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Feb. 2015

RTA Calendar



Cooking for Kids

8th 4-6pm

RTCF Meeting

9th at 10am

VFW Post

10th 6pm

Tax Preparation

11th & 25th 2-6 pm

Mass

12th 7pm

Valentines Dinner

and Dance 14th

Food Bank

16th 12-2pm

Car Club

16th 6pm

Bingo

20th 6 pm

Extended Election

21th 10am

VFW Aux

23rd 1 pm

OTFF Meeting

24th 7 pm

Crafts 10-1pm

Every Weds.

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Board of Director Election Extended to Feb. 21st at 10am

The election for the Board of Directors was held on January 10, 2015. There was not enough ballots returned to reach quorum; and the balloting period was extended. We are still 139 ballots short of a quorum. A new meeting date was set for February 21, 2015 at 10am. So, if you have not already voted, **PLEASE TURN IN YOUR BALLOT**. Ballots can still be returned until the morning of the meeting. You can return ballots either by mail or in person at the meeting. **Please note** that if you're returning your ballot at the meeting, you must personally hand in the ballot and show a valid ID. If you already voted, thank you! Those returned ballots are still valid and irrevocable; they will remain in the custody of the independent inspector. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Association Office at 530-585-2444 or by e-mail at rta@rtr.net.

As with the meeting on January 10th, the February 21st meeting is for members only. Be prepared to show identification at the door.

RANCHO TEHAMA GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTH SALE

February 9th at the Rancho Tehama Post Office, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Be sure to check out the two new cookies; one is Gluten Free!



Mark your Address

We have noticed many properties without any visibly posted addresses or lot numbers. Your property address needs to be visibly marked! If there's an emergency at your location the Fire Fighters or Medical Personnel need to find you quickly! The only way this is possible is to have your address clearly marked and visible from the road.

-Is your address posted correctly? This is mandatory if there is a dwelling on the lot, and you can be cited by Cal-Fire. If you have a dwelling, you need to post an address sign by the entrance to the property, visible from both traffic directions. Each number should be 4" High x 3/8" wide reflective on contrasting background. If you do not have a dwelling, you can still put up your property address as described or a lot number sign.

-Is your lot number posted? (Especially important with no dwelling address). This can be the same size as the address sign, but in simple white background with black lettering as originally provided on all lots. Look around, this may already be on your lot but no longer visible. It should be placed as close to center of the lot on a tree, fence, or post as possible.

-Is your street marked with a reflective sign or is it marked at all? If you do not have a street sign, please report it to the RTA Office by calling 585-2444, emailing rta@rtr.net or stop by at your convenience.



The Association is still looking for committee volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the Covenants, Architectural, Rules/Procedures and Election Committees. See the Association Office for more details.



The Association Office and Post Office will be closed on February 16th

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

The Station 13 Auxiliary and the Old Timers Fire Fighters will once again be co-hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 14. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple or \$11.00 each. There are a limited number of tickets available. You can purchase tickets Wednesdays at the Thrift Store.

With the holidays starting to come to an end it's time to start thinking of the next big season, TAX SEASON. Tehama County Community Action Agency is ramping up to provide its annual VITA program. VITA is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that provides Federal and State income tax return preparation services to local families and individuals **100% FREE of charge**. IRS-certified preparers are trained to ensure that taxpayers receive all the tax credits they are eligible for such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the various education credits. VITA is offered to all households with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$53,000 and under for the 2014 tax year. Last year VITA was able to assist more than 350 households resulting in over \$649,000 in refunds coming into the Tehama County area.

Community Action also provides customers with the opportunity for financial education. At the tax sites taxpayers will have access to information and options to make their tax refund work for them. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 530 527-2611 or email Community Action at caainfo@tcdss.org.

So what can be better than that? They are coming to us! The tax preparers will be at the Rancho Tehama Rec. Hall on Feb. 11th, Feb. 25th, March 18th and April 1st from 2-6pm. Be sure to take advantage of this free service!

Our Board of Directors

It has been asked by members "Do we have a valid board able to make decision on our behalf?" The answer is YES, the current board of directors is still working within their capacity to do so. The basis for this can be found in the Davis- Stirling Act, Corporations Code 7220 and our Governing Documents. The corporations code states "Unless the articles or bylaws otherwise provide, each director, including a director elected to fill a vacancy, shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which elected and until a successor has been elected and qualified, unless the director has been removed from office." The Rancho Tehama Association Bylaws state in article IV section 2 "Each director shall hold office until a successor has been qualified and elected or appointed."

Therefore, though we may all agree that it would be best to have new board members elected yearly; these are still your board members. Until such time we can reach a quorum or a board member resigns, our current board members remain in office. Their actions are binding as they continue to work to serve you. If you want newly elected board members each year, you must vote!

Reminder: Logo Contest

The logo contest begins on February 1, 2015. Submissions will be accepted through March 27, 2015. The date on the email or the postmark must be no later than March 27th. A winner will be announced at the Rancho Tehama Association Board meeting in April. In order for your entry to be submitted and reviewed by our judges, all entries must be submitted to Carrie Lee, Rancho Tehama Association Manager via email carrierta@rtr.net as a high resolution pdf with 300 dpi or higher. The email must include the full name of the contestant who created the logo, a mailing address, an email address if available, and a telephone number; or mailed to Carrie Lee, Rancho Tehama Association Manager at P.O. Box 5111, Corning Ca 96021. The submission must include a printed design of the logo with a high resolution pdf with 300 dpi or higher and a thumb drive or CD of the logo. The submission must also include the full name of the contestant who created the logo, a mailing address, an email address (if available), and a telephone number. The Contest winner will receive a cash award of \$200 (and bragging rights!). For full contest details and logo requirements please contact the Association Office at 530-585-2444.

The Rancho Tehama Association assumes no responsibility for failure of the application to be received in the RTA office before the stated deadline of March 27, 2015.