

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

Secretary/Treasurer:
Chris Smits

Director: Jean Swegle

Director: Richard Tracy

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**Mon., Tues., Thurs.
9 am to 3 pm**

Wed. 9am to 11 am

Friday 9am to 3:30 pm



Riviera West Country Club

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Next Country Club Board Meeting is July 17, 2019 at 9:00 am
Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is June 17, 2019 at 11:00 am

President's Report

Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

The warm days are upon us and many are turning their attention to our inviting pool. After a complete resurfacing last year, this year added new shade structures, new pool furniture and a new solar water heating system. The solar system replaces an old, inefficient and leakage prone system and will drastically cut our need to use propane fueled heaters to maintain comfortable water temperatures.

On a less positive note, our attention also turns to fire safety. Inspections of every parcel in the community was completed by late May and resulted in 117 citation notices. The increased number was due, in large part, to the heavy late rains we experienced this year which caused high growth of grass and brush. Past experience tells us that we can expect 85 – 90% of these parcels to be cleared by responsible property owners.

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Norma Simmons, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Fellow Property Owners,

As the hot long months of summer are upon us the water company would like to remind you that in the event of a wildland fire please do not put sprinklers on your roof or yard, this just uses the precious water in the tanks in an ineffective manner. The Fire department will be able to use that water much more effectively to hopefully save many more homes than a random sprinkler can. All the hydrants have been inspected and are currently working without problem, we have just over 225000 gallons in storage for normal operations.

We are still very actively pursuing emergency generators for PG&Es planned power outages, at this point they aren't hooked up yet so if the power does go out for an extended period, we ask that you greatly conserve water to get us through until the power is back on. The project is scheduled to be done this summer barring unforeseen problems and setbacks.

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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)

Unresponsive owner parcels will be turned over to the County for abatement per our new special district ordinance created by a vote of the community this year. Our annual chipping days in June were again successful and removed 80 debris piles in June. Riviera West's national designation as a "Firewise Community" was renewed for the fifth year running. Please remember: make an evacuation plan, practice your plan, and leave immediately at the first indication of fire danger.

Turning to the coming year, we have plans to complete the garden park area near the Clubhouse, repair our storm damaged marina dock, create a picnic park on the land below the front parking lot, and consider the installation of a fire siren (made possible by a recently announced County Office of Emergency Systems willingness to operate the system). We will also consider the installation of an automatic back-up generator for the clubhouse so as to provide a respite area in the event of extended power outages triggered by PG&E as part of their fire prevention program. We will also need to make repairs to parts of the clubhouse roof damaged by dry rot plus make some lighting upgrades inside the clubhouse.

Thank you to all the volunteers who accomplished so much the past year to make Riviera West an even greater place to live. This year be sure to find a way to join these neighbors in community service.



Where can I find

- Harbor View Mutual Water Rules and Regulations
- Alternative Payment Schedule Policy
- Harbor View Mutual Water Company Delinquent Assessment Collection Policy
- Leak Policy
- Schedule of Fees
- Meeting Agendas and Minutes

They're all on the website at www.rivierawesthoa.com under the About Us/Harbor View Mutual Water tab.

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Reminder for owners of undeveloped lots:

Annual Standby fees will be sent out July 1. Look for your bill in the mail.

(Simmons, Cont. from pg. 1 column 2)

The lake is the clearest it has been in many years this late in the season which makes treatment easier and helps to increase the finish water quality, visibility has been eight feet deep at some times.

Enforcement of the Rules and Regulations

During 2019, the Board will continue enforcement of the Riviera West Rules and Regulations. Ensuring that the Rules and Regulations are followed is part of the Board's responsibility. Enforcement areas for this summer include:

- Parking and storage of construction vehicles and construction materials (unless currently being used on an approved construction project).
- Propane tanks not covered. Your tank should be concealed from view on at least 3 sides, meaning the sides facing your neighbors' properties and the street.
- Junk and debris visible on your property.

We have also asked people who own trailers to park them in such a way that they are not easily visible.

The Board is interested in helping property owners understand and comply with the Rules and Regulations. In most cases, a property owner will receive a courtesy letter or phone call advising them that there is a violation on their property, and a time schedule to correct the situation. In almost every case, people are willing to take care of the problem quickly and avoid a fine. If you are unclear about your compliance on any issue, just refer to the Rules and Regulations. They are posted on rivierawesthoa.com.

We thank those members who have graciously complied with our requests. Have a great summer and thank you for keeping Riviera West an attractive and safe community.



Stop your plants from invading the roadway!

Will your overgrown landscaping cause an accident? Your treasured shrub or tree may be lovely to look at, but if it impedes the flow of traffic it sets the stage for a traffic mishap. We have recently had complaints of plants and trees spreading out so far they interfere with Riviera West roads, including:

- Oleanders spreading over the fog line and into the traffic lane
- Trees and bushes obscuring Stop signs and street signs
- Vegetation making it hard for drivers to see on curved stretches
- Vegetation making it hard for pedestrians to walk at the edge of the road

If your branches are in the roadway, they force drivers into the oncoming traffic lane to get through. That exposes them to serious danger. The hazard is just as bad if drivers can't see the stop sign because of branches hiding it from sight.

Overgrown plants can hide pedestrians from view, making it hard for drivers to see them in time. They can force pedestrians to walk in the traffic lane instead of the side of the road.

In addition to these issues, overgrown vegetation interferes with storm drains, causing flooding and possible damage to members' properties.

Please consider the safety of your neighbors and others who use our roadways. Keep your shrubs and trees trimmed and out of drivers' and pedestrians' way. It will make our community safer for all concerned. A well-earned thank you to those who regularly trim their branches!

A note from the Board:

We greatly appreciate the years of tireless service Riviera West women have contributed over the years. Their efforts have brought us together as neighbors, provided much-needed volunteer help, and enriched our quality of life. Thank you to Kerry and all of the Ladies' Club Presidents before her, and all Ladies' Club members for their dedicated work for the community!

Upcoming Events

Summer TGIF's- Under volunteer basis

The new Riviera West Social Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on this ad hoc committee. The Social Committee is stepping up to fill the place of the Ladies Club which will be reducing its responsibilities this year. Anyone who is interested in shaping the Riviera West Social Calendar and/or hosting events, please email Chris Smits at ccsmits@yahoo.com. Please write "RW Social Club" in the subject line and include your name, address, and phone number. We will hold very informal meetings and have some fun!



Hello,

I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in and supported the Ladies' Club the last three years while I have been President. We have decided to take a year off and have the community explore the idea of a "Social Committee" to coordinate many of the events enjoyed by Riviera West members. The Ladies' Club hopes to continue sponsoring ladies -events such as our Teas and Luncheon. More details to follow. Stay tuned to the website for future announcements.

I have enjoyed meeting so many neighbors and we have made many great memories together!

Warmly,

Kerry Moore

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OFFICE HOURS

In observance of the 4th of July holiday the office will be closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th.

Lake County Time Capsule - Lovely Upper Lake

KATHLEEN SCAVONE

Beautiful Upper Lake, California is situated eight miles north of Lakeport and stands at an elevation of 1,345 feet. Upper Lake is also known as "The Gateway to the Mendocino National Forest." This quiet town was established in 1854. By around 1881 there were 150 people in the township of Upper Lake.

If you view photographs from the 1800s on the Lake County Historical Society's Web site, you will see the fine shops that once made up the town, including pharmacies, grocery, dry goods, saloons, hardware shops and more.

Upper Lake's Tallman Hotel is a stately Upper Lake landmark. It was constructed in about 1874, but sadly burned down in 1895. It wasn't long before it was rebuilt, as there was an imminent need for lodging, since Upper Lake was a popular stage stop. Rufus Tallman, the hotel's proprietor, hailed from New York. Rufus first entered California to mine gold, arriving via the difficult Panama Route.

In 1861 he found his bride-to-be, Mary Ellen, living in Scotts Valley. They ended up with a large family of 13 children. Rufus Tallman passed away in 1904, then, his wife followed him in death in 1912.

Next, the hotel became known as Riffe's Hotel. Riffe's Hotel was still in the Tallman family, however, since Rufus Tallman's daughter, Winnie inherited the hotel, and married Hank Riffe, hence the hotel's moniker of that time.

The Blue Wing Saloon, next door to the Tallman Hotel, began serving customers in the 1880s when it satisfied many a traveler's thirst, until Prohibition struck.

Another old time Upper Lake landmark building is the Harriet Lee Hammond Library, which turned 100 years old in October 2016. According to Lake County librarian, Jan Cook, and an earlier Lake County News article by Editor Elizabeth Larson, the Hammond Library was constructed in the craftsman style, and was named for Harriet Lee Hammond, who originally hailed from an East Coast family. Harriet's older sister, Alice Hathaway Lee, became Theodore Roosevelt's first wife. Unfortunately, Alice passed away in 1884 soon after their only child, also named Alice, was born. Harriet Lee Hammond came west in the 1880s with her husband to "pursue agriculture" on their 600-acre Upper Lake farm. Her husband's name was Charles Mifflin Hammond, and he was a Harvard graduate.

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Many of the early Upper Lake residents resided in the outskirts of town, since the three nearby creeks were prone to winter flooding.

Northeast of Upper Lake is Snow Mountain, which was given its name by the Pomo Indians. Aptly named, Snow Mountain holds onto its snowy cloak longer than most local peaks, as it is 7,056 feet in elevation. The Pomo Indians enjoyed the riches of the mountain and its valleys through hunting deer, elk and small game. When the season was right they harvested grains and acorns. Their summer camps were located in the mountain's regions.

According to the informational sign at the entrance to Upper Lake, this busy little burg was part of Salvador Vallejo's land grant. Actually, it included what is now the town of Upper Lake, and the valleys of Bachelor, Big and Scotts Valleys.

Upper Lake has an all-encompassing history since, in 1822, Mexico gained its independence from Spain and the chain of 21 missions were secularized. The secularization process brought about land grants in what is now California.

Then, Salvador Vallejo, who was the brother of the military governor of Northern California, Mariano Vallejo, was the recipient of one these land grants.

At this time in California's famous history, Anglos began heading West and became tired of Mexican rule, which led to the infamous Bear Flag revolt in the town of Sonoma in the year of 1846. Upper Lake boasts two of those "Bear Flaggers," as they were known – Benjamin Dewell and William Elliot. Elliot and Dewell, turned out to be some of the first European-American pioneers in Upper Lake. They dwelled near what is now the United States Forest Service ranger station on Elk Mountain Road.

Today Upper Lake retains its old-timey flavor with the interesting shops in the Old Town section, wine tasting, antique shops, the historic Upper Lake Library and the Blue Wing Saloon.

Kathleen Scavone, M.A., is a retired educator, potter, writer and author of "Anderson Marsh State Historic Park: A Walking History, Prehistory, Flora, and Fauna Tour of a California State Park" and "Native Americans of Lake County." She also writes for NASA and JPL as one of their "Solar System Ambassadors." She was selected "Lake County Teacher of the Year, 1998-99" by the Lake County Office of Education, and chosen as one of 10 state finalists the same year by the California Department of Education.

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