

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Third Wednesday,  
every other month**

**Country Club at 4:30 pm**

**Mutual Water Co. at 5:30 pm**

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

#### **Country Club:**

President: Philip Hartley

Treasurer: Clelia Baur

Secretary: Clelia Baur

Director: Doug Bridges

Director: Doug Moore

Director: Bob Gunion

\*Historian: Betty Helf

#### **Water Company:**

President: Norma Simmons

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer:

Director: Chris Smits

Director: Richard Tracy

Director: Carina DeHererra

### **Administration Office**

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### **Office Hours/Days:**

**Mon., Tues., Thurs.**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**Wed. 9am to 11 am**

**Friday 9am to 3:30 pm**



Riviera West Country Club

## News

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**Next Country Club Board Meeting is June 22, 2019 at 9:00 am**  
**Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is June 22, 2019 at 11:00 am**

## President's Report

### **Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club**

Finally! Sunny days, several in a row. Time to dust off the garden tools and head outside.

Time for the HOA to set in motion its annual fire safety program which will begin with an organizational meeting to the fire committee and then parcel inspections. Parcel inspections of all properties in Riviera West will occur the second week of May and will be conducted by retired fire battalion chief Jim Comisky. The free chipping service for Riviera West property owners will occur the week of June 17 (further information will be sent in the coming weeks). Also watch for a fire safety packet that will be mailed to all residents. This year we will have an additional tool in our fire prevention toolbox; the authority and means to clear unsafe lots owned by non-responsive owners. This tool was created by your overwhelming approval for the creation of a "Benefit Zone" that will enable the County to clear these unsafe lots. On April 16 the Board of Supervisors ratified the election results.

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### **Norma Simmons, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company**

Fellow Property Owners,

The Springtime weather is upon us and it's time to go out and check on our drip systems when we turn them on for the first time after a long winter, this is one of the most common spots leaks occur second only to toilet leaks. A well-maintained drip system will save you money and keep your outside plants happy and healthy.

The board voted at the April meeting to go forward with the emergency generators install at all 4 pump stations. The total cost will be in the 80 to 90-thousand-dollar range. We are working towards securing building permits to move forward and hope to have the job finished before the fire season hits.

Chris Smitts and Elvia Cubilla are looking into purchasing new billing software for the water company, this new program will be much more user friendly and allow customers to review their bills online, pay online, get water bills Emailed, and see current balances due.

### **Water bills**

Meters are read during the first few days of every other month, billings are created immediately thereafter, and water bills are sent out, usually by the 5th. Your water bill is DUE UPON RECEIPT since it is for service you received during the two months just prior to the billing. Any question? Call the office ... 707-279-8544.

*(Hartley, Cont. from pg. 1 column 1)*

Note that our inspector cannot always see conditions from the street that you can see from your deck. If you are aware of lots that have repeatedly escaped attention, please report them to the office (279-8544). If you would like to serve on the Fire Safety Committee, we would be happy to have your support. Just let the office know and we will contact you with meeting information.

Other projects moving ahead include replacement of the pool stairs (underway), the mini park (a five foot bronze statue of a heron has been ordered for the centerpiece), the picnic park (the Board is waiting for an additional bid) and repair of the marina facilities (the last big storm damaged the dock and we need to place rock ground cover on the bank adjacent to the boat ramp). Next, we need to consider replacement of the old, leaky, inefficient pool water solar heating system and tackle repair and refurbishment of the exterior of the clubhouse.

#### SHOW US YOUR SIGN

House sign that is. It has been noted that many houses in the community no longer have readily readable house numbers due to damage, missing numbers, overpainting, rust, etc. The importance of prominent house numbers for first responders, mail and delivery services, and our fire safety program is obvious.

To encourage all of us to keep our signs clear for all to see, the Board has adopted the following addition to our rules and regulations which will be enforced this summer and houses not in compliance will be cited. A few dollars in new signage can save you from a \$250 fine.

10.7 House Address: Residences shall display street address numbers that are easily readable from the street and kept in good repair. Numbers affixed to mailboxes shall suffice if the box is directly in front of the residence.

Owners may wish to take advantage of the house numbering program provided by the Kelseyville Fire Department. For a nominal fee, the fire department will provide and install a high visibility house number sign. The Riviera West office has the forms to order the signs.

#### Limited Office Hours April 29 - May 13

For the next two weeks the Riviera West and Harbor View Mutual Water Company office will have limited hours; times will vary during this period. You are encouraged to call 707-279-8544 and leave a message. Phone messages will be checked every day. For your convenience, please call ahead before coming to the office to be sure it is open. The Board thanks you for your patience.

POOL WILL OPEN ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The pool will open Saturday, May 25. Pool hours are from 10 am to 8 pm daily. Guests must be accompanied by Country Club Member.

Number of guests is limited to four at any one time.

Pool key is limited to one key per homeowner, renters must contact the homeowner for the key to the pool.

If your key card is lost or stolen, there will be a nonrefundable replacement fee of \$100.00.

Please view the pool rules posted on our website at [rivierawesthoa.com](http://rivierawesthoa.com)

Stay informed about nearby wildfires and other emergencies. Sign up for Nixle alerts at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).



## *Calendar*

**Ladies' Club meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the clubhouse, September through May. You don't have to be a member to come and check out a meeting to see if you are interested in joining our club.**

### **Upcoming Events**

**May 4th Saturday- Mexican Fiesta Dinner** hosted by Norma Simmons and Jan Wilson. \$15 per person, 5:30 appetizers, 6:30 dinner. BYOB. RSVP by April 29, 3:00 p.m.

**May 19th Sunday- Ladies Tea Party**, 2-4 pm, Hosted by Chris Smits and Linda Prather, \$10 per person.  
Open to Riviera West Members and their guests.  
Due to limited seating tickets must be purchased in advance. RSVP with payment by April 30.  
**Please send a check to Jan Wilson, 8130 Mountain Crest Drive by April 30.**

**June 10 or 14 – Ladies' Luncheon**  
TBD More information to follow.

**Summer TGIF's-** Under volunteer basis

RSVP to Jan Wilson at [mejanola13@gmail.com](mailto:mejanola13@gmail.com) or 279-0490, Address: 8130 Mountain Crest Drive

Ladies' Club dinners: Cash & checks accepted. Please make checks payable to the Riviera West Ladies' Club or RWLC

For or all dinners EXCEPT the Crab Feed.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello,

By the time you are reading this we will have already had our TGIF Dance Party. Hopefully the good turnout and better weather made this a great evening. Thanks to Linda and Patrick Prather for getting the DJ and Hosting this event!!

Coming up is the Cinco de Mayo Dinner, Hosted by Norma Simmons and Jan Wilson. Thank you, Ladies, for stepping up once again!!

We are all looking forward to the Ladies Tea on May 19. A true tea menu will be served, and we hope this event will grow over the years. Hats and gloves are encouraged but not required. Our hostesses are ready to serve up a great afternoon, so bring your friends and come and join us!! Many thanks to Chris Smits for getting this off the ground!!

The Ladies Club will be stuffing envelopes for the upcoming Annual Packets on May 8, 9:00 am. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Lastly, at our May Meeting, we will be finalizing our June Luncheon plans and discussing the future of the Ladies Club. With so little hands on participation this past year, we have decided to take a year off and see where that takes us.

Please come with any ideas or input. If you are serious about participating in these discussions but cannot make the daytime meeting, I am willing to have another evening meeting. Let me know. We are flexible....

Thank you,  
Kerry Moore , [matmoor1741@hotmail.com](mailto:matmoor1741@hotmail.com),  
364-6165

I've long been curious about the walnut orchard planted early last century on the Kelseyville side of Mount Konocti and known to locals as "the horse". It is especially visible after a light snowfall. The background surrounding this landmark was found in one of the little books on local history. [Lewis, Ruth, Stories and Legends of Lake County, published 1936, pp. 98-99]

### **The Legend of the Horse**

When white men came to the valleys about Clear Lake, the country was inhabited by several tribes of Pomo Indians. These tribes were friendly with each other in many ways but differences often arose over hunting or fishing grounds.

Big Valley on the southwest of Clear Lake had two or three tribes which mingled freely with each other and also with those of the Scotts Valley, Upper Lake and Ukiah sections.

To the south and east of Mt. Konocti lived Indians who were not Pomos. They were more warlike and were not very friendly with the Big Valley Indians. These tribes we now know as Sulphur Bank Indians.

Occasionally they came in contact with each other but marriage between the tribes was much opposed by both. In spite of this the young braves and maidens were sometimes attracted to each other and wounded hearts often resulted. The story of one of these romances became a legend among the Hoolanapos, explaining to them the reason for a large treeless place on the slope of Mt. Konocti.

The heroine of the story was the very beautiful daughter of one of their chiefs. This maiden often rode her pony through the tangles of the forest or lingered along the shallows of the lake paddling her canoe.

On such a trip one spring morning she encountered a young man of the unfriendly tribe fishing among the rocks. The two were at once attracted to each other and talked long together. Before parting they agreed to meet again and as the days passed, they were spending many hours together. For a time these meetings passed unnoticed but before long, friends of the girl learned how she spent her hours on the lake and carried the news to her father.

The chief was very angry. He upbraided his daughter and forbade her to go alone on the lake in the future.

The young brave waited in vain for her day after day. At length he learned the truth from some of the Hoolanapos. Determined not to lose the girl, he went, as was the custom of the Indians, and sat before the wigwam of her father, thus proclaiming himself as a suitor for her hand.

The chief was enraged, bade him begone and ordered him to return no more to the land of the Hoolanapos.

The young man pleaded long and earnestly but to no avail. Then in despair he sought out a friend among the Hoolanapo boys and sent a message to the maiden proclaiming his undying love and begging her to meet him at an appointed place. Several times they met in this way. Then they planned to elude her father.

One night when the Indians were making merry in the village the young brave came with two ponies. Awaiting her chance when the gaiety was at its height, the girl slipped away into the shadows and hurried to her awaiting lover. Mounting the horses they rode swiftly and noiselessly away.

All might have been well had they not met a Hoolanapo huntsman returning from a day in the mountains, who tried to stop them. Failing, he went quickly among his tribesmen giving the alarm.

Soon a dozen horsemen were in pursuit and the lovers rode hard, urging their ponies to their utmost speed. Cut off from the easier routes around the mountain, they sped up its steep slope with the pursuers close behind.

As they approached the glades near the summit, the maiden's horse began to lag. She urged him on but just as they were about to pass over the ridge and start downward a huntsman of the pursuing Indians let fly an arrow. The maiden's pony was hit and the brave animal reared to fall in a death plunge.

Quickly the lover lifted the girl to his own horse. On they fled and at last left the others far behind. Tradition has it that they lived happily ever after.

In falling, the stricken pony stretched its length head downward on the mountain side. The Indians say that on that spot trees and shrubs never grew again.

Even today we may see the open glade on the mountain side, shaped like a horse lying with its head downward.

The horse, so called, has now been planted to walnut trees but even these fail to obscure the outline.

*For these historical documents, we wish to a special thanks to Riviera West resident Betty Helf for her efforts.*