

RIVER ISLANDS

C U R R E N T S



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OPEN LETTER FROM SUSAN DELL'OSSO, PROJECT DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe that summer is almost upon us! With all of the vacations, holidays and celebrations coming our way, let's plan to enjoy some time together, enjoying our community and each other!

I had the pleasure of visiting a master planned community in Austin last month, and was struck by how many people were out and about, playing with their kids in the parks, running on the trails and chatting to their friends while they walked their dogs. It felt so much like a snapshot of River Islands that I asked the master developer just exactly how their community came together.

"Neighborliness" was the answer. At that time, I didn't even realize that neighborliness was a word, but sure enough, the disposition to be friendly and helpful to neighbors has earned a space in the dictionary. And I have to say, it fits us like a glove!

Neighborliness created the vendor's fair on the lawn outside of the Welcome Center earlier in the month, where the community was invited to see what some of the resident craftspeople and at-home businesses are offering. Neighborliness is supporting the start-up of bocce teams and a new running club. Neighborliness makes finding a babysitter possible, getting support for a weekend gardening project, or deciding to sit out together on the deck of the Boathouse and enjoy brunch with your new family of friends.

This issue of The Currents is dedicated to neighborliness, and all of the things that connect us here within River Islands and the greater Lathrop community. I am so looking forward to this summer, with so many new parks and playing fields open, and the excitement building for some of our most large-scale and amazing recreational amenities to come in the near future!

All the Best,
Susan Dell'Ossso

BOATERS VOTE WITH THEIR FEET: PEDAL BOATS ARE IN DEMAND

With the boat rental program just getting started, it is already clear that the runaway favorite mode of aquatic transportation at River Islands is the pedal boat—preferably for four. The Boat Shack at the Boathouse reported such strong demand for these water-worthy craft that more pedal boats have been delivered.

As a reminder, pick up a Residents Card at the Welcome Center to get discounted pricing on boat rentals. All boat rentals are by credit card only. Visit www.MyRiverIslands.com to see pricing and hours.





NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS NOW OPEN ALL AROUND THE COMMUNITY

If you spend most of your time in your own neighborhood, summer time is a great time to take a walk or a bicycle ride to see what other neighborhood parks offer within River Islands. Basketball courts? Check them out next to the Tidewater community. Pick-up baseball? Bring your glove to Crystal Cove Park. Picnic tables and barbeques? They are awaiting you at Michael Vega Park. Discover and explore the whole community and enjoy outdoor activities everywhere!

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FUN WITH NEW CLUBS AND TEAMS

Bocce teams are being formed for league play at the Boathouse, and we look forward to seeing neighborhood teams forming for bocce competitions. Contact Yvonne Sampson, community events coordinator, at ysampson@riverislands.com with questions or to sign up to learn about bocce or sailing.

A new running club, the River Runners, are meeting for the first time at 7 pm on June 7 at the Welcome Center. This club wants to offer camaraderie and fitness for people of all ages and all fitness levels. Just show up with your running shoes on and meet organizer Krystal Gouveia for your first run with the club!



YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS

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 primary and general elections!



DOG PARK OPENS TO WAGGING TAILS AND HAPPY YIPS

The dog park at Crystal Cove Park is now open, and dogs large and small are welcome to play. The park has been designed to allow dogs to play with other dogs of approximately the same size. Water fountains have been installed, and benches will come soon! The dog park is open daily until dark. Dogs should be kept on leashes on their way to and from the park.



Aerial of the new dog park at Crystal Cove Park

A WORD ABOUT DOGGIE ETIQUETTE

One thing that lights up Facebook like nothing else is concerns by residents about those few dog owners who do not maintain a level of concern for others when letting their dogs explore River Islands. In short, all dog owners should remember:

- Dogs should be on leash at all times, unless in an area that expressly states otherwise
- Dog owners should always carry poop scoop bags with them and dispose of them properly
- Dog owners who allow their dogs off leash run the risk of their animals hurting other animals, children or adults who try to break up fighting animals. According to the Center for Disease Control, dog attacks are the Number One health hazard to children under the age of 12.
- Animal services can be called for households who allow their dogs to bark at all hours. The City of Lathrop's website cites 15 minutes of barking as a barking problem.
- All dogs must have current rabies vaccinations and licenses. This is a state law.

Lathrop Animal Control is open daily from 8 – 5; closed weekends. Its phone number is 209-941-7240.

RUNNERS, BICYCLISTS AND STROLLERS DISCOVER THE FIRST PHASE OF OUR TRAIL SYSTEM

The trail system at River Islands is growing before your eyes... the first segments of what will ultimately become an 18 mile loop around the community is open and in active use. The trail system, named for long-time Lathrop residents and civic leaders Benny and Joyce Gatto, is also one of the best places in River Islands to watch the waters of the San Joaquin and its bird population.



MOVIE LINE UP FOR 2018 SUMMER SERIES

River Islands presents another summer of Movies in the Park. Join your friends and neighbors at Michael Vega Park on the 3rd Friday in June, July, August and September for the following lineup of movies.

6/15/18 Sherlock Gnomes

7/20/18 Coco

8/17/18 Kung Fu Panda 3

9/21/18 Ferdinand

Refreshments will be served by the Boy Scouts again this year. Get meals or enjoy snacks and drinks!

Movies will begin at dusk.

Please RSVP by the Wednesday before the movie night at 209-879-7900.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS LEAD TO LEAGUE PLAY FOR ALL AGES

Starting in early July, River Islands Futbol Club, a private soccer academy, will be offering clinics in advance of the beginning of league play in August. While the playing fields are planted and getting established, all clinics will be held at the field at River Islands Technology Academy.

The mission of River Islands FC is to provide a premier level soccer experience focused on individual player development. Players will be exposed to the technical, tactical, physical and mental aspects of soccer that create successful players.

Ages: This clinic is designed for players ages 5-14. Players will be grouped by ages and gender based on the number of participants.

Training: Players will focus on individual dribbling, passing, shooting and defending skills. Each clinic will cover individual skills and abilities focusing on the individual development of each participant. Players will have an opportunity to apply the learned skills in small side games and full scrimmage environments.

Dates: Week 1 Monday July 9th-Friday July 13th; Week 2 Monday July 16th-Friday July 20th; Week 3 Monday July 23rd-Friday July 27th.

Times: Camp will run from 9 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday

Location: River Islands Technology Academy Field – 1175 Marina Drive, Lathrop, CA 95330

Cost: \$115 per player. Sibling Discount of \$15 per sibling signed up



In addition, an all-new program has been created to give the youngest players, ages 3 – 5, an opportunity to have some fun on the field with other children from their own age group.

This is a program for 3-5 year olds that runs once a week for 45 minutes each session. Sessions last 6 weeks. This is a great introduction to the game of soccer for young players. Coaches work on playing games with kids using soccer balls, creating a fun environment. Kids will have a positive first experience as we work to create a passion for the game.

Ages: 3-5 years old

Days: Initial clinics will be run on Tuesdays from 10-10:45 on the mornings of the clinics.

To sign up, go to the website: info@riverislandsfc.com

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5 Herbs That Naturally Repel Mosquitoes and Other Pests

1. Citronella - The original bug repellant, Citronella has a powerful lemony scent.
2. Catnip - Studies suggest that catnip may be even more effective at repelling mosquitoes than DEET.
3. Marigolds - In addition to mosquitoes, marigolds repel garden pests, too! The flowers are edible as well.
4. Lavender - Grow it around the house and garden to keep bugs away. It'll grow inside too.
5. Peppermint - Biting bugs don't like the scent of peppermint, so you can crush up the leaves and rub it on you.