

Buzz in Rio Nido

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Rio Nido Roadhouse: The buzz of business in Rio Nido is the biggest discussion currently. Not only do we have dozens of home businesses but we also have a solid brick and mortar business that employs nearly a dozen workers and attracts customers from all over. Previous generations refer to the business area of Rio Nido as The Center and that is where families would go to shop, bowl, enjoy a refreshment and even see a live show. As a matter of fact sometime in the 90's we saw a banner stating "Regain Your Libido In Old Rio Nido, Dick Crest Live Pool Side!". Who Could resist such a party call as this?

Great Bands: Since Brad Metzger took over the pool and bar in Rio Nido we have seen regular shows year 'round with the likes of D'giin, Gamma Rhythm, Fargo Brothers, Thugz, Linda Ferro Band, The Pulsators and so many others. All of this being said Brad has received a cease and desist order of all amplified music as well as an order to remove the twenty plus year old band stand. Hmmm, a business that employs so many and entertains many many more has to fight for it's right to survive. The good news is Brad is not fighting this alone but has a support base rallying behind him from San Bruno to Willits. For all of you interested in helping and not sure how to do so can write a letter of support for the restaurant including your thoughts, feelings and stories that involve you and your family's experiences at the Roadhouse and previous incarnations. These letters can be mailed to the Roadhouse (PO Box 425 Guerneville CA 95446) as well as emailed directly to our district Supervisor Efren Carrillo (ecarrillo@sonoma-county.org) and be sure to cc Brad at bk_metzger@yahoo.com.

Poolside Stories can include but not limited to any of the following wonderful stories. Easter Egg hunts, Hawaii Lu'au parties, Family Hoe-Down BBQ, Avon Walk For Life Breast Cancer Benefit, Chili Cook-off for Paco's Glaucoma Surgery, Spaghetti and Chili Cook-Offs for Guerneville & Monte Rio School Programs, Family

Marshmallow Roasts, Memorial Service for "PG&E Mike", Weddings for Dave & Debbie and Mark & Nancy, BMW Motorcycle Club Events, Russian River Photo Club Meetings and the like. These functions are not sustainable without live music two to three times a week.

By The Numbers: Like counting jelly beans in a jar, how many Hawaii Lu'au parties have been held by the Rio Nido Pool? The winner of this contest gets the satisfaction of being right. If you need an easier challenge please come on down and count the assortment of beers on tap (we think it's 15). If counting is your thing and we can already tell it is then try to count all the actors and actresses looking to audition for the rumored Pegasus play to be held at the Rio Nido Lodge. They may have found their Blanche but Stanley has been tough to locate... Is this how rumors start?

Upcoming Events: The Rio Nido Home Owner's Association is hosting a Neighborhood Watch Meeting in early April (watch for the signs). A community clean-up also sponsored by they RNHOA is slated for late Spring. Already a committee is discussing plans for clearing debris from the creeks and river banks as well as painting the Rio Nido tunnel. Rio Nido Community Garden spring seed planting begins April 1st. Spaces are limited so please contact garden@russianriverparks.org to check plot availability. Pee Wee Golf adopt-a-hole program is looking for handy and creative people to come and roll up their sleeves and help freshen up the golf course.

New Resident to Rio Nido should be arriving before this article goes to print. We want to welcome Joe and Rebecca Ford's bouncing baby boy. It won't be long and he will be swinging at the park and watching the dogs frolicking across the creek. Congratulations from all of us!

"What's up?" in Guerneville

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Oo! Exciting news! I got my first correction! Here it goes: the "Mothers in Black" are not in fact "mothers" but are actually "Women" in black. The "Women in Black" turn out to be a worldwide organization! Starting in Isreal in 1988 and now spreading to as many as 28 countries, "women, who are sometimes joined by men, provide strong witness to peace and grieve for all victims of violence and fellow sisters worldwide who are routinely victims of violence," as told by the Guerneville Chapter's leader "Kay."

I was astounded to learn that this little corner of the Universe participates in such a profound and deeply spiritual practice especially since most of us local-yokels thought of it as a never ending protest to the Bush administration. Thank you Kay, woman in black, for educating me and allowing me to educate others in your efforts to bring some much-needed peace to our planet.

Equinox at the Library

And speaking of Earth, how about celebrating it? There's this strange occurrence that happens every three months as the Earth travels through space; it spins and wobbles its way through its orbit around the Sun. We call these wobbles "seasons;" or equinox and solstice. Coming up soon is the Spring Equinox and there's a celebration at hand for y'all to go check out. Head down to the **Guerneville Regional Library** for an Equinox Celebration, **March 27th at 2:00pm-3:00pm**. They're gonna have story-telling, songs, performances and headband making. Bring the family and sing in the Spring!

Community Services

It's great to have community come together, but seems that there is still some lingering confusion over our community services. **West County Community Services** vacated office nearly a year ago, leaving many locals unsure of what is still available. They are, in fact, still providing all the same services as before, the only difference is the location and their hours. They're here Mondays 1:30-4:00pm, Wednesdays Noon-3:00pm, and Thursdays 9:00am-5:00pm and are in the Main Street-side of the B-of-A building. The hope is to one day

extend the hours back to the full-time status as once before, but with funding cuts being as they are, it is expected to take some time. So if you are in need of food, housing assistance, or family counseling, drop by, 'cause they're there to help.

Save RR Emergency Services

What would you pay to keep your Emergency protection services here? Since 1980, residents of the 18-square mile Fire Protection District have been paying 11 cents everyday for our Emergency Services. The District's ambulance service reaches out to the communities of Forestville, Rio Nido, Guerneville, Monte Rio, Duncans Mills, Cazadero, Jenner, Timber Cover, and Fort Ross as well as acting secondary responder to Annapolis, Occidental and Sea Ranch. Of all the calls the district receives, 72% are medically related. The new tax measure will cost homeowners more, the question is would they be willing to pay 39 cents a day for emergency services?

The hard working Staff of the RRFPD, who have dedicated their lives to helping and serving the River communities, now need our help. The community-based committee "Save Russian River Emergency Services" and Friends of Efren Carrillo are throwing a Birthday Bash in Efren's honor. Efren has graciously decreed that all funds raised for the event be given directly to the SRRES committee and the effort to educate the community and pass the tax measure.

The birthday party will take place on Friday, March 19th at the Guerneville Vet's Hall from 5pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$29, includes food and drink (bar hosted by the SRRES). There is also a sponsoring opportunity for those who would like to help further; donate \$200 or more and receive one of Efren's 29 Birthday Candles. Plan to attend this event to support our Emergency Services.

Above all, the District is encouraging residents to be informed, communicate with your neighbors and **PASS THIS VOTE**. The measure requires a 2/3 favorable vote in order to pass, so on June 8th, vote YES for the Emergency Services Measure.

For info and tickets - call 707-869-3884 or drop by the new headquarters next to the Chamber Office.