

La Entrada News

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Holiday Party a Great Success

by Marilyn Morgan



The 2016 Holiday Party held at the sales office in December was a great success with even more residents attending than in 2015. Thank you to all who joined us!

The party was a great opportunity to meet some of our new neighbors, especially some of the younger members of our community. This year we wanted to be sure that everyone had a fun time so we added several hands-on kid friendly activities such as hand-made bookmarks and paper chains. Adding to the festivities, a Christmas tree was on display allowing members to express their own individual style and creativity by adding new and amusing tree decorations!

And while it was an amazing buffet full of great food and baked goods as only La Entrada can do, attendees also brought cookies to share with partygoers, and the Fire Station and Youth Shelter. La Entrada was happy to provide several food trays and cookies as well to these worthy organizations.

We hope to see even more residents at next year's event!

The History of Rancho Viejo

by Cass Thompson

In 1981, four families – the Meyers, Chambers, Kennedys, and Thompsons – formed Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership and purchased approximately 23,000 acres south of I-25 formerly known as the Jarrott Ranch, forming the beginnings of what would come to be known as Rancho Viejo. While the original founders of partnership are no longer alive, the partnership is still owned and operated by their children.

Rancho Viejo understood the need for educational institutions in Santa Fe to have a place where there was room for campuses to be developed. As a result, the community enjoys numerous educational facilities:

In 1985, four years after the purchase and long before any housing development was planned, Rancho Viejo donated

Santa Fe Community addition to the land Viejo built Richards water and natural gas 1993, Rancho Viejo the College and increasing the size of 367 acres it is today.



167 acres for the College Campus. In donation, Rancho Avenue and brought to the campus. In sold 100 acres to donated 100 more, the campus to the

In 1991, the Institute Arts needed land for a Viejo donated 160 dream of having a could become a reality.

of American Indian campus. Rancho acres so that the permanent facility

Rancho Viejo has also donated land for the Santa Marie de La Paz Catholic School, the Amy Biehl Community School, the Academy for Technology and the Classics, and the Turquoise Trail Elementary School.

Over the years, Rancho Viejo has also donated land for other community uses, including a 2009 donation for the fire station on Rancho Viejo Blvd.

In 1995, 2,500 acres were sold to SunCor Development Company, which began developing the Village at Rancho Viejo under the name Rancho Viejo de Santa Fe, Inc. SunCor was a wholly owned subsidiary of

Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, the owner of Arizona Public Service. Rancho Viejo and SunCor created a concept plan for 11,000 acres and worked with Santa Fe County to obtain the necessary approvals to create a community of mixed-use villages, unique at the time in the county. SunCor built approximately 1,200 homes at Rancho Viejo in the Village, Windmill Ridge, College Heights and the beginning of La Entrada. In 2009, Pinnacle West's board began a liquidation of SunCor, culminating in SunCor bankruptcy proceedings in early 2013.

In late December 2010, Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership joined with Univest to form Univest-Rancho Viejo LLC. The company purchased the remaining land from SunCor, keeping the project out of bankruptcy. Univest-Rancho Viejo continues the development of the project today.

Current Construction

Currently, Univest-Rancho Viejo Entrada, part of the Village West three phases. Phase I, where includes a total of 404 residential remaining lots located on the Sub-phase I is nearing three sub-phases are planned for After that, construction will move Rancho Viejo Blvd., and Phase III, a business park on the west side of Richards Avenue where BTI is located.



is completing the build out of La Master Plan being developed in current development is occurring, lots in four sub-phases, with the north side of Rancho Viejo Blvd. completion, and the subsequent build-out over the next three years. to La Entrada Phase II, south of

Land Use in Rancho Viejo and the County Approval Process

Fifty percent of the land within Rancho Viejo is set aside as open space, and the remaining land within the Rancho Viejo community has been zoned for commercial and residential development since 2000.

Santa Fe County adopted the Community College District Plan (CCDP) in October 2000 and the Community College District Ordinance (CCDO) in December 2000, and they provide the overall development objectives for the Rancho Viejo community. In 2015, Santa Fe County kept the Community College District and its concepts intact when it adopted the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC), importing the plan in its entirety and updating it to fit with the new code.

All development (including the Village West Master Plan, which includes La Entrada) must comply with the SLDC, which promotes and encourages mixed-use development. A variety of residential commercial uses are allowed including multi-family, offices, restaurants, retail stores, and schools. More intensive development is planned for Village Centers with less density around the fringes, and Employment Centers are planned to promote jobs in the community. All of this development must include consideration of the 50 percent open space, required drainages, and other needs of the land.

As development moves forward, the Rancho Viejo partnership will continue striving to build a strong community and fulfill the vision that brought Rancho Viejo to where it is today.

Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch

Holiday Safety Meeting

Monday December 12, 2016



Deputy Robert Girmendonk and Corporal Fred Suazo of the Santa Fe Sheriff's Department spoke to the Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch on December 12, 2016 to answer questions from concerned residents about recent vandalism and burglary in Windmill Ridge.

Addressing a crowd of approximately 85 people from all of Rancho Viejo, Officers Girmendonk and Suazo showed their patience and expertise during the evening's lively question and answer session and assured the audience that residents were doing their part to help the sheriff's department through participation in their Neighborhood Watch program.

RVNW Safety Meeting, Continued -

A handout was passed out of a photo taken of a suspect during an act of vandalism, and another handout was passed out mapping out the 14 crimes committed during the last 6 months in Rancho Viejo. "The name of the game is deterrence", said Deputy Suazo when asked about the increase this year in the Windmill Ridge area. His advice was to mix up daily habits that residents rely on, to check out unrecognizable vehicles, and to be sure to lock car doors. "These people want easy money," said Deputy Suazo. In order to make it harder for perpetrators to commit their crime, the officers offered many suggestions:

- *Do not leave your house at the same time every day if avoidable.
- *Be aware of unfamiliar people and cars in your neighborhood.
- *Lock your cars and your doors and windows even when you are at home.
- *If it is an emergency, call 911. If it is urgent but not an emergency, call 428-3720.
- *Use your front porch light on a regular basis. Install motion detection sensors.
- *Tell your neighbors if they have burned out lights.
- *Use a dowel on your sliding doors. This is very effective as are metal screen doors.
- *Get a dog.
- *Do not leave garage door opener or car registration in car if parking on street.
- *If you're to be gone for a length of time, alert your neighbors.
- *Take pictures of your valuables and keep an updated list of serial numbers.
- *Sign up for the RV Neighborhood Watch program alerts by contacting Carol Thompson at carolath@msn.com
- *Mention Neighborhood Watch to your neighbors so that they can participate.
- * Use the web site CrimeReports.com which is updated every day and sign up for www.Nixle.com alerts.

*If possible attend the Santa Fe Police Academy which starts in February. (Application to follow minutes.) This academy is a 10 week class teaching various topics which include the history of the SF Co. Sheriff's Dept., SF Police Dept. and the NM State Police; crime scene investigations, internet crime, etc. For more information contact the SF Police Dept.

Officers Girmendonk and Suazo had many interesting comments about the vandalism in Rancho Viejo. Among their comments were the following:

*Rancho Viejo is very low in property crimes in comparison to other neighborhoods in Santa Fe County.



RVNW Holiday Safety Mtg, Continued -

*There are quite a few officers who live in the RV neighborhoods, thereby increasing our security.

*Officer Girmendonk hasn't heard of a home invasion in our area in years.

* Motion detection sensors are permitted by most HOA's. Contact your HOA Community Manager to find out what the approval process is for your Association and area.

*Rancho Viejo has signs against solicitations. No solicitors should be encouraged.

*The absence of streetlights in Rancho Viejo is due to the Santa Fe County "Night Sky" ordinance.

*Landlines can be registered for a reverse 911 that would notify residents of problems.

*There is no gang activity in our neighborhood.

*Most crimes are crimes of convenience, such as robbing unlocked cars.

In conclusion Corporal Suazo and Deputy Girmendonk advised all of Rancho Viejo to remain alert. "Rather be safe than sorry," said the officers with strong agreement from RVNW Coordinator Carol Thompson.



UFO Clouds, Photo Credit: Sally Dillon

La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting
Thursday, March 23
6:00 p.m.
RV Fire Department
Community Room
37 Rancho Viejo Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts

Carol Thompson
Area Coordinator RV
Neighborhood Watch
Home: 471-9044
Cell: 603-0833
Email: carolath@msn.com

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

Large Item Pickup

The date for large item pick up within La Entrada residential areas is the third Friday of each month. The next date of service is Friday, **February 17, 2017**.

Residents must call Michael Smith at 954-4479 before the date to arrange for large item pick up. Please 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.

Types of items allowed:
furniture, yard waste,
appliances.

Not Allowed: Most electronics,
oil or household chemicals.



Citizens Police Academy

Understanding through Education

Residents Offered Inside Look at Santa Fe Police

SANTA FE, N.M. – If you have ever wanted to go behind police lines, see what it is like to really walk in an officer's shoes, learn how investigations are processed or simply train with Santa Fe's finest, now is your chance! The Santa Fe Police Department is offering residents the opportunity to sign up for its annual Citizens Academy.

The hands on Citizens academy runs for 12 consecutive weeks in two hour sessions, and also includes instructors from New Mexico State Police and the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department.

Topics include:

- Prison & Street Gangs
- Use of Force
- Decisional Shooting
- SWAT – K9 Training
- Police Driving
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Department History

During the Use of Force and Decisional Shooting sections, applicants will have the opportunity to go through the department's virtual shooting simulator which sets up a scenario and provides participants with the opportunity feel what it is like to make split second decisions. It also runs them through proper training and procedures followed.

Ever wanted to feel what it's like to be involved in a high speed chase? In Police Driving participants have the opportunity to hop in a police car, learn firsthand about the driving techniques and training officers must learn and then even accompany an officer through an actual driving obstacle course.

Finger printing and even forensic investigation techniques are covered in the Crime Scene Investigation section, and a trained K9 officer and police dog will demonstrate their abilities.

Residents will also be taken on a ride along be given an inside view of Santa Fe streets and the everyday working relationship officers have with our community.

The overall purpose of the Citizen's Academy is to develop a relationship between law enforcement and the community through education and create a nucleus of responsible, well-verses citizens who can inform the public and police department of criminal activity while offering any comments and ideas for solutions to problems facing Santa Fe and SFPD.

Applications are now available for the next academy beginning in February 23, 2017. Sessions are held Thursdays at 6 p.m. and will be held at the main police station located at 2515 Camino Entrada.

A background check will be completed, and applicants will need to sign various waivers. **There is a \$45 application fee.** Meals will be provided and graduates will receive a certificate and T-shirt. To enroll stop by the main station or contact Officer William Cordova (505)955-5218 wwcordova@santafenm.gov or gjlovato@ci.santa-fe.nm.us





APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

**Applicant must be 18 years of age or older to apply. Please print or type.
Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered.**

Name _____
Last _____ First _____ MI _____

DOB _____ SSN _____

Home Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Drivers License # _____ State Issued _____

Have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or cited for an offense other than minor traffic citations?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain in detail date, charge, place, and action taken.

Is there any medical information you feel we should be aware of? _____ Yes _____

No

If yes, please explain. _____

Please explain why you wish to be enrolled in the Citizen's Police Academy. _____

I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statements. I understand that any omissions or false information may result in rejection of enrollment or dismissal from the academy.

Applicant Signature

Date

Busy Rancho Viejo Ladies Tap into Activities Everywhere!

by Audra Hansche

RV Ladies met at **The Ranch House** restaurant for our December luncheon and holiday party. We played a gift exchange game. The gift that was 'stolen' the most was of course, chocolate! There were eighteen ladies in attendance. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and good company.

January's lunch was downtown at **San Francisco Bar & Grill**. The group of eleven shared stories and laughs. We missed those that could not be there.

A fabulous group of Rancho Viejo ladies and one brave spouse recently volunteered to organize and prepare a hot meal for the **Interfaith Community Shelter**. The group met, planned a meal of chili, salad, tortillas and home-baked desserts and divided up the numerous responsibilities. They carpooled to serve dinner at the shelter on January 19th. It was a wonderful opportunity to bond, to share skills, passions and interests, and to open new horizons. They had a great time, and some have already talked of doing it again! Thank you to all involved!



Wednesday, January 25th

seemed a good time to have another **Card Stamping Workshop** at Sally's house. This time working on cards to fill a box for **Card Care Connection**, a non-profit organization. Our handmade blank cards will be filled with inspirational messages and sent to cancer patients in need of support. If you like to craft or just want to try, you really should join us. Another crafting party is in the works for March. Get on the email list for announcements and reminders. Sally and I love to share our passion for arts and crafts with you and it is fun socializing.

The **RV Book Club**, formed by the Ladies Group, will be meeting on Thursday, February 9th. The book we will be discussing is [A Good Year](#) by Peter Mayle. Previous books include local history: [109 East Palace](#) by Jennet Conant, [The House at Otowi Bridge](#) by Peggy Pond Church and [Ladies of the Canyons](#) by Lesley Poling-Kempes. For February, instead of just lunch, we have a museum tour planned. We are meeting at the **Museum of Indian Arts and Culture** on Wednesday, February 15th for a 10:00 am tour by docent Sally Dillon. Admission is always free for museum members. It's also free for senior NM residents (60+) every Wednesday. For other adults, NM residents, admission is \$7.00. Please remember to bring your ID. For those that can stay and have lunch afterwards, we will try the Museum Hill Cafe.

Rancho Viejo Ladies, continued -

Support the Girls – Sally is collecting gently used bras and feminine hygiene products. They will be sent to her daughter-in-law in Colorado for this non-profit organization. If you care to donate, Sally has a tub on her front porch. If you have any questions, please contact me or Sally.

If you are not already on my list, please contact me at **Mauied85@AOL.com**

I usually send emails at the beginning of the month and reminders. Our list is constantly growing. We love meeting new people. We are building a new community and hopefully, enduring friendships.





Come Join Us for our 4th Annual
BASKET BINGO

to benefit Amy Biehl Community School

Friday, February 10th, 2017 (School Cafeteria)

Doors Open @ 4:45pm ~ Bingo Starts @ 5:30 pm sharp

Admission: \$25.00 for all 15 games, \$2.00 for each game
\$5.00 for special baskets, \$10.00 for black out

Special themed gift baskets and Black Out Bingo

Frito Pies, Nachos, Drinks, Bring Family & Friends!





POPCORN & PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT FOR KIDS WHILE PARENTS PLAY
\$2.00 per child for child care

LA ENTRADA COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - February 2017

by Sally Dillon, Chair



The Communication Committee met on Jan 26, 2017 to begin event planning for 2017 for the La Entrada community. We began with a wrap up discussion of the Dec 17th Holiday Party, which was held at the Sales Office. We had lots of food and activities for kids, which they seemed to enjoy until the end of the party! Leftover food and the donated cookies were taken to both the RV Fire Station and a Santa Fe youth shelter.

The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month to prepare for the upcoming newsletter and to plan upcoming events.

Sally Dillon, Chair

We are partnering with Amy Biehl with various events including the collection of Box Tops for Education. The Box Tops can be placed in the plastic shoebox on the Dillon's front porch at 85 Via Orilla Dorado. This year we are also supporting our local Amy Biehl Community School with their Basket Bingo in Feb and their 5K Race in May.

Other events planned for 2017 include Firewise community clean up in May, Fiesta Picnic (date TBD), Raptor Release (date also TBD), 6th Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive in Sept and the Holiday Party in Dec. Look for more information coming soon as we firm up the dates for these events.

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it to Sally Dillon arttrek@prodigy.net by the 15th of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov.

The Communications Committee, who works as a team in assisting publication, will determine if there is room for the article depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit submitted articles. In addition to La Entrada News being sent out via email blast, it is also posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE - February 2017

by Judy Keller, Chair



As we welcome a new year, I want to thank all homeowners who have submitted plans for changes to their property. The Design Review Committee (DRC) received 38 requests, with 37 approved and only 1 denied. Good job everyone!

I know spring seems a long way off, but it's never too early to begin thinking about upcoming outdoor projects. As always, DRC approval is required before work commencement. This is a very simple process that requires submitting a form which provides detailed information regarding any changes or improvements to the exterior of your home. This form is available at the sales office or may be downloaded at www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org. Any questions should be directed to Michael Smith, Community Association Manager, at msmith@hoamco.com or 505-954-4479.

LA ENTRADA HOA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT – Jan 26, 2017

by Paul Dillon



The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and the quorum for voting was verified by Michael Smith. The board members and all residents, in attendance, introduced themselves.

The highlights of the 2016 financials were reviewed. A question was asked, by a resident, about the developer contribution and the board stated that it wasn't necessary for fiscal 2016 due to new houses being built and assessments collected.

For 2016, \$2500 each month, has been put into the reserve fund for future HOA expenses. A resident had a question about when the last reserve study was completed and whether the HOA had enough reserve on hand. The board will consider having a new reserve study complete due to the increase in the residences.

The 2017 budget was reviewed. Michael stated that the dues would remain at \$204 a quarter. Michael also stated that the trash and recycling is \$83 a quarter, as shown on the quarterly assessment bill. Trash is collected weekly and recycling every other week.

After budget discussions, the open forum began and resident questions were discussed. Resident Kathy Brown presented information regarding Neighborhood Watch and told residents they could contact her to become involved. Resident Sally Dillon gave a recap of the La Entrada Communication Committee activities and planned events.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with the next meeting scheduled to occur on Thursday, March 23, 6pm.

T u m b l e w e e d s



Spring will be here before we know it, and with the spring, the winds will start picking up bringing in the tumbleweeds. This year La Entrada will have Proscape handling tumbleweed pick up. If you would like for your tumbleweeds to get picked up, please contact Michael Smith with HOAMCO and he will let you know the dates that you need to have the tumbleweeds out on the street. We hope that this will help relieve the tumbleweed problems that we all face. Thank you,

Cass

Curbside Recycling has arrived!

by Marylin Morgan

In late December, residents should have found a new recycle cart with a green lid by their garbage bin. Attached to the lid of the cart, was an MCT brochure listing what can be recycled and what cannot. In addition, on the reverse side of the brochure, MCT has provided a calendar highlighting the 'every other week' pick-up schedule which does coincide with your normal garbage schedule.

Paper, clean plastics, and cardboard can be mixed together in the cart. However, **no GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin since glass cannot be recycled through curbside pick-up at this time. If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center.

MCT wants us to know that they will be putting "NO GLASS" stickers on all the recycle containers. If a specific homeowner does put glass into their recycling cart on a regular basis, they will be warned. If that practice continues, MCT will cease recycle pick-up at that home.

MCT pick-ups in **February** and **March** will be the **1st, 15th and 29th**.

If you have any further questions, you can call **MCT at 505-345-8651** or check out their website at mctwaste.com.

FEB 1

MAR 1

FEB 15

MAR 15

MAR 29





Please Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you or get one from the "doggie stations" to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Ortiz Mountains with a little snow as seen from Via Punto Nuevo, 1/21/17. Photo credit: Daniel Johnsen

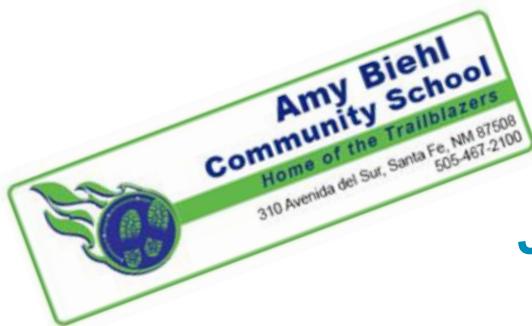


Billy F., Zuniceratops enjoys fresh snow. D. Johnsen



Pink Sky, Photo Credit: Sally Dillon





Join your neighbors on



May 13th for the Trailblazer 5K!

On Saturday, May 13th Amy Biehl Community School will hold their 2nd annual Trailblazer 5K. Come out to connect with neighbors, get some exercise and support your local community school! This is one of the few fundraisers the school is holding this year and we need the support of our whole community to make it a success. You can walk, run or push a stroller if you need to, but please join us! The event will also be a great opportunity to meet some of the awesome families, top-notch staff and amazing students that make Amy Biehl one of the best schools in the district!

WHEN: May 13th, 2016. The **5K is begins at 9:00 AM** and the **kids 1K (12 & under) at 9:15 AM.**

WHERE: Amy Biehl Community School, 310 Avenida Del Sur

FEE: Adults \$25, Kids \$15, includes student-designed race T-shirt

REGISTER ONLINE at
NewMexicoSportsOnline.com
(<http://newmexicosportsonline.com/Running/2nd-Annual-Amy-Biehl-Community-School-5K-2017/55185>)

QUESTIONS: Contact dtolen@sfps.k12.nm.us

* The race will be held on the trails and is not expected to interfere with traffic. Police officers will be present to ensure safety at any street crossings.



Join the Fun at Our Firewise/USA/Community Day!

Rancho Viejo is approved as a Firewise/USA Community FOUR YEARS running because we really keep it clean.

ALL RANCHO VIEJO RESIDENTS INVITED

**Saturday, May 6th - 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.
RV Market Parking Lot • 55 Cañada del Rancho**

10:00 a.m. – Sign Up to Enjoy Coffee & Sweets.
Then Pick Up Your T-Shirt, Gloves & Trash Bags.
10:15 to Noon – Neighborhood Clean Up
Noon to 1:00 p.m. – **FREE** Pizza Lunch and
Announcements at Rancho Viejo Plaza Park
FirewiseUSA Plaque & Announcement of Raffle Winners

RAFFLE PRIZES:

Dinner for Two at Midtown Bistro
Dinner for Two at Chocolate Maven
Dinner for Two at Piccolino
& Even More!