

# TRAILBLAZER July 2015

## RTA Calendar



RTCF Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> at 10am

J.G. Car Wash @the

thrift store

11<sup>th</sup> 11am

Movie Night

12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm

Cooking 4 Kids

13<sup>th</sup> 4pm

Food Bank

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

VFW

14<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Candidates Night

21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm

Bingo

17<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Mass

19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Car Club

20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Board Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> 10am

Autumn BBQ

Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> 1 pm

VFW Aux

27<sup>th</sup> 1 pm

OTFF Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

AA/NA Meetings

Sundays 7 pm

(except Mass

Sunday)

Crafts 10-1pm

Every Weds.

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

1. June 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm  
Counting of the  
Ballots
2. July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am
3. July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
(reserve study)
4. August 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Election at 10am

## COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS ON TUESDAY JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> AT 4PM!

The court ruled on June 22<sup>ND</sup> to lower the quorum to the amount of ballots cast, allowing the ballots to be counted. All five board seats are up and five new board members will take office immediately after the ballots are counted. The two elected board members with the lowest number of votes terms' will expire in August 2015. The other three elected board members with the highest number of votes will remain on the board until August 2016. Although the court's ruling was favorable to the Association, we still need to be diligent in voting in each and every election. The need to petition the court for every election will become costly and burdensome for both the Association and the Courts.



THE OLD TIME FIRE FIGHTERS ARE HOSTING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE. COME WATCH THE PARADE AND STAY FOR THE FESTIVITIES! THERE WILL BE A SOAP BOX DERBY, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT! ENJOY YOUR 4<sup>TH</sup>, BE SAFE AND AS ALWAYS NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN RANCHO TEHAMA!

## Election Update

The 2015 Annual Board Election has been rescheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. There are two Board Member seats up this year; running candidates are: Fred Casey, Malia Hard, Linda Jones, Janice Menzies, Michael Pierce, Paula Skubic and Anders White.

Come out to meet the candidates at the 'candidates night' on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm so you can vote for the candidate(s) you feel best suited for the job. Remember every vote is important for reaching the quorum requirement for the counting of the ballots to take place. Blank ballots can also be submitted for quorum purposes, if you don't care to vote for any of the candidates. As always cumulative voting is allowed. You will have two votes to cast on the ballot; you may put both votes on one candidate or put one vote each on two candidates.

## COUNTY ORDINANCE No. 2006 & 2004

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors recently passed two new ordinances. Ordinance No. 2004, which allows the Director of Environmental Health to set up a payment schedule and/or reduce the amount of a lien in marijuana related cases, and Ordinance No. 2006, which deals with dormant wells on vacant properties and off parcel water use and transport.

Ordinance No. 2004 goes into effect July 2, 2015, and Ordinance No. 2006 goes into effect July 9, 2015. Full copies of the ordinances can be obtained through the Association Office.



The Association is looking for volunteers for the Budget Committee. The budget committee will assist the board in projecting the 2016 budget. This is an important job as it help determine how your money is spent. Application are available at the association office.

## Burn Ban

As drought conditions continue to increase fire danger, CAL FIRE has suspended all burn permits for outdoor open residential burning within the State Responsibility Area Tehama County, THIS INCLUDES RANCHO TEHAMA. The burn ban is now in effect and bans all residential outdoor burning. There has already been several fires in Rancho Tehama. Everyone needs to be prepared for a fire by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every home, and by having an evacuation plan and an emergency supply kit. For additional information on preparing for and preventing wildfires visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org). Helpful handout are also available at the Association Office.

As a reminder there are NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN RANCHO TEHAMA!

### Message from the Covenants Committee

With the drought in full swing, the dangers of living in a rural setting are increased. With this in mind, you should know that one of the most glaring omissions we see while wandering the ranch is the lack of street numbers on the properties.

If we, who travel the roads constantly, have trouble identifying what property is where, imagine the problem it would be for emergency vehicles from off the ranch. Whether the nature of the emergency is a fire, electrical problem, violence or medical in nature, the fire, Sheriff and medical personnel must be able to locate you to assist.

Please take the time to post your street address at the entrance of your property. Ideally, each numeral should be 2 inches wide and four inches tall (or larger) and of a reflective material, so it is readily visible at night when illuminated by headlights. It should be posted prominently at the entrance to the property, where an emergency vehicle would access the property if responding to a call.

Summer is fraught with danger. Do yourself, and others, a favor and post your address.



Our Maintenance Crew is working hard for you! The crew is doing an excellent job making improvements throughout the ranch. Right now they are out there prepping the roads for slurry seal on Mendocino, Humboldt, Rancho Tehama Rd, and various side road. It's a tough job in this heat, so next time you see them, show them your support! Remember to always use caution where the crews are working. Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. Just like Cal-Trans says; "slow for the cone zone"!

IT'S HOT OUTSIDE! While we are all doing what we can to "beat the heat", staying indoors and staying hydrated, we can't forget about our animals! Bring your pet in. If you have animals that cannot come indoors make sure there is plenty of shade and water available for them. Here are a few tips on keeping your animals cool on a hot day. Add ice to their water to help keep their water cool. You can fill 2 liters with water and freeze them, putting the frozen water bottle in the animals shady resting place. Limit exercise on hot days. If you walk your dogs remember the pavement is hot! Limit exercise to early mornings and evenings only. Visit the groomer, many dogs benefit from a summer haircut, ask the groomer about your breed. Brushing the animal frequently to get rid of the loose fur will also help. Filling a kiddie pool or hosing them down will lower their body temperature and make the outside air feel cooler.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR ANIMAL IN A PARKED VEHICLE ON IN THE SUMMER.