

RIVER CITY COMMONS ASSOCIATION

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The **Mission** of the River City Commons Association Board is to enhance the beauty, prosperity and safety of our Community. Our **Goal** is to bring about necessary improvements to our properties that will contribute to our mission. Our **Task** is to work with individual homeowners and residents in a manner that will result in the achievement of our goal.

JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2011

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Next Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 2011
6:00 pm
South Natomas
Community Center
(2921 Truxel Rd)

Hope to see you there!

Board of Directors

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COMMUNITY NEWS

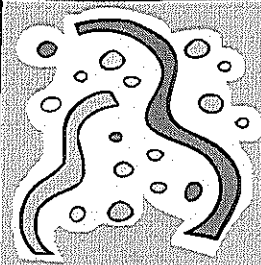
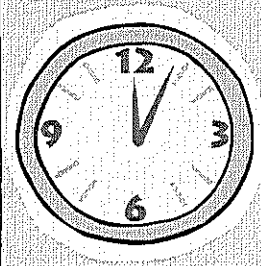
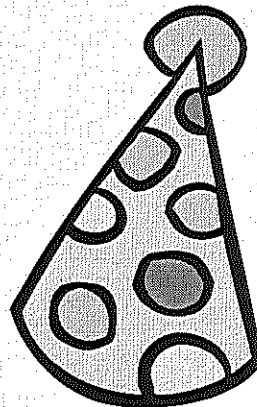
New Year New Rules!

Happy New Year to all of our RCCA owners and residents. As our economy continues down a bumpy but improving road for 2011, your Board members are diligently working to create new rules for the new economic reality in order to preserve, protect and improve our neighborhood.

Multiple foreclosures and short sales have required extra vigilance to maintain vacant properties and protect our neighborhood from urban blight. While many of us are struggling financially, this cannot justify allowing our properties to fall into disrepair, negatively impacting our immediate neighbors and adversely reflecting on our subdivision as a whole.

The Board's commitment to our neighborhood is unwavering, but they can't do it alone. It's time we all pull together to preserve the quality and security of our little enclave of homes. To that end, please review the proposed Rules and Regulations that were mailed out to you the second week of January. Please then complete your comment sheets and send them in to Riverside Property Management, and/or attend our Board Meeting February 14, 2011, to lend your support to the Board's efforts for the betterment of our community.

Thank you!



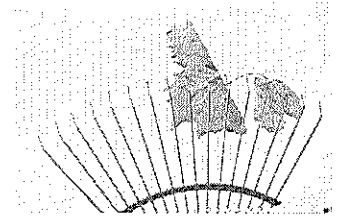
Reminders

Weeds are sprouting up everywhere and it is so much easier to pull them when they are small and the soil is wet.



Mistletoe, a parasite, attacks trees and deprives them of water and nutrients. This makes the tree susceptible to disease and potential death. Since birds spread this parasite from tree to tree, you should remove it to prevent neighborhood infestations. Now that the leaves have dropped, it is easy to see it. On infected limbs less than three inches around, prune 12 to 18 inches below the point where the mistletoe is attached. On limbs and trunks greater than three inches around, cut it off at the point of attachment. Check www.sactree.com for more information or to request a loan of pole saws to help you remove it.

Leaves and needles should be raked or blown from the landscape and removed from the sidewalks and streets regularly.



Roses should be pruned now.

Lawns (grass) need fertilizing, weeding and, when the temperatures are over 70 degrees, reseeding. Start planning these spring maintenance tasks now.

Irrigation systems should be off or set to run only on the weekend (even number addresses on Sunday and odd number addresses on Saturday) during the rainy winter months.

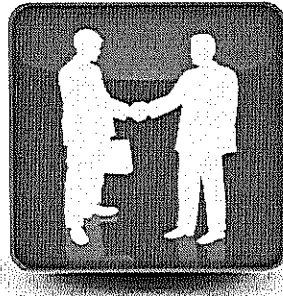
Bird droppings can carry diseases, which can be spread to humans and pets, so please clean it off the sidewalks.

Dog owners must pick up their dog's poop during walks.



Monthly Inspectors from Riverside Management tour the neighborhood to ensure that properties are well maintained and that unapproved architectural changes have not been made.

MEET & GREET WITH THE MAYOR & COUNCILWOMAN



As a representative of River City Commons, I went to the Jan. 12 Meet & Greet up at Natomas Park to hear Mayor Kevin Johnson & Councilwoman Angelique Ashby address issues of concern to our community. I was very impressed with the great turnout and strong participation of the residents in attendance from North & South Natomas.

I was able to connect with councilwoman Ashby's staff member, Sarah Novo, and obtained a commitment from her to attend an upcoming Board Meeting of RCCA (date to be determined).

Angelique Ashby is a strong advocate for the entire Natomas area and I'm hoping that we can step up as an association and let our voice be heard to help our community here in South Natomas. Angelique and her staff are very open to partnering with HOAs and other community groups and I hope we will have a strong turnout for the upcoming meeting.

Angelique talked about concerns that people have long raised in So. Natomas, such as the light rail being built along Truxel Rd. The Mayor recently appointed her to the RT board and she said she will aggressively pursue alternatives to the plans that were designed way before Natomas was built up to what we know today. She also talked about the changes in flood insurance for the area and what is being done through Matsui's office to get that corrected.

She also reported on the progress to tear down the various buildings that were started and abandoned up North, such as the TGIF & Sonic at the entrance to Natomas Marketplace & other buildings off of Del Paso Road. Other subjects discussed by both Kevin & Angelique were safety, flood issues, the Arena, schools, traffic, etc.

The new police Captain, Jim Maccoun, was also at the meeting and I spoke with him for a few minutes and pointed out where we are located. He said he was familiar with our neighborhood and he wanted us to know that we will be assigned a new police liaison in the near future for our area to work with us on Neighborhood Watch Committees, etc.

I believe we have a great opportunity to be active participants in our city government and improve the services to which we are entitled, instead of letting our northern neighbors get all the attention. Our city officials know they are there because they let their voices be heard, let's ensure ours are heard, as well. - Pat

P.S. Did you know we have representatives in three tiers of government living here in Natomas? Angelique Ashby, City Council (Dist.1), Phil Serna, Co. Supervisor (Dist. 1) and Dr. Richard Pan, Ca. Assembly (Dist. 5).

PITCH IN and PICK UP

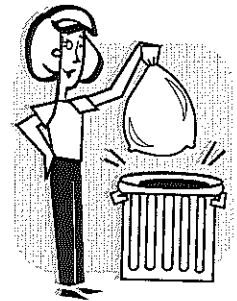
Is it just me, or are many in our neighborhood either contributing to, or consciously ignoring, the amount of trash on our immediate streets? Piles of lawn or tree clippings are not the place to add papersoft drink cups, plastic bags or other trash. Our streets are not the place to dump fast food litter, newspapers or unwanted mail.

Last week, along the street side fence line of one of our homes were 5 different soft drink cups alone, not counting all of the napkins and condiment packages, or the 4' broken plastic car part lying in the street. Several of our residents had walked by during the days this trash lay there, and one person actually piled yard clippings on the street right in front of the area laden with trash, not bothering to clean it up.

Additionally, the City collectors have been a bit lax of late, dropping part of the contents of many neighborhood trash cans on the streets. The City has been notified and in one instance, returned to the littered street and picked up the rest of the trash. No matter how the trash gets there, it negatively impacts our neighborhood. We can each do something to help. I don't think any of us want the streets in front of our homes to be cluttered with others' vermin-attracting refuse.

If you see trash littering our neighborhoods, it is not someone else's job to clean it up. That "someone else" rarely arrives before the trash is scattered by animals and blown, or otherwise tracked, into our individual yards. Let's all show some self respect and take pride in our surroundings. The token effort of reaching down to pick up a blowing piece of paper, a fast food cup, or other litter makes all the difference.

Whether it is the City trash collectors or random passersby littering our streets, we can all make the effort to pick up the trash. I, for one, have been taking walks, carrying a trash bag, and picking up whatever trash I come across to do my part for our common good. Won't you join me in doing your part to maintain the quality of our neighborhood by picking up litter and pitching in to the nearest trash can? - Terri O'Connor



Can You Dig This?

Two new Artichoke plants in the backyard this month! Growing your own vegetables is a great way to eat healthier.

According to the UC Davis Vegetable Research & Info Center, good crops to put in the ground in the Sacramento area in January are:

Bok Choy, Broccoli, Kale/Collards, Leeks, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion sets, Peas, Radishes, Spinach - watch out for snails!

In February, you can plant Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Chard, Kale/Collards, Leeks, Lettuce, Mustard, White Potatoes, Radish, Turnips.