

RIVER
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OPEN LETTER FROM
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Part of the pleasure of living at River Islands is the feeling of belonging that comes of putting down roots in the community of Lathrop and San Joaquin County. Voting is a privilege and one of the best ways to have your voice heard. In 2018, you will have the opportunity to vote on a number of local contests, including:

- Banta Elementary School District – School Board (See article that follows)
- Tracy Unified School District – School Board (See article that follows)
- Lathrop City Council

Registering to vote has never been easier: you can register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov, or fill out paper registration forms that are available every day at the Welcome Center. Any member of your household, 18 years and older, who is a US citizen, a resident of California and qualifies under state guidelines, may register.

When you register online, you may apply to vote by mail at the same time.

The General Election will be held on November 6, 2018. If you are not yet registered, you must register online, in person or by mail 15 days in advance—by October 22.

If you are already registered and want to vote-by-mail, go to San Joaquin County's online Registrar of Voters page, www.sjcrov.org. You can change your registration to vote-by-mail up until 7 days before Election Day.

Remember: just changing your address on your DMV registration does not mean that you have registered to vote here at River Islands! You can check on the status of your voter registration at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration. Please take the time to register now, and vote in the general election coming this fall!

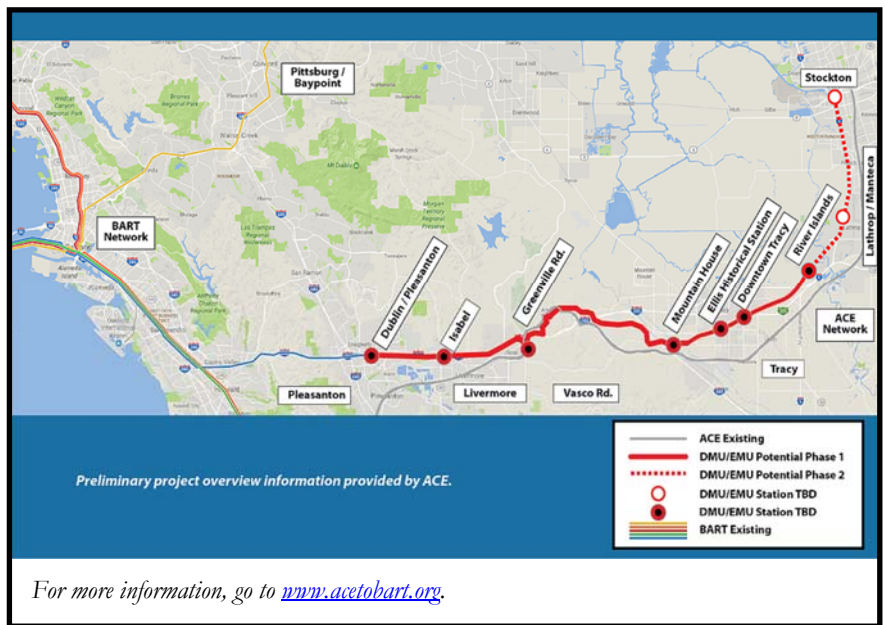
All the best,
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RIVER ISLANDS ACE-TO-BART STATION NOW BEING STUDIED FOR 2019 START

The recent decision by BART’s Board of Directors against building a Livermore station opened up discussions with the Tri Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority to create an all-new ACE – BART connection that would connect a new River Islands station to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. The new route would run trains through the Altamont Pass along a right-of-way that dates back to the Transcontinental Railway before connecting to BART by way of a line to be built in the right-of-way that exists in the middle of the I-580 corridor.

Trains for this inter-regional rail service would be electric motorized units (EMUs) or diesel motorized units (DMUs) which are environmentally friendly, self-propelled coaches that run without an engine at the head.

The next step in the process is the development of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), to be completed some time by mid-2019.



BIG DECISIONS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY’S SCHOOLS WILL COME FROM THE BANTA SCHOOL BOARD

Did you know that direction and decisions about future River Islands schools will come from the school board representing Banta Elementary School District?

Although River Islands is located within the Banta School District boundaries, at present only the Steam Academy is authorized by the Banta School Board. River Islands Technology Academy is authorized by the San Joaquin Board of Education and our resident high school students attend West High in Tracy, which is governed by Tracy Unified School District.

River Islands will ultimately have up to 8,000 school aged children in grades K through 12 and all new elementary schools will be governed by Banta. The Banta Board is currently deciding whether to unify and become a K-12 district (it is now K-8). If they do, the new high school to be built in the next few years at River Islands will become a Banta (rather than a Tracy Unified) school. Extending Banta’s authority into the high school level will foster continuity in the educational path of our students from kindergarten through high school, and River Islands is very supportive of the unification.

Banta is currently one of the state’s smallest school districts. The growth of River Islands will expand it into a medium sized school district; with the potential incorporation of Banta as a unified school district, it will become the district making decisions about River Islands’ future high school.

At this time, all three of the Banta Board members reside in the City of Banta and not River Islands. Two seats on the Banta board will be filled as a result of November’s election.

Remember to vote in the school board election in November! Your voice is very important to the future educational opportunities in River Islands.

LATHROP SELECTS RIVER ISLANDS SITE FOR NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS

The City of Lathrop has selected River Islands as the site for the new headquarters for the City of Lathrop Police Services. The state-of-the-art facility will be the home office for the Police Chief, his Lieutenant and administrative staff.

The site of the building is near Bradshaw’s Crossing Bridge, to make access easy to Central Lathrop and Mossdale. The City’s patrol cars will be parked there, so every police officer will come to this location at the beginning or end of each shift.

As a part of the future retail/town center area, the headquarters will be a landmark building at the entrance to River Islands, adjacent to a community park. The building is scheduled to open in late 2019.

ANTHEM UNITED CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF REFLECTIONS



The newest addition to the River Islands family of neighborhoods comes from a builder who is new to the community: Anthem United. With the Grand Opening of its Reflections neighborhood, River Islands now offers its largest collection of homes to date, with 3 - 7 bedrooms and up to 3,740 sq ft in three different floorplans. Reflections has already attracted a number of homebuyers from the Bay Area and the local area, attracted by the dramatic architecture and long list of amenities. The newly -decorated models are open daily from 10 -6.



MORE FUN, MORE ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!

With clubs, leagues and a host of activities now in full swing, summertime is Fun Time at River Islands!

Mark your calendars for these activities:

- **Movie Nights** in the Park will continue with family-friendly movies held once a month at Michael Vega Park: July 20, August 17 and September 21. In addition, a make-good for June’s “Sherlock Gnomes” movie night, cancelled because of windy conditions, will be held on August 3.
- **River Runners**, River Islands’ own runners club, meets at the Welcome Center every Thursday at 7 pm. Runners of all ages and all abilities are encouraged to attend!
- **Boat Rentals** continue through Labor Day. A list of rental craft available and fees is posted at MyRiverIslands.com
- **Bocce** teams are being formed and league play will begin soon! More than 40 residents have registered and attended training classes already. Registration is being extended until July 22, after which games will begin. Cost is \$50 per person, and registration can be done online through a link embedded in MyRiverIslands.com. Days of play are yet to be determined, based largely upon the desires of those who have signed up. Contact Yvonne Sampson at (ysampson@riverislands.com) with any questions about this start-up season.

MOVIES IN THE PARK
Presented by RIVER ISLANDS

Movie Nights at Michael Vega Park for June, July, August and September.

Movie Night line up for 2018 Summer Series is as follows:

- New Date!** 8/3/18
- AWESOME EDITION: KUNG FU PANDA 3 - 7/20/18
- FERDINAND - 8/17/18
- COCO - 9/21/18

Refreshments will be served by the Boy Scouts again this year. Enjoy meals, snacks & drinks. Movies will start at dusk.

FARMERS MARKET ON SCHEDULE FOR A SUMMER DEBUT

In keeping with homeowners' desires for more amenities that promote healthy lifestyles, River Islands is putting together a twice-monthly schedule of evening Farmers Markets starting on Wednesday, July 18. Other dates include: August 1, 15, 29, and September 12 and 26.

This first foray into bringing fresh fruits and vegetables to the community is planned for a short summer season only. Based on its success, its organizers will be planning a spring-into-fall season Farmers Market on a larger scale for 2019. At this time, food trucks and crafts vendors have been invited to be a part of this first season's participants.

The Farmers Market will be held in the parking lot of River Islands Technology Academy, starting at 5:30 in the evening, and closing up at 7:30.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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August 2018

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September 2018

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COMING IN AUGUST: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT RIVER ISLANDS!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 7, and plan to attend River Islands' own National Night Out celebration! National Night Out is a celebration held all across America to give people a chance to meet their police and fire service people in a friendly, relaxed setting, with the idea that the more neighbors know each other, the more they can work together to lessen neighborhood crime. There will be hot dogs, balloon artist and face painters - and it's free to the residents of River Islands and their families. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, talk to representatives from our police and fire departments, sign up for Neighborhood Watch and enjoy the kind of camaraderie that makes neighborhoods feel connected!

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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Nothing says summer more than a great salad. And with the River Islands Farmers Market set to open this month, here's a terrific way to spotlight some of the amazing vegetables available so close to home!

FARMERS MARKET SALAD

This salad is comprised only of grains and vegetables, but it is so hearty that you might want to add chicken or shrimp and make it a dinner salad instead!

- 1½ cups pearl couscous, cooked in salted water
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp honey
- 1 tsp finely grated lemon zest
- 2 – 4 Tblsp freshly-squeezed lemon juice, depending on taste
- 1 medium cucumber, diced
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- ½ cup coarsely chopped herbs—parsley, basil, dill or mint
- ¼ cup chopped roasted walnuts
- ¼ cup raisins
- 1/8 cup capers (optional, but the extra salt is a wonderful contrast to the sweet raisins!)

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to a boil; add couscous and cook until tender. About 8 – 10 minutes. Drain.
2. While the couscous is cooking, whisk the oil, mustard, honey, lemon zest and lemon juice with a pinch of salt and pepper. Add to the drained couscous in a salad bowl.
3. Stir in the vegetables, nuts, herbs, raisins and capers.
4. Adjust the seasoning and serve it warm or cool.