

# TRAILBLAZER

March 2015

## RTA Calendar



- Pounds Off  
5<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm
- RTCF Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- VFW Post  
11<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Mass  
12<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Book and Bake  
Sale 14<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm
- Food Bank  
16<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm
- Car Club  
16<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Tax Preparation  
18<sup>th</sup> 2-6 pm
- Bingo  
20<sup>th</sup> 6 pm
- BOD Meeting/  
Extended Election  
21<sup>th</sup> 10am
- VFW Aux  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm
- OTFF Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> 7 pm
- Crafts 10-1pm  
Every Weds.

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## WE NEED YOUR VOTES!!



The election for the Board of Directors was once again extended. There was not enough ballots returned to reach quorum; and therefore the ballots could not be opened and counted. A new meeting date was set for March 21, 2015 at 10am. If you have not voted, please return your ballots asap. If you don't have a desire to vote for any of the listed candidates you can submit a blank ballot, to help us reach quorum. Ballots can be returned 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](mailto:rta@rtr.net).

As with the previous meetings, this meeting is for members only. Be prepared to show identification at the door.

### Association Forms

There are several different forms available at the Association Office depending upon your needs. We have complaint forms for members with complaints of CCR violations against neighboring properties. There are work order forms, for repairs needed to common areas or if you would like to have a culvert installed at the driveway on your property. The homeowner is responsible for the cost of the culvert pipe, but the association will install the culvert free of charge. There are change of address forms if you have recently moved or opened a new PO BOX, and need to put in a change of address. Any change of address must be put in writing with the homeowner's signature. Payment plan agreement forms are also available for members who have fallen a little behind on their assessments and need help getting caught up and avoid being sent to collections. Plot Plans are used for any type of improvements to your property, including but not limited to: tree removal, storage sheds, fence and mobile homes.

## It's not too late to get your taxes done for free!

VITA the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that provides Federal and State income tax return preparation, 100% FREE of charge, will be at the Rec. Hall March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-6pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 530-527-2611 or email [caainfo@tedss.org](mailto:caainfo@tedss.org).

### Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is here for all Association Members use. Each member pays for this use out of their monthly assessments. Guidelines have been put in place and must be followed to use the Transfer Station. This helps secure the right for all members to be able to use the Transfer Station. A limit on how much can be taken to the transfer station is 4x4x4 (64 cubic feet) per week, equal to one truck load a week. The Transfer Station cannot be used by contractors or commercial handymen for contracted services, even if they are a member. Each member, or verified resident, shall prove their right to use the Transfer Station by obtaining a sticker from the Association Office. Maintaining these guidelines helps to prevent non-members/ non-residents use of the Transfer Station; allowing us to keep the cost down, and the bins available for your use.

## No Parking



Parking is not allowed on any roads within Rancho Tehama as stated in the CCR'S section 8 (f). If any vehicle is left on the road or in the ditches, it will be towed. This includes any broken down vehicles. Vehicles left parked or broken down on the road pose a safety hazard. If your vehicle becomes disabled you must make arrangements to have the vehicle towed immediately. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being towed. The cost to reclaim your vehicle will be your responsibility.

**The Humboldt Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Friday, March 27th has been postponed. A tentative date of April 24<sup>th</sup> has been set.**

**Keep a watch out for flyers and the next trailblazer for more details.**

### Architecture/ Covenants Committee Tip of the month

If you wish to build or place a building of any type on your lot, you must do the following in order to be in compliance.

1. Fill out a plot plan at the Association Office and submit for review by the Architecture Committee to insure it is compliant the Associations CCR'S and with Tehama County Code.
2. If the structure is less than 120 Square Feet no County Permit is required but a plot plan is still required for the Association.
3. All structures must be 55 ft. from the center of all roads, 10 ft. from the side line, and 25 ft. from the rear property line.
4. All structures must comply with CCR's Section 6.
5. All structures constructed or placed on any lot shall be constructed with substantial new material. No used modular or mobile homes over 10 years old shall be relocated or placed on any lot without a variance from the Board.

As the weather clears it's nice to get out and enjoy the sunshine while working out in the yard.

Remember, if you plan to burn those winter leaves and brush you must first check with county air pollution. Each day the recording is updated to notify you if it is a permissible burn day. Simply call 530-527-3717 in the morning before you begin any burning. Also, remember to always use caution and follow these guidelines set by Cal-Fire:

- Scrape a clearance of at least 10 feet to bare soil around burn piles
- Always have a shovel and water supply nearby
- Fire should never be left unattended
- Burn only clean dry vegetative waste such as leaves, pine needles and yard clippings. No household trash or garbage may be burned.
- Piles are to be no larger than 4 feet in diameter and 4 feet high. If your pile is larger break it down to a smaller size and add to it as the pile burns down. Burn barrels are no longer legal.

### Reminder: Logo Contest

The logo contest is now in effect! Submissions will be only be accepted through March 27, 2015. The date on the email or the postmark must be no later than March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.