

# TRAILBLAZER May 2015

**RTA Calendar**



RTCC Yard Sale @

Church  
1<sup>st</sup> 9am

Book & Bake Sale

9<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm

RTCF Meeting

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

Cooking 4 Kids

11<sup>th</sup> 6pm

VFW

12<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Mass

14<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Bingo

15<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Pancake Breakfast

16<sup>th</sup> 8-10am

Ducky Derby @

The Beach Park

16<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30pm

Food Bank

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

Car Club

18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Open Meeting Act

Training/ Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

J.G. B-Ball Sign ups

23<sup>rd</sup> 1-3pm

BOD Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> 10am

VFW Memorial Day

Service

25<sup>th</sup> 9-10 am

OTFF Meeting

26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

VFW Aux

28<sup>th</sup> 1pm

Crafts 10-1pm

Every Weds.

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## Cinco De Mayo Celebration

There will be a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> starting with a parade from Station 13 to the Rec Hall along Stagecoach Rd at 12:30. Sign up forms for the parade will be at the Association Office or you can contact Maria Ana at 530-585-3292. After the parade there will be food, entertainment, music, games and piñatas for the kids taking place at the Rec. Hall parking lot.



ALL are welcome, so come Celebrate with your friends and fellow neighbors!

**The Association filed a petition with the Tehama County Superior Court to see if the Judge would allow the ballots to be counted from our last election. Case number 70626 has been assigned and the court scheduled the hearing for Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 1:30 pm in Department 2. Department 2 is on the 2nd Floor of the Courthouse located at 445 Pine Street, in Red Bluff. Members are welcome to attend. We will report the courts findings and hold a meeting to count the ballots, if the Judge allows.**

## Message from the Covenants Committee

DEFINITION of 'Homeowner's Association – An organization in a subdivision, planned community or condominium that makes and enforces rules for the properties in its jurisdiction.

Within the Governing Documents of Rancho Tehama Reserve Homeowners' Association are mandated committees having to do with enforcing the rules and regulations of the HOA. Among these is the Covenants Committee, a sub-committee of the Environmental Committee, a mandated committee within the Governing Documents. The duties of the Covenants Committee are to "Be responsible for investigating all written complaints of non-compliance with the Amended Combined Declaration of Restrictions of Rancho Tehama Units No. I and No. II, and reporting its findings to the Board for enforcement."

In performing the duties they have voluntarily committed to doing, they use cameras and binoculars to document complaints. The use of these tools is quite legal, providing they are used from common areas of the HOA, and EACH AND EVERY ROAD WITHIN RANCHO TEHAMA IS COMMON PROPERTY. We have NO private roads.

While some may think that the investigations encroach on their personal liberties, in actuality the inspections deal with situations that affect the quality of life and value of properties within the Ranch. These include, to name a few, illegal fencing, abandoned vehicles, unkempt lots, unpermitted construction and many more. Nowhere in the Governing Documents is growing marijuana mentioned. Therefore, and because we have no authority to deal with it in any way, the Covenants Committee neither accepts, nor acts, on complaints regarding pot growing.

We ARE an HOA. Inspections of properties failing to comply with our rules and regulations are a part of living in one. You should have been given a copy of the CC&R's and By-laws by the title company that was involved in you buying your property on the Ranch. If you do not have a copy of these documents, copies can be obtained at the RTA office.

## Open Meeting Act Training

There will be an open meeting act training, open to all members on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come. The Association's Attorney Darren Bevan will be the instructor.



Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>

## Rancho Tehama Spring Fling/ Celebrating our Community



Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is The Rancho Tehama Spring Fling. Springing to Celebrate our Community, an entire day of celebration. The day kicks off with the OTFF Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00. This is followed by The Ducky Derby at the Beach Park from 10:30-1:30. Both Ducks and Breakfast tickets will be sold at The Thrift Store. The day's events will end with the Friends of the Airport Celebration at 1:30pm at the end of Wilco Way. These events are for everyone, so bring the whole family. Fill up on pancakes at the Rec Hall, bring your ducks for a swim down Elder Creek (Beach Park) then head down to join the Friends of the Airport at the end of Wilco Way.

Make a full day of it and get to know your community.

With California facing water shortfalls in the driest year in recorded state history, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. proclaimed a State of Emergency and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for these drought conditions. "We can't make it rain, but we can be much better prepared for the terrible consequences that California's drought now threatens, including dramatically less water for our farms and communities and increased fires in both urban and rural areas," said Governor Brown. "I've declared this emergency and I'm calling all Californians to conserve water in every way possible."

### **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.

### **In addition the County has an ordinance to help protect our water:**

Tehama County has ordinance 9.40 Aquifer protection in place to protect and regulate our groundwater. Per the ordinance it is unlawful to extract groundwater, or for a property owner to allow extraction on his land, for the purpose of using the water or selling the water for use on other than the parcel of land upon which the extraction occurs. Any person in violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This applies to the person supplying and the person transporting the water!

## MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY MAY 25TH



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
COURAGEOUSLY GIVEN THEIR LIVES  
AND TO THOSE WHO BRAVELY FIGHT  
TODAY, WE GIVE THANKS!