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Riviera West/Harbor View Bimonthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Riviera West

There was a time when “got grass?” meant something related to having a party, but this year it applies to the huge amount of tall grass that sprang up early in the season, community-wide. Fully 90% of the fire safety inspection citations issues in May were due to overly tall grass.

The annual fire safety inspections were completed in May and citations for hazardous vegetation were sent out on May 27. If you need some help contacting a responsible contractor to clear your property, please contact the HOA office. There will be a free community-wide chipping day on June 29. See page 9 for details.

The swimming pool and newly re-surfaced bocce ball court are open for use. Bocce balls are provided in the equipment locker by the court; contact the office for the lock combination. The court area also features a horseshoe pit, BBQs and all-weather picnic tables in a shaded area. If you haven't done so, also visit our attractive marina with its spacious docks, boat launch and shaded picnic area on the lake. Perfect for boaters, anglers, nature enthusiasts and gawkers.

The State is still debating the provisions of new state regulations on reducing wildfire damage by clearing certain vegetation and materials from a five-foot area surrounding a house (often called Zone Zero). The impetus for this legislation is that research and recent history has shown that most houses burn from ember cast from a fire that may be up to two miles away. We will keep you informed about this pending legislation and the implications for fire prevention and home insurance.

Each year we undergo a couple of critical inspections; the County Health Department inspects our pool and an outside accounting firm inspects our financial records and fiscal condition. Happy to say we passed both of these processes. We have a stable, adequate budget and have no need to raise annual dues for perhaps another two years (if/when inflation may catch up with us).

The Riviera West Social Club is looking for a few good people to act as sponsors for dinners and TGIFs. If you would enjoy organizing an event for the community, please contact the office or Kerry Moore (matmoor1741@hotmail.com). We will provide the kitchen, the dining room and pay for supplies. Social Club members are there to help if you need decorating tips or planning advice.

-- President Phil Hartley

Visit Our New Website at rivierawesthoa.net

Visit the site for general information about both Riviera West and Harbor View Mutual Water Company. Included are community events, required member notices, meeting agendas/minutes, ACP forms and much more!

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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: Alexandra Milukhin

Director: Laura Silva

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

As summer arrives and our fiscal year draws to a close, we look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the clubhouse.

Harbor View Mutual Water Company is much more than a water distribution system. We are an active part of the Riviera West community, working alongside the HOA to help keep our neighborhood safe, attractive, and well maintained. In addition to operating and maintaining the treatment plant, pumps, storage tanks, and miles of underground water lines, we also oversee the marina, pool, and clubhouse facilities that contribute to our quality of life.

Our Board members are not outside administrators—they are fellow homeowners who volunteer their time and talents to serve the community. Their shared goal is to maintain a reliable water system, protect public health, preserve community assets, and help safeguard property values for all residents.

Our highly qualified Operators play an equally important role. They stay current with changing state and local regulations and actively participate in professional organizations focused on drinking water and wastewater issues throughout the Clear Lake region. Their expertise and dedication help ensure that our system continues to meet the highest standards.

Together, the Board and Operators manage both the day-to-day needs of the company and the long-term planning required to meet future challenges. We address rising costs, regulatory requirements, infrastructure maintenance, and capital improvements while working together with mutual respect, cooperation, and a shared commitment to the community.

This year, one Board seat will become vacant following the Annual Meeting. If you have ever considered becoming more involved in Riviera West, we encourage you to think about serving on the Board. You do not need to be an expert in water systems—only someone who cares about our community and is willing to contribute ideas, ask questions, and work collaboratively with others. Serving on the Board is a rewarding way to help shape the future of our neighborhood and ensure that Harbor View Mutual Water remains strong for years to come.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. For more information, visit us at www.rivierawesthoa.net/harbor-view-water

-- President Carina DeHerrera

**Interested in Serving on the Harbor View Board?**

Harbor View Mutual Water Company will have one Board vacancy following the Annual Meeting on June 20.

You do not need experience in the water industry to serve. We are looking for property owners who care about the community, are willing to learn, and can work collaboratively with others. The Board meets every other month, and directors are expected to attend at least four meetings each year.

Important Dates

- ▶ Saturday, June 20: 9:00 AM Riviera West Annual Meeting at the clubhouse.
 - ▶ Saturday, June 20: 11:00 AM Harbor View Mutual Water Annual Meeting at the clubhouse.
- Refreshments will be served at the annual meetings.
- ▶ Monday, June 29: Free chipping day. See page 9 for more information.
 - ▶ Wednesday, July 15, 4:30 PM: Riviera West regular Board meeting at the clubhouse.
 - ▶ Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 PM: Harbor View Mutual Water Company regular Board meeting at the clubhouse.

WATER COMPANY EMERGENCY?

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





Riviera West Social Club Update

Summer Socials

After some weather ups and downs this spring, it's time to enjoy another beautiful Lake County summer. The pool is open, there are boats on the lake and there's fierce (but friendly) competition at the bocce court.

On May 8, members gathered for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at the clubhouse. It was a classic TGIF potluck, so everyone brought a dish to share. The array of homemade Mexican-inspired cuisine was enjoyed by all, along with décor and music from south of the border. Thank you Norma Simmons and Chris Lavezzo for hosting this popular event!

Throughout April and May our volunteers worked with the Riviera West and Harbor View Boards, as well as the Office Administrator and Bookkeeper, to prepare our state-required annual mailing to members. Four hundred and sixty packets were drafted, printed, collated, stuffed, stickered and stamped. Imagine what it would cost to have an outside business provide these services!

The Social Club will soon be preparing refreshments for the Riviera West and Harbor View annual meetings on Saturday, June 20 starting at 9:00. We look forward to seeing you there.

The warmer months are the most popular for all kinds of social time, from bocce games to lively get-togethers on the pool deck to scenic lakeside parties at sunset. Don't miss the upcoming summertime festivities!

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 send a note via the Social Club email at 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.



As always, a whole-hearted THANK YOU to the Social Club steering committee members and our hard-working volunteers. You make our community better by contributing your ideas, energy and hands-on help!

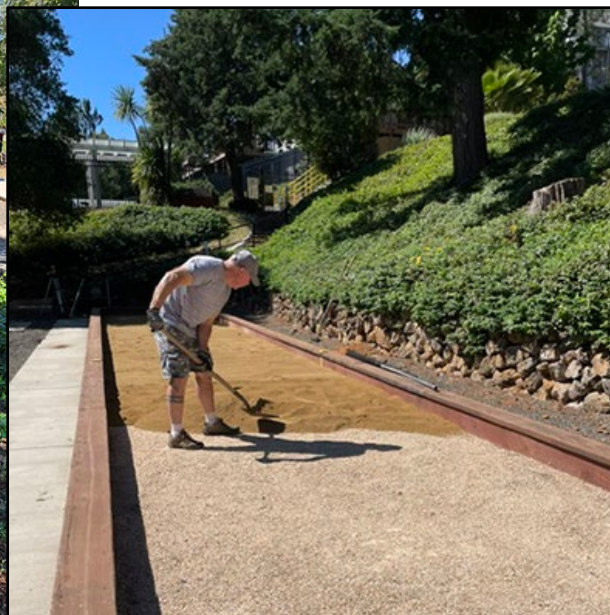


Cinco de Mayo TGIF



Bocce Court Resurfacing for Easier Maintenance & Improved Play

The bocce court continues to be one of Riviera West’s most popular amenities. As part of this year’s park maintenance improvements, the court received a new layer of crushed rock, creating a smoother, lower-maintenance playing surface. Bocce players have already noticed the difference, praising the upgraded court for its more consistent and enjoyable play. We also acquired a roller that simplifies the process of grooming the court.



Installing the new bocce surface took a few hours of dedicated volunteer work. Thank you to Dave Worswick, Doug Moore and Phil Hartley for your efforts in getting this project done on time for the tournament!

Clockwise from upper left: The excavator transports crushed rock up from the street to the bocce court.

Six tons of rock are poured onto the court one bag at a time.

Hand-spreading the rock before smoothing it out with the new roller.

Project complete and ready for play.

Riviera West Park Q & A

Our community park provides property owners with an attractive, spacious area for relaxation and recreation. The area features picnic tables, barbecues, a bocce ball court and a horseshoe pit. Following the rules makes the park a positive experience for all.

Q: Who can use the park? Is it open to the public?

A: The park is provided for use by Riviera West property owners and Riviera West-sponsored events.

Q: When can we use park?

A: The Park is open for use from 10 AM to 6 PM during Pacific Standard Time and 9 AM to 8 PM during Daylight Savings Time. Use of the park after dark is prohibited.

Q: How large a group can I bring to the park?

A: No more than 4 guests per parcel owner may use the park at one time.

Q: Can I rent the park for a special event?

A: The park is not available for rental nor for use by large (8 or more) parties of members & guests unless the event is sponsored by Riviera West.

Q: Can I bring pets to the park?

A: Dogs brought to the park must be on leash and under direct control of the owner at all times. Dog play is not permitted. Dog owners are solely responsible for collecting and carrying away all dog leavings.

Q: What are the rules for the bocce and horseshoe games?

A: The bocce ball and horseshoe courts shall be used on a shared basis according to a challenge process whereby new players may challenge the winner of the previous match.

Q: Any last suggestions?

A: Keep the area clean for all to enjoy. Park users must completely collect and remove all their trash and materials.

See it? Like it? Volunteers Made it Happen

Maintaining our jointly-owned assets. Following through with fire-safe policies. Organizing events that bring our community together. These are just a few things made possible through the dedication of Riviera West volunteers – including our volunteer Board of Directors. Both our property values and quality of life are enhanced because of volunteer contributions. Will you join us?

Q: I want to help, but I'm nervous about taking on a big project.

A: You can find your comfort level at Riviera West. We appreciate all help, large and small, at any level, for whatever time period is right for you. From stuffing envelopes to setting up tables, planning parties, improving common areas and building wildfire resiliency. How and when you contribute is up to you.

Q: I like volunteering but don't know where to start.

A: Step one is to contact the Riviera West office. We can answer questions and help you find a role that's right for you. From small, one-time projects to ongoing committee roles and everything in between, there is something you can do to benefit our community.

Committees: Our volunteer-staffed committees advise the Board on important issues, from fire safety to architectural planning. They could use your skills and expertise. All property owners are eligible to join a committee, even those who live outside the area.

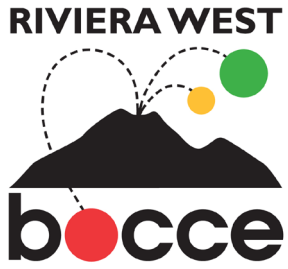
Our standing committees are Architectural Control and Planning, Elections, Fire Safety, Marina, Pool, and Clubhouse Committees.

Social Club: The Social Club organizes all kinds of fun activities, from TGIFs and theme dinners to the annual Holiday Party and the Toy & Food Donation Program. Social Club members also help with office records, decorating for special occasions, and annual meeting coordination.

Clubhouse Committee: This group is focused on protecting one of our most valuable assets. They find things that need repair or replacement, manage the budget and coordinate the project.

Ad-Hoc Work Groups: These folks coordinate specific activities at the direction of the Board. Examples include creation of the "Heron Garden" next to the clubhouse, which a volunteer group created as a water-wise, pollinator-friendly space for members to enjoy. Other activities: Archiving important HOA records, interfacing with the landscaping contractor and making sure the storage areas are clean and well-managed.

Volunteers host the water aerobics program. They manage clubhouse rentals, website design & maintenance, contractor supervision, and more.



2026 Tournament Highlights

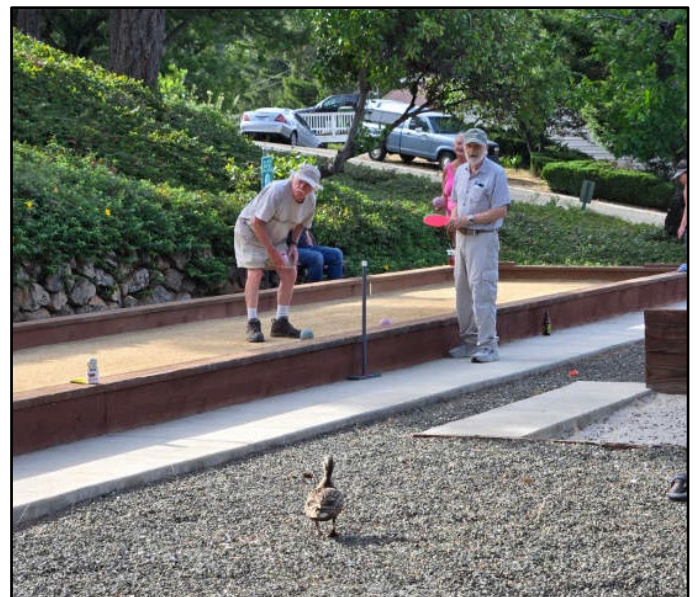


June 2 Tournament game: Players enjoyed the smoother, more consistent surface that was just installed.



Left: Perfect aim and legendary player expertise were on display in a Riviera West first. Both teams placed their ball alongside the pallino.

Right: Curious Madam duck leaves her nest to join the spectators.





Don't Risk an Accident

A member recently reported a near-miss road incident at a Riviera West intersection. A driver had failed to stop at a stop sign and only the good reflexes of the other driver saved both vehicles from a collision. There have also been reports of speeding, especially on Riviera West Drive.

The speed limit is 25 MPH on all Riviera West streets.

Please remember to drive safely for all concerned – motorists, pedestrians, pets and wildlife. Your neighbors thank you!

Good Neighbor Reminder – Outdoor Noise and Lighting

We may be unaware that our external activities are causing discomfort to our neighbors. With our hilly terrain, sound and light can travel for long distances. Please be considerate about noises such as outdoor speakers, loud tools and other noisy activities. Also, be sure your exterior lights are not shining into a neighbor's windows or property.

Section 10 of our Rules & Regulations states:

10.1 Noise: Owners, tenants and guests shall exercise reasonable care to avoid making, or permitting to be made, loud, disturbing or objectionable noises and in using, playing or permitting to be used or played musical instruments, radios, CD players, televisions, amplifiers and any other instruments or devices in such a manner as may unreasonably disturb other residents of Riviera West.

10.5 Exterior lighting: No fixtures which illuminate and excessively glare onto any other lot shall be permitted. No unshielded spot/flood lights.

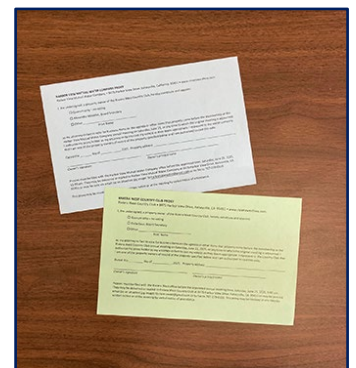
Don't Miss it – Riviera West and Harbor View Annual Meetings, Saturday, June 20

Please join us at the Riviera West and Harbor View Mutual Water Company annual meetings at the clubhouse on Saturday, June 20. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Riviera West Social Club. Upcoming budget plans, committee updates, fire safety progress and facility improvements are some of the topics we will be reviewing with members.

We encourage you to attend! Your input and participation are important to our community, and the meetings are a great way to meet and socialize with neighbors.

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| Riviera West Annual Meeting | Harbor View Mutual Water Company Annual Meeting |
| Saturday, June 20, 2026, 9:00 AM | Saturday, June 20, 2026, 11:00 AM |

Your Annual Member Packet included two proxy forms, one for Riviera West and one for Harbor View Mutual Water Company. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please complete these two proxy forms and send them in without delay. Our bylaws require a quorum of at least twenty percent of the voting power of all members, either in-person or by proxy.



Is an Invasive Plant Hiding in Your Yard?

Some invasive plants are harder to eliminate than others. But before we get started trying to remove them, we have to learn to identify them. Here are two that are easy to spot on the slopes of Mt. Konocti, including our community:

Sweet Broom/Scotch Broom

The bright yellow flowers and sweet scent of Scotch broom belie the sinister role it plays in Lake County's ecosystem. These tough perennial shrubs are listed within the 30 most invasive plants in California. In addition to driving out native species, they are notorious for their ability to spread wildfire. One Master Gardener said that because of their high resin content "They don't just burn, they explode."

If you remove broom from your property, search for and uproot seedlings that have sprung up around the original plant. Easier-to-control landscaping alternatives recommended by the California Invasive Plants Council include:

- ▶ Callistemon "Little John" dwarf bottle brush
- ▶ Cistus (rock rose)
- ▶ Grevillea lanigera – woolly grevillea
- ▶ Grevillea noelli
- ▶ Phlomis fruticosa (Jerusalem sage)
- ▶ Dietes iridioides (fortnight lily)

For more information, visit the California Invasive Plant Council. Please locate your plants responsibly for fire safety.

Spurge/Variety Kinds

Certain species of spurge (plants in the genus *Euphorbia*) are highly invasive and noxious weeds. Species like **Leafy Spurge**, **Cypress Spurge**, and **Myrtle Spurge** aggressively displace native plants, release toxic sap, and are incredibly difficult to eradicate. Spurge is also poisonous to wildlife. Because of its high oil content, spurge can be conducive to wildfire.

Key Characteristics and Handling of Invasive Spurge

- ▶ **Aggressive Spread:** They form dense monocultures and can shoot seeds up to 15 feet away.
- ▶ **Deep Root Systems:** Roots can grow up to 20 feet deep, allowing the plant to survive mowing, pulling, and harsh conditions.
- ▶ **Toxic Sap:** All parts of these plants contain a milky, white latex sap that can cause severe skin blisters, rashes, and even blindness.
- ▶ **Protective Gear:** Always wear gloves, long sleeves, and eye protection when handling any spurge to avoid contact with the toxic sap.
- ▶ **Hand-Pulling:** Effective mostly for young, newly sprouted plants. You must pull the entire root system; if any root fragment is left, the plant will re-sprout.

Helpful References:

[California Native Plant Society](#)

[California Invasive Plant Council](#)

[Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board](#)

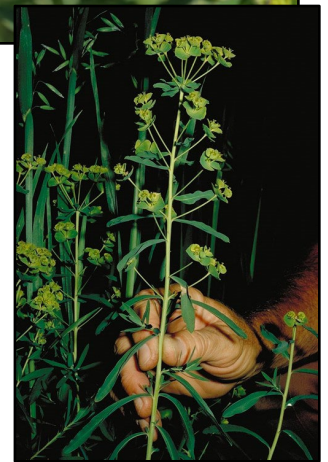
[UC Davis Agriculture and Natural Resources](#)

[UC Cooperative Extension Lake County Master Gardeners Program](#)

[CalFire Firesafe Landscaping Tips](#)



Cytisus scoparius (Scotch Broom)
Above photo from the Washington State "Weed 'em and Reap" Noxious Weed Control Board website.



Euphorbia (Spurge)
Above photos from California Invasive Plant Council website.



Riviera West Free Chipping Day for Members

Every year during the summer months, Riviera West arranges a free chipping service. This is part of our ongoing effort to reduce fire fuels, making our community more resistant to wildfire. Only Riviera West property owners are permitted to have their branches and brush chipped and removed under this program.

Chipping Day is scheduled for Monday, June 29.

Contact the office at 707-279-8544 with the address of your chipping pile. If you are not on the list, we cannot ensure that your pile will be removed.



Clear Lake Environmental Research Center also offers free chipping. [Click here](#) to view CLERC's online bulletin for more information.

Chipping Day DOs

- **Important: All parts of oleander plants are toxic. Keep oleander limbs separate from other materials.**
- Stack material next to the road so the chipping crew can easily reach the pile.
- Tree trunks and limbs must be smaller than 6 inches in diameter.
- Stack all chipping material neatly and evenly with the cut ends facing the road.
- Keep your piles under 5 feet high.
- Keep your pile less than 12 feet long.

Chipping Day DON'Ts

- Do not stack brush over existing vegetation or the roadway.
- No roots – dirt and rocks in the roots will damage the chipping equipment.
- No mud or dirt. Do not drag your branches through mud or dirt.
- Do not cross-stack piles.
- No bulldozed or machine-stacked piles.
- No rocks, berry vines, tree stumps or construction material.
- No poison oak or Scotch broom in the pile.

NOTE: Put your chipping pile at the curb by **June 26. Brush put out after that date or not conforming with the guidelines will not be removed and will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.**

[Click here](#) for the list of local lot-clearing and tree service companies

Help Our Water Company Make the Connection! Fill Out the Cross-Connection Survey



You can help our Water Company adopt a system that prevents water contamination.

In the coming months, all residential property owners will be receiving a Cross Connection Control Survey. The reason for this survey is to comply with the mandatory State requirement to adopt and implement a Cross Connection Control Policy.

The purpose of this program is to prevent contamination between potable and non-potable water that can occur when backflow from outside water sources enters the Harbor View system.

The installation of simple anti-siphon or backflow prevention devices can remedy this, and completing the survey helps us get there.

Please help us comply with State regulations by completing and returning the form quickly when you receive it. Thanks to all our members!

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremiah Fossa at 707-279-4143.



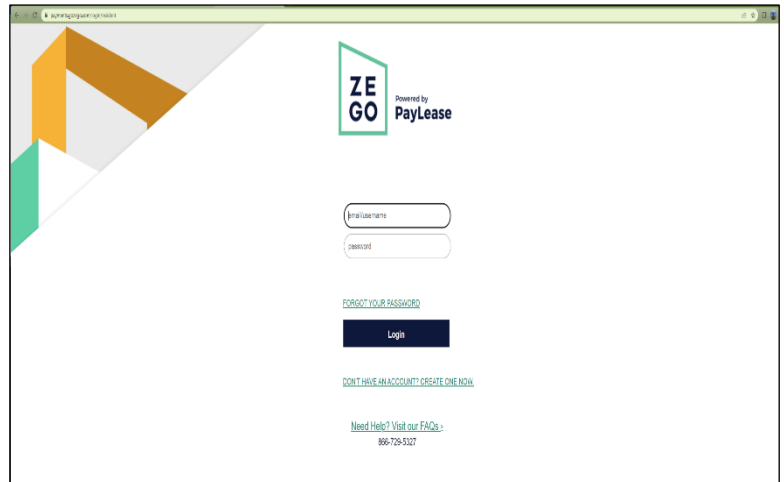
You Can Make Riviera West Payments Online

Riviera West property owners now have the option of paying amounts due online using the ZEGO application. There is a fee for using this service.

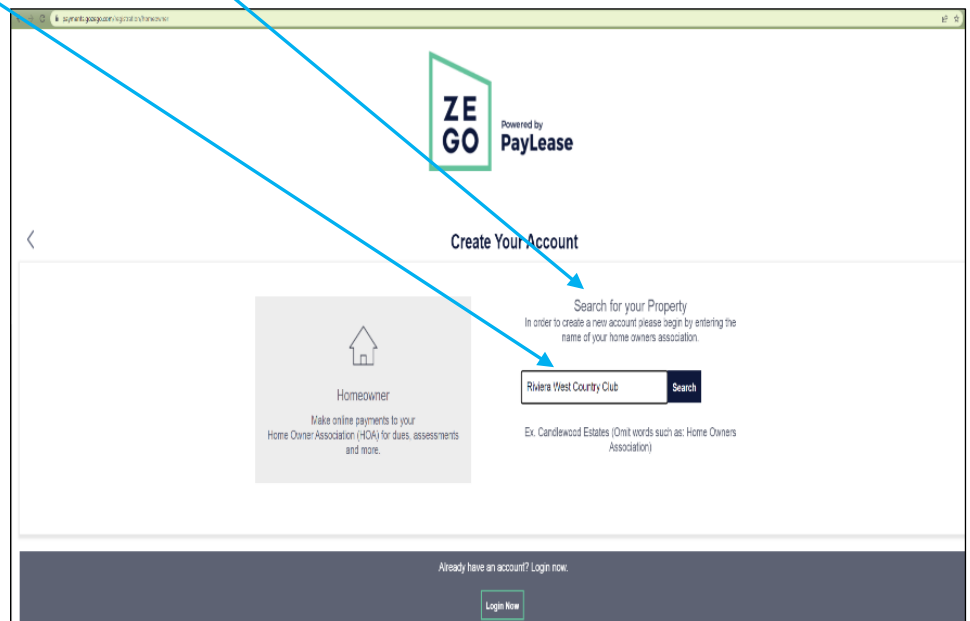
Follow these easy steps to create an account. Begin at www.gozezo.com and follow the instructions through a series of screens:

When you reach the **Search for your Property** screen with the gray box and house icon, be sure to type **Riviera West Country Club** in the search box.

Other HOAs contain the word Riviera so be sure you are connecting with Riviera West Country Club. Then click on “this is my property.”



This opens a new window to create your account. Click on Get Started, enter your personal information, set a password and click on “Create Account.”



Then set up the payment options you want to use.

