

BOARD MEETINGS

**Third Thursday,
every other month**

Country Club at 4:30 pm

Mutual Water Co. at 6 pm

BOARD MEMBERS:

Country Club:

President: Philip Hartley

Treasurer: Barbara Eichten

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Director: Thomas Moore

Director: Doug Bridges

Director: Christian Sidwell

Director: Clelia Baur

Water Company:

President.: Tom Smythe

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Barbara Eichten

Treasurer: Barbara Eichten

Director: Norma Simmons

Director: Richard Tracy

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Monday-Friday

10 am to 4 pm

Riviera West

*Riviera West Country Club
Harbor View Mutual Water Company*

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Next Country Club Board Meeting is September 17, 2015 at 4:30 pm
Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is September 17, 2015 at 6:00

Presidents' Forum

Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

It has been an eventful year for Riviera West. Highlights include:

- A number of well attended social functions ably put on by volunteer couples and the hard working Ladies Club lead by Norma Simmons.
- A tough year for trees due to drought beetles and weather.
- A very successful fire safety program which saw a significant decrease in the number of lots with unsafe conditions, and an overwhelming response to our free chipping day which quickly became chipping days. The amount of combustible material removed was a real win for our fire-wise community.
- Riviera West earned Firewise Communities/ USA® recognition from the National Firewise Communities Program. Thanks to the efforts of Henry Wereneke and the members of our Fire Safety Committee, Riviera West is the first community in Lake County to be recognized as a Firewise Community.

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Tom Smythe, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Fellow Property Owners,

The new water treatment plant is finished and fully operational. The contractors have installed the security fence and cleaned up all of their marina mess. The new heart of the water treatment plant the D.A.F. (Dissolved Air Floatation), is working great. It is removing up to 80% of the algae before it enters the filters. This should save money on expensive filter rebuilds that used to average \$25,000 every 30months. Hopefully you can taste the difference in water quality but the months of August and September will be the real trial by fire.

With the new treatment plant coming online, it was decided that the three water storage tanks should be cleaned and inspected as well. The last time this was preformed was fall of 2011. Certified drinking water tank divers vacuumed sediment from the bottom of all the tanks and filmed conditions of tanks, both above and below the water line. The only tank with any noticeable sediment was the 120,000 gallon steel tank at the Broadview site. This tank is showing signs of interior coating failure above the water line, below the water line is still in great shape. This problem will be given a much closer look in the near future for a long term solution to this problem. Overall the tanks were found to be in acceptable shape for their age, but planning for their replacement is beginning now.

Tom Smythe

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Board Meeting

Riviera West Country Club Annual Board Meeting Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 9:00 am

Harbor View Mutual Water Co. Annual Board Meeting Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 11:00 am

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- A new, state-of-the-art air conditioning and heating system which replaces the 20 year old central system with a duct-less system that should result in significant energy savings while providing a more comfortable building for those that work in and use the RW Club House.

The big news for the community this year belongs to the Mutual Water Company. Congratulations to the Water Board of Directors, Board President Tom Smythe and water company staff for bringing online our new \$3 million water treatment plant. Be sure to attend the grand opening on August 8.

I would like to personally thank Thomas Moore and Barbara Eichten for their years of service on our HOA Board of Directors. Their willingness to donate their time and effort on our behalf is greatly appreciated. For the past several years Barbara has served as both secretary of the Board and treasurer (as well as doing everything else that needed doing). Much thanks.

If you have an interest in being more involved in your community or have an expertise that would be useful, we want to hear from you. Just drop us a note at rivierawest@gmail.com

-Philip Hartley

Mt. Konocti – Riviera West Fire Break

The Lake County Fire Safe Council in partnership with the Kelseyville Fire Protection District has announced a plan to create a fuel break to help protect homes in the vicinity of Mt. Konocti. The 300 foot wide fire break will border Riviera West along the length of Broadview Drive north to the end of Mountain Crest. Another break will be created along the southern portion of Shoreline View Drive. The land clearing will take place on property largely owned by the Mazzola family and a portion owned by Lake County. Linda Juntunen, Project Director, will be at the Riviera West Annual Meeting on July 18 to provide further information.

First Aid for Pine Trees

This year has been especially hard on trees in our community. The combination of drought, beetles and strong winds have taken their toll. We lost about 35 live and deceased trees in the past eight months. A recent discussion with the Lake County Agricultural Center produced the following information:

- * The three species of pine beetles that attack the several species of pine trees we have in Riviera West will not attack other species of trees such as bay, redwood or sycamore.
- * Ground placed chemicals that will dissuade other tree damaging beetles are not effective with pine beetles because they do not travel on the ground, they are airborne. Spraying pine trees is likewise not effective because the chemicals are short lived (24-48 hours).
- * The best defense against pine beetles is to bolster the tree's natural defense. If the tree has sufficient water it will produce increased levels of pitch when it is attacked which seals the bark against infestation.
- * If you have a legacy tree you wish to protect, a thorough watering to a depth of 18 inches or more around the circumference of the tree's drip line will increase its chance of survival. This is a difficult remedy in times of drought and water conservation.
- * According to County Ag, other species of trees growing in our area are more prone to viral infestation rather than insects that target them.





LADIES CLUB

Ladies' Club meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am in the Clubhouse. September thru May. Ladies Club Luncheon in June

Summer T.G.I.F. Schedule

- ❖ JULY 10TH - @ THE CLUBHOUSE (DECADE THEME)
- ❖ JULY 24TH - @ THE CLUBHOUSE (HAWAIIAN THEME)
- ❖ AUGUST 7TH - @ THE CLUBHOUSE (MARDI GRAS THEME)
- ❖ AUGUST 21ST - @ THE CLUBHOUSE (NO THEME)
- ❖ SEPTEMBER 4TH - @ THE POOL (POOL PARTY)

TGIF BEGINS AT 5:00 PM

BRING APPETIZER TO SHARE

BYOB

Upcoming Events

Sept. 19th- Ladies Club Sponsor Free B.B.Q. 50/50 Raffle

BYOB

Cocktails & Appetizers served at 5:30 p.m. and Dinners at 6:30 p.m.

Cost of most Dinners and Brunch are \$12
Except Crab Dinner in January

(Cost to be determined)

- Norma Simmons

Annual Community Yard Sale



Annual Yard Sale will be Friday October 2nd and Saturday October 3rd 2015. Please contact Norma at (707) 279-9604 to sign up.
Cost \$5 for ads and signs



**LADIES
BOUTIQUE/CRAFT FAIR**

**FRI. NOV. 6TH & SAT. NOV. 7TH
10-4 PM**

(SPONSORED BY LADIES CLUB)

**TABLES ARE LIMITED AT \$15 FOR
BOTH DAYS.**

**IF INTERESTED, CONTACT
ASAP**

NORMA SIMMONS AT (707)279-9604

Are you Ready for the Rain?

It is high summer, and after four years of drought it is hard to imagine a normal, rainy winter season. However, if we are fortunate that is exactly what we'll have this year. May's unexpected downpour was a startling reminder of how much power a heavy storm can pack.

It is not too early to prepare for the rainy season. Getting a head start means you won't have to work in the rain, and contractors for this type of work will not be as busy now as they will be this fall.

Rain-Ready Checklist

- Inspect your roof for cracks, damaged or missing shingles.
- Check your doors and windows for leaks or cracks.
- Take steps to keep rainwater from draining into your garage.
- Clear gutters and downspouts of pine needles, dry leaves and other debris.
- Address any grading or drainage problems on your property. Be sure your gutters and downspouts drain without damage to your own or your neighbors' properties.
- Inspect trees and shrubs for weak or damaged branches that could come down in high winds. If you need to remove a tree, please contact the Riviera West office for an ACP tree-cutting permit.
- Trim plants that interfere with drainage along the street gutter

Let's keep our fingers crossed for a decent rainy season this year. In the meantime, taking care of business during the dry season will mean less stress when (hopefully) it actually starts raining!

-Clelia Baur, Chair, Riviera West Architectural Control and Planning Committee

To All Riviera West Owners:

Due to the late spring rains we have experienced, many of our lots have weeds that have grown very high. Many of these lots passed our inspections in early April, so they will not receive any notice or be fined. We are however requesting that property owners trim their weeds to the ground as soon as you can. High weeds are a huge fire danger and contribute to a fire's spread.

Thanks for helping keep our community safer,

Henry Wernecke
Fire Committee

Please Remember To Keep Weeds Trimmed Close To The Ground



Seconds Count!

Is your address clearly marked? Is it visible day or night? Those reflective numbers on your mail box... how many years have they been there? Are they faded and peeling?

Whether it's a medical crisis or a house fire, minutes and seconds really do count. Time matters. Seconds can make a difference in whether a life is saved or a home is lost.

[Download Reflect to Protect Order Form... pg. 6](#)

Pioneer Families of Lake County

Samuel L. Morrison

In 1857 Samuel L. Morrison took up a homestead and built a home near the lakeshore in the western part of Lucerne. There he raised a family.

By adding to his holdings he finally owned many hundreds of acres; most all later to be divided among his children or near relatives, with the balance being sold to the first sub-dividers of Lucerne, and the Clear Lake Beach Company in the 1920's.

When Morrison first went to his homestead there were about 100 Indians living on his property. In their language the Lucerne area was called "Camosko". Within a few years the natives moved to join another group, which then totaled about 150 Indians and their village was on the lakeshore below the junction of the present Nice-Lucerne Cutoff road with State Highway 20.

A very early shopkeeper in Upper Lake was Henry J. Wildegrube, a German. He soon sold out his business and went into partnership with Samuel Morrison in the latter's land holdings. This partnership did not last long and Morrison bought out the partnership rights of Wildegrube for a saddle and a saddle horse. Wildegrube then went to High Valley, above Clearlake Oaks. There he married, raised a nice family and lived out his life.

Morrison's family was also growing up and it was too far to go to any school so he hired a teacher for \$12.00 a month plus room and board. For several years he maintained his private school for his children and a few of the neighbors children too.

Transportation for the Morrison's was mostly by water and they were the owners of several boats over the years and had a boat landing at Morrison Creek, near their home, which was known as Morrison Landing.

His sons, George and Fred, used their boats commercially over quite a period of years. Perhaps they set a record by hauling 10,000 cords of four-foot wood from various landings around the lake to be used in the ten very active smelters of Sulfur Bank Mine. This was over a period of better than ten years.

The notice of Mrs. Morrison's death was published in the Lake County Bee, December 27, 1923:

MRS. F. L. MORRISON PASSES AWAY AT GIRLHOOD HOME

A resident of Lake County for the past sixty-six years, Mrs. Fannie Lucinda Morrison, widow of the late Samuel Morrison who died in 1903, passed away Monday at the Fred Morrison ranch on the shores of Clear Lake, her former home for many years during her younger life. She had been ill for the past few months and her death was due to her feeble age, having passed her 70th birthday.

Mrs. Morrison was born in Troy, New York, June 7th, 1844. With her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Johnson, she crossed the plains when 13 years old. The family settled in Lake County in the vicinity of Upper Lake. In 1861 she married Samuel L. Morrison and with her husband, made her home across the lake on the well known Morrison ranch until the former's death. She then moved to Middle Creek where she has made her home until her recent illness.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by two sons, George and Fred of Upper Lake and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Henry, also of Upper Lake. Three other sons, John, William, Andrew and a daughter Elsie, died some years ago. She was the sister of Mrs. Rachael Henderson of Kelseyville and the late Mrs. Mat Johnson of Upper Lake. Besides her own children, she raised her granddaughter, Mrs. Elsie Graham Gordon since she was three weeks old. The latter made her home with Mrs. Morrison at Middle Creek.

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



Reflect to Protect

Address Sign Number _____

Vertical

Horizontal

Property Owner or Designee's Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Donation: \$30 installed

Make check payable to:

LCFCA

(Lake County Fire Chiefs' Association)



Signs will be installed by Fire Department personnel and are not available for purchase without installation. The sign will be installed to the standards of the Public Resources Code 4290 requirements. The sign will be permanently placed at the driveway entrance and visible from both directions of travel along the road. If this is unacceptable, please call for an appointment to determine a mutually acceptable location.

By signing below, it acknowledges your purchase, as well as permission to enter onto the property to place the sign and post as indicated above.

Property Owner or Designee's Signature: _____

Fire District Representative: _____

Sign Installation Approved: _____ / _____
Property Owner or Designee's Signature Date

For Office Use Only: _____
Date Form Rec'd Date Order Placed Date Order Rec'd

Take Responsibility...
Protect your home. Create defensible space.
Be Firewise and Fire Safe!