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Newsletter

Homeowners Association
of Kono Tayee



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Saturday, September 15th, volunteers throughout the State participated in the annual California Coastal CleanUp Day. This covers all water bodies throughout the State.

I want to thank Ernie Lee, Tony Marchese and Dave Burrows for helping me with cleaning debris from our beach areas in Kono Tayee.

I would like to welcome Curt and Carol Beckwith (the new owners of Dee Reilly's house on Richard Drive), Craig and Rachel Oreglia (new owners of the Edmond's house on Cora Drive), Chris and Tami Ochoa (new owners of Betty Baldwin's house on Richard Drive) and Larry and Cheryl Oreglia (new owners of the Tulip Hill House on Cora Drive).

These new owners are planning several improvements to their new homes. I am sure they will all make great neighbors.

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The wild life in Kono Tayee is flourishing. We have a large number of doves, which we have never had. There are several wild turkeys, deer, otters, muskrats and eagles nearby. We even have for the first time ever a baby osprey. The quail population is really growing.

REMINDER: The speed limit in Kono Tayee is 15 mph. Please watch for children, our wild life, and pedestrians.

In July, the County sprayed the swim area at no charge to the Association, saving more than \$1,200.00. I am working with the County to get more participation in our aquatic weed control throughout our waterfronts.

PG&E is in the process of trimming trees near their power lines. They are also upgrading the lines.

AT&T is still working on upgrading our service lines, which will eventually allow us to have access to high speed internet. I have been assured that while they are somewhat behind, they will try to accomplish this within the year.

CALTRANS has been working with owners to clean up the dead and down trees on State properties adjacent to the highways on Alston Way.

Let's hope for enough rain to fill the Lake! I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on December 8th. Happy Holidays!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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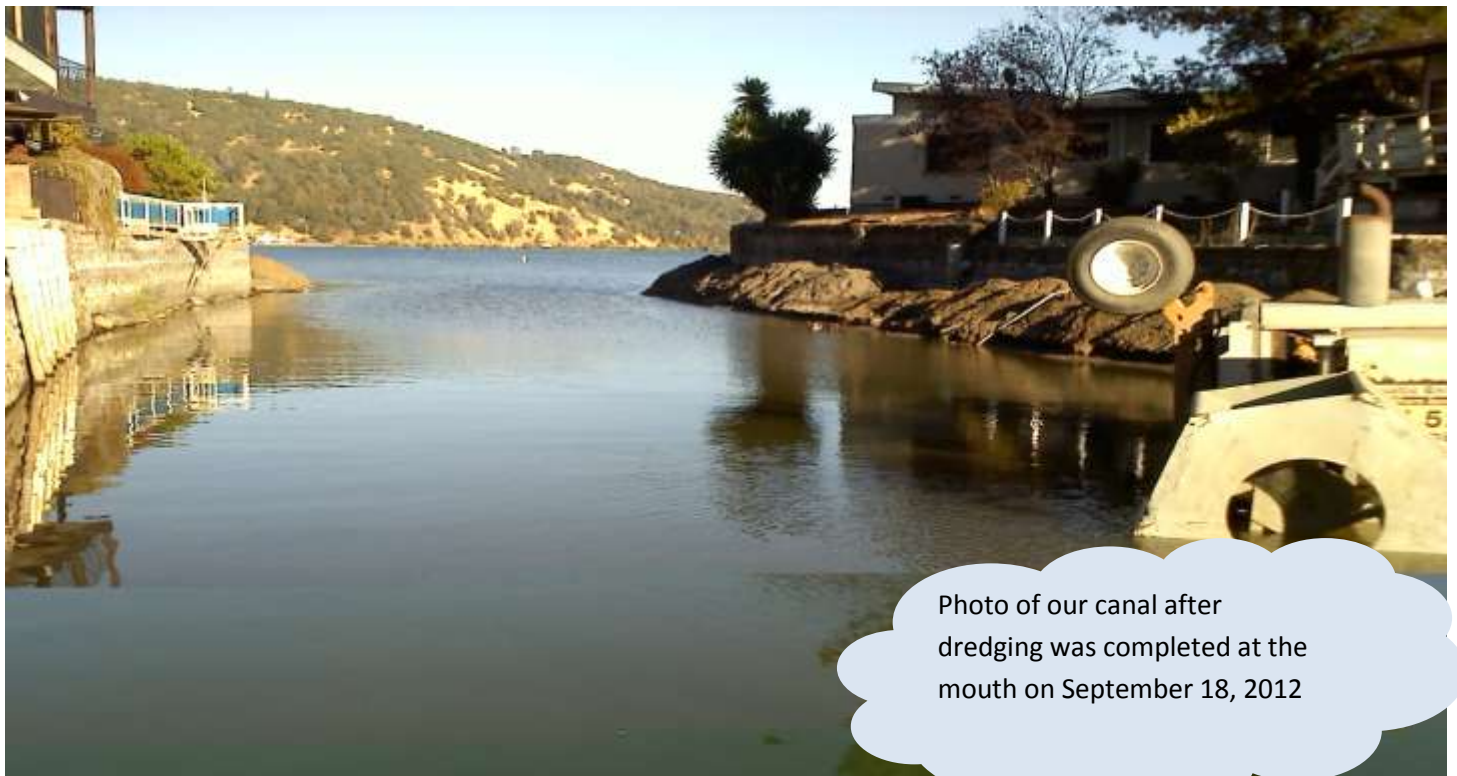


Photo of our canal after dredging was completed at the mouth on September 18, 2012

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **GARBAGE**

Grey Garbage Bags can be purchased for \$5/bag from Ernie Lee at 7763 Cora Drive and Nancy Piazza at 7718 Cora Drive. Weekly garbage service is also available through Lake County Waste Solutions, 888-718-4888.

❖ **FACEBOOK**

Are you on Facebook? Join the Friends of Kono Tayee Estates Group!

❖ **EMAIL LIST**

Help us save money on printing & mailing costs by receiving this newsletter & other correspondence by email. Contact Jeanne Wallenstein, Kono Tayee Secretary, at ktsecretary@gmail.com and ask to be placed on our email list.

❖ **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Reminder to contact Nancy Piazza if you know someone is sick or has lost a loved one. She will send a card on behalf of our Sunshine Committee. Contact Nancy at (707) 274-4439 or nancy8@jps.net

❖ **STEPPING OUT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Board is looking for a new Chair to coordinate and set up community events for the Stepping Out Committee. If you're interested, contact Bob Sullivan.

❖ **MUSSEL STICKERS**

All residents need 2012 mussel stickers for their boats and personal watercraft. Cost is \$10 per watercraft. Contact Bob Sullivan at 707-274-9284 or bobpatsull@aol.com for assistance in obtaining your stickers.

KONO TAYEE EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2012

Oktoberfest (supplied by the Cassin Family)

Saturday, September 29th, 5:00 pm at the beach area.

DECEMBER 2012

The Christmas Party will be held at the Corsini's home on December 8, 2012 at 5 p.m. RSVP by November 30th to Jim and Terri Corsini or to Nancy Piazza. Please bring an appetizer to share, and non-perishable items or monetary donations for the Lucerne Senior Center.

2013 BOARD MEETING DATES

Future Board Meeting dates are January 12th, April 13th and July 6th 2013



For a listing of Lake County Events, visit:
<http://www.lakecounty.com/things/Calendar.htm>

Present at Meeting

Bob Sullivan, Jay Greenwell, Vern Hunt, Jim Johnson, Celeste Feldman, Jeanne Wallenstein, Jim Hiss, Debbie Pryor, Lynn Morarity, Ernie Lee, Ellen Lee, Nancy Piazza, Naish Piazza, Irene Tenca, John Cormack, Debi Cormack

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

President Bob Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:02 am, thanked everyone for coming, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present included Bob Sullivan, Nancy Piazza, Debbie Pryor, Jeanne Wallenstein, Ernie Lee and Jay Greenwell. Bob Sullivan announced that a quorum was present.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Hearing no changes or corrections to the July 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes, Bob Sullivan motioned them approved as stated.

Treasurer's Report

Debbie Pryor distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, which showed the financials through August 31, 2012 (see 2 attachments). There is a total of \$110,611 in both of our checking accounts. Currently through the end of August, we have collected \$25,400 in homeowners' dues. There are 12 remaining lots that still owe dues. As of September 15th, the dues will be past due. Debbie Pryor will call and send follow-up notices to those with outstanding dues. There has been \$1,363 in recent expenses. Our reserves for the current fiscal year are \$12,669. Debbie made a motion to transfer \$6,669 into our reserve fund, which will leave a remaining balance of \$6,000 to be funded, and \$18,000 in our current checking account. Jeanne Wallenstein seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Debbie is waiting for our year end taxes to be returned by the accountant, and has rectified our corporate standings with the State. Nancy Piazza made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Ernie Lee seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

President's Report

Item 1: Approval of Committees

Bob Sullivan recommended the following members to be appointed for the respective positions below:

- a. Jay Greenwell as Alternate Director
- b. Bob Sullivan as chair, Ernie Lee as co-chair, Dean Carlson, John Cormack and Jay Greenwell to the Architectural Committee
- c. Bob Sullivan, Debbie Pryor, Tony Marchese and Naish Piazza to the Budget Committee
- d. Headed by Naish Piazza, Ernie Lee, Bob Sullivan and Dave Wallenstein to the Sewer, Water and Roads Committee.

Additional Committees were appointed as follows:

- a. Nancy Piazza to the Sunshine Committee
- b. Mike and Judy Brailey to the Social Committee
- c. John Cormack as Keeper of the Flag

Jeanne Wallenstein made a motion for approval, and Debbie Pryor seconded the motion. All approved.

Item 2: Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Program has been put on hold until we increase interest and participation. The Sheriff's Department wants at least 10 couples to start the program.

Item 3: Approval of New Entrance Sign

The Architectural Committee is updating signs in the community. Bob Sullivan made a motion to replace the large "Caution: Children at Play" at the entrance with a new sign stating "Private Community, Residents and Guests Only. No Solicitors." Cost for the sign is \$370 from Sheldon's Signs in Lakeport. Nancy Piazza seconded the motion. Motion was approved. There was further discussion to add additional caution signs throughout the neighborhood for pedestrians and children and 15 MPH speed limit. Bob will work with the County to obtain these additional signs or the Board will purchase them for the community.

Item 4: Stepping Out Committee

The Board is looking for a new Chair to coordinate and set up community events for the Stepping Out Committee. If you're interested, contact Bob Sullivan.

Item 5: Launch/Dock Permits

Bob Sullivan reported that the Permit Program is working well for residents and guests. Bob has purchased revised permit passes, which are less costly, and are easier to display. He is now issuing dated, temporary passes to guests, instead of relying on our standard resident passes.

Item 6: Fire Prevention

Bob Sullivan reminded residents to take fire prevention measures. He reported that some residents have made an effort to maintain trees and excess brush and to water down their properties. PG&E will do some heavy pruning and maintenance. CALTRANS will also do some maintenance, mostly at the entrance to our community for sight visibility. Kono Tayee does not have a secondary exit (only secondary exit is via the water), so it is important to keep up on fire prevention and to maintain trees and brush. Residents can contact our local Clearlake Oaks CALTRANS personnel for broken tree maintenance from the highway.

Vice President's Report

Item 1: Mailbox Area Improvements

Nancy Piazza reported that she would like to improve the mailbox flower area. She will work with Dave Buttke to improve this area. Nancy is seeking volunteers to help with the project. She will obtain approval from the Board before any purchases are made.

Item 2: Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at the Corsini's home on December 8, 2012 at 5 p.m. RSVP by November 30th to Jim and Terri Corsini or to Nancy Piazza. Please bring an appetizer to share, and non-perishable items or monetary donations for the Lucerne Senior Center.

Social Committee Report

Oktoberfest will be Saturday, September 29th at 5 pm at the beach area. There was a Community BBQ held on Saturday, September 8th.

Sunshine Committee Report

Get well cards were sent to Mike Morarity and Elizabeth Jones. A sympathy card was sent to Mattie San Filippo, for the loss of his wife, Marie.

Water and Sewer Committee Report

Naish Piazza reported that he has asked Mark Dillinger of Special Districts to notify him if there are any announcements regarding the Paradise Valley development. Special Districts sent Naish notice of a water line break on Bruner Drive in mid-August. The break did not affect our district.

Architectural Committee Report

Item 1: Status of Fall Inspections

Bob Sullivan reported that fall inspections will be held around October. He reminded residents to keep leaves cleaned up so we keep our storm drains clear. The Architectural Committee is keeping up on several reminder letters to residents.

Item 2: Status of Canal, Dredging Study and Weeds

A lengthy discussion was held about the maintenance of the canal. The canal was fully dredged in 2008. An attempt was made last year to remove material from the mouth to reopen the canal, but the material quickly moved back in. The design of the canal is problematic and requires frequent maintenance and dredging especially at the mouth. There was an open discussion about options for maintaining the canal including a secondary wall, purchasing dredging equipment, dredging frequency, and timing of dredging activities. The Budget committee will review costs for these options in future years based on the Architectural committees' responsibility to recommend when the canal needs dredging. The depth of the lake is projected to be 1.0 Rumsey by November 1st so dredging will be necessary to allow any boat access this year. Debbie Pryor made a motion to allocate up to \$5,000 to dredge the mouth of the canal this year, which would be funded from the reserve account. Ernie Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The dredging was completed approximately 1 week after the meeting.

Lake weed conditions are particularly bad this year. The Board discussed various options for annual weed spraying and abatement. Bob Sullivan is working with the County to obtain a universal permit for community wide spraying. Debbie Pryor recommended that the Budget Committee review funds allocated to address annual spraying and weed abatement. There was some discussion that if multiple properties were sprayed at once the total cost would be cheaper. The County Invasive Species department has approved raking and cleaning of weeds in our beach area. The Board will continue to work with the County on control of weed growth and possibly obtaining public funds to pay for weed control.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jay Greenwell suggested that the Association rent a dumpster for a weekend "anything goes" Cleanup Day. The Board will consider this and notify the community.

Announcements

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Questions and Comments from the Community

The California Department of Boating and Waterways sponsored a California Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15th to remove trash and recyclables from our beach, canal and lake area. Information on the event was distributed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

ITEMS FOR SALE/WANT IN THE COMMUNITY

- ❖ Jim and Pattie Johnson have fan palms and sego palms for sale, "couple of dollars" each. They are also looking for a used Jet Ski dock. Contact them at 415-519-9963 or 707-274-8129
- ❖ Water Toys Wanted: Canoe, Kayak, Paddle Boat, SeaDoo/Wave Runners. Must be in working order. Email Beth at kbshaver@pacbell.net
- ❖ Craig Courtemanche is selling a Tiki Bar with nice storage, 2 drawers, and 2 nice matching padded stools. Great condition. \$100 or best offer. Contact Craig at 707-738-5185
- ❖ Contact Celeste Feldman, 7775 Richard Drive, at celestefeldman@gmail.com or 209-256-0490 for the following:
 - Dell Color Laser 1320C Printer - only used 1 cycle. Excellent black and color printing: \$150/OBO (new \$400) Software and instructions included.
 - Chinese emperor and empress reverse paintings, vintage in original, wooden frames: \$400/pair
 - Restricted Japanese phrase book, WW2: \$30
 - Harley Cookie Jar: \$40; Talavera Cookie Jar= \$60
 - Hand painted Japanese silk doileys: \$35.00
 - Original Water Color by Bonnie Newman: \$20
 - Leather masks: \$50 each
 - SAC/Harley Touring Bag- fits all models with sissy bars - used once: \$100 (new \$350)
 - Gere Leed's Vanishing Dream Limited Edition, in good condition: \$100
 - Coach Bag: 100% authentic, brand new with tags. Light khaki color with chocolate brown lining and gold tone hardware. Approximately 7 1/2" x 8 1/2": \$75.00
 - Celeste is also offering house cleaning and pet care at affordable rates – contact her for more information

