other vegetable materials, wove baskets and cared for children. An apparently long, stable period of existence, coupled with abundant environmental resources, encouraged a woven technology which became a center of culture for Pomoans.

Sometimes history quietly masks cause and effect. One might conclude that “Pomos” mostly spent their time making baskets. While much time was spent in total on baskets by women, their artistry being highly prized, there was apparently a much wider variety of hunting, building and social activities.

However, a devastating blow fell on all Pomoan people - the immigration of European-American settlers of the 19th century.

From the conscription of workers for General Vallejo, to the Kelsey massacre, to Bloody Island and the formation of reservations and rancherias, Pomoan culture was swamped and many Pomoan men were degraded and killed and the survivors suffered bitterly as their traditional roles were blurred or eliminated.

Around the turn of the last century, Pomo baskets were becoming recognized as being among the world’s finest. Pomoan women found themselves the de facto family breadwinners through the sale of baskets, especially when some baskets were being sold for \$30 to \$50 or more. In comparison, at the same time, Pomo laborers might have been lucky to work a hard 10- to 14-hour day for less than \$1. Thus basket-making technology was both stimulated and preserved by an event in history that has otherwise nearly obliterated the original sum of Pomoan culture.

(Thousands of stone tools and more than 300 superb examples of Pomo basketry have been acquired by the Lake County Historic Courthouse Museum since the 1930s. The main gallery of the museum showcases many artifacts and displays of the Pomo lifestyle. )

