

## 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: Bob Gunion  
Director: Doug Moore  
Director: C. Richard Smith

\*Historian: Betty Helf

#### **Water Company:**

President: Norma Simmons  
Secretary/Treasurer:  
Chris Smits  
Director: Carina DeHererra  
Director: Jean Swegle

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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 July 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm online on Zoom.**

**Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is July 15, 2020 at 10:30 online on Zoom.**

## President's Report

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

The Annual Meeting held on June 20 was a trip to the brave new world of online meetings and was a qualified success. Difficulties caused by our unfamiliarity with the application (Zoom) and a transposed number on one of the posted reminders accounted for most problems, but 20 brave "techi-want-to-be's" carried on. The attendance was a little more than half the usual for an annual meeting and about twice the number of attendees for a regular meeting. Individual owners who live at a distance expressed appreciation for being able to attend via the new technology. Most likely the Board will attempt to include the Zoom option at regular, in-person meetings in the future.

The pool is open for use under guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health and the County of Lake Health Services Department. The State authorization to open pools was as of June 12.

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### Upcoming Zoom Events

**Wednesday, July 8**

9:30 am - Practice Session

10:30 am - 12 minute Presentation

Water Storage Tank Replacement Project

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

Welcome to Summer!

We had a very informative Annual Meeting via the Zoom platform. Using Zoom gave all owners the opportunity to participate, even those who live outside the area. If you were unable to attend the meeting, Minutes and supporting documents are available on the website.

We anticipate using Zoom for future meetings. If you are new to Zoom or need to learn more, we plan to have another practice session before the July Board Meeting. Watch for more information.

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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)***

However, the County required us to have pool inspection which they scheduled for June 17 and for us to submit a COVID-19 plan for review plus certification documents. The County approved our plans on June 18 and we opened the pool on June 19. We must observe the posted guidelines for using hand sanitizer and maintaining social distancing or risk closure by the County.

For a healthy, pleasant activity we urge members to take advantage of the daily lap swim at the pool. You can swim one or many laps for a low impact exercise that can lift your spirits and improve your health. M-F 10am – 11am and Sat/Sun 9am-10am.

Our new park is also open for use. Play bocce ball or horseshoes (bring your own equipment), BBQ and picnic (observe social distancing). The marina is open with expanded dock space.

All of us are a bit anxious and irritable about the current situation we face, but I would say our community has generally remained calm, cordial and cooperative. Keeping all of us safe when using community facilities like the pool, marina, park and clubhouse along with assuring our employees of a safe work environment is a priority. Business is still being effectively conducted albeit not as quickly responsive as we may be used to. Email, phone messaging and the outside drop box remain the best available way to communicate with the HOA office. Elvia will be on her annual vacation the first two weeks of July and we contemplate opening the office under COVID-19 guidelines after she returns.

The incomplete clean up of tree debris in the Black Forest adjacent to Riviera West is a concern. This area is owned by the federal Bureau of Land Management. Riviera West, Riviera Heights and Buckingham have been in communication with BLM for the past two years about the conditions in the Black Forest. BLM did respond by launching clearing activities in the forest. CalFire was contracted to do some of the clearing and has, according to CalFire sources, chipped away the debris piles they created. At present a number of large debris piles remain. We are disappointed that this long sought -after project has stalled. We have been in contact with BLM, CalFire and Lake County Fire Safe Council representatives to express our concern but with no definitive response as of this date.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Notice of "location" will be posted later. We welcome our newest Board member, Richard Smith who will serve along with the re-elected incumbents.

Be well and stay optimistic.

Phil Hartley

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

Harbor View Mutual Water now has backup generators in place and operational. We will have a test run to put them through their paces and identify any issues. You'll receive notification when we are performing the test.

Even though the generators can provide adequate water supply without disruption, we ask that you conserve water during any Public Safety Power Shutoff periods (PSPS).

- Deep water all your outdoor plants PRIOR to an anticipated power shutoff.
- Shut off all outdoor drip systems. Undetected leaks however small can waste water.
- Suspend or eliminate unnecessary chores with high water usage

And in the event of an evacuation, please do not leave yard or rooftop sprinklers on. Evacuations are often ordered in advance as a precautionary measure.

Do you know where your meter is located? Please make sure the area around your meter box is trimmed back and clear of vegetation. If our Operators need to clear the area in order to read your meter, they will not remove any of the trimmings. And if overgrowth is excessive, you could be charged for the work performed by our Operators.

We're moving forward with the Water Storage Tank Replacement Project. We are in the first stage of applying for funding and hopefully will have that in place before the end of the year. Information on the project and cost is included in the Minutes.

We are sad to see Rick Tracy leave the Board. His years of service are greatly appreciated. And although no one will quite be able to fill Rick's place, it does leave a vacancy on the Board. If you're interested in helping steer the water company through the next few years, please contact the office.

Our next Board meeting will be July 15 via Zoom at 10:30 am more information to follow.

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#### **THE COMMUNITY 2019-2020**

Number of parcels: 470 (HOA owns two of these)  
Number of residences: 245  
Number of separate owners: 405  
Fire Safety Citations issued: 65

#### **Projects completed:**

New pool passive solar heating system  
Emergency generator  
Electrical panel and main wiring rebuilt  
Garden area with seating and statue installed  
Recreation/picnic park built with bocce ball, horseshoes, BBQs & picnic area  
New stairs down to park built  
Repair to marina dock completed and two additional smaller docks built  
Four outside security cameras installed  
New lighting fixtures installed in the Clubhouse

#### **Social Committee& Ladies' Club:**

Currently there are no upcoming Events due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Should conditions change, we may have a couple of TGIF's at the Marina. TBD

#### **Presidents Report:**

The Ladies Club has decided to re-activate for the upcoming year 9/2020-6/2021. We will have a meeting in person or via Zoom sometime this summer.

Our vision is to have more TGIF type of gatherings (when safe), less of the big formal dinners. That being said, anyone who has an event they would like to host, they can contact Norma Simmons to see if the Clubhouse is available on that date and then sign up with her. These events will be open to all HOA members. The host will be responsible for the Set-Up and Clean-Up, which is minimal.

We will not have monthly meetings. We will meet on a "as needed" basis. We are thinking of Thursday evenings so those who work can still attend a meeting. We would LOVE to see/meet new neighbors and existing members to think of new activities/ideas to promote our positive neighborhood connections.

Thank you to Chris Smits who Chaired the Social Committee this past year!!

Anyone with questions can contact Kerry Moore, 707-364-6165, matmoor1741@hotmail.com

## Lake County Time Capsule: Pomo baskets

### Kathleen Scavone, M.A.

American Indians of Lake County, and what is now the United States, created many varieties of baskets, but the supreme basket makers were the Pomo Indians of Lake and Sonoma counties.

The ancient art of basket making was elevated to a new level by the skilled Pomo Indian basket weavers.

Dr. Greg Sarris, tribal chairman of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, wrote about the world-renowned basket weaver Mabel McKay in his book, "Mabel McKay: Weaving the Dream," part of his "Portraits of American Genius" series. In his book he painstakingly extracts profound truths from McKay, the famed elder basket weaver. He drew out her genius with ongoing conversations and through close contact over time.

McKay was a basket weaver who helped keep the dying tradition alive within her Pomo culture. She gave a lifetime of lessons in showing others the way the spirit heals and speaks through what is called "The Dream."

Her humble life working in a cannery belies the art that came out in her basketry – baskets so rich and beautiful that they are now found in the Smithsonian Museum.

Sarris – who wrote a blurb on the back of my book, "Anderson Marsh State Historic Park – A Walking History, Prehistory, Flora and Fauna Tour of a California State Park" – found that the story of her life was not a "first this, then that" sort of chronology to be told.

Instead, in order to gain understanding of her dual arts of healing and artistry, he needed to suspend the natural inclinations of a writer to document a chronology, and to enter what was natural for McKay's life in dwelling in the supernatural and spiritual worlds.

In his book, "Weaving the Dream," he quotes McKay as follows: "I was born in Nice, Lake County, California, 1907, January 12. My mother, Daisy Hansen. My father, Yanta Boone. Grandma raised me. Her name, Sarah Taylor. I followed everywhere with her.

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I marry once in Sulphur Bank. Second time I marry Charlie McKay. We live in Lake County, then Ukiah, then Santa Rosa. I weave baskets, and show them different places. Have son, Marshall. Now grandkids, too. My tribe, Pomo. There, how's that? That's how I can tell my life for the white people's way. Is that what you want? It's more, my life. It's not only the one thing. It's many. You have to listen. You have to know me to know what I'm talking about."

The Pomo Indians who once lived at what is now Anderson Marsh were hunter-gatherers. This lifestyle required an array of basketry containers and implements. There were woven tools for beating the grasses so that they would release their seeds, baskets in which to collect the seeds, special burden baskets for carrying a multitude of items. Fish traps were constructed of woven materials, along with other woven hunting traps for quail and woodpeckers.

The basket hopper was a funnel in shape, without a bottom in its form, and was set over a mortar to collect acorn meal as it was being prepared. It was often constructed of twined redbud, using a geometric pattern.

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