

THE WHIRL

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RIVERLAKE

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2009 Annual Membership Meeting:

The Association's annual membership meetings are scheduled for Tuesday November 10, 2009 and will be held at the Primrose Alzheimer's Facility on 7707 Rush River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831 at 7:00 PM. Registration begins at 6:30 PM.

Regular business at the annual membership meetings include the election of the Board of Directors for the Riverlake Community (RCA) and Riverlake Lake (RLA) Associations, respectively, and voting on options for excess income (if any) at the fiscal year-end December 31, 2009, pursuant to revenue ruling 70-604.

RCA has Four (4) director positions open and RLA has Three (3) director positions open. Elected directors will serve for two (2) year terms. If you are interested in serving as an elected director, please contact staff at the association office at (916) 395-7462, or you can stop by the

IN HARMONY - All improvements shall be done showing completed plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height and materials, including color and shall be in harmony of external design and location to surrounding structures and topography. If you fail to submit an application and obtain

office in person. The deadline (to be included on the ballot) is 5:00 PM Thursday October 1, 2009. This will give staff ample time to include all prospective candidate's names on the ballot, which will be mailed with the annual membership meeting notice. The notice must be received by the membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual membership meeting in November. Please contact staff at the office if you have any questions.

FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

- Please remember that the Riverlake Community Association's CC&R's require that "any Improvements made to your home or lot must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to beginning the project." That means that anything done to your home and/or property requires an architectural application.

approval for your improvement, you may be required to remove the improvement if the ACC would have determined that it would not have been approved if an application had been submitted. Removing and/or modifying the improvement could be very costly. Architectural applications and guidelines are available at the association office

IMPROVEMENTS - The term "Improvements" shall refer to any alterations, additions and/or improvements made to your home or lot, included but not limited to buildings, structures or improvements of any type or kind constructed by or for an Owner. (Examples of the improvements include but are not limited to: changes to landscape; adding bark to planting areas; tree removals and/or replacements; roof replacements (if there is a change in material and/or color; exterior lighting fixtures; driveway replacements; solar installations; fence and/or gate installations; pool installations; exterior remodels and/or additions; exterior window covering's; exterior painting (if changed from original color); exterior lawn decorations (such as statues, moss rocks & potted plants); etc...

and on the associations website at www.riverlake.org.

Thank you for submitting architectural applications in detail - this will help the ACC make timely decisions!

If you have any questions, please contact the association office at (916) 395-7462 or by e-mail at AC@Riverlake.org.

Attention Riverlake Ladies!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to become a part of the Riverlake Ladies Group. This is a loosely formed network of neighbors with the opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to share friendships. It also provides an access to the names of other ladies in our area that may have interests similar to yours. Thinking of forming a group? Just use the list to find out if there are any other ladies interested in joining you. It is important to note that being on the list does not obligate you to join any group

or to participate in any activity. It is your choice. If you would like to have your name added to the list or if you would like additional information, you may contact Anne Thomas at the following e-mail address - pearchica@comcast.net.

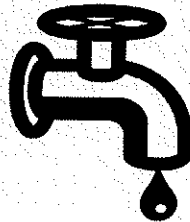
Legal Notice: On March 17, 2008, the Riverlake Community Association was served with a personal injury lawsuit from plaintiff Jerry Silveira concerning an accident that happened on Pocket Road in September, 2006. Mr. Silveira was the passenger of the vehicle

that lost control on the eastbound lane of Pocket Road and was suing the association for an undetermined amount.



The Riverlake Board of Directors is please to announce that the suit was resolved on September 2, 2009 without going to trial. Riverlake's insurance provider at the time of the accident covered all costs associated with the claim.

City Water Meters: The City of Sacramento, Dept. of Utilities, awarded a construction contract to Navajo Pipelines (NP) to retrofit existing water services to accept water meters at various commercial and residential properties in Sacramento, including Riverlake. New boxes (if needed) will be installed at the point of service to each property. Miscellaneous improvements may be made to service lateral and main water lines, and fire hydrants as necessary to complete the project.



During the process of construction, access to your driveway may be temporarily restricted. At the end of each day, NP will backfill any trenches, place temporary paving steel plates over trenches, and will open all lanes of traffic to the public. Work hours are typically between 7AM and 5PM.

General public and construction crew safety is of primary concern, the City encourages residents to observe the construction signs. This project may be a temporary inconvenience and NP will strive to minimize the impacts to the residents. This project is scheduled

to last until the end of February, 2010 with Riverlake being the last phase of the entire City Water Meter Project.

If you have any questions or concern, please contact any one of the water meter installation project representatives listed below:

- NP Project Manager: Scott Silva (916) 448-0134
- NP Job Foreman: Gilberto Ramirez (916) 416-1198
- City of Sacramento Project Manager: Chris Powell (916) 808-5454

ASPHALT REPAIRS: In a previous Whirl Newsletter, information was included about potential road work to be conducted in the latter part of 2009, around September and/or October. The Riverlake Community Association Board of Directors worked diligently to retain the services of a paving and engineering company, and awarded one of the six companies that provided proposals for the repair work. The work was scheduled to begin in the latter part of

September. However, in lieu of the length of the water meter project to be completed by March 2010, the RCA Board decided to wait until the meter project was done and postponed the asphalt repairs until spring of 2010. Notice will be given at least seven (7) days, prior to asphalt repairs and/or overlay.

If you have any questions regarding the asphalt repairs, you may contact the Association office at (916) 395-7462.

WOMEN'S GROUP:

If you are interested in joining one of the Riverlake Women's social groups, there are currently openings in both the day and evening beading groups. We are also starting a new group of Paper Craft/Stamper's for making greeting cards and scrapbook pages. Each group currently meets once every other month. If you would like to join any of these groups, please contact Deb Townsend at 428-5668, or you may contact her at debraluvz-crafting@yahoo.com for more information.

MORE FROM THE RIVERLAKE STAFF

CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN:

Fireplaces in Sacramento County may be a bit more idle this winter as residents experience their second **Check Before You Burn** season. Many residents don't realize that the new law is in effect from November through February of each year. The law does not actually prohibit wood burning at all times - It does however, restrict wood burning on certain days throughout the winter when air pollution is forecast to be unhealthy to breathe. Enclosed are some simple tips given by the Air Quality Management District of Sacramento:

Simple Tips:

- Ensure firewood is clean, seasoned and dry before burning it. Unseasoned or moist wood smolders and creates additional pollution.
- Never burn garbage, glossy paper such as magazines and wrapping paper, or plastics, chemically treated or painted wood in fireplaces or stoves. Doing so is illegal and hazardous to public health.
- Don't build large, smoldering fires—heavy smoke emits more air pollution and lingers longer in the air, which makes the air unhealthy to breathe.
- Give your fire plenty of room - a fire with generous air supply reduces smoke.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned once a year by a licensed contractor.
- Purchase a cleaner burning, low-emission hearth product. Visit <http://sparetheair.com/burncheck.cfm> to find links to a list of EPA certified stoves or other cleaner burning hearth appliances.
- The AQMD offers cash incen-

tives to residents who purchase an EPA certified device—visit www.AirQuality.org to find out more information on the wood stove and wood fireplace change out program.



To learn more or to find out if any burn restriction are in place each day, visit www.SpareTheAir.com or www.AirQuality.org or call 877-NOBURN5 (877-662-8765).

Winter Lawn Maintenance:

Because Bermuda grass goes dormant in Sacramento's winter, browning will always occur. It can retain better green color if fertilized during the fall. To minimize the negative appearance, over-seed with another grass variety such as Tall Fescue, perennial ryegrass or annual ryegrass.

- Mow The bermuda grass short
- Dethatch or rake out all thatch buildup, scratch the soil surface
- Apply starter fertilizer, do not use regular fertilizer
- Evenly distribute seed
- Top dress with a thin layer of compost
- Water frequently enough to keep compost moist
- Keep the compost moist until roots are firmly established

Common mistakes include:

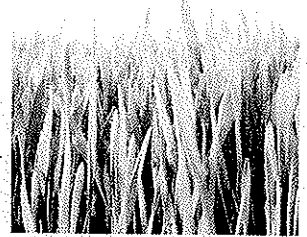
- Applying regular fertilizer (use a starter fertilizer)
- Keeping the compost soggy wet (keep it damp, not wet)
- Allowing the compost to dry out (grass seeds only germinate once and will quickly die if allowed to dry out)
- Watering too frequently after

roots have become established (excess water may rot roots)

- Trying to over-seed during the hot summer months

Aerating the soil is also beneficial during the over-seeding process. Avoid mowing the new grass until roots are established and the turf is at least 2" tall. Do not ever remove more than

1/3 of the grass length. Additional information regarding



lawn main-

tenance and tree planting is available on the Riverlake website.

BOARD MEETINGS - Regularly scheduled board meetings are normally held at 6:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Association office located at, 799 Lake Front Drive, Sacramento, CA 95931. The RCA & RLA boards will meet only when there is business to be acted upon. Please remember to check the Riverlake web-site at www.riverlake.org for meeting agendas. Meeting agendas are also posted in the bulletin board at the association office.

REPORT CRIME IN YOU'RE

AREA: If a crime occurs in the area, it is very important to report the incident to the Sacramento Police Department at (916) 264-5471. Reports can also be made online at the City's website at <http://www.sacpd.org/>. When you visit the city's website, you will find a lot of useful crime information, such as crime statistics, crime mapping, annual statistics, as well as many other useful links to the Sacramento Police Department. **Please dial 911 in the event of an emergency.**

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GREEN WASTE PROGRAM: For those of you that live in Northland or Dutra Bend, you have the option of procuring yard waste pickup services from the City of Sacramento by means of a green pickup program for grass clippings, tree branches and yard waste. There are currently two options available - Containerized Yard Waste Service (Container) and Loose-in-the-Street Service (Loose).

It has been reported that residents that do not pay for services have been adding their green waste to the Loose piles. This has created a concern with the City because the piles are exceeding the maximum size of 2 cubic feet. Additionally, those who pay for Container services are **regularly** putting piles in the street in addition to their Containers - which is allowed, but only during specific times (8 times per year). The City was previously picking up the piles just to keep the neighborhoods clean. However, due to cutbacks they are only able to pick up those piles who pay for services.

Container or Loose Services Limitations are as follows:

Container: 1) Place the Container at the curb (in the

street) by 6:00 AM the day of pickup; 2) allow three feet of space between containers; 3) do not place Containers on the sidewalk; 4) included are 8 **Loose** pickups per year: January - 2nd week; February - last week; May - last week; October - last week; November and December - a minimum of every other week (please see Leaf Season Collection Map at the City website).

Loose: 1) No more than two cubic yards of waste per collection (3'x3'x6'); 2) place piles six feet from any obstruction; 3) away from the gutter; 4) and away from bike lane (if any); 5) avoid pruning during leaf season (Oct - Dec).

If you need an extra pickup, you can call the City for special yard waste pickup at (916) 808-5454 - a minimum fee of \$60.00 is charged and is based on the size of pickup.

You can get more information by contacting City Customer Service at 311, or (916) 264-5011. Information is also available at their website: www.cityofsacramento.org Utilities, Solid Waste-Recycling, Residential, Yard Waste.

Please help to keep Riverlake Clean!