

# THE WHIRL

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RIVERLAKE

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### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
(CLOSED 12:00 - 1:00 PM)

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- BOB MURPHY - PRESIDENT
- RICHARD SOO HOO - VP/CFO
- ARNOLD BRAY - SECRETARY
- JIM PARKER - DIRECTOR
- ANDREW PLESCIA - DIRECTOR
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- TAMARA DAWN - DIRECTOR

CFO - RICHARD SOO HOO

### 2010 Annual Membership Meeting:

The Association's annual membership meetings are scheduled for Tuesday November 9, 2010 and will be held at the Primrose Alzheimer's Facility on 7707 Rush River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831 at 7:00 PM. Registration will begin 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, 2010, pursuant to revenue ruling 70-604.

RCA has Three (3) director positions open and RLA has Two (2) 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

All customers will be charged for the amount of water that they use. If you use a low amount of water, your bill will be less than those who use more water. The more water you use, the higher your bill will be. The City has a water conservation program that can help reduce your water use and consequently, lower your water bill.

office in person. The deadline (to be included on the ballot) is 1:00 PM Friday October 1, 2010. 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.

**Back to School:** It's that time of year again when the kids go back to school. Dropping the kids off at school, picking them up, volunteering your time or just attending extra-curricular activities makes life hectic! In our busy lives we all forget certain things. Please remember not to leave iPods, cell phones, lap-tops or even backpacks in your vehicles to discourage theft.

**Halloween:** We would like everyone to have a safe and Happy Halloween! On the

### **Will the whole city switch to a metered water bill at the same time?**

No. Those who have meters installed prior to January 1, 2009 will be switched to metered billing on January 1, 2010. Those who have meters installed after January 1, 2009 will receive one calendar year of comparative billing before being switched to a metered rate.

evening of Halloween, we will have two patrol cars on duty to help thwart off pranksters.

### **Dial 311 Sacramento City:**

Sac City 311 is a centralized call center for the City of Sacramento that is intended to make life a little easier for its residents. Live representatives are available to assist you 24 hours a day. Below are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

#### **What is 311?**

Sac City 311 is an easy to remember phone number that residents can use to request service, report problems, or get information from local government. Sac City 311 is your resource for connecting with the City of Sacramento. The call center reps handle requests for building permits, stray animals, utilities service, and much more.

#### **Water Meters Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **How will water meters affect my water bill?**

#### **What happens if the meter breaks? Am I responsible?**

The City is responsible for the meter box and the main up to the point of service. Homeowners are responsible for the pipes from the point of service into the home.

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### **I have a pool. Is there additional cost to me?**

You will be billed for the amount of water that you use.. With proper maintenance, you should not need to drain and refill your pool. Follow these tips to reduce the amount of water you'll need to add to your pool: use a pool cover to prevent evaporation during hot summer months, check for and fix leaks and manually clean pool filters.

**FROM THE ACC** - Please remember that the Riverlake Asso-

ciation 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. Architectural applications are available at the Association office and on their website at [www.Riverlake.org](http://www.Riverlake.org). Improvements made without approval are subject to being modified or removed if the ACC determines that the improvement would not have been approved if an application had been submitted. Modification and/or removal could be very

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

**IMPROVEMENTS:** The term "Improvements" shall refer to any alteration, addition and/or improvement made to your home or lot which includes, but not limited to: landscape; tree removal; statues; potted plants; buildings; structures or changes of any type or kind placed on a lot or to a home, or constructed by or for an Owner.

**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.

**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 maintenance and tree planting is available on the Riverlake website.

### **GARAGE DOORS:**

Green Valley grounds patrol has noticed and reported that several garage doors are being left open late at night and will knock at the door to notify homeowners when this happens. If they are unable to make contact with a homeowner, they will leave a courtesy notice at the door. As a re-

minder, please make sure your garage door is closed after entering and exiting the garage for your security and to prevent theft.

**Thermostat Control:** Your thermostat is the "control center" for your homes heating and cooling system the biggest consumer of energy in your home. Half of all the money we spend each year on home energy goes to pay for heating and cooling costs. To help you achieve greater energy savings, set

your thermostat to 78 degrees while at home and 82 degrees or warmer when you leave. In winter months 68 degrees is the recommended setting. A programmable thermostat is a good idea that can help you stay comfortable while saving energy dollars. It allows you to set the temperature and times of operation according to your family schedule and avoid any unnecessary operation while you are away from home.

## MORE FROM THE RIVERLAKE STAFF

**CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN:**

Fireplaces in Sacramento County may be a bit more idle this winter as residents experience the **Check Before You Burn** season. Many residents don't realize that the 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](http://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](http://www.SpareTheAir.com) or [www.AirQuality.org](http://www.AirQuality.org) or call 877-NOBURN5 (877-662-8765).

**DOGS RUNNING LOOSE:**

According to the Riverlake Community Association's CC&R's section 8.03V, No dogs shall be allowed to run loose." Please remember that dogs must be on their leash at all times when in the common areas and/or front yards.

**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 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 participate in any activity. It's 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](mailto:pearchica@comcast.net).

**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 Depart-

ment 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.**

**Trash Pick Up:** Trash pick up is every Monday and we ask that trash cans along with the recycle cans be put away, out of sight, with in a 24 hours from placement at the curb. If the city misses your street please contact 311 as well as the Riverlake office to let us know.

**SMUD Trees:** The Sacramento Tree Foundation is a nonprofit organization working with community partners and volunteers to plant, protect, and teach about trees.

Since 1990, SMUD, in collaboration with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, has planted more than 450,000 SMUD trees in the Sacramento area.

"Together we continue to provide expert advice on tree selection and planting techniques, and healthy trees from 4 to 7 feet tall, along with stakes, ties, fertilizer and tree delivery at no cost to you. All you do is promise to plant and pledge to care for the trees."

If your home has an eastern, western or southern exposure that heats up during the summer, you may be eligible to receive free trees from SMUD.

**Site visit appointment.** When you are ready to plant your free SMUD shade trees (with Architectural Control Committee approval, of course), please call the Sacramento Tree Foundation at **(916) 924-TREE (8733)** to schedule a visit from a Community Forester. The scheduling desk will set up a time for the Community Forester to come to your home to determine the best location to plant your free trees and guide you in your selection of tree species.

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**B e n e f i t s o f s h a d e t r e e s**

- Trees cool your home naturally
- Trees properly selected, planted and cared for can begin to reduce your home cooling costs within a few years
- Fully grown, properly placed trees can cut your home cooling costs by up to 40 percent
- Trees add beauty and grace to your neighborhood
- Trees add value to your property
- Trees produce oxygen and help cleanse the air we breathe
- Tree leaves capture rainwater
- Tree roots help clean rainwater and add stability to the soil
- Trees also provide a habitat for birds, squirrels and insects (and children)



**BOARD MEETINGS:** Regularly scheduled board meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month at the Association office, 799 Lake Front Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831 at 6:00 PM. The RCA & RLA boards will meet only when there is business to be acted upon.

Please remember to check the Associations website at [www.riverlake.org](http://www.riverlake.org) for meeting agendas, which are also posted on the bulletin board at the association office within 96 hours of the meeting.

**WOMEN'S CRAFTING SOCIAL GROUPS:** If you are interested in joining a Women's Crafting Social group, Riverlake residents have established Beading/Kumihimo and card making/scrapbooking groups at Riverlake. Please contact Deb Townsend for location and directions at 428-5668 or [debraluvcrafting@yahoo.com](mailto:debraluvcrafting@yahoo.com).

