

Rio residents planning community cleanup day

April 16 will be Rio del Mar Cleanup Day.

The Rio del Mar Improvement Assn. board of directors has endorsed a volunteer community clean-up day, first suggested by Bob Easterwood of Cheshire Realty.

Community residents and property owners are being asked to donate a couple hours on April 16 to clean up trash, help fill some potholes on the area roads, and even mow lawns and spruce up property belonging to residents unable to care for their own property because of age or disability.

Lou Chalone of Central County Garbage has promised the use of a dumpster to hold the trash collected on that day and discussions are now being held with county officials on the idea of getting a county truck, some

“cold mix” asphalt and a county driver and then patching many of the potholes that have developed on Rio del Mar streets.

It will be just a Rio del Mar effort, said Assn. president Ray Garcia. Garcia said he contacted the Seascap Improvement Assn. to see if members there wanted to participate.

He told the other Rio directors that the Seascap area had just formed an assessment district to pay for that type of work.

“I guess the folks in Seascap are richer than the ones in Rio del Mar,” Garcia quipped.

Easterwood is asking anyone interested in volunteering or who knows of work to be done in the Rio del Mar to call his office, 688-8726.

County supervisor

Robley Levy added a plea to the appeal, asking anyone in the Midcounty area who knows of road work or other public works repairs to be done to call the county public works department at 425-2222.

The directors also decided to contribute up to \$200 to a campaign to pass a fire service fee for the Aptos Fire Protection District this June, but the motion by board member Beverley Moore stopped short of openly endorsing the measure.

The district is asking for the authority to impose a service charge of up to \$90 a single family home and \$50 a mobile home if the state cuts its support of the special districts.

The authorization would be good for three years and requires a two-thirds vote to pass.