

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: J. Richard

Secretary: Clelia Baur

Director: Doug Bridges

Director: Christian Sidwell

*Historian: Betty Helf

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 May 19, 2016 at 4:30 pm
Next Mutual Water Co. Board Meeting is May 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm

President's Forum

Philip Hartley, President, Riviera West Country Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer is on its way so the Fire Safety Committee has regrouped to begin its work. Annual inspections will be conducted in June and properties in need of attention will be notified. In each of the past two summers the number of properties that needed to be cited has significantly decreased and we are hoping the trend continues.

Major repair and refurbishment projects are underway with the replacement of one of the docks in the Marina, planning for renovating the picnic area, and repair to parking lots both at the Marina and the Clubhouse. A volunteer group lead by Ginny Leber is creating a drought tolerant, water saving landscaping plan for the grassy area below the front office entrance.

As things get busy, this is a good time to ask you to remember to think about what you can do for your community. Major committees that provide advice and support for the Marina, the pool, our building and property standards, fire safety and our community social functions all can use new members. Just contact the office and let us know of your interest. Likewise, if you have knowledge, expertise or experience that is relevant to maintaining our facilities and/or operations we would like to know. We are an organization built on volunteers.

Tom Smythe, President, Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Fellow Property Owners,

At the end of January, Eric Leary, Assistant Water Operator, offered his resignation and accepted a position at Mount Konocti Mutual Water Company. In early March, we hired Kurt Jensen as Assistant Water Operator. We welcome Kurt to the company and Riviera West. Be sure to say Hi! To Kurt when you see him.

We are proceeding with the emergency intertie. The bureaucracy is holding things up, and I am beginning to doubt construction will be completed this year.

Our steady rainfall this last winter helped relieve drought conditions for most of Lake County. Clear Lake is full for the first time in five years. Quite the welcome sight. We were even over full for over five weeks. Most of Northern California is out of strong drought conditions, but the drought continues in the southern half of the State. Although conditions have improved greatly, we will continue implementing water conservation measures such as maximum of two days watering, no using the hose to wash driveways, etc. until the State lifts the conservation mandate.

Tom Smythe
President, HVMWC

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Annual Board Meeting

Riviera West Country Club Annual Board Meeting Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00 am

Harbor View Mutual Water Co. Annual Board Meeting Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 11:00 am

WHO STOLE MY VIEW?



Actually, the answer is the California Supreme Court who in 1898 established the doctrine in California that one's ownership of land does not imply a right to

force owners of neighboring land from obstructing the view from the land or the light and air reaching the land. In 1986, the California Court of Appeal upheld this doctrine by stating, "a land owner has no natural right to air, light or an unobstructed view...". The Court pointed out that such a right could be created by an agreement between neighbors, or by the adoption of conditions, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs) by a common interest community (e.g. HOAs). Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on which side of the trees you are on, Riviera West CC&Rs do not contain such a provision. So, view obstructed? Time to make friends with your neighbor.



*For those who have fallen
and for those who have stood to fight
May God bless and keep you safe
throughout each day and night*

Happy Memorial Day



We have been asked when the pool will open. This depends on the weather. The nighttime temperature must be warm enough so that the water does not lose too much heat, and in the morning, the pool heater can raise the temperature to a comfortable level.

Jim Govern, our maintenance and operations person, monitors the pool conditions year round. An annual county inspection is necessary before the pool can open.

If nighttime temperatures are warm enough as described above, the pool will open Saturday May 28th. Pool hours are from 10 am to 8 pm daily.

Pool keys are limited to one key per homeowner, Renters must contact the homeowner to have access to the pool key.

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

Please view Pool Rules posted on our website at Riviera-West.com

Ladies' Club

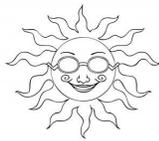


Ladies' Club meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Clubhouse, September through May, Ladies' Club Luncheon is in June.

Upcoming Events

May 14th Saturday – Mexican Fiesta
Hosted by: Norma Simmons and Jan Wilson

June 8TH Wednesday– Ladies' Club Luncheon,
Date and Time to Follow



SUMMER TGIF DATES AND TIME TO FOLLOW

BYOB

Cocktails & Appetizers served
at 5:30 p.m. and Dinners at 6:30 p.m.
Cost of most Dinners and Brunch are \$12

- Norma Simmons Ladies Club President

**ALL RSVP MUST BE TO JAN WILSON AT
JANMAR61@MCHSI.COM OR 279-0490**

NO RSVP WILL BE ACCEPTED IN OFFICE

ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Community Yard Sale will be held **October 7th and 8th from 9:00 am to 3 pm.**

If interested please call Norma Simmons ASAP. We must have at least 15 homeowners in order to pay for advertisement and supplies.

YOGA AND TAI CHI

Yoga will be held at 9:15am and Tai Chi at 10:00am. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Both work outs are currently done using DVD's .There is a possibility of having an instructor for the Tai Chi, depending on interest and his availability.



Home of the Great Blue Heron

Visit the rookery and slough at Lake County's Rodman Ranch

On the northern edge of Clear Lake, I'm having a hard time distinguishing the birds from the trees. I'm motoring upstream with three members of the Lake County Land Trust. As we pass willows edging Rodman Slough, adjacent to the Rodman Ranch rookery, a canvasback dives underwater near our boat, and a cluster of swallows passes overhead.

Then, in the branches of a massive blue oak, a golden leaf metamorphoses into a large orange beak; shadows become black stripes on a white face. Once I make out one great blue heron, I see dozens more, all of them crouched in the oak, guarding their nests. We drift past silently, struck by the awesomeness of a whole flock of these huge birds.

The slough, which empties into Clear Lake, is one of the last remaining wetlands on the 43,000-acre lake, about 100 miles north of San Francisco. Thanks to local efforts, the rookery here will continue to house heron families into the future.

This wasn't always the case. Nearly 10 years ago, when longtime county residents Roberta Lyons and Susanne Scholz heard that some 400 acres of land around this waterway were for sale, they worried. If houses were built here, they knew the herons could lose their nesting site. Ospreys and bald eagles could lose habitat as well. The tule reeds might be ripped out, damaging the slough's filtration system. More algae might grow in Clear Lake. One problem would spiral into many more. So Lyons and Scholz, aided by others including John Graham, Mary Tualanian, Glenn Dishman, and attorney Peter Windrem, got to work. To save this area for others, they founded the Lake County Land Trust and began plotting how to buy the property. We sat around a kitchen table and said, "How much can we offer for the property?"

We came up with \$2,000," says Lyons, now secretary of the land trust. "Not surprisingly, our offer was turned down." Since then, land trust volunteers have become legal and fund-raising experts. Through an adopt-a-nest campaign and personal contributions, the trust raised more than \$40,000. Funds attracted more funds; the county pitched in, as did the Wildlife Conservation Board and many environmental groups.

Now, for a total purchase price of \$1.2 million, 131 acres on Rodman Ranch are owned by the trust. oaks own the final portion.

The Department of Fish and Game owns 107 acres, including most of the waterfront land, and the county owns 41 acres. A vineyard development that has promised to preserve existing old oaks own the final portion.

This month locals will celebrate the land trust's victory during the spring Heron Days festival. As in the past seven years, visitors can view nesting sites at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. For the first time this year, they can also take kayak tours of Rodman Slough, where more than 100 great blue heron nests have been counted. And the rookery will endure: As they are wont to do when they have a secure home, herons will beget more herons.

(Authored by Lisa Taggart, and first published in the April 2001 issue of Sunset Magazine, pp 38-39.)



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

Trees in Riviera West: To cut or not to cut? That is the question!

The ACP committee has received several requests recently for removing live, healthy trees. We are happy to review your requests and thank you for working with us to keep the neighborhood safe and attractive.

If you want to remove a live tree or shrub, please use the

NEW, UPDATED ACP REQUEST FOR APPROVAL!

As indicated on the new request for approval, a few additional steps will streamline the process and eliminate the potential for mistakes on which tree(s) you wish to remove. These steps are:

1. Provide a plot plan (bird's eye view) of your lot, showing the location of any structures, fences and any other landmarks that will help us to identify the tree(s) in question. Indicate the tree(s) clearly on the plot plan.
2. Include photos if possible, indicating the trees you wish to remove.
3. Mark the trees with easily visible tape or ribbon.

Thank you for using the new request for approval format! You can download a pdf of the request for approval at <http://www.riviera-west.com/support-files/acprequestprojectapprovalrevapr2016.pdf> or pick up a copy at the Riviera West office.

A few things to remember:

- The ACP has 30 days to review your request. Please do not schedule your tree-cutter before you receive an answer from Riviera West. The ACP members are volunteers; sometimes we are not available to review your request immediately.
- You are responsible for the actions of your tree service. Please be sure that they cut only the trees that are approved and they remove all brush, logs and limbs after cutting your tree. Chipped material should be on the ground, not on the street.
- The fine for removing a live tree without ACP approval is \$500 per tree.. If you remove a shrub that is 3" or greater at chest height without ACP approval, the fine is \$250. per shrub.