

*Riviera West/Harbor View Bimonthly Newsletter***Riviera West President's Message:**

Hot!

Good reminder that the 2026 fire season is in full swing. Homeowners should take a few minutes to do a walk around their property to assess any burnable debris, plants or other objects within five feet of the house. The so-called Zone Zero is the most critical in terms of the spread of wildfires.

Our partnerships with the Konocti Fire Safe Council and the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center continue to be very beneficial. CLERC is continuing its chipping program wherein individual property owners can request chipping of vegetation debris and the KFSC has a grant to remove hazardous trees from individual properties along the Soda Bay corridor. To take advantage of either program, stop by or contact the Riviera West HOA office for the application forms (see below).

Riviera West social events continue during the summer starting with a TGIS in August. Look for announcements via email or posted on the website. Speaking of emails, please consider registering your email with the HOA office. This information is kept confidential unless you give permission for it to be listed in our directory. Essential news, announcements and information is distributed primarily through email (the cost of using US mail being too costly) and you can miss out on information of use to you if we don't have your email on file.

Stay cool -- President Phil Hartley

Need Help with a Hazardous Tree?

The Konocti Fire Safe Council has received grant funding to support the removal of diseased, dying, dead, or structurally compromised trees.

What the Program Can Cover:

- Assessment of hazardous trees by qualified personnel
- Tree removal
- Chipping, hauling, or on-site treatment of woody debris (as applicable)

Who is Eligible

- Property owners within the program area of the Konocti Fire Safe Council
- Trees that pose a demonstrable risk to structures, utilities, roads, or public safety
- Must be within 500 feet of power lines
- Participation requires signed right-of-entry
- Funding is limited. Applications are approved based on risk, location and available grant funds. To apply complete an application form from the Riviera West office.



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Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Friday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Wednesday: Closed

Riviera West Board:

President: Philip Hartley
 Treasurer: C. Richard Smith
 Secretary: Clelia Baur
 Director: Doug Moore
 Director: Bob Gunion

Harbor View Mutual Water Company Board:

President: Carina DeHerrera
 Treasurer: Bob Lucatorto
 Secretary: Chris Lavezzo
 Director: Mary McFarland
 Director: Alexandra Milukhin

Regular Board Meetings for 2026:

Third Wednesday every other month:
 January 21, 2026
 March 18, 2026
 May 20, 2026
 July 15, 2026
 September 16, 2026
 November 18, 2026

Riviera West meeting is 4:30 PM
 Harbor View meeting is 5:30 PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Harbor View Mutual Water Company

Those “hazy lazy days of summer” are here and we’re looking forward to the start of autumn when the days shorten but the weather is still unpredictable. For Harbor View Water, the Lake is always a challenge this time of year with its spikes in organic blooms. Our operators have stepped up their efforts by washing the carbon filters that are responsible for removing the taste and odors from our water.

If you notice a change in the color, taste, or smell of the water from your tap, please call the water treatment plant at 707-279-4143. Leave a message with your name, property address, and the best time to return your call. Our operators will be looking into it.

Our water operators have also reminded us that annual inspections of water boxes and radio-read meters are underway. Because operators no longer read meters manually, some boxes have become blocked by landscaping overgrowth or debris. Letters have been sent to a few customers asking them to clear the area, and re-inspections will take place in the coming weeks. Please make sure your water box is clear of debris.

Another situation that often occurs at this time of year is an increase in late payments and Shut-Off notices. If you are having difficulty making payments, we have several payment options and can discuss them with you. Our alternate payment plans are also posted on the website.

We are so pleased to welcome **Mary McFarland** as our newest Board member! Mary was appointed to the Board at the July meeting to fill the position of vacant director. Thanks, Mary, for volunteering. We look forward to working together.

For more information, visit www.rivierawesthoa.net/harbor-view-water

-- President Carina DeHerrera

Important Dates

- ▶ August 2026: Smart meter inspections by the Harbor View Mutual Water Company staff.
- ▶ Saturday, August 15: Disco Party at the pool! Third annual 70's Disco party on the pool deck. See page 5 for details.
- ▶ Saturday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend): The swimming pool will close for the season.
- ▶ Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 PM: Riviera West regular Board meeting at the clubhouse.
- ▶ Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 PM: Harbor View Mutual Water Company regular Board meeting at the clubhouse.
- ▶ October 14 – 16: Free chipping days for Riviera West through grant funding managed by CLERC. See page 4 for more information.



The meter box on the left is clear of debris and has easy access. The box on the right is covered with vegetation which could conceal a trip hazard or other problem.

Keep Your Meter Box Clear – the Water Company Staff Will Thank You!

Harbor View water operators sometimes need to check your water meter. To keep the process efficient and to prevent injury, it is important to keep clear and safe access to the meter. Checking an unmaintained meter box can be dangerous because of uneven ground, trees, shrubs and poison oak vines. Overgrown vegetation can hide thorns, yellow jacket nests, snakes, spiders and ticks.

WATER COMPANY EMERGENCY?

If you cannot reach the office, call
707-279-4143



The Buckeye Fire in Soda Bay Provided a Wake-up Call for Nearby Neighborhoods

The Buckeye Fire started on the evening of July 16, not far from us along Soda Bay Road. Fortunately no one was hurt and no structures were destroyed thanks to a fast and intense response from fire agencies. The Buckeye Fire was close enough to make us consider our own preparedness. If a similar fire began near Riviera West, would you be ready? Act now to make a family plan. Preparing ahead of time gives your family and property a better chance during a wildfire.

What to DO:

- ✓ Know how to evacuate all people and pets on your property.
- ✓ Have your go-bags ready and easily reachable.
- ✓ Be sure your gas tank is full and your phone is charged.
- ✓ Know how to open your garage door if the power is out.
- ✓ Evacuate immediately if a fire is nearby or if you have any concerns. You won't be fighting traffic and you can always return if it turns out to not be a threat. Leaving too late means the roads could be blocked by people evacuating and emergency vehicles trying to reach the scene.
- ✓ Be sure you're registered for [LakeCoAlerts](#), and know your ZONE so you can follow evacuation instructions.
- ✓ Riviera West ZONE is Kel E-122.
- ✓ Visit [Ready.LakeCountyCA.gov](#) for preparedness, response and recovery information.
- ✓ Add the Watch Duty app to your phone for timely updates.
- ✓ [Click here](#) for the Wildfire Evacuation Planning Guide from the Konocti Fire Safe Council. The 16-page booklet is filled with practical evacuation advice. You can also pick one up at the Riviera West office.
- ✓ Evaluate your property. Have you done enough to harden your home and clear your property? [Click here](#) for the Ready, Set, Go! web page for practical planning advice provided by CAL FIRE.

What NOT to DO:

DO NOT run sprinklers onto your house or property during a fire. All this does is drain the Harbor View tanks of precious water that firefighters need to protect lives and property. Running sprinklers this way endangers the entire neighborhood.

DO NOT drive around trying to look at or photograph a fire. Stay safely away from the area, and leave the roadways open for emergency responders and people who need to evacuate.

DO NOT operate a drone of any kind anywhere near a fire. Civilian drones can disrupt fire-fighting and evacuation activities, sometimes with life-threatening consequences. **Operating a drone in a fire area is against state and federal law.**

DO NOT call 9-1-1 for general information, such as current fire containment or evacuation status. Rely on bulletins issued by the Sheriff's office and other authorized portals such as LakeCoAlerts (link above).



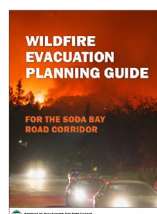
Use the Sheriff's Office site to sign up for LakeCoAlerts to stay informed about evacuations, shelter in place orders and other urgent information.



Fire is Coming. Are You Ready? The Cal Fire website is our go-to source for evacuation, home-hardening and fire prevention information.



Visit this site for practical, up-to-date and local information including updates on the Black Forest, Zone Zero and other important topics for our area.



Download the Wildfire Evacuation Planning Guide provided by the Konocti Fire Safe Council. This 16-page booklet is designed specifically for the Soda Bay Road corridor.

Chipping Days at Riviera West



The 2026 Riviera West free chipping day in June was as busy as always. The wet weather in late February caused a major surge in grass and weed growth. The chipping crew made their way through the neighborhood, removing brush piles from several lots. For those of you who need help with clearing: The office keeps a list of lot clearing and tree trimming services.

Prepare Your Branch Piles for CLERC Free Chipping Day: October 14 - 16

Our HOA-provided chipping day in July is not the only opportunity to have your branch piles removed. Click here to sign up for the CLERC chipping day for Riviera West this fall. Use the on-line form to request free curbside chipping at your property. CLERC provides chipping guidelines and other information.

You can request a paper form instead of signing up online. Check the CLERC website for information on the October chipping day schedule.



Remove Problem Trees While They are Still Small

- Q:** A cute little pine tree started growing at the edge of my property. Should I keep it or remove it?
- A:** That little tree could grow into a giant that threatens your home, your neighbor's home or nearby power lines. Volunteer pines may be members of species that are known to cause trouble when they mature, such as dropping branches that damage houses, fences and vehicles. Two types of pines cause the most trouble:

Knob cone pines were introduced to this neighborhood decades ago to revegetate after a fire. Many are now at the end of their life spans. In recent years, knob cone pines have fallen or dropped branches that caused power outages or damage to property.

Gray pines (also known as bull pines), can grow to 100 feet at maturity. They are the grayish-green, sparse growing pines seen along Soda Bay Road and on Mt. Konocti. Their pine cones, which are 10" to 12" long and weigh more than 1.5 lb., can cause considerable damage when they fall.



Gray Pine (*Pinus sabiniana*)
Photo credit: ucanr.edu

Consider removing knob cone and gray pines before they cause problems. Removing them when they are young is much easier and less expensive. Replanting with a smaller species is recommended. Smaller trees do not threaten power or cable lines, and can be less hazardous during a wildfire. And you can select smaller species that have spring flowers or other attractive features. The Riviera West office has a chart of trees recommended by PG&E for our region, or you can visit PG&E's website for tree selection advice.

RIVIERA WEST FIRE PREVENTION POLICY

It's important to stay informed about our responsibilities as Riviera West members. Take a moment to read through the Association's Fire Prevention Policy, which is included in our Governing Documents. The Governing Documents provide information and guidelines for keeping our lots safe, especially during fire season.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Fire Prevention Policy.



STAY SAFE!



Riviera West/Harbor View Office	707-279-8544
Harbor View Water Emergency	707-279-4143
Lake County Sheriff's Office	707-263-2690
Lake County Emergency Svcs.	707-262-4090
Kelseyville Fire Protection Dist.	707-279-4268
Riviera West Emergency Zone	KEL E-122



Riviera West Social Club Update

Summer Fun, and Looking Forward to Fall

Upcoming events:

Saturday, August 15, 5:00 TGIS at the Pool: Lisa Wentz and Susan Lucatorto are hosting the third annual '70s Pool Disco Party. No need to RSVP, just bring a dish to share (try '70s-style cuisine!), and join us for music, dancing and general hijinks at the pool!

Thursday, October 1, Social Club Kick-Off Meeting: (time TBD). This is the start of a new season of events. Help the Social Club Steering Committee plan the types of events that make Riviera West the community of choice! Annual dues are collected at the meeting: \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple. These funds support all the "extras" everyone appreciates so much at our events.

Wintertime Events to Come: In the October newsletter, we will be announcing our winter activities, including the tree-trimming party, Holiday Open House and our food and toy drive for needy families.

Summer is a great time to host a get-together. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a dinner, game night, movie night, TGIF or other type of event, contact Norma at 707-279-9604 or the Social Club email rwccsocialclub@gmail.com.

If you've never hosted an event before, give us a call. Hosting is simple and fun, and we can help you! The Social Club steering committee invites all residents to join us in making Riviera West a stronger, friendlier, and more enjoyable community.

And as always, a whole-hearted THANK YOU to the Social Club steering committee members and the volunteers.



**Join Us for the
Third Annual TGIS Disco Pool Party!!!**

**Bring your dancing shoes, silly 70s appetizer
and a smile. Adult floaty races,
best costume prize and so much more!**

**See you at the Riviera West Pool
Saturday, August 15, 5:00 pm**

BYOB

**Hosted by Lisa Wentz and Susan Lucatorto
Music by Bob Lucatorto**

Are You an Airbnb or Other Short-Term Rental Host?

It is important that your guests understand Riviera West rules and regulations even if they stay for only a few days. Our members have reported incidents involving short-term guests this summer, including noise, late-night partying, hazardous parking, and misbehaving at the pool.

As the property owner, you are accountable for the actions of your guests. Any consequences of their activity, including fines, are your responsibility.

Plan Ahead to Avoid Late Fees on Your Harbor View Account

As requested by our customers, we are reprinting some helpful advice on scheduling your Harbor View payment:

If you use your bank, credit union, or other bill paying option, did you know that they generate and mail a physical check? It usually takes between three to five days for it to be delivered to the office. While you believe you've paid on time, it can actually become a late payment and is subject to the \$20 late fee. The solution is to set up your payment to go out about five days prior to the statement due date so it arrives at the office on time.

If you use the online bill pay service, your payment transaction must be processed before the close of business on the statement due date. [Click here](#) to access the Harbor View Mutual Water Company online bill pay service. We do not use Zelle, Venmo, Apple pay, Google pay, or any other digital wallet applications. Online payments must be processed through our

Don't let undiscovered leaks drive up your usage costs. Before our new digital water meters were installed, Water Company staff needed to check for leaks. Not anymore! Now you don't have to worry about having a leak. The easy to use [EyeOnWater.com](#) app lets you check your usage in real time. If you are a landlord, you can easily monitor tenants' usage. Sign up for EyeOnWater today!

Remember, water bills are ultimately the owner's responsibility. Make sure your tenants know where the home water shutoff valve is located and how to use it if there is trouble with your plumbing.

If you have a landscape irrigation system, think about shutting off water to it once the temperatures drop. Freezing water expands causing pipes to burst, and that can be an expensive fix. Leaks can also happen when the ice thaws.



Please Check Your Records...

Is your Riviera West membership payment past due?

Your payment is important to our community! Paying your assessment on time makes it possible for us to maintain and improve the value of your property. Together, we as Riviera West members contribute to:

- An active fire inspection and fire prevention program, including official "Fire-Wise Communities" certification.
- Amenities including a clubhouse, swimming pool, marina and lakeside picnic area and a beautiful recreation park for members with a bocce ball court, horseshoes and barbecue deck.
- Business office with friendly support staff to assist property owners and potential buyers.
- **Failure to pay your annual assessment when due may result in the loss of access to these amenities.**



Join your fellow Riviera West members in keeping Riviera West one of Lake County's premier communities. Please contact us to arrange for payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

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REMINDER

Marina Parking: Don't Block the Launch Ramp

Recently members have had some issues with vehicles parked close to the boat ramp approach. With a parked vehicle in the way, people cannot maneuver their boat trailer into place. Turning a truck with a boat in tow can be tricky in that space.

Please park your car, truck and trailer in the upper lot or far enough away that it doesn't interfere with the boat ramp. Your fellow lake mariners will thank you.



Photo by Chris Lavezzo

Rules and Regulations Deep Dive

If you didn't know, now you know



The HOA rules apply to all Riviera West property owners. Following our rules maintains neighborhood harmony, enhances our quality of life and protects our property investment. We will feature a few randomly chosen rules in each newsletter. A complete copy of the Riviera West governing documents is available at rivierawesthoa.net.

Following is a reminder for safe and courteous use of one of our community's favorite spots: the Riviera West Marina. Please remember that the marina and the marina park are for the sole use of Riviera West property owners and their guests. The park is not an exercise area for dogs. Dogs may accompany their owners in the park, but must be under the control of their owners at all times. All dog waste must be cleared by the owner immediately. Look for the dog waste station located near the park entrance.

Riviera West Rules and Regulations Section 9: Marina Section 9. Marina

- 9.1 Parking lot #2 is provided for limited day storage of boats at owner's risk.
- 9.2 No overnight parking of vehicles is allowed.
- 9.3 Boat trailers must display current DMV License plate when using the marina facilities.
- 9.4 Approval for use of the marina does not include the exclusive use of the picnic area and dock area.
- 9.5 No overnight berthing. Day-time tying up of watercraft is limited to 4 hours.
- 9.6 No fires, barbeques or flame devices of any type on marina docks.

Conscientious Curbside Care

We have recently seen some close calls involving drivers not stopping at intersections. While bad driving habits contribute to the problem, another issue is stop signs that are partially hidden by shrubs and tree branches. Please check along your road frontage and trim shrubs and branches that could obstruct drivers' view of the stop sign.



At the same time, check for low branches or debris collecting in the gutter. It doesn't take much to block water flow. the roadway and adjoining lots, and causing hazardous conditions.

Thank you to all for driving safely and helping to keep our community safe.



The Riviera West firebreak (center of picture) is visible as a lighter-green crescent between the residential area and undeveloped woodland.

Riviera West Firebreak Gives Responders an Edge

In 2016, grant funding was approved to create fuel breaks around communities on the lower slopes of Mt. Konocti. The funding was made possible through CAL FIRE, Kelseyville Fire Protection District and the Lake County Fire Safe Council. The Riviera West firebreak is a 300-foot cleared area bordering our community to the north and west. Creating the firebreak involved removing dense brush using hands-on crews and heavy equipment including bulldozers and masticators. The following summary is from the California Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation:

“February 2021, the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center announced that it was approving a joint grant to Riviera West and Riviera Heights to assist in the maintenance of fire breaks surrounding the neighborhoods. Sixty-six acres were identified as the combined fire break areas with 31 acres adjacent to Riviera West and 35 acres adjacent to Riviera Heights. The Lake County Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project Phase1: Mt. Konocti Interface, the clearing of boundary land firebreaks, was completed by June 2021. In The 31 acres of cleared land located adjacent to Riviera West has now mostly been occupied by a new vineyard. Approximately 10.5 acres remain within the original firebreak boundaries. In 2025, a maintenance project for the fire break was completed. The result of the project is clearly visible from a distance.”¹

Keeping this strip of land clear allows safer and more efficient response by air- and ground-based crews. Ongoing maintenance of the clearing is essential as vegetation grows back into the area.

[Click here for more information about CAL FIRE grants.](#)

¹ [Governor’s Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation Website: Mt. Konocti Interface Fuel Break](#)

Late Summer – Time to Enjoy Lake County Pears

Pears are a cheerful and delicious announcement that late summer is here. We've all watched them ripen in the orchards on our trips into town.

Pears have a long history in Lake County. Here are a few historical facts:

- 🍏 Lake County Bartlett pears gained national attention when they were exhibited at the New Orleans World's Fair in 1884.
- 🍏 In the early 1900s, pears were hauled by wagon and later by truck to rail connections in Hopland and Ukiah for shipment because no railroad reached Lake County.
- 🍏 Early fruit was dried until after World War I and primarily shipped to Europe. In the mid-1920s, Europe was requiring that a tariff be placed on imported foods just as boxing fresh fruit began.
- 🍏 In 1999, 85,000 tons of pears were processed in Lake County – mostly in Kelseyville.

Are you looking for interesting pear recipes? How about these ideas?

- 🍏 California Pear Salad
- 🍏 Bartlett Pear & Butternut Squash Panzanella
- 🍏 Stuffed Pork Tenderloin with Pear Demi-glace
- 🍏 Pear Compote

Find these and many more recipes on <https://www.calpear.com/recipes/>



**32nd Annual
Kelseyville Pear Festival
Saturday Sept. 26, 2026
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Grande Pear Parade
starts at 9:00 am
(earlier this year)**

**Parking and shuttle
available at
Merritt Road &
Big Valley Rd**

**Pancake Breakfast
at the Fire House**

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Grand Parade

♦
Dessert Contest

♦
Arts & Crafts Market

♦
Music & Food



Photo courtesy of fws.gov,
Addison Mohler/USFWSS, Photographer

Attention Boaters!

Slow Down for Floating Grebe Nests

Lake County's cherished Western Grebes are nesting along the shoreline in Lakeport and other places on the lake. Please watch for "no wake" buoys placed along the shore by the Lake County Water Resources Board.

Grebe parents build floating nests out of plant materials such as reeds and tules. Wakes from passing boats can disturb their nests.

With their populations were nearly wiped out by DDT in the 40s and 50s, Lake County's Western grebes have made a comeback. They are often seen diving for fish along the shoreline; look for them the next time you are at the Riviera West Marina.

[Click here](#) to read more about the effort to protect the Lakeport grebe colony in LakeCoNews.com.