

## RIVER ISLANDS

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## OPEN LETTER FROM SUSAN DELL'OSSO PRESIDENT, RIVER ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT

The blueprint for the future of River Islands has been approved, and the future is very exciting! In June, the City of Lathrop approved the Phase II plan for River Islands—essentially the second half of our development.

As a result of the City's support for our vision, we can start planning and developing such life-enhancing amenities as:

- Thirteen MORE lakes—for a total of 26 lakes throughout the community
- More than 140+ acres in neighborhood and community parks
- Five more schools, including the High School—breaking ground next year!
- A second Town Center, near Paradise Cut, with shops and restaurants
- 18-miles of trails that will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse all of River Islands without crossing a major street
- A football stadium by Islanders Field, for use by the high school and community
- Approximately 40% of our total acreage in open space
- A Transit Station for Valley Link, to connect us to the Pleasanton/Dublin BART station, with housing and retail to serve this “transit village” within River Islands.

Of course, we have much to complete to build the many wonderful projects already approved and in various stages of development—our third charter K-8, now under construction for the 2022-2023 school year; our first Town Center with retail, restaurants and recreational facilities, and the 15-acre community park, which will take about 18 months to complete.

This issue of The Currents is all about what's here and what's coming, in the spirit of sharing our good news with the people who will enjoy and benefit from the many positive changes we have envisioned for our community.

This issue is also a thank you to all of the residents, Lathrop community members, River Islands staff members and consultants, and the city of Lathrop's amazing staff and elected officials who have made the vision of a lifestyle-enhancing master planned community a reality and a place that all of us can be proud to call our own.

All the best—

Susan Dell'Ossso  
President  
River islands Development

## WELCOME CENTER RE-OPENS

We are happy to announce that the Welcome Center has re-opened to provide information about current and upcoming neighborhoods at River Islands, as well as handouts and maps to make touring easier. The Welcome Center is open daily (except Mondays) from noon – 5 pm. The sales offices are operated by individual homebuilding companies, and only some are currently open. Updates will be posted on the [RiverIslands.com](http://RiverIslands.com) marketing site as well as on [MyRiverIslands.com](http://MyRiverIslands.com).



## FARMERS' MARKET BRINGS FARM-TO-FORK LIVING TO OUR COMMUNITY

Saturday mornings have become a lot more delicious thanks to the assortment of local vendors offering produce, prepared foods and more at the River Islands Farmers' Market held behind the Welcome Center. Enjoy live music while you pick up farm-fresh fruits and vegetables; then get lunch and catch up with your neighbors on the Welcome Center deck! You can beat the heat with your pick of cold treats for dessert.

Haven't been able to make it? Don't worry: the Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM until September 4<sup>th</sup>.

For an updated list of vendors, go to [www.MyRiverIslands.com/events](http://www.MyRiverIslands.com/events).

Note to River Islands "Makers": if you are interested in being a vendor at the River Islands Farmers' Market, contact our Market Manager, Bill Harlow at (408) 831-8741.



## RIVER ISLANDS ACADEMIES: CAMPUS UPDATES

- Both campuses of the River Islands Academies finished up the school year with live graduation ceremonies, reuniting classes of students, their teachers and parents in an outdoor setting.
- Given the growing population of River Islands, new classrooms are being built to accommodate students arriving back to the STEAM Academy and River Islands Technology Academy for the 2021-2022 school year. RITechA will have three new classrooms and STEAM will have five new classrooms added to their campuses.
- The third campus of the River Islands Academies is now under construction, to be ready for the first day of school in the 2022-2023 school year, just a little more than a year away.
- Brenda Scholl, Executive Director of the River Islands Academies reminds parents that all three campuses of the River Islands Academies will offer a shared curriculum and culture. Teachers and staff from all three schools will be trained together, to highlight the spirit of cooperation and shared educational goals among the schools.
- Banta Unified Superintendent Dan Moore is moving to the Linden Unified School District, and STEAM Principal Rechelle Pearlman will move into the role of District Superintendent. Ms. Pearlman has a long career as an educational leader, serving in both teaching and principal roles in Tracy Unified and Banta Unified.



## CALL FOR CLUBS TO MAKE THEMSELVES HEARD!

We know there are clubs for running, bocce and wine-enthusiasts at River Islands. We wonder: what other clubs are thriving in the community? Would you like more people to know about a club that you have started? In a growing community, a club may be one of the most pleasurable ways of meeting other people with interests in common. If you are part of a group and want to expand to be an official club in River Islands, let us know more about you so we can put together a listing on MyRiverIslands.com. Just send us an email with some basic information and contacts to welcome-center@riverislands.com.

## HOME BUSINESSES THRIVE AT RIVER ISLANDS

Do you create homemade goods to sell or offer a service which you can provide to the rest of the community from your own home? We're going to develop a business directory for MyRiverIslands.com, and we'd be interested to learn more about what you make and sell. At this time, while the readership of MyRiverIslands is still growing, there would be no charge for a business listing, fees may be charged in the future. We will be posting a goods and services form on MyRiverIslands.com for you to provide us with information that we can share with the rest of the community. Remember you may need a City of Lathrop Business License.

## FISHING PERMITS OFFERED AT THE WELCOME CENTER

City of Lathrop Fishing Permits are now being offered at the Welcome Center during business hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-5. There is no permit fee for River Islands residents, as long as you bring proof of residency. A permit is required for fishing in the designated lakes within River Islands. Each person fishing MUST have a valid, current City of Lathrop Fishing Permit with them at all times. Security will check for it and enforce fishing rules. A California Fishing License is also required to fish in any of our designated lakes.



For complete details, visit [www.MyRiverIslands.com/play](http://www.MyRiverIslands.com/play).

## COMMUNITY HOTLINE SET UP TO REPORT PROBLEMS



The next time you see graffiti on a wall, an area darkened by a broken streetlight, or landscaping water escaping from a broken sprinkler head, please call the new River Islands Hotline, 209-888-4586.

This number will be connected to a voice mailbox; appropriate departments will be notified of the need for service. This does not take the place of the 911 number to call in case of an emergency, but rather to notify River Islands about things that you notice in the community before they become an ongoing problem.

## WWW.MYRIVERISLANDS.COM: YOUR GUIDE TO LIVING AT RIVER ISLANDS

Have you ever wondered where to go to get questions answered about living at River Islands? Do you know who to contact for CC&R-related questions or want to see a calendar of community events? Chances are, answers can be found at [www.MyRiverIslands.com](http://www.MyRiverIslands.com)

From setting up utilities to all of the important phone numbers to keep in your contacts, you can find helpful information to access at any time. Go green and opt in for a digital version of The Currents to be sent to your inbox instead of your mailbox by clicking a link on the home page. Read about our partnership with the Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin County and find out how to donate food items to those in need!

If you have any questions regarding anything not found on the website, send a note to welcome-center@riverislands.com. We strive to keep you updated on the development as we continue progressing and [www.MyRiverIslands.com](http://www.MyRiverIslands.com) is a great resource for you to settle in and become an Islander!



## COMING SOON: CARDIFF BY SIGNATURE HOMES

Signature Homes, a well-known Bay Area builder, is bringing an all-new collection of two story, 5 bedroom homes to a site next to the newest K-8 charter school. The neighborhood, called Cardiff, is now open for presales.



The homes are designed by award-winning William Hezmalhalch Architects and feature a wide array of smart home and energy saving features, as well as built-in comforts in three designs that range from 3,261 to 3,677 square feet.



## TOWN CENTER PLANNING GETS COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE EXPERTISE

The River Islands Town Center is now moving ahead into the design phase, and Diane Correia is joining the River Islands team to help shape the vision and specifically, to work with potential tenants to bring in a mix of services to enhance the River Islands lifestyle.



Formerly of Colliers Commercial Real Estate, Diane brings a decades-long career of accomplishments in the region and the local area, including working on the Quail Lakes Shopping Center, the Weston Ranch Town Center, and Venetian Square.

Diane is currently working on market research, to ascertain those businesses and services that might be the best fit to serve the needs of River Islands residents. Her contact information is [dcorreia@riverislands.com](mailto:dcorreia@riverislands.com).

## SUMMER EVENTS PLANNED FOR ISLANDERS

- The Stockton Symphony will be coming to River Islands for three FREE concerts during the summer months: July 22, August 19 and Sept. 23. The three Thursday evening concerts will all start at 6:30 pm, with the musicians setting up in Michael Vega Park. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic blanket and sit in the park or head over to the Boathouse restaurant for a meal and great seats for the concerts. The format of each concert will be different, ranging from percussions to contemporary jazz to keyboard and cello, and will last about one hour. For more information, go to [MyRiverIslands.com](http://MyRiverIslands.com).
- We have had so many requests for another "Wheels & Reels" Drive-In Movie Night that we are planning to feature the new Disney animated film: *Raya and the Last Dragon* on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. You will find the details on [www.MyRiverIslands.com](http://www.MyRiverIslands.com). Come out for another night of family fun! This is a no-cost event, just for our residents and their families. Once again, we will have a food truck and a dessert truck to add to whatever treats you bring in from home. Our maximum capacity is about 150 cars, so we encourage you to arrive early to get a good spot, right behind the Welcome Center.