

# La Entrada News

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Serving the Residents of the La Entrada Community



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## La Entrada News

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## Residents Go To Work on Spring RV FireWise/USA Community Day

by Pat Barnes

Residents from all three Rancho Viejo communities gathered on Saturday morning, May 7th, to share a morning of work and fun. They cleared the land and cleaned up the neighborhoods during the 3rd annual Firewise/USA Community Day.



*La Cienega Fire Department volunteers work behind Via Punto Nuevo.*

*photo by Daniel Johnsen*

Over 90 residents and the La Cienega Fire Department gathered for coffee and donuts in the parking lot of the Village Market. Everyone present was given bright orange t-shirts with the Firewise/Rancho Viejo logo on the front before they began the task of cleaning up the community. Each resident received free leather gardening gloves, trash bags and was assigned specific areas to work. Participants visited with neighbors while they took charge of removing trash through common areas and around the perimeter of the developed areas. Trash bags and cut tree limbs were collected by Franco's, Heads Up, and Proscape landscape companies that support our Firewise efforts and help us to comply with the Forestry Department recommendations.

*see "Firewise", page 4*

# La Entrada HOA Board Thanks Pat Barnes for Her Service

by Paul Dillon

Pat Barnes has served our community as our HOA Vice President for five years. The community and the HOA board thank her for all her leadership and service. She has been instrumental in bringing Firewise to Rancho Viejo. There are many other volunteer duties she has done for our community including serving on the La Entrada Communication Committee as the Board liaison, working on the variety of community projects and events including Welcome Packets for new residents, Editor of the La Entrada News, work on Rancho Viejo RoundUp, and Neighborhood Watch. We thank her for her for all she has done in La Entrada over the years and while Pat remains active on the La Entrada Communication Committee, we wish her more relaxing free time!

## Paul Dillon Joins the La Entrada HOA Board

by Sally Dillon



photo by Sally Dillon

The La Entrada At Rancho Viejo Community Association is pleased to welcome Paul Dillon to the Board as Vice President.

Paul and Sally Dillon purchased their home in La Entrada in 2009 as a future retirement residence. In April 2012 Paul was transferred with JC Penney to Santa Fe. Sally remained teaching in Illinois until June 2015. Paul has served as the La Entrada Communication Committee chairperson for approximately 2 years. Community activities the committee has been involved in include Firewise, the Santa Fe Annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Drives for the Food Depot, a Fiesta Picnic, Raptor Releases

(partnering with the Santa Fe Raptor Center), the Annual Holiday Party, the La Entrada at Rancho Viejo website, and the newsletter as well as partnering with Amy Biehl School with a variety of projects. Prior to their move to Santa Fe, the Dillons lived in Illinois for over 30 years.

### La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting  
Time and date TBD

Please watch for  
mailbox flyer  
and email notice.

### Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts

**Carol Thompson**  
Area Coordinator RV  
Neighborhood Watch  
Home: 471-9044  
Cell: 603-0833  
Email: [carolath@msn.com](mailto:carolath@msn.com)

**Kathy Brown**  
La Entrada Coordinator  
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**See anything Suspicious?**  
Call County Sheriff's Office:  
428-3720.  
If you wish to remain  
anonymous, call Crime  
Stoppers: 955-5050.

### La Entrada Association Needs your Emails

**Owners:** Stay informed about news and events happening in the community. Please be sure that Michael Smith, La Entrada HOA manager has your contact information. His number is 954-4479. And if your contact information changes, also visit [www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org](http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org) and update it there.

**Landlords:** Please keep tenant(s) informed of La Entrada community news. Please be sure that Michael Smith has the name and contact information. His number is 954-4479.

# Help Collect Box Tops for Education

By Staci Stevens

You've all seen it - the little Box Tops logo on your favorite cereals, tissues, and soups. But, did you realize that every time you throw one away, you are essentially tossing a dime in the trash? That's right, each of those little squares is worth ten cents to our local schools.

La Entrada will be starting a collection for Box Tops to support Rancho Viejo's Amy Biehl Community School (ABCS). You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store. For a full list of participating products and more information about the program go to: [www.bboxtops4education.com](http://www.bboxtops4education.com)

## La Entrada at Rancho Viejo collects



Just clip the Box Tops, seal them in a zip lock bag and put them in the drop box on Paul and Sally Dillion's porch located at 85 Villa Orilla Dorado. The Box Tops will be delivered to ABCS each month. This past school year ABCS only earned a little over half their goal of \$1000. We can help them do better than that!

As you may have read in the newspaper, our school district seems perpetually in the midst of budget cuts, so literally every dime matters! It's the little things we do as a community to support one another that make Rancho Viejo and La Entrada a special place to live.

The students, parents and teachers at Amy Biehl Community School thank you for your help!

## Large Item Pickup

The date for large item pick up in La Entrada is the third Friday of each month. The next dates of service are Friday, June 17 and July 15, 2016.

Please contact Michael Smith at 954-4479 to be put on the schedule. Provide your address, telephone number and description of item(s). Remember to sign up no later than the Monday prior to the Friday pick up date.

### Items allowed:

1. Furniture: Bulky items cannot exceed eight feet in length, four feet in width or weigh more than 150 pounds.
2. Yard Waste: Not to exceed (1) one regular truck load, loose items must be bundled 2'x2', or bagged.
3. Moving boxes: Must be broken down and bundled.
4. Miscellaneous: Not to exceed (1) one regular truck load, loose items must be bundled 2'x2', or bagged.

### Items not Allowed:

1. Tires
2. Batteries
3. Animal carcasses
4. Paints and solvents
5. Concrete, rocks, dirt and sod.

This service is provided by MCT Taste and is conducted by one employee. Residents must adhere to these restrictions to allow MCT Waste to comply with environmental guidelines and to ensure employee safety.



## Firewise

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Following the clean up, participants enjoyed a pizza luncheon in the Rancho Viejo Park. Guest speakers included Liz Stefanics, District 5 County Board Commissioner and Efren Galindo, the La Cienega Volunteer Fire Department District Chief. Representatives from each of the three communities spoke. Cass Thompson, President of the La Entrada HOA, Bernie Paiz, President of the South HOA and David Rasinski of the South all addressed the importance of working together as a sustainable community with minimized risk of wildfire.



Pizza In The Park

*photo by Daniel Johnsen*

The La Cienega Volunteer Fire Department gets a huge thank you for their ongoing support including participation in our regular Firewise/USA meetings, providing professional expertise in assisting the community in developing appropriate emergency preparedness and bringing their fire trucks to our annual Firewise/USA Day.

Dr. Judy Reinhartz, who developed curriculum that was implemented at the Amy Biehl school this year was on hand to display the creative posters designed by the K-6 students at the school. The involvement of more young people in our clean up day was evident and appreciated. Dr. Reinhartz will be presenting the school curriculum that has brought many young people to our annual event at the National Firewire Conference scheduled in June in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Many people, including our HOA committee members and board members contributed to the success of this venture. We recognize these organizations for their generous support of our event:

Village Market – Use of parking lot and donuts  
 Tathagata Coffee – Coffee, sugar and creamer  
 Franco's Landscaping – T-shirts and crew  
 Heads Up Landscaping – T-shirts and crew  
 Proscape Landscaping – T-shirts and crew  
 Santa Fe Sports & Images LLC – T-shirts  
 Rancho Viejo Properties – T-shirts  
 Southwest Spray and Foam – T-shirts  
 Hicks Enterprise – T-shirts  
 Estancia Homes – T-shirts and matching funds of \$527  
 Midtown Bistro – Dinner for 4  
 Big Joe's – 30 leather work gloves  
 Home Depot - \$50 for work gloves  
 Sam's Club – 2 cases of water  
 La Cienega Fire Department and Crew –  
     Clean up of community  
 New Mexico State Police – On site

And we recognize the following individuals for their help and support:

Liz Stefanics – Speaker  
 Chief Efren Galindo –Speaker  
 Alina Catanach – T shirts and \$100 for raffle tickets  
 Dan Johnsen – Photography, P.A. system  
 Faith Johnsen – Registration  
 Drew Scott – Raffle tickets  
 Jane Scott – Registration  
 Lorri Sweat – Rock painting activity  
 David Rasinski – Lunch, set up and take Down  
 Vince Montoya – Chairs and tables  
 Sally Dillon – Signs and distribution of food  
 Judy Reinhartz – Amy Biehl poster contest  
 Marilyn Morgan – Food distribution  
 Jay Winter – Space for Firewise contest

## Reclaimed Water Advisory Committee Meeting

*by Sally Dillon*

As a result of the Homework Group held in the fall of 2015 to address issues with the Effluent Irrigation, it was determined that a separate committee would be formed. The committee is made up of two residents from each Rancho Viejo community. Tom O'Brien and Doyle Preheim are the representatives from the North community, Bill Trujillo and Chris Schtzman are from the South Community, and your representatives from La Entrada are Drew Scott and Sally Dillon. The Reclaimed Water Advisory Committee met on Mon Feb. 22 to discuss each groups' position on plans to move forward and what we wanted to see completed before the irrigation season begins.

All of the representatives agreed that the VFDs (Variable Speed Pumps/Drives) be installed first to see how that improves watering issues. All agreed that this is the first step, however Smart Meters might be needed later on. The VFDs are ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. The VFDs will be paid with HOA funds in La Entrada.

A couple of options were presented for proposed irrigation schedules. La Entrada went on line for the irrigation of common areas last Aug. and with continued construction and future park development, La Entrada will need 2 days of effluent watering of new plants.

Contractual agreements and the formalized schedule are forthcoming. The Reclaimed Water Advisory Committee will meet again when the documents are ready.

## May 12, 2016 La Entrada HOA Meeting

*by Paul Dillon*

The May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the La Entrada HOA Board meeting began with the introduction of Paul Dillon, who joins the Board as Vice President. Long time Vice President Pat Barnes has stepped down. Paul gave a brief introduction about himself.

Michael Smith, of HOAMCO, presented the financial report to the Board and the small amount of residents present at the meeting.

During Committee Reports, Cass reported on the Design Review Committee (DRC), stating that many design requests have been addressed via email, while at other times, the committee meets to discuss related business. Paul was Communication Committee chairperson at the time the committee met on April 25<sup>th</sup>, so he reported on the recent meeting. He stated that the main focus of the recent meeting was on the last minute details for the Firewise event held on Sat. May 7<sup>th</sup>, and assignment of articles for the upcoming June 2016 La Entrada News. One great addition to the committee is the collaboration between Amy Biehl School and the La Entrada Communication Committee, especially with the Firewise Posters, upcoming collections of Box Tops For Education, as well as other community support of our neighborhood school. Thank you to Pat Barnes for Firewise! Thank you to Staci Stevens for her connection to Amy Biehl School!

Old and New Business: During this time, Cass gave an update on the Effluent Irrigation in Ranch Viejo, specifically in La Entrada. Cass also reported on the Rancho Viejo Blvd. Road Improvements. Both Michael and La Entrada at Rancho Viejo sent out email blasts earlier in the day.

Finally, the meeting was opened to questions from the residents. One questions was about how many homes are under construction. Cass stated 13 houses are under construction with 30 closings expected by year-end. Another question was regarding the need for a 4-way stop at Calle Agua Clara and Rancho Viejo Blvd. Cass stated it was a county road and that it could be looked into. Since there were just a couple of questions, the meeting was adjourned.

## Raptor Release Coming Soon!

By Staci Stevens

This fall La Entrada will be working with the Santa Fe Raptor Center to release rehabilitated raptors back in to the wild. The past two years have been a great success and the community has really enjoyed experiencing the majesty of raptors, including Great Horned Owls, in an intimate setting. We are happy to bring this experience back again for a third year. Please stay posted for dates and times as they become available.

## Upcoming Park Land in La Entrada

by Cass Thompson

As houses continue to be built in La Entrada, there are also plans for future park land in our community. Please check the artist rendering of the community map for the location of these parks.

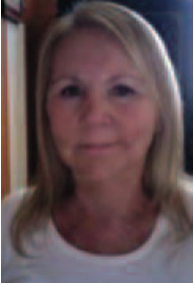


For a larger view, including all of La Entrada Phase 1, open space, parks and trails, please see the [La Entrada Open Space Concept](#) pdf file on our website. Construction of these parks is expected to begin this year.

# LA ENTRADA COMMITTEE REPORTS

## DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

*by Judy Keller, Chair*



*Judy Keller, Chair*

Spring is finally here. I know many of you are eager to begin your spring projects. Before work begins, please read and familiarize yourself with the La Entrada Community Association Homeowner Handbook and the recent changes that are now in effect. This handbook covers design guidelines, architectural standards, association rules and standards for conduct and use. Changes and additions to landscaping (including, side, front and back of your property) MUST be submitted to the DRC for approval prior to installation.

If anyone has accomplished work/projects that were not approved, please submit a request for approval at this time. It is essential that you have all necessary approvals on file for your property to ensure that you are in compliance.

Do not hesitate to contact your HOA Manager with any questions that you may have. The form for submitting landscape drawings, plans and modifications to the exterior of your home is available at the sales office or at [www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org](http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org).

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

*by Paul Dillon, Chair*



*Paul Dillon, Chair*

Members of the committee met in April to finalize plans for the Firewise Event held on May 7, 2016 and to discuss and assign articles for the next La Entrada News to be published in June.

Lisa Marcato, a former editor from Alaska, has joined the Communication Committee and will work with Pat on editing the next issue of the newsletter. Members of the committee are writing the articles. Sally and Dan will work on the photos and Dan is doing the layout of the digital newsletter. In addition to the *La Entrada News* being sent out via an email blast, it is also posted on the La Entrada website at [www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org](http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org)

Committee member, Staci Stevens is working as a liaison between Amy Biehl School and our La Entrada community. In addition to the collaboration with our neighborhood school during Firewise, Staci is working to coordinate the collection of Box Tops For Education. Planning also includes a copier paper drive for the school to coincide with the September Food Drive. More details will be coming when the time is closer.

At our next meeting the committee will select a new chairperson to replace Paul Dillon who is now serving on the La Entrada HOA Board as Vice President.

As always, the La Entrada Communication Committee welcomes anyone who would like to serve on the committee. Please contact Paul Dillon at [pauldillon87508@gmail.com](mailto:pauldillon87508@gmail.com) if you would like to join us. We will be meeting bimonthly in 2016.



# Rancho Viejo Ladies Lunch And Rancho Viejo Book Club

by Audra Hansche

Whether you have just moved to Rancho Viejo, or you are looking for ways to meet people, or you would like to get involved socially with neighbors, here are some opportunities. Many residents in La Entrada are new to the area or new to Santa Fe. These groups provide a friendly setting to meet and make some new friends. Open to all ladies of Rancho Viejo.



photos by Audra Hansche

Locations and dates vary. Other social activities and gatherings have also been discussed. Cocktail parties and a Book Club are starting to materialize. The first book has been chosen. The Rainbow Comes and Goes by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt.



The first meeting of the RV Book Club will be on Thursday, June 23rd from 2-4 pm. At this meeting we will discuss the book, suggest future books: fiction & non-fiction and discuss the future format for the Club.

If you would like to be included in either lunch, the Book Club or both, please contact Audra Hansche by email – [Mauied85@AOL.com](mailto:Mauied85@AOL.com). We will use email to communicate most effectively. More information will be given at that time.



**Have a Ball On July 4th  
But Leave the Fireworks  
To the Pros and Watch  
For Other Fire Dangers!**

With the approach of July 4th, we urge you to refrain from using fireworks.

Open fires, the burning of trash or vegetation, and throwing cigarettes out a vehicle window can also have terrible consequences. Smoking is prohibited in many locations.

Minimal snowfall, little rain and constant winds are a dangerous combination which increases the danger of fire. Remember we are a Firewise/USA Community. **Let's be careful out there.**





# Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch Community-wide Yard Sale

by Pat Barnes

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS! WE WILL BE HAVING OUR 7TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be located at the large park opposite the Manager's offices. Please start saving your treasures for us. All profits from the yard sale will go to Neighborhood Watch and then back to the homeowners in some fashion. It's a wonderful cause. Please call Carol Thompson at 471-9044 if you would like to donate any of your housewares, book, furniture, etc. She will direct you to where it will be stored.

We have already been contacted by residents who are moving and donating all the stuff they are not taking with them. We ask that all donations be in good, usable condition. This Yard Sale has been most successful for the last six years. We expect this one to be better than ever! Thank you in advance for helping out this year. Keep an eye out for flyers in mid-July for more information.

We'd love to have that thingamajiggy in your closet,  
your used whatchamacallit sitting in the garage,  
that cute doodad in the corner of your living room

## Calling all neighbors!

Please donate to our 7th Annual

### Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch Yard Sale

Help us make this event a big success!  
We need 2 or 3 nice items from you by July 25

Our yard sale is Saturday, July 30th  
Sale starts at 9:00 a.m.  
in the park across from the Village Market

Proceeds will be used to benefit our  
community here at Rancho Viejo.

Please pass this message on  
to your neighbors and friends.  
We will collect your items and  
can even store them until the sale.  
Just call Carol Thompson at 471-9044  
for more information



## Summer Has Arrived... Please Lower The Noise

### Now hear this:

Residents have the right to expect peace and quiet in this community even though we may live in close proximity to each other. Blasting car radios, racing motorcycles, loud mufflers and dogs that bark incessantly are all invasive when in the privacy of our own homes. Do you recognize yourself in any of these offending behaviors? In summer, windows are often open, so please curb excessive noise. Neighbors will thank you!

## How Do I Recycle in La Entrada?

Santa Fe County Solid Waste and Recycling Division operates a Recycling Convenience Center in Rancho Viejo at the corner of Agenda del Sur and A Van Nu Po (look for dirt road). This station is open on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30 and accepts:

1. corrugated cardboard
2. glass
3. mixed recyclables
  - a. mixed paper materials including, paper, paperboard and books
  - b. mixed containers including ALL plastic (regardless of #, but no styrofoam) and metal bottles, tubs, clamshells, packaging, cans and foil items and milk cartons/juice pouches.

# Snakes Alive!

Yes, rattlesnake season has arrived

by Staci Stevens



Rattlesnake!

*photo by Staci Stevens*

The best way to avoid snakes is to stay on designated paths and walk down the middle. When walking with dogs always keep them under control and on a short leash.



(non poisonous) Bull Snake

*photo by Staci Stevens*

This time of year, snake activity increases in our community and throughout Northern New Mexico.

Whenever outdoors stay vigilant about snakes. Snakes attempt to avoid predators by staying out of sight so you are most likely to encounter them near rocks, bushes or shrubs. Snakes warm themselves by curling up on rocks, sidewalks, walking trails and streets.



Another rattlesnake!

*photo by Staci Stevens*

Always wear appropriate footwear. Most snake bits occur on the foot or near the ankle so leather boots extending past the ankle are ideal. Sandals are not recommended.

When weather gets warmer snakes tend to be more nocturnal and more active at dawn, dusk or at night.

Most snake species found in New Mexico are non-poisonous. But, if you run across a rattlesnake (notice the rattles) on a path or near your home, it could very well be a danger to children, pets and yourself. Call Animal Control at 428-3720. They will come out and remove the snake.