

## RIVER ISLANDS

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## OPEN LETTER FROM SUSAN DELL'OSSO, PROJECT DIRECTOR

Whether the weather is bright or cloudy, our residents are outside every day, enjoying the beautiful River Islands community. On any day, you will see families on bicycles, people walking or jogging and kids playing in our parks. There seems to be a regular stroller brigade comprised of the parents and grandparents of our youngest residents, giving their babies a little dose of sunshine as they walk along Lakeside Drive.

At the River Islands Technology Academy, the annual marathon is in full swing, with students and teachers running one mile at a time toward their total goal. In the years of planning River Islands, we had a healthy, active lifestyle in mind for our residents. Imagine our pleasure, as we see so many of you making use of amenities that were just lines on paper a few years ago!

The Boathouse Bar and Grill, now just a few weeks into operation for lunches and dinners, already feels like a comfortable hangout for residents, families and friends. It was great to see so many of you at the residents' VIP opening. Thanks again for your patience as we worked with the City of Lathrop and our operator, Rich Hogan, to get the Boathouse ready for operation. I know that many of you talked to Rich at our VIP party, but for those of you who still have questions about using the Boathouse for special events, your questions can be answered by calling Rich at 209-932-9986.

Our Welcome Center staff manned a Voter Registration table at the event and handed out a good number of registration forms that night. I would like to encourage everyone to register to vote! Some of you may be registering for the first time; others will be using the form to change their address. Updating your address with the DMV or the post office alone may not automatically update your voter registration status. Whether you are interested in local politics or the upcoming presidential election, you can pick up paper registration forms at the Welcome Center. Just remember to fill them out and have them postmarked within 15 days of the next election... for example, to vote in the primaries on June 7, you need to submit your voter registration form by May 23. Voting is one of our most basic freedoms, and perhaps the most powerful. I encourage you to make your voice heard and make a difference by voting.

All the best

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LIVE LEARN BELONG

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR: EGGS-STRAVAGANZA PLANNED FOR MARCH 19!

Come out to Michael Vega Park for some springtime fun! Festivities begin at 9:00 am. There will be refreshments for all and Easter egg hunts for the younger children and their older counterparts. It is rumored that the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance, and will be bringing along friends who make balloon hats and do face painting. A bounce house will be open for all of the children. Come out and join your neighbors in a community event to be held a week ahead of your own Easter weekend plans!

In addition, we welcome you to bring your cameras and take pictures to share on Facebook and Instagram. Maybe your picture(s) will be featured in an upcoming issue of Currents.



Please RSVP your attendance and the number and ages of children coming to 209-879-7900 so we have plenty of eggs for all!





## THE BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT IS OPEN!

The Boathouse restaurant and bar is now open daily for lunch and dinner, from 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM. The menu features appetizers, salads, sandwiches and desserts. New seasonal items will be added as summer approaches.



## RIVER ISLANDS ANNOUNCES ITS OWN ELECTRICAL STATION COMING THIS SUMMER

Coming in the summer of 2016, River Islands residents will benefit from a new, state-of-the-art proprietary transmission substation built specifically to meet the growth needs of our master planned community.

Built at a cost of \$14 million dollars, and operated by the Lathrop Irrigation District, the new substation will provide retail electrical services to the homes and businesses.

This new substation serves as an extension of the California Independent System Operators (“CALISO”) service on a transmission level. Transmission will be provided by an interconnection agreement between CALISO and the Lathrop Irrigation District. The power lines will be part of our underground utility system, installed along major roadways throughout the community.

This is a new system that is independent of the old and outdated current electrical systems. Except for periodic short-term interruptions to add additional service, this substation should provide continuous and dependable service to River Islands for many years to come.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

When the power is out, what do you do for your safety and comfort?

PG&E experienced a major power outage in February that affected all of our residents and PG&E customers all over Lathrop. Given that winter storms can have an impact on any of the 113,000 MILES of distribution lines and 18,500 miles of transmission lines, the first question that comes to mind: “When will the power come back on?” is not answerable immediately in an emergency. By going to PG&E.com, you can see a chart of impacted areas, and get an estimate of when the power will be restored, once the utility has an idea of the cause.

If you think that your home or your block alone is without power, you should call PG&E at 1-800-743-5002 to report the outage.

### Some tips for safety and peace of mind:

Learn how to open your garage doors manually, in case of an emergency. Every garage door opener has a red rope attached with a handle on the end. That is a manual release handle. By pulling on it, you are putting the garage door opener into manual mode, allowing you to bypass the electronic spring attachment and get the door open.

Learn how to reset the circuit breaker in your home. First, turn off or unplug the equipment on the circuit. Then push the switch firmly to the “off” position, then back “on”.

Turn off your electronics to protect them from a power surge.

Don’t open your refrigerator or freezer. According to [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov), a refrigerator will stay cold for about four hours. A full freezer will hold its temperature for 48 hours; a half-full freezer for about 24 hours. Just don’t open the doors to check on it until the power is restored.

Create an emergency supply kit, and update it annually. You can purchase kits online, or you can make your own, including these items, as suggested by PG&E:

- One gallon of water per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates, forks, spoons and knives
- Non-perishable food that doesn’t need power to prepare
- Pet food
- Flashlights, not candles
- Extra sets of batteries
- Portable mobile phone charger
- Battery-powered radio
- First Aid kit
- Medication and extra glasses or contacts
- Blankets, warm clothes, sturdy shoes and heavy gloves
- Toiletries
- Cash



## PAYING IT FORWARD – FOR HOLIDAY FUN!

If your children have opened the front door to find an Easter basket awaiting them, you have experienced “being egged”, the River Islands way. One of our residents has been organizing neighborhood parents and their children to make up Easter baskets and surprise another household’s children with something fun and festive. What a surprise, to find that the Easter bunny has visited!

Trischelle Love has also been behind the Halloween “Get boo-ed” outreach, and invited children to “Get socked” at Christmas time. She uses the River Islands Residents Facebook page to get the word out.

Although she is not officially affiliated with River Islands Development, we applaud her creativity and sense of community spirit!



## INTRODUCING KIPER HOMES COMING TO RIVER ISLANDS IN 2016

Another quality Bay Area-based homebuilder has started developing floor plans and elevations for a new neighborhood within River Islands! Kiper Homes has been building new homes for the past 35 years. A family-owned company, Kiper currently is building houses in Oakley and Discovery Bay. In past years, the Kiper name has been associated with Blackhawk Country Club in Danville, Brookside in Stockton, and neighborhoods in Lodi and Tracy.

Kiper will be building in the neighborhood just south and east of the River Islands Technology Academy along Commercial Drive. You will soon see fences being constructed and foundations being poured in that neighborhood.

Although it is too early to preview floorplans and features, you can see the kind of homes that Kiper offers by visiting the company website: [www.kiperhomes.com](http://www.kiperhomes.com)

We will keep you apprised of home sizes, pricing, and any preview showings. We expect models to open in late summer or early fall.

*River Islands Realty* offers a personal yet professional approach to selling your home within the community. Offering over 25 years of real estate experience and a deep knowledge of the local market, River Islands Realty provides uncommon insight and experience, and understands what it takes to get the best offer in the shortest amount of time. Call us for a free consultation on the local market and home values within River Islands.



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## At Home....Tips & Idea



Source: [thepapermama.com/2014/03/egg-succulent-planter/](http://thepapermama.com/2014/03/egg-succulent-planter/)

Supplies:

- 1 raw egg
- needle
- 1 small succulent
- cactus dirt
- black permanent pen
- optional: egg holder

Well. These are adorable. Keep this little egg gift for yourself, or give to a friend. Or, you could use the Egg Succulent Planters for place markers this Easter at your dinner table.

Time to prep the egg.

1. Use your needle to poke holes in a line sound the pointy top of the egg.
2. Use your fingers to break the egg along the line of needle holes. Rinse inside of egg.
3. Write a little love note on your egg with the permanent pen. *Tip: dye the egg shells first, then write a note on the shell. Fun!*
4. Put a small amount of potting soil for succulents in the shell. Plant your succulent in the egg. *Tip: use a little chop stick to push down the loose dirt.*

