

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

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Water Company:

President: Norma Simmons

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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 November 20, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

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President's Report

Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

Glad that the week of darkness and generator noise has passed. We did learn that our water system is up to the challenge of lost power and was able to deliver water for four days straight with some to spare. Emergency generators for the Clubhouse and the water plant had arrived but are caught in the huge backlog of electrical service requests countywide. When the clubhouse generator is installed community members will have a comfortable retreat during extended power outages; full-service kitchen, big screen television, books, games and good company. This installation will also include replacing our 50-year-old electrical panel.

Happy to announce that our new picnic park is complete. Sidewalks, bocce ball court, horseshoe pit, picnic tables, BBQs and shaded picnic area are ready for use. Tournament quality bocce balls and horseshoes for member use are stored in an equipment locker outfitted with a combination lock.

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Norma Simmons, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Fellow Property Owners,

The latest PSPS was a real test of the community and the water system. Everyone pulled together and did a great job of conserving water for 4 whole days. We ask that you continue to keep up the hard work in the event of a future power outage and to please conserve water even after your power comes on. The water system gets its power from three different electrical grids. Just because power is restored at your home does not mean that power is on at all four pump stations. Wait until you get the all clear message via email or NextDoor. We will continue to try to use both emails and NextDoor to keep you informed. If you are not receiving emails from Riviera West, please make sure we have your correct and current email address on file. If you are not a member of NextDoor and would like to be, let us know. We have owners who can get you on the site.

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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.

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Call the office for the combination (and please do not share with non-members). The park is available for member use from sunup to sundown.

Our garden park adjacent to the Clubhouse is also complete except for the placement of a piece of statuary (a heron).

A number of repair and refurbishment projects are now on the agenda and include:

- Repairs to the Clubhouse; replace soffit and eaves, painting
- Rebuild stairway from pool entrance area down to the picnic park
- Replace entrance signs
- Upgrade lighting in the office, hallway and kitchen
- These projects will be funded by our reserve account which is a state mandated fund we hold to maintain and improve our community assets. The Board will consider approving these projects at the next regular meeting on November 20, 2019.

Cool winter weather conjures up a good time to curl up with a good book. Take advantage of our new lending library in the Clubhouse stocked with contemporary works of fiction. Feel free to borrow from or contribute to the collection.

Cheers,

Phil Hartley



The office will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

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The generator project continues to move forward slowly but surely. The contractor is here this week to hook up the wires to the water treatment plant generator. This is the only one we have received from Cummins so far. The other three are still in line with the thousands of other backup generators that have been ordered by every municipality and commercial business in California.

The water operators spent several days trimming the trees down at the Marina and water plant for fire safety and so commercial vehicles could drive down the road. Hopefully this will help if we ever have an emergency and need to evacuate to the lake.

We have started working on the billing software upgrade and have taken the first steps to making it operational. Once the data conversion is complete, we will run both systems in parallel for several billing cycles to make sure everything is good. So it will be a while before we are ready to roll it out.

See it? Like it? A Volunteer Probably Made it Happen.

Whether working alone or in teams, Riviera West neighbors donate their time on everything from research to remodeling to rototilling. They serve on committees, organize events and do the unsung, routine work that keeps our administrative wheels turning.

We admire and appreciate their work. Volunteers coordinate infrastructure projects and fire safety programs that make Riviera West a safe and attractive place to live. And everyone's quality of life is enhanced when they host events and launch special projects. Our beautiful new kitchen, wide-screen TV install, new landscaping and upgraded pool surroundings are all there because of volunteer effort.

The bottom line benefits too; without the participation of our fellow residents, Riviera West homeowners would be paying many thousands of dollars more every year. That is because volunteers handle tasks – large and small – that would ordinarily be done by outside services.

ACP Update

Your Neighbor's Tree

Question: My neighbor has a problem tree that affects my property. I'm willing to have the tree removed at my expense. What does the ACP need me to do?

Answer: Taking down a tree requires an application completed and signed by the owner of the tree. Ask your neighbor to contact the office. We will make sure they have the right application. Once they sign it and the ACP approves the project, you and your neighbor can work out who pays for the tree service. Remember that all branches and brush need to be removed from the property and the street.

Carports – to Build or Not to Build?

After some research and consultation, the Board and ACP have determined that building a carport would not be prohibited in Riviera West as long as certain conditions exist. This should come as good news to those who would like more covered parking.

If you are considering a carport, start by contacting the Architectural Control and Planning Committee. The ACP will need to review your building plans as we do with any structure on your property. These are the criteria that would permit construction of a carport:

1. Before a carport can be constructed there must be a functional, fully enclosed two-car garage on the premises as per Section 13 of the Architectural Guidelines to Building provisions of the Rules and Regulations.
2. A proposal must be submitted to the Architectural Control and Planning Committee for approval prior to construction.
3. After plan approval by the ACP, all plans must be submitted to the Lake County Building Department for their approval and the issuance of the appropriate permits.
4. The carport must adhere to all other provisions of the Architectural Guidelines to Building provisions of the Rules and Regulations.

Debris on the Property

Whether in a carport, in your driveway or on the ground, please remember that storage piles that detract from the look of the property are not permitted. The CC&Rs state the following:

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"Each lot at all times shall be kept in a clean, slightly and wholesome condition. No trash, litter, junk, boxes, containers, bottles, cans, implements, machinery, lumber or other building materials shall be permitted to remain exposed upon any lot or road except as necessary during the period of construction."

We realize that piles may accumulate while a member is moving things around, construction is underway or a tenant is moving. Piles that linger for an extended time will eventually become a problem and the property owner will be notified and possibly fined.

The ACP volunteers thank everyone for keeping your property in good condition.

Social Committee:

Upcoming Events

It'll be a quiet November at the Clubhouse, but we've got some fun events on the calendar for December. These events are open to all Riviera West residents and there is no charge to attend.

Saturday, December 14 – a double header event!

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Come to the annual Riviera West Homeowners Association Christmas Open House. Refreshments and Party Platters will be served at the Clubhouse. Join us and share some holiday cheer with your neighbors. Bring a new toy (unwrapped) and/or a canned food item to donate to a local charity.

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Following the Open House, an Evening Dance Party will be hosted by Tina Gordon & Tony Cruz and Cathi & Richard Scogin. A Buffet Dinner including entrée and dessert will be served. Live music with the LC Diamonds will start at 7:00 pm. Get your dancing shoes on and rock around the Christmas tree with us.

Thursday, December 19

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cookie Exchange Party hosted by Sandra Estrada and Sherree Morris. Bring a batch of your favorite homemade holiday cookies and go home with a nice assortment of cookies for you and your family to enjoy. Refreshments will be served. More information to follow.

If you're missing a favorite event, think about stepping up and hosting it. If you're interested, you can contact Chris Smits at ccsmits@yahoo.com and indicate which event you'd like to host. Please include "RW Social Committee" in the subject line and make sure to include your name, address, and phone number. We have people who can help you with your event.

Lake County Time Capsule: Sawmills

Kathleen Scavone, M.A.

In researching what is believed to be a historic sawmill site near my home I came across information on the subject of sawmills by past Lake County historian, Henry Mauldin, and through Donald M. Griner's book available at both the Lakeport Museum and Lower Lake Schoolhouse Museum, entitled "Early Saw Mills of Northern Lake County."

People have relied on wood for thousands of years for homes, tools, and a myriad of other uses, albeit not to the large, and often irresponsible scale that came about during and since the Industrial Revolution in our country.

Before we understood the repercussions and consequences of logging, pioneers here in Lake County were considered as brave souls for taking on some of the most dangerous work around.

They typically lived in logging camps, enduring all manner of weather and labored long hours each day. Because of the dangers involved in the occupation, many songs and stories were produced in the style of Paul Bunyan and Babe the giant blue ox.

According to the "History of Lake County 1881," there were five sawmills in our county in 1868, nine mills in 1873 and three by the time 1880 rolled around. They were powered both by water and steam. The mills relying on water for power had to depend on the stream flow, as large water wheels constructed of wood turned to produce power. Years when drought or freezing conditions occurred had a definite impact on their businesses.

One has to admire the ingenuity and tenacity that was necessary to run a sawmill in the 19th century. For example, the Pine Mountain Mill built by J. Bateman and M. N. Young in 1865 on Bartlett Mountain, and sold a year later to H.A.

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Humphrey, was located in such rugged terrain that the ox teams were unable to handle dragging the logs. Humphrey decided that if he couldn't get the logs to the mill site, then he would move the mill site to the logs! Can you imagine transporting heavy equipment up to the mountaintop? The old steam threshing machine was, at last, relocated up the hill! Pine Mountain Mill was later sold to the first sheriff of Lake County, M. H. Manlove, who in turn moved it to Saw Mill Flat.

As difficult as it must have been to secure the equipment and manpower for the milling ventures back then one can only imagine the hardships endured by the employee's families who were homesteading in the mountains. Despite the hardships, a school called Mountain Mill opened in 1885 on Snow Mountain. Unfortunately the school building was crushed in 1890 by heavy snowfall, which also destroyed two nearby mills.

Today, lumber is still in high demand. In times of prosperity people want new homes, and, conversely, after natural disasters like fire or floods, a need is also created for wood.

Logging remains a controversial subject as the precious state's redwood trees and our own local forests remain threatened.

Hats off to the Lake County Land Trust and their long, hard work in saving the Black Forest of Mount Konocti!

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