

RANCHO TEHAMA ASSOCIATION

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Sept. 2016

RTA Calendar



Autumn BBQ Meeting
7th at 1 pm
Car Club Car Show
10th
RTCC Women's Tea
11th
RTCF Meeting
12th at 6 pm
Cooking for Kids
12th 4 pm
Garden Class
13th 11am-12:30pm
VFW Post
13th 6pm
POW/MIA
15th 7 pm
Bingo
16th 6 pm
Autumn BBQ
17th 4-6 pm
Mass
18th 7 pm
Food Bank
19th 12-2 pm
BOD Election/Meeting
22nd 1 pm
VFW Aux
26th 1 pm
OTFF Meeting
27th 7 pm
Dance Practice
30th 6 pm
Bridge Club
Fridays 12:30-4:30
Crafts
Wednesdays 10-1pm

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Board of Director Election

The Board of Director Election was held on Saturday, August 6th at which time a quorum was not reached and the election was extended to Thursday, September 22nd. The board voted to petition the court and ask the judge to allow us to count the ballots as submitted.

The Hearing Date is September 26 at 1:30 p.m. in department 1 of Tehama County Courthouse, 633 Washington St. Red Bluff, CA 96080. You can find a copy of the petition on our website www.ranchotehama.org.

This is still an open election! If you haven't voted please vote ASAP! We can cancel our court date if we get enough ballots on our own!

Raffle Prize for the Extended Quorum Amendment Election

A reminder of why this election is so important, we once again failed to reach quorum (a minimum amount of ballots that must be returned to legally open and count the ballots) for our director election, held on August 6th. We will once again petition the court to allow us to count the ballots as received. This of course will cost additional funds in attorney and court fees. This is your money! Money that could be better utilized on our roads, parks and other common areas; which in turn, increases property values.

How do we stop the madness? It's simple, mark your ballot in favor of the amendment and return your ballot. If we receive 1116 'yes' votes the amendment will pass, allowing for a quorum of 15% in future director elections. This amount has proven achievable. If we cannot get 1116 yes votes but manage to get 745 yes votes, we can then petition the court to approve the amendment and lower the quorum requirements.

As an incentive the board is holding a raffle for two months' worth of prepaid assessments. You will receive one entry for every returned ballot. However, the raffle will only be held if we receive enough ballots to hold the election or take the measure before a judge.

If the amendment does not pass and we continue to fall short of quorum, there is a real possibility that our assessments will be increased to petition the court each year. The only other option is if the board chooses not to petition the court and leave the current board members (whoever they may be at the time) in place. If a board member chooses not to remain on the board the board then picks the replacement, leaving the membership without a voice.

Again, if you have already voted, THANK YOU! Please continue to encourage others to do the same.

The 5th Annual Rancho Tehama Yolla Bolly Car Club Car Show will be held, Saturday September 10 at the Rec Hall. Entry fee is \$20 and includes door prize entries and entry into a special drawing. 50% of the show's proceeds goes to support our "Supplies for R.T. School Kids Program." There will be plaques awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, People's Choice, Best Stock and Best Motorcycle. Registration is from 9am-11am. The show runs from 10am-2pm and is FREE for spectators. Join us for fun, food, music and CARS! Call 530-585-2251 for more information.
"Like" on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RTYBAC/

Since the winter of 2014/15, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) has been providing free wildfire fuels reduction of hazardous vegetation alongside many roads and properties in Rancho Tehama. Funding from a California Fire Safe Council grant allows willing property owners to receive the fuel reduction work at **no cost to landowners**. With help from the Rancho Tehama Old-Timers Volunteer Fire Department (RTOTVFD), the RCDTC is now able to complete work on roadways in areas of the community that require traffic safety flaggers during this last phase of the project.

The RCDTC is presently scheduled to work on the reduction of trees and brush that fuel wildfires on RTA road easements alongside Rancho Tehama Road and Hillcrest Drive. If you own land on either of these roads or any other roads and have not yet received the benefits of a no-cost-to-you fuel break, please contact the RCDTC as soon as possible. Note, all project work must be completed by September 30, 2016. The RCDTC can be reached at 527-3013 x117 or trcd@tehamacountyrcd.org.

Mountain Lion Sightings

Please be aware there have been mountain lion sightings and attacks on pets and livestock in the back of Rancho Tehama, on Humboldt and Mendocino Drive. Everyone should be on alert and cautious. Most pets and livestock are easy prey for mountain lions, as they regularly prey on large mammals. Here are some general practices from Fish and Wildlife: ~ Do not feed wildlife and install deer-resistant landscaping. By feeding deer, raccoons or other wildlife in or near your yard, you will inadvertently attract mountain lions – lions follow prey species. Remove bird feeders or restrict the use of seed if rodents frequent bird feeder sites. ~Do not feed pets outside; leftover or spilled food (and even the odors from an empty bowl) may attract mountain lion prey. ~Limit dense vegetation adjacent to your yard that provides cover. Mountain lions prefer to hunt where escape cover is close by ~Use outdoor lighting. Keep the perimeter of your house well-lit at night—especially along walkways—to keep any approaching mountain lions visible. Consider installing motion-triggered lighting near the perimeter of your yard. ~Protect pets. Most family pets (even large dogs) are easy prey for a hungry mountain lion. Pets left outside may attract mountain lions to your house. Either bring pets inside (especially at night) or keep them in a sturdy kennel with a secure top when they are unsupervised. ~Confine and protect livestock. Most livestock (especially smaller animals like sheep, goats, calves, and young horses) are also easy prey for hungry mountain lions. Secure livestock in enclosed sheds, barns, or pens at night, and be sure to secure all outbuildings. If livestock will not be placed in enclosed structures, use outdoor lighting of the stock area. ~Keep children safe. Keep children well-supervised whenever they play outdoors. Make sure children are inside before dusk and not outside before dawn. Talk with children about mountain lions and teach them what to do if they encounter one. ~Do not hike, bike or jog alone and avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active; dawn, dusk and at night. ~Do not approach a mountain lion. If you encounter a lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children. If attacked, fight back. If a mountain lion attacks a person, immediately call 911.



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION! Please watch out for Children walking to or from school and Children on the road waiting for the bus. As the seasons change, it is dark when the kids go to school, making it harder to see them. For everyone's safety **ALWAYS** obey the speed limit signs. The maximum speed in Rancho Tehama is only 35mph!