

## RIVER ISLANDS

# CURRENTS



Susan Dell'Oso,  
President

## OPEN LETTER FROM SUSAN DELL'OSSO PROJECT DIRECTOR

After the rainiest February on record, it has been wonderful in March to have a little glimpse of what spring will feel like. I cannot wait to get outside and enjoy the amazing new facilities being put in place for River Islands and the entire community.

I would like to dedicate this entire issue of The Currents to announcements of the many new public facilities, recreational amenities and neighborhoods that will be coming to River Islands in the days and weeks to come. The most imminent is the public Open House celebration at the all new station for the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District, to be held on March 31. River Islands and the Fire District have worked closely together to design, build and equip one of the finest fire stations in Northern California. Along those lines, plans for the design of the Police Administration Office are well underway, for a construction schedule starting later this year.

Please mark your calendars for April 6, when representatives of the Valley Link Train Project will be making a presentation about their plans to create an all-new transportation network that would connect River Islands to BART's Dublin/Pleasanton station.

In April, the entire Welcome Center—porch and all—will take to the road and move to the corner of Somerston Drive and River Islands Parkway. This move reflects our commitment to creating new neighborhoods and community facilities in and around our future Town Center. And the space that it leaves behind will be turned into a Community gathering area!

By May, you will be seeing some big changes along River Islands Parkway, with the opening of Islanders Field, the beginning of league play at the soccer academy and the return of our seasonal farmers market.

We're posting a Community Calendar in this issue of The Currents. It will have a permanent home on MyRiverIslands.com and on the wall inside the entry of The Boathouse. If you have events to add, send a note to: [community@riverislands.com](mailto:community@riverislands.com).

All the Best-

Susan Dell'Oso  
President, River Islands

## WELCOME CENTER IS MOVING TO A TOWN CENTER SETTING

With so much activity happening in the Town Center area of River Islands, it stands to reason that the Welcome Center would relocate to be in the center of it all. With that in mind, plans are underway to move the Welcome Center in its entirety to the corner of River Islands Parkway and Somerston Drive.

During the move and the set-up of the Welcome Center, business will go on as usual from a trailer on the new site. The space is small, but our Welcome Center specialists, Jamie Koski and Tiana Gatan, will be on hand to answer questions and hand out Tour Guides of the new neighborhoods and attractions coming our way! The Welcome Center phone number remains the same: 209-808-5168.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR, March – April

- March 31:**     **Open House**  
**Lathrop Manteca District Fire Station #35**  
 12 – 4 pm ~ BBQ & More  
 Southern end of Somerston Parkway  
 (in the future Business Park)
- April 6:**     **Valley Link Open House and Q&A Session**  
 10:00 – 4:00 to view displays and pick up materials  
 10:30 – 12:00 Presentation and Q&A session
- April 13:**    **Easter Egg Hunt ~ Michael Vega Park**  
 9:00 Meet up with your neighbors  
 10:00 Toddlers – age 4 egg hunt  
 10:30 Ages 5 – 12 egg hunt
- April 14:**    **River Islands Technology Academy**  
**“Hit the Streets for Hunger”** Run along the scenic  
 levee path; pre-registered event for all ages  
 1 Mile Run - 8:00 AM; 5K Run - 8:30 AM
- Pancake Breakfast** at RiTechA to benefit the  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class ~ Starts at 8:00 AM  
 Open to all, during and after the run
- April 27:**    **Math Tournament** at RiTechA

EASTER BUNNY AND  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
RETURNS ON APRIL 13

Youngsters of all sizes are invited to participate in the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt at Michael Vega Park, Saturday, April 13.



The fun and activities start at 9 A.M.

- 9:00 Refreshments with your neighbors
- 10:00 Toddlers only Easter egg hunt (up to age 4)
- 10:30 “Big Kids” (ages 5 – 12) Easter egg hunt
- Come to enjoy a morning of face painting, balloon animals, and of course, the chance to wish The Big Bunny himself a Happy Easter!

## FIRE STATION #35

## WELCOMES THE COMMUNITY TO AN OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, March 31, the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District’s state-of-the-art fire station will open with a traditional Open House for the public. From noon until 4, residents of River Islands and all of Lathrop are invited to tour the station and meet Smokey the Bear, who will be visiting for the afternoon. The fire district staff will be on hand to offer tours and answer questions. Refreshments will be served. For the first time, the community will get to see a meeting room designed and built just for them—a place for clubs, civic organizations and groups like Neighborhood Watch to meet.



Susan Dell’Osso, President of River Islands Development, expressed her excitement about creating “this amazing asset for the entire community”. The developer funded the project upfront, to allow for the highest quality of service to be provided to the residents of River Islands, delivered in the appropriate response times required by the Lathrop-Manteca Fire District’s master plan.

Fire Chief Gene Neely has been closely involved with each step of the process of designing and building the station. His staff, among the best trained in the region, will continue to provide the best possible service from their new home.

Chief Neely was adamant in the move to create a true community meeting room within the new station, “to create a strong relationship between our residents and the staff of professionals which serves them.”

LIVE LEARN BELONG

## VALLEY LINK PRESENTS ITS VISION FOR NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR BAY AREA COMMUTERS



An information session and Open House hosted by the Valley Link Train Project, a game-changing transportation network envisioned by the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, is coming to the new Fire Station 35 on Saturday, April 6.

Representatives of the proposed transit authority will be making a presentation from 10:30 AM until noon, with time included for questions from the audience. All River Islands residents are invited to this informative session. Materials about the direct route to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and maps for the proposed system will be available as hand-outs during the day for those who cannot attend the live presentation.

River Islands has been selected as a Valley Link station. With the approval and building of this project, residents will be able to connect to BART during commute hours and on weekends.

Representatives of the Valley Link Train Project will be able to meet with people on an individual basis before and after the presentation.

## REGISTER NOW FOR 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “HIT THE STREETS FOR HUNGER” RUN ON APRIL 14

Principal Brenda Scholl and the entire staff of the River Islands Technology Academy are preparing for two related events to be held on the same day: the annual fun run in support of Second Harvest Food Bank and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Breakfast.

Both events are scheduled for April 14, and both start at 8:00 AM. There are now two different starting times to better suit the different types of runners. A one-mile run starts at 8:00 AM, and a later start time, at 8:30 gives those who want to do a 5K run their own start time.

Everyone who participates receives a Finisher Medal, and the first place winners in the Men's and Women's categories based on eight different age groups will receive special medals for their achievements.

The second event, a Pancake Breakfast, starts at 8 and runs all morning, during and after the run. For more information and registration forms, go to the administrative office of River Islands Technology Academy, or go online to: [localfoodbank.org](http://localfoodbank.org).



## PLANNED SHORT-TERM POWER OUTAGE ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL 7

As River Islands grows, Lathrop Irrigation District (LID) continuously looks ahead to anticipate the power needs of the community's households, schools and businesses. Part of its plan, now months in the works, is to transfer the power source from the existing line to a much larger line for greater reliability. This larger line is part of the PG&E transmission grid and it took considerable time for LID to finalize the transaction with PG&E.

To be able to make that switch over, LID is announcing a planned power outage for the entire River Islands community on the evening of Sunday April 7, when the community's power will be temporarily switched over to generator power.

During the week of April 8 – 15 all businesses and residences will be running on power provided by a generator. LID is anticipating the use of a generator to have no negative impact on the reliability of power during this time.

This switch to a generator is required to provide full backup as the River Islands power source is transferred from a 60 KB line to a 115 KB line. After the transfer is complete, the power will again be switched off to move it from the generator to its new line. At this time, that date is anticipated to be no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please follow the announcements on [www.LathropIrrigation.com](http://www.LathropIrrigation.com) for more information and updates.

## PLAY BALL! ISLANDERS FIELD CONSTRUCTION CATCHING UP FROM BEING RAINED OUT

The field is set, the seats are in, and the scoreboard is ready to be lighted. Yet a back-to-back series of rainstorms during the early months of 2019, with very few dry days in between, has bedeviled the construction team and held up the opening of Islanders Field.

The 500-seat stadium, with picnic areas and food service from The Boathouse, is going to host baseball almost every weekend from the time of its opening until the end of the year. Please watch the Residents Facebook Page or go to [MyRiverIslands.com](http://MyRiverIslands.com) for more information about Opening Day.



*Islander Field February 6, 2019*

## SOCCER ACADEMY PREPARES FOR 2019 SEASON

Recreational Leagues and Competitive League play will begin at the River Islands Soccer Academy Fields, adjacent to Islanders Field, this spring. Presented by John Doyle Soccer Camps, league signups will begin online on May 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.riverislandsfc.com](http://www.riverislandsfc.com).



LIVE LEARN BE-

## NEW HOMES FOR EVERYONE!

With more than 400 homes sold in 2018, it is no surprise that some of our neighborhoods are approaching their closeout phase, and others are planning openings close behind!

Here is the latest information on the status of our communities on the move:

### **LAST HOMES AVAILABLE AT:**

**Sandpointe** by Richmond American Homes. These homes range in size from 2320 – 3560 square feet, and are priced from the high \$400,000s.

**360 Lakeside** by Kiper Homes. A lakeside collection of two-story plans, there are only a few homes left, all of which are move-in ready. Pricing starts in the high \$400,000s.

### **NOW SELLING IN PREVIEW:**

**Bridgeport**, the next edition in luxury homes from Van Daele Homes. Three of the Summer House models are available for touring, and a new fourth model is being offered.

A whole new set of models is being built on a lake, with Grand Opening tentatively scheduled for mid-July.

**Latitude II**, a continuation of the popular Latitude series. Van Daele is refreshing its original model complex to sell the new neighborhood.

**Watermark** by Richmond American. All new plans, currently in presales from the sales office at Sandpointe. The homes range in size from 1710 – 2630 square feet, and starting prices are set in the low \$400,000s.

### **GRAND OPENING IN MAY:**

**Watermark** by Richmond American (now preselling)

**Latitude II** (with refreshed models) from Van Daele Homes

**Haven**, an all-new collection of beautifully designed homes from Anthem United, the builders of Reflections. Smaller than the Reflections homes, the Haven neighborhood will offer four floorplans with sophisticated, contemporary architecture.

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## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR: REMINDERS FOR SPRINGTIME LIVING

As the weather becomes warmer and the days longer, it seems like everyone is outdoors. Please remember that the streets and parks at River islands are shared amenities, especially when you are walking your dog. Concerns fall into two categories: dogs off leash and dogs using the neighborhood parks, landscaping and neighborhood lawns as their pooping grounds.

The leash law is absolute, and is City law: all dogs outside of their own fenced yards must be on a leash at all times. Period. Dogs off-leash create a host of dangers to other dogs, pedestrians and small children. There is no looking the other way on this—if you have your dog off leash and you are seen, you will be ticketed.

The problem with dog poop is that, left unchecked, it creates a smelly mess for everyone to encounter. Please do your part and bring along a pickup bag when you are walking or jogging with your dog.

After so many months of rain, we can assume that even the newest landscaping installed before year's end is well-established by now. Before you turn on your automatic irrigation systems, take a minute to check it. You may not be aware, but most homebuilders turn up the landscaping water when they first install the yards to guarantee that the plants take root and establish themselves. Now, after a solid winter of rain, you can ease up on the amount of water you give your landscaping this spring and summer, since your plants are now rooted.