

# RANCHO TEHAMA ASSOCIATION

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## TRAILBLAZER

Aug 2016

### RTA Calendar



#### Annual Election

6<sup>th</sup> 10 am

#### RTCF Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

#### VFW Post

9<sup>th</sup> 6pm

#### Food Bank

15<sup>th</sup> 12-2 pm

#### Car Club

15<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

#### Autumn BBQ

#### Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

#### Bingo

19<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

#### Mass

21<sup>st</sup> 7 pm

#### VFW Aux

22<sup>nd</sup> 1 pm

#### OTFF Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> 7 pm

#### Dance Practice

26<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

#### Bridge Club

Fridays 12:30-4:30

#### Crafts

Wednesdays 10-1pm

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### Quorum Amendment Election Extended

We are still struggling to get enough returned ballots to achieve quorum or petition the court. The Extended Bylaw Amendment was again held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. At that time we received only 444 ballots. As a reminder we need to receive 1116 'yes' votes for the amendment to pass. However, if we can get 745 yes votes we can petition the court to lower the quorum requirements. The election was extended to coincide with our Director Election on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

This election is important due to the fact we have not been able to reach quorum in the last several elections. We are now entering another Director Election where if we do not reach quorum (a minimum amount of ballots that must be returned to legally open and count the ballots) our only options are to retain the current directors in office, or petition the court to allow us to count the ballots as cast.

We have found that our members and board members, alike, are not in favor of leaving the directors in office and have petitioned the court in the last two elections. This, of course, is an additional and unbudgeted expense to the members. Amending our bylaws will allow for a more reasonable quorum requirement, but, to do this, we need more members to vote. If you have already voted, we thank you, and ask that you encourage others to do the same.

### Board Of Director Election

The Board of Director Election will be held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The running candidates are Juan Caravez, Malia Hard, Linda Jones, Anders White and Michael Wright. Please return your ballot ASAP. Ballots can also be hand-delivered at the meeting. As you can see from the article above, we are still under the same quorum requirements that we have not been able to achieve in the last several elections. We need all members to vote! Every vote truly counts! Without your vote more of your dollars will be spent petitioning the courts instead of into our common areas.

If you're interested in learning more about our Open Board Meetings and how or why decisions are made; you can now listen to the Board Meetings from the convenience of your home. The Open Board Meeting audio will be available on our website [ranchotehama.org](http://ranchotehama.org) approximately a week after the meeting and left on the website until the next board meeting is uploaded.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

The board is accepting applications for committee volunteers. We need your help! Our association only works with the help of willing volunteers. If you would like to get more involved and volunteer for the budget, covenants or architectural committee, please pick up an application at the association office.



Although 2016 brought some much needed rainfall, we are still in dry drought-like conditions. We need to continue do our part to conserve water! Removing water from our creeks or ponds is prohibited.

**Here are some helpful tips for conserving water.**

- Don't leave the water running: Don't run the water continuously while thawing food, washing fruits and veggies, or washing dishes. Instead use a pail or bucket and reuse the water. Also, running the water while brushing your teeth and while shaving can waste hundreds of gallons every month
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks: Turn off your taps tightly so they don't drip! Over time the flapper in your toilet tank becomes worn and does not work effectively to stop leaks into the toilet bowl. Flappers can be easily found at hardware stores and are simple to install.
- Wash only full loads: Wait until you have full loads to run the washing machine and dishwasher! You'll save on water and energy costs.
- Take shorter showers: Limit showers to the time it takes to lather up, wash down and rinse (about 5 minutes). When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up. Replace older showerheads with new efficient models and save gallons of water per month. Today's efficient models still produce great water pressure.
- Replace older appliances and toilets with water-efficient models: Toilets are the largest water user in the home. New high-efficiency toilet models flush at 1.2 gallons or less as opposed to older models which use up to 7 gallons per flush. The toilet is not a wastebasket! You waste up to 7 gallons each time you flush trash. Only flush when necessary.
- Only water where and when needed. Position sprinkler heads to water lawns and gardens, not the pavement, home or gravel surrounding your landscape. Inspect these at least once a month and look for broken sprinkler heads. Sweep sidewalks, porches and driveways instead of hosing down. A broom is the proper tool to clean these areas.
- Reuse: When waiting for your shower water to warm up, use a bucket to catch the water and use it to water your plants. The water from cleaning out fish tanks are full of nutrients good for your plants.

**VFW Post 11188 Rancho Tehama Needs New Members!**

Join a group that understands the unique bond you share with other veterans of overseas conflicts, because they too, have been there. Since 1899, the VFW has been the nation's leading veterans service organization in the fight to better the lives of all those who've worn the uniform of the United States Military. No matter which conflict called you to service, you're invited to join. Stand strong with the other 1.4 million members of the VFW that together continue to fight for all that's good FOR VETERANS. Benefits of membership includes camaraderie and access to the vast network of resources that comes with being part of the nation's largest group of combat veterans. Assistance securing the benefits and compensation you've earned. Discounts on numerous insurance, travel services, health care plans, computers and more. Join the VFW today!

Contact Commander Jacob Black 530-585-2251

The Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency offers many FREE hazardous waste collection events and recycling programs. Here's what's coming up in your area:

Saturday, August 6	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Household Hazardous Waste Collection County/Red Bluff Landfill
Saturday, August 13	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Corning Disposal
Saturday, August 20	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Household Hazardous Waste Collection County/Red Bluff Landfill
Saturday, August 27	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Electronic Waste Collection Corning Park and Ride & Dept. of Social Services Parking Lot

Please call the Rancho Tehama Transfer Station at 585-2444 for hours and information regarding hazardous items including batteries, fluorescents and sharps. For questions regarding any of the above events and other recycling programs, call the Tehama County Solid Waste Management Agency at 528-1103 or visit our website [www.tehamacountylandfill.com](http://www.tehamacountylandfill.com).