

RIVERWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

October 20, 2013

NEXT BOARD MEETING- Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at 64 Covered Bridge Road (Jacobs/Delury home).

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND VOTING- The Annual Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at The Oak Room at Ancil Hoffman Park, 6700 Tarshes Drive, Carmichael. Riverside Management and Financial Services mailed a notice for the Annual Membership Meeting and ballot for two positions on the board. Please vote. There are two candidates for the two positions.

OKTOBERFEST- The Oktoberfest on October 5 was a great success, on the late afternoon following the East End Bluff Fire. Joe Chambers and Ruben Gutierrez, the heroes who alerted the fire department and homeowners about the raging fire, were surprise guests. Joe and Ruben (and Ruben's girlfriend Maddy) were greeted with cheers, clapping, handshakes, conversation, and loud thank you's. More than 30 people enjoyed the German meal BBQed by Steve Mayberg and Dane Hudson, and chaired by Don Burns. Danke to all the workers. Everyone shared side dishes.

GOAT CENTRAL- Everyone knows all of the details of the Fire Fuel Eradication work to be done by Roy Cousins, Goat Central, and about 125 kiko goats. Roy will show up with the goats at the time (Sunday) this is emailed to everyone. The goats are being herded to Ken Furstenaus's back yard (92 Covered Bridge) to start the munching and fertilizing. The Goat Effort was the subject of "Report to RHA Board and Riverwood Neighbors" circulated the day after the fire. Many thanks to Ken, and all of the vista neighbors that is supplying water hose and electric power hook ups. 100% offers of support. Roy will seed the denuded east bluff face with rye and other erosion control grasses. This area is owned by Riverwood. The goats should arrive Monday. The set up took a lot of time.

CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY MEETING- The next Carmichael Community Meeting provided by Sherrie Carhart, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will be at Del Campo High School Library, 4925 Dewey Drive, on November 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Sherrie visited Rivewood a few months ago for a community meeting to discuss safety.

TREE AND COVERED BRIDGE LIGHTS- How about the new energy efficient lights on the bridge and the large sycamore tree at 78 Covered Bridge Road (Hamilton/Reed home)? The Sheriff's office advised that "up lighting" would help neighborhood safety and the Board decided that the old and dangerous lights should be replaced. Mike Lien and Darcy Ketchum at 82 Covered Bridge Road have lights on their sycamores. The Board approved "up lighting" for the multi branched live oak at 67 Riverknoll Place (at T-intersection with Covered Bridge Road). The Board will

discuss lighting in a similar style in three other trees. The Board commended Lilla Strauch for her lighting expertise. Lilla is responsible for the new lighting. Thanks Lilla.

AMERICAN RIVER CLEANUP- Elena and Larry Siegel, Marlys Thompson, Don Burns, Dave Reed, Mike McCormick (with Kathe's freshly baked cupcakes), Candace Krumpe, and Adam Ting picked up about 50 pounds of trash on September 21. The American River Parkway Foundation sponsored 22 collection sites (Riverwood is Site #22). Bags, gloves, food snacks, water bottles, neck lanyards for keys, junk haul off and more were part of the support from the Foundation. Dave Reed led tours of the bluff cave. Five fire rings were destroyed. Coffee and cup cakes were enjoyed by everyone on Kit Kirkpatrick's patio, before the clean up began. Thanks Kit.

PARK RANGERS VISIT RIVERWOOD- Park Rangers Cory Stewart and C.C. Creyer toured Riverwood and the riparian areas with Dave Reed and Vince Jacobs on Saturday, October 12, 2013 for about 2 hours. Cory is assigned to Riverwood for special help, when needed. If emergency help is needed, call 911, not Cory. While at the west end they cut down part of rope swing.

OFFICIAL'S VISITS TO THE FIRE SITE- Supervisor Susan Peters, Chief of County Parks Jeff Leatherman, and Parks' management staff Mary Maret (and reportedly Parkway Foundation Staff and others managing the river) have visited the fire site separately, with Susan here on the afternoon of the fire. All have been thanked for their support.

GUTTER AND ROOF CLEANING- Leaves will clog your gutters! Roofs need to be cleared! If you need help, several options are available for services: 1. S & J Window Cleaning. 2. Rudolfo (Our porter service: he must do this work after his work day, just as he does landscaping for some detached homes); and 3. Alfonso of A & A Services (Alfonso and his crew took care of the July trash hauling).

ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPING ALTERATIONS- Apply for Approval for this work by submitting an Application to Riverside Management, who submits the same to the appropriate committee and then the Board. The website has the forms, and Riverside will assist. If building or landscape features are replaced or repaired, please submit the Application so the work can be reviewed as consistent with repairs only. The provides a means for the committees to keep an eye on projects that do not need Board Approval.

NEIGHBOR EMERGENCY NOTICE LISTS- Please organize Emergency Notice Groups, with about 5 homes adjacent to your home. When the East End Bluff Fire was discovered after midnight on October 5, it was necessary to contact all nearby neighbors. That effort was not perfect. If the neighbors were organized, then a bang on the door or phone call to one would have been followed by a string of contacts, with each following the order on the list. Everyone would have been alerted immediately by the next homeowner in line, for sure!! The list should include all

phone numbers, family contacts, and more. PLEASE DO THIS!!! Lucille Lansing organized her group at the entrance gate. An emergency may be a ride to your doctor!!

RIVERWOOD IS A STAKE HOLDER IN THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN- The development of this plan is underway with the leadership of Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Riverwood is at the table with the fire experts, helping to develop a very sophisticated regional plan to deal with wildfire risks and the interface of those areas with residential development. The Stake Holders, in addition to Riverwood, are fire departments, Parks Department, Cities, and County Departments. The draft plan will be finished by Mid- December, with a Geo-Portal Plan in January (this is a scientific fact based reporting tool to be used by fire fighters). The Draft Environmental Impact Report will be completed by April, 2014. Riverwood is only non-governmental entity at the table as a Stake Holder. More to come in follow up Newsletters.

ASSESSING RESIDENTIAL WILDFIRE HAZARDS- Sac Metro Fire is presenting one and two full day workshops in October and November for homeowners for the above. If you would like to attend go to www.metrofire.ca.gov for details. I will attend a workshop and report to the Board and our homeowners through your Newsletter.

POOL FILTER MOTORS- About one month ago the upper pool filter motor and pump failed and was replaced, with an efficient, high quality equipment. Now, the spa motor died and was replaced with the same quality motor. Both repairs were emergencies, ordered by Riverside Management within their management guidelines and responsibilities. The Board reviews and approves these repairs after the events.

CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY- Volunteers will meet at Carmichael Park on Saturday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m. to be assigned to certain projects for clean up. Supervisor Susan Peters is one of the sponsors with the Chamber of Commerce and County Transportation folks . Good for young people looking for community service credits.

RIVERWOOD STREAM BANKS TO CAR BRIDGE- At the urging of the fire department and supported by common sense, the brush and grass fire fuel has been reduced again, from George White's foot bridge up stream to the covered bridge. Patricia Duvaras consulted with an expert on responsible stream bed management and contiguous lands maintenance. We are doing well.

FALL TREE ROOF CLEARANCE- The Board will review and adopt a plan at the next Board meeting. Thanks for your patience.

SPEED- Please drive slow! AND slower on the Covered Bridge! Thanks.

REVIEW OF NEWSLETTER- The draft newsletter is reviewed, edited and revised by the Board members. I broke my promise to keep this one short.

Thanks. Take care. Vince Jacobs 801 2840 cell.