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Fall 2015

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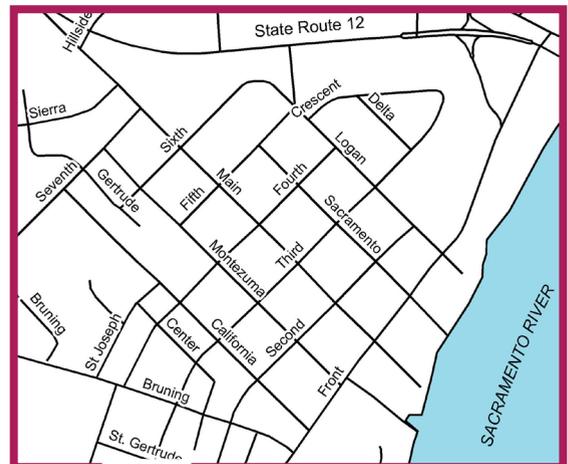
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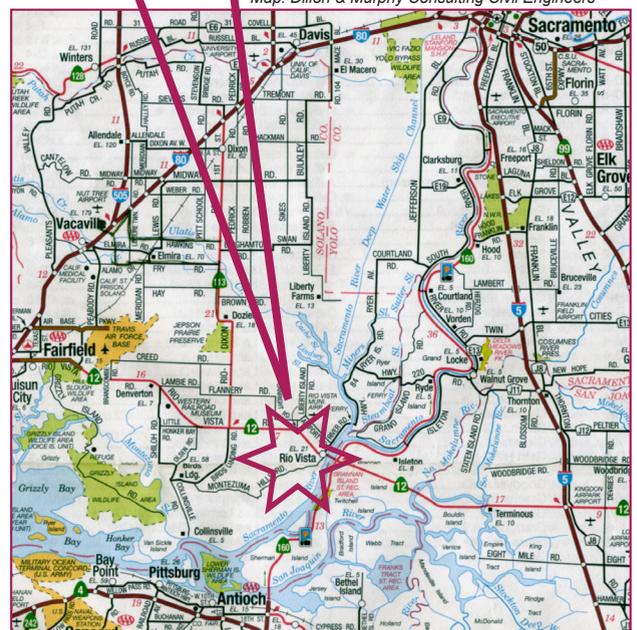
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# Downtown Rio Vista

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# ALL ABOARD FOR HALLOWEEN FUN

By Teri Malkin    Photos by Jan Vick, Teri Malkin & Western Railway Museum

Fun for all ages! Experience California as it was 100 years ago. With over 50 historic cars on display, 22 miles of track and 22 acres, the Western Railway Museum is ideal for families and group outings. The Museum features historic railway exhibits, vintage streetcar and interurban train rides, a large shaded picnic area, Museum Store for train themed items, library archives, and Depot Cafe.



*Rio Vista Junction, a stop on the Sacramento Northern from 1923-1940, is home to the Western Railway Museum.*

Plan your visit to the Pumpkin Patch Festival for the 2nd, 3rd or 4th weekends of October. The museum opens at 9:30 a.m. The first train departs at 10:00 a.m. departing every 30 minutes until 4:00 p.m. Once there enjoy games, live music, hayrides and a petting zoo. Take home a pumpkin or two, test your strength with the pumpkin launcher or explore the huge hay bale fortress. Enjoy the smell of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers sold by the Rotary Clubs of Dixon, Cordelia-Fairfield and Suisun. You don't want to miss the Soroptimist of Rio Vista vast assortment of baked goods the 17th, 18th, 25th and 26th. These delicious treats should not be missed whether you eat as you wander the grounds or take home to have later.



*Stop by the Soroptimist booth for amazing baked goods!*

The Western Railway Museum is located on Highway 12 between Rio Vista and Suisun. The museum is built along the former mainline of the Sacramento Northern Railway. The collection focuses on trolleys, as it is primarily a museum of interurban transit equipment. The Museum has the largest collection of Sacramento Northern Railway equipment in existence and operates a line of the former Sacramento Northern as a heritage railway with scheduled excursions for visitors.



*Ride a historic electric train on the five mile track to the Pumpkin Patch Festival in scenic Gum Grove Station, a wooded glen far from the trappings of modern life.*

In the Traction Lab Exhibit you explore transportation in the 21st Century. Hands on exhibits include: car vs train, how do electric trains work, and what can you power? Electric trains use electricity from overhead electric wires to power their motors. They can easily use renewable energy sources such as wind and solar rather than relying on fossil fuel or wood.



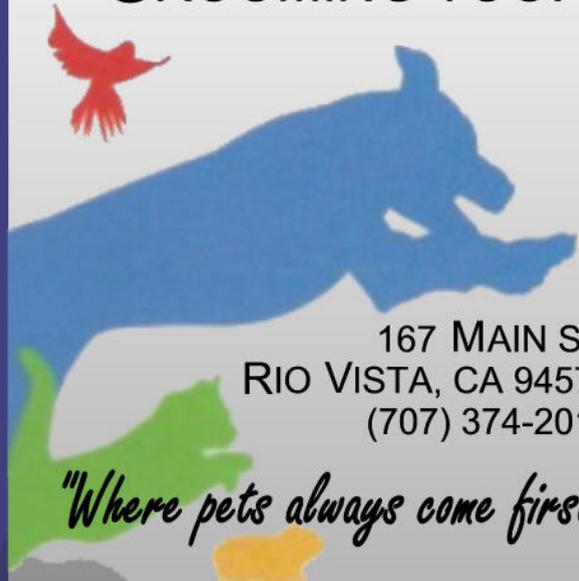
*Visitors say the conductors are awesome!*

The museum is operated by the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association (BAERA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the regional heritage of electric railway transportation as a living resource for the benefit of present and future generations.

All aboard. Take the train for Halloween fun!

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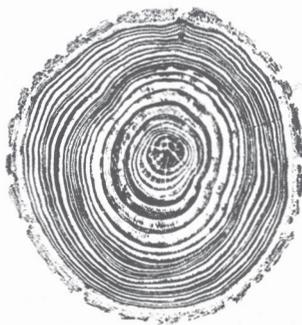
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# Silent Film Night Returns!

By Jan Hunter & Donna Armanino

Just in time for Halloween...RioVision presents the 1925 silent film classic "Phantom of the Opera" October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Hunter Hall, 218 California St., Rio Vista. First released 90 years ago, the film stars Lon Chaney and Mary Philbin. It remains the most famous silent horror movie made, both because of the story line and the macabre makeup Lon Chaney used to turn himself into Erik, the phantom. Lon Chaney's make-up, done on his own, was kept hidden until the on-film unmasking. The horror you see on Mary Philbin's face is not all acting!



At the mighty Wurlitzer, Dave Moreno provides the musical accompaniment. Moreno plays many of the remaining great theatre organs in Northern California. His warmth, personality, unique 1970s fashion style and sense of humor are evident when he shares his enthusiasm for the art and musicality of another era.

Opera singer Linda Small joins Dave as the soloist for the operatic score. A special education teacher by profession, Linda performs in both community and professional venues playing everything from children's theater to grand opera.



The instrument at Hunter Hall, built by Wurlitzer in 1926 for the Orpheum Theatre in Seattle, initially accompanied silent films. It played in the theatre until 1967 when the theatre

was razed. By the late 1970s, it played in a pizza parlor in Vancouver Washington for 20 years.

Hunter Hall, named for the late Bill Hunter, is a former Masonic Hall. Dedicated in 1954, it later fell into neglect due to declining membership. Bill and Jan Hunter, involved with theatre organs for many years, rescued it and arranged with Geoff Hansen, a long time Wurlitzer collector, to install his Wurlitzer from the Seattle Orpheum Theater. The hall is also home to a growing collection of automatic musical instruments, theatre memorabilia and antique lighting.

Mark the date now – October 24 at 7:00 p.m. Purchase tickets, \$15.00 per person, at Pets 4 All and Books Rio V. Soft drinks, popcorn and light desserts are provided. Call (707) 374-2461 for additional information.

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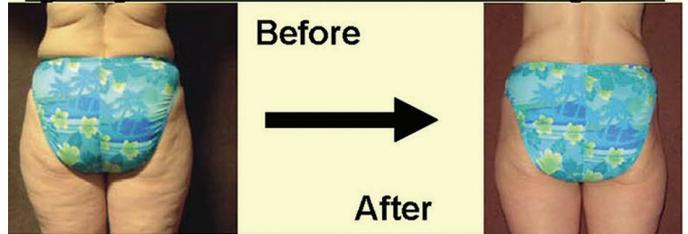
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# Historic Senator John McCormack Home

By Phil Pezzaglia    Photos from the Rio Vista Museum

One of the most prominent individuals to reside in Rio Vista was Senator Thomas McCormack. His political achievements were not limited to Rio Vista and the Montezuma Hills; he was a man whose work and notoriety spanned throughout California.

Many of the elegant homes that lined South Second Street during the turn of the last century are gone now. However a few have remained, one of them being the stately former residence of California State Senator Thomas McCormack located at 344 South Second Street. Though over 100 years old, the McCormack home is remarkably well preserved, which is a testament to both the craftsmanship of local builder Fred Johnson, who was hired to construct the home, and the love for the home that each one of its owners since the McCormack's had for it.

Thomas McCormack purchased the property in 1898 and construction of the home began that same year. The approximately 2,490 sq. ft. home completed in 1902 was a fine, large two-story home with room to both raise a family and entertain guests. The home's four spacious bedrooms, three bathrooms, large living room, kitchen and breakfast nook reflect that much thought went into the design of the home. During the Senator's later years the front porch was enclosed and another bathroom and sitting room were created.

Thomas was the fifth child of eleven born in 1873 to Daniel and Janet McCormack. From his birthplace in New Mills, Restigouche County, New Brunswick, Canada, he relocated to the Montezuma Hills as a young man during the late 1880's. Several of his siblings

relocated to this area and set up their own homes, ranches and businesses in Rio Vista and the Montezuma Hills.

Thomas married Clara Helen Hamilton, daughter of Peter Hamilton, and from this union the couple had two children, Douglas and Janet.

Though he continued to farm, in 1915 he began a political career that would last four decades. He was appointed by Governor Hiram W. Johnson to the Solano County Board of Supervisors, a position he would hold for fourteen years.

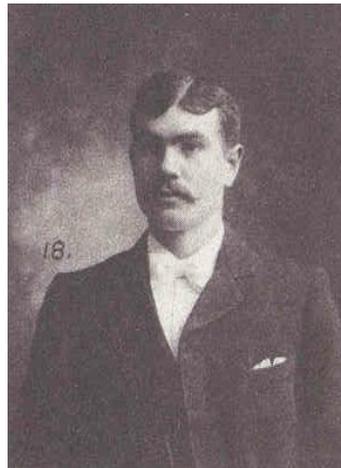
During his term he was instrumental in securing approval of the construction of the original Rio Vista Bridge in 1918. In 1928 he was elected to the state Legislature. He served in the State Senate from 1929 to 1949. In January 1929 Senator McCormack introduced a bill providing for a survey of a bridge across the Golden Gate by the California Department of Public Works. During his twenty years in office he served as a member of the Senate committee, which planned the state highway system and worked diligently for the passage of an unemployment insurance bill. That

bill provided for taxation of payrolls to establish a fund for unemployed workers.

Senator Thomas McCormack passed away in 1949 leaving an estate that the Valley News Service valued at 1.5 million dollars. The home remained in the family until Clara passed in 1954. Her children sold the family home to Dr. Cunningham, who in turn sold it to Charles A. Haight. Around 1967 or 1968 Mr. Haight sold it to the current owner, Verla Chaddick.



*The historic McCormack home*

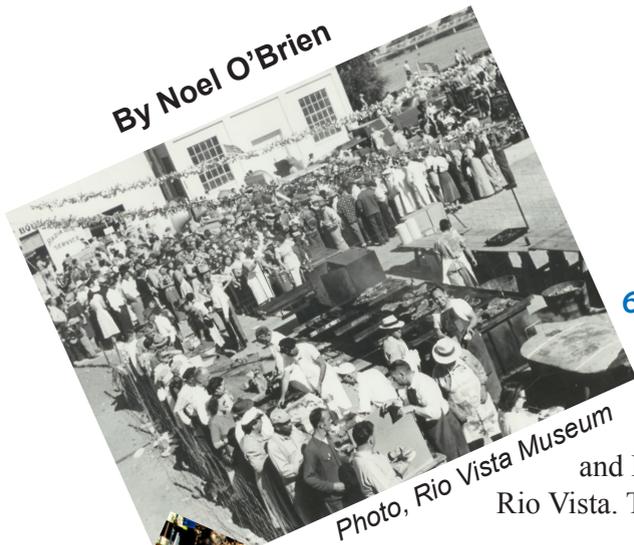


*John McCormack*



*The McCormack siblings, John third from left*

By Noel O'Brien



Photo, Rio Vista Museum

# 68th Annual Longest Running Fish

## 68th Annual Rio Vista Bass Derby & Festival

As the summer comes to a close and the weather begins to cool, the longest running fishing derby again comes to Rio Vista, California! The 68th Annual Rio Vista Bass Derby and Festival October 9–11 is the biggest weekend of the year in Rio Vista. There's lots to enjoy...

### Friday, October 9

- 11:00 a.m. River Walk Promenade Dedication
- 6:00 p.m. Carnival and Music, Barn Stage

### Saturday, October 10

- 8:00 a.m. Lion's Pancake Breakfast, RV Fire Dept.
- 9:00 a.m. Classic Car Show
- 10:00 a.m. Vendor Booths and Carnival Open
- 4:00 p.m. Parade on Main St.

### Sunday, October 11

- Noon Soap Box Derby on Main St.
- 10:00 a.m. Vendor Booths and Carnival Open
- 3:00 p.m. Fishing Derby Winners, Barn Stage



Photo, Doris Noriega

Exact times may change so check the website at [www.bassfestival.com](http://www.bassfestival.com) for the latest activity details.

## About the Bass Derby

Considered to be a foundation piece for Rio Vista over the years, the Bass Derby brings people together from near and far. Rio Vista, "The Gateway to the Delta" is a perfect location to hold this unique annual event. By the way, the fishing can be pretty outstanding as well!

Rio Vista's strategic location on the California Delta is a perfect setting for this challenging yet rewarding fishing tournament. Striped Bass return in great numbers from late summer to December. This voracious and hard fighting fish gives its own challenge to the avid fisherman who takes up rod and reel in pursuit. The Derby is also host to salmon and sturgeon fishing.

The King Salmon run continues to be one of the strongest salmon fisheries runs on the west coast. Sturgeon remains a strong and vital sport fish within the complex waters of San Francisco Bay and the Delta region.

The California Delta is an intricate and multi-leveled ecosystem, which affords our community the opportunity to fish in both salt and fresh water – with a combination of both as the tides and currents ebb and flow throughout the system. Add to that strong winds and inclement weather and the Delta can be a worthy challenge to any sports person who takes it on. To further add to this challenge, the Derby



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# al Rio Vista Bass Derby

## ning Derby on the West Coast

includes all waters connecting to the Delta from the Golden Gate Bridge to Sacramento and Stockton. The major requirement for the participants is to get each species of fish to the weigh master's weigh-in station at the water's edge on Main Street in Rio Vista before 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. This event draws a wide range of fishermen and fisherwomen, from pros through beginners, seniors to children, with competition in various age and skill categories. As the Derby runs, the excitement builds as the fish are brought in and recorded.

For a number of years now, the Derby competition uses a target slot size measurement for the striped bass and sturgeon. The target size is determined at the beginning of the Derby and announced for participants to use as a goal. The approach ensures good sportsmanship as well as future fishing quality. Instead of going for the largest size fish, it is the fish that measures closest to the posted size that wins. This leaves the large ones in the water to breed and the smaller ones to grow. There are three species of fish in this year's Derby: Striped Bass, Sturgeon, and King Salmon. Another change is how the measurements are made for the Striped Bass. The measurement for Striped Bass are from the tip of the nose (mouth closed) to the fork of the tail. Sturgeon have been measured this way for many years; this is a first year change in this Derby for the Striped Bass.

To keep the Derby exciting and fair, kids participate in their own category. Those 15 years and younger participate for Striped Bass or Catfish for a cost of \$5.00. It is a great opportunity for families with children to compete and win prizes.

The Derby runs from 6:00 a.m. Friday, October 9, running continually day and night until the last official weigh in and measurement recording Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the foot of Main Street in Rio Vista.

Fishermen and fisherwomen can find detailed entry information at [www.bassfestival.com](http://www.bassfestival.com). Buy your tickets at various locations throughout the Bay and Delta area. See a detailed listing of all locations at [www.bassfestival.com](http://www.bassfestival.com). The Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce is the main point of contact for further information at (707) 374-2700.

### Humphrey the Wayward Humpback Whale

On another note, history was made on the Rio Vista waterfront 30 years ago this year when Humphrey the humpback whale paid us a visit. On his way from Mexico to Alaska, his migration took a detour of sorts and he wandered upriver to spend some time in the Delta. Who'd have thought we'd see whales in Rio Vista. Humphrey got a lot of attention as he journeyed upriver to arrive at the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Bridge) on October 10, 1985. He journeyed further upriver and wound up 70 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The Delta was much more a freshwater environment back then.

Trouble was that Humphrey was in a jam and needed to get back to sea in order to revive and continue on his original journey. Numerous attempts to get Humphrey back downriver were ineffective and the whale began to show signs of weakness. Finally, whale researcher Louis Herman collaborating with Dr. Bernie Krause, an acoustics expert, played recordings downriver of humpback whale feeding songs to coax Humphrey back out to the ocean. A coordinated effort guided by the two men, included the Coast Guard, numerous local boaters and the Naval Post Graduate Underwater Acoustics Research Laboratory, made it an outstanding success. A private yacht, Boot Legger, was loaned by a local, carried the acoustic transducers supplied by the Navy and the journey back out to sea began. There was great fanfare and excitement throughout the Delta as Humphrey's downriver progress was tracked on a daily basis.

Then, on November 4, 1985 Humphrey approached the San Francisco Bay and headed in the right direction – out to sea! His behavior changed and he began to frolic as excitement took over and he was back on track to his world. Humphrey shared our world for a few weeks, but remained in our memories for much longer. As a memory of record, Rio Vista erected a granite marker to commemorate the surprising and incredible event of Humphrey the wayward humpback whale.

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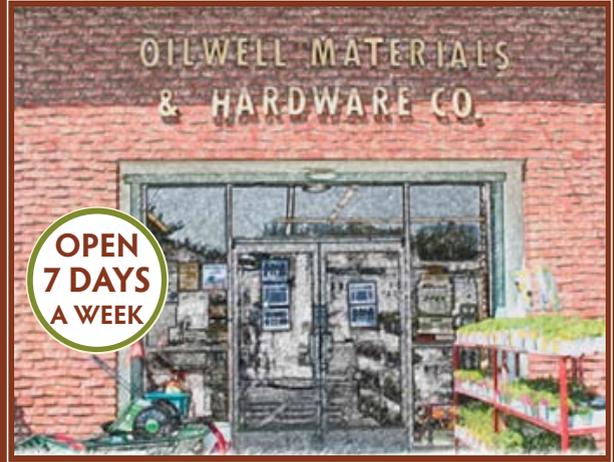
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# Spotlight On Shafer Real Estate

By Laurie Oleksiewicz Photos by Monica Giannini & Susan Whitesell



Welcome to “Spotlight On”, your chance to learn about some of Rio Vista’s unique businesses, and the people who own and staff them.

Rio Vista’s recent population growth is due to Trilogy, a beautiful community for active adults 55+, building house after house to meet the demands of eager buyers. Located near the Sacramento Delta and all its water sports activity, the Trilogy golf resort community features affordable homes less than an hour from San Francisco or Sacramento. The demand for resale homes at Trilogy and the other areas of Rio Vista keeps the real estate businesses in town very busy.



*Diane Shafer, owner/broker of Shafer Real Estate*

Diane Shafer, owner/broker of Shafer Real Estate and agents Debbie Werter and Drew Haisley VanLaanen, are always available to assist buyers and sellers in their quest to find that “just right” home.

Diane was born in Oakland, California and grew up in North Virginia. She started working for new home builders in 1990. Diane particularly liked working at Trilogy in Rio Vista, where she worked for eight years with builders Braddock and Logan and later, Shea Homes, as Design Center Manager. Her husband Michael encouraged Diane to get a real estate license, so in 2003 she became an agent specializing in Trilogy home resale. Diane is truly unique among Trilogy resale agents. In addition to her professionalism, expertise and caring attitude, she literally knows the

Trilogy homes from the inside out based on her design background. She also maintains relationships with many of the Trilogy homeowners she’s worked with over the years.

Diane and her staff pride themselves on being available to their customers. “People don’t like to get voice mail when they call, so we always try to at least answer and



*Office at 121 Montezuma St.*



*A Shafer Real Estate listing at Trilogy*

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In addition to her real estate career, Diane enjoys working with her husband to lovingly renovate old houses in town, bringing them back to their glory days. In her spare time, Diane also crafts intricately designed Victorian lampshades. Stop by her office at 121 Montezuma Street in downtown Rio Vista to see some of her gorgeous creations.

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## Spend a Day on the Delta to “Kick-Start”

By Monica Giannini, Stacia Olson & Joyce Takara

The most exciting fun-filled day of your holiday season awaits you in the historic City of Rio Vista, gateway to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Your holiday begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5 as the Rio Vista Museum hosts their annual Olde Tyme Christmas Faire. This is only the beginning ... the day's holiday activities include a holiday home tour, a Main Street parade down to the waterfront Christmas tree lighting ceremony, and a lighted boat parade. Be sure to visit the antique, collectibles, consignment and clothing boutiques along the way and enjoy a leisurely stroll on our beautiful new waterfront Promenade.

### RIO VISTA MUSEUM OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Enjoy Christmas music, free hot drinks and revel in the holiday atmosphere while experiencing our intriguing museum. Visit the annual Rio Vista Museum Olde Tyme Christmas Faire Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday,



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December 6, noon – 4:30 p.m. at 16 N. Front St. Local artisans sell hand-crafted items including pottery, ornaments, soaps, wreaths, jewelry, quilted and knitted items, and local homemade jams and jellies. The popular bake sale features homemade holiday confections and goodies you can't pass up.

### HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Due to overwhelming demand, a popular event from the past is back! RioVision's Holiday Home Tour returns bigger and better than ever! From 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on December 5, the tour showcases several of Rio Vista's intriguing historic homes. Some homes feature Victorian Christmas decorations while displays in other homes range from a classic “Charles Dickens” theme to a “Country Squire/Gentlemen's Quarters” home. Other contemporary homes are filled with unique Christmas decorations fit for a king (or queen)! Tour only tickets are \$25.00 per person.



Photo, Grace Lin

The sparkle and splendor of the optional VIP Reception is presented in a magnificent waterfront home after the tour. Guests dine on mouth-watering holiday delicacies and beverages while perusing a unique selection of silent auction and raffle items. Your view of the gaily decorated boats lighting the night and filling the sky with seasonal music is “front row.” The lights decorating each boat reflect in the water as they glide along the round trip

route to the Rio Vista Bridge from the Delta Marina. Home Tour with optional VIP Reception tickets are \$50.00 per person.

Early reservations are recommended as space is limited. For further information, please contact [holidaytour6@gmail.com](mailto:holidaytour6@gmail.com) or [rvhometour15@gmail.com](mailto:rvhometour15@gmail.com). Pick up your tickets at Pet's 4 All, 167 Main Street in Rio Vista or visit <https://riovisionholidayhometour.eventbrite.com>. RioVision is a 501(c) (3) non-profit.



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# IN RIO VISTA

## Your Holiday Season

### MAIN STREET PARADE

The Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce hosts the Christmas Parade on Main Street in downtown Rio Vista Saturday, December 5. Come to watch, or better yet, be a part of this wonderful festive event! Assemble at 4:30 p.m. at Lira's; the parade begins at 5:00 p.m. Dress up your dog, spruce up your bike, light up your car, or put together a group of your closest friends to entertain the crowd! Parade participation is free. Pick up your entry forms at the Chamber office after October 31. For more information email the Chamber at [info@riovista.org](mailto:info@riovista.org) or call the office at (707) 374-2700.

### TREE OF LIGHTS

Dedicate a light in memory (or in honor) of a loved one as a special and meaningful way to begin your holiday season at the 11th Annual Hospice of San Joaquin's Tree of Lights. The tree lighting ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. in front of Rio Vista City Hall at the end of Main Street.



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### FLOATING CHRISTMAS PARADE

Boats of all shapes and sizes light up the water and fill the sky with music as they float gracefully down the Sacramento River from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on December 5. With holiday lights strung from bow to stern accompanied by joyous music, it is a magical beginning to the holiday season.

Sponsored by the Delta Marina Yacht Harbor, the parade began during the 1980s and took a hiatus for a few years, returning every year since the mid-1990s.



*Photo, Monica Gianinni*

At the Delta Marina Harbor, the skippers and their crew enjoy complementary grub and beverages while they put the finishing touches on their boat's decorations. Once the Tree of Lights is lit downtown, the festive parade begins its round trip journey to the Rio Vista Bridge. Enjoy the sights and sounds as the parade makes one loop after another several times so that everyone gets a chance to see the lights and hear the seasonal music. When all the boats are docked, an award ceremony is held at The Point Restaurant. The winner of the best decorated boat contest is announced, and their name is added to a trophy with past winners. Some popular spots to get a good view are The Point Restaurant, the Delta Marina and at the foot of Main Street.

## Motorbike Blessing

By Jim Wheeler

Last November, Rio Vista had its first blessing of motorcycles and riders in honor of St. Columbanus, the Patron Saint of Motorcyclists. Join us again November 21, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for the second annual blessing. Riders gather in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church, 130 South 4th Street, Rio Vista.

Father Richard Boyle, OSM, the Pastor of St. Joseph's, and a motorcycle rider, blesses the riders and their motorcycles. Afterwards, attendees gather at St. Joseph Hall for refreshments and share their experiences.



Last year, 30 bikes and riders from as far away as Placerville were blessed in a steady drizzle of rain. After some food later in the day, several of the motorcyclists took their bikes out for a spin. While we need the rain, we are hoping it visits us on another day this year but, rain or not, the blessing goes on. All are welcome at the event; please spread the word.

St. Columbanus was born in Ireland in 543 A.D. Although he was born into a life of privilege, he became a monk in early adulthood. As an Irish monk he was drawn to the open road rather than the monastic life. He roamed Europe, bringing his Catholic faith to what would later become the countries of France, Germany, Britain, Switzerland and Italy. In his later years he retired to a cave near the town of Bobbio in what is now northern Italy. It is there that he was buried in 61 A.D. Several years ago the Vatican endorsed St. Columbanus as the patron saint of motorcyclists. He is remembered every November 23 on his "Feast Day."

For more information about the event, contact St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rio Vista at (707) 374-2155.

## Turkey Trot 5K

By Susan Whitesell

Support youth cross country in Rio Vista and get a head start on losing those extra holiday pounds! Join the Turkey Trot at 8:00 a.m. November 26 at Egbert Field in Rio Vista for a timed run and walk. All proceeds benefit the Riverview Middle



School and Rio Vista High School cross country teams as part of Project Heart & Sole. The project, sponsored by Soroptimist International of Rio Vista, inspires students to be confident, healthy, and self-respecting and nourishes social and physical development through running.

Register before November 1 and receive a free T-shirt. Visit <https://riovista5k.com>

to register or for more information. Adult tickets are \$25.00 or \$30.00 after November 1. Youth tickets, for 14 and under, are \$15.00.

Come burn off a few calories before giving "thanks" for your health!

# Events

Third Thursday, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## Third Thursday

Oct 15, Nov 19 & Dec 17, Downtown

Experience art, entertainment, fun activities and the Rio Vista Museum while leisurely shopping our quaint downtown.

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Trilogy Community Garage Sales

Trilogy, 55+ community west of Rio Vista

Come out to the largest sale this side of the Delta! Storm the Trilogy gate at 9:00 a.m. then grab a map to locate hundreds of participating houses. Find furniture, appliances, yard equipment, clothing, housewares, antiques and more!

Saturday, Oct 3, 8:30 a.m. – noon

## Young Eagles Rally

Rio Vista Airport Terminal

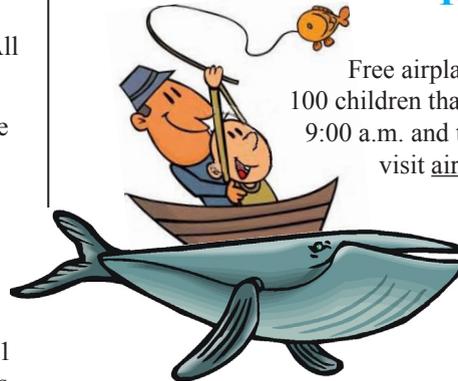
Free airplane rides limited to the first 100 children that sign up. The first flight is 9:00 a.m. and the last is at noon. For info visit [airportday@FlyRioVista.org](mailto:airportday@FlyRioVista.org).

Friday – Sunday

Oct 9 – 11

## 68th Annual Bass Derby & Festival

Downtown



"Have a Whale of a Time" celebrating Humphrey's 30th anniversary visit. Enter the fishing derby, careen on carnival rides, enjoy a classic car show, live music, vendors, parade and soap box derby while soaking up our small town atmosphere on the Sacramento River.

Weekends, Oct 10 – 25, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Western Railway Pumpkin Patch

5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun City

Ride a historic electric train and enjoy games, live music, hayrides, a petting zoo, a hay bale fortress, food, baked goods and pumpkins galore. A great trip for the family!



Thursday, Oct 29, 6:00 p.m.

## Costumes Optional Halloween Dinner

Veteran's Memorial Bldg  
610 St. Francis Wy, Rio Vista

Costumes are optional but not the fun at this Halloween dinner. For info call the American Legion at (707) 374-6554.

Wednesday, Oct 21, 7:30 a.m.

## American Legion Golf Tournament

Trilogy Golf Course

Duffers welcome at this tournament sponsored by American Legion Post 178. \$70.00 entrance fee or \$45.00 per person for course members includes lunch. For info contact Walt Jue at (707) 374-3988.

# Calendar

Saturday, Oct 24, 7:00 p.m.

## Phantom of the Opera

Hunter Hall, 218 California St., Rio Vista



Get your scream on at this 1925 silent film classic starring Lon Chaney accompanied by Dave Moreno on the mighty Wurlitzer and Linda Small singing the operatic score.

Friday, Nov 20, 6:00 p.m.

## Turkey Trot Dinner

Veteran's Memorial Bldg  
610 St. Francis Wy, Rio Vista

Enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. For

more info call the American Legion at (707) 374-6554.

Thursday, Nov 26, 8:00 a.m.

## Turkey Trot 5K

Egbert Field, Rio Vista



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Saturday, Nov 21, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Motorcycle Blessing

St. Joseph Church  
130 South 4th St., Rio Vista

Attend this unique event as the Pastor at St. Joseph's blesses riders and their motorcycles. For more info, contact St. Joseph Catholic Church at (707) 374-2155.



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Saturday, November 21

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Fall Gift, Craft & Art Faire Plus Jewelry Show

Vista Club, Trilogy, 55+ community west of Rio Vista

Don't miss out on an amazing shopping experience at Trilogy! 3JB Jazz Band performs in the Grand Living Room 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Café Vista stays open until 3:00 p.m.! Raffle sales and drawings are held throughout the event to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Saturday, Dec 5, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 6, noon – 4:30 p.m.

## Olde Tyme Christmas Faire

Rio Vista Museum, 16 N. Front St., Rio Vista



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Celebrate the holidays the olde fashioned way at this charming faire selling hand-crafted items by local artisans and home made jams, jellies and baked goods in our intriguing museum.

Saturday, Dec 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Holiday Home Tour

Begins at Senior Center  
6 North Front St., Rio Vista

Tour amazing homes resplendent with charming holiday decorations! Tickets \$25.00 per person. Optional home tour plus VIP reception tickets \$50.00 per person. For further info, contact [holidaytour6@gmail.com](mailto:holidaytour6@gmail.com) or [rvhometour15@gmail.com](mailto:rvhometour15@gmail.com). Tickets are available at Pet's 4 All, 167 Main Street in Rio Vista or by visiting <https://riovisionholidayhometour.eventbrite.com>.



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Saturday, Dec 5, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

## Christmas Main Street Parade

Main St., Rio Vista

Small town charm shines as children march in their holiday regalia down Main St. from Lira's Supermarket to Rio Vista City Hall at the end of Main St.

Saturday, Dec 5

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## Tree of Lights

Main St., Rio Vista

The 11th Annual Tree of Lights benefiting Hospice of San Joaquin tree lighting ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m. at the end of Main St. Buy your light in memory of or to honor a loved one at [www.hospicesj.org/treeoflights](http://www.hospicesj.org/treeoflights).



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Saturday, Dec 5

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## Lighted Boat Parade

Sacramento River, Rio Vista

Boats strung from bow to stern with holiday lights cruise between the Delta Marina and the Rio Vista Bridge for a magical beginning to the holiday season.

Thursday, Dec 31

6:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

## New Years Eve Dinner and Dance

Veteran's Memorial Bldg  
610 St. Francis Wy, Rio Vista

Ring in the New Year with glitter and glam while aiding our veterans. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. For more info call Ron Waite at the American Legion at (707) 374-6554.



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## RIO VISTA'S OWN THANKSGIVING MORNING 5K

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SUPPORTING YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY

REGISTER EARLY FOR  
A FREE T-SHIRT!  
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**When:** Thanksgiving Morning  
8AM, November 26

**Where:** Egbert Field, Rio Vista

**\$25 Adults (\$30 after 11/1)**  
**and \$15 for youth under 14**

**100%** of proceeds benefit  
*Riverview Middle School* and *Rio Vista High School Cross Country*  
programs. This is a timed 5K run or walk. Come burn a few calories in the morning before giving thanks for your health.