

La Entrada News

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Proposed Pilot/Flying J Travel Center and Truck Terminal

by Sally Dillon

Genoveva Chavez Community Center Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM

The room at the Community Center was filled with approximately 50 interested Rancho Viejo residents for the meeting. James Siebert, land planning consultant for the Exit 278 LLC subsidiary of Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership (RVLP), presented information about the site of the potential development of the Pilot/Flying J Travel Center Truck Terminal. Site plans were shown, however they did not include the newly constructed Divergent Diamond Interchange at State Road 14 and Interstate 25.

Mr. Siebert explained the approval process, which includes a hearing with a hearing officer who will make a recommendation to the Santa Fe County Commission. Both meetings are public meetings and the public is welcome to attend and provide comments. The first hearing will be held in approximately two months with the County Commissioners' meeting occurring two months later.

The next portion of the presentation was by Ross Shaver, the project manager for Pilot/Flying J, who gave a detailed description of the proposed Truck Center site. It will be located directly across from the Rancho Viejo Blvd and Rt. 14 intersection on a 26-acre section of the vacant land, which is owned by Exit 278, LLC a subsidiary of Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership. There is a contract in place, but several studies, including traffic, need to be completed as part of the approval process.

Following the Pilot/Flying J presentation, there was an opportunity for questions. There were many concerns addressed by residents including lighting that meets Santa Fe standards, width of the Rt. 14 lanes, amount of traffic, limited exits from Rancho Viejo and safety concerns with added vehicles at the Rt. 14 and Rancho Viejo intersection, air quality with 70 trucks idling, noise from the trucks, number of jobs the center will create, home values, fuel spills, social aspects/crime/increased police needed, increased taxes for county services such as police, and the fact that the Truck Center will be people's first impression of Santa Fe.

As this process continues, please be vigilant for notifications of meetings and hearings so that the residents participating in the process can be heard.

First Proposed Travel Center Project Meeting Flyer:



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April 24, 2017

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Dear Land Owner/Association Representative:

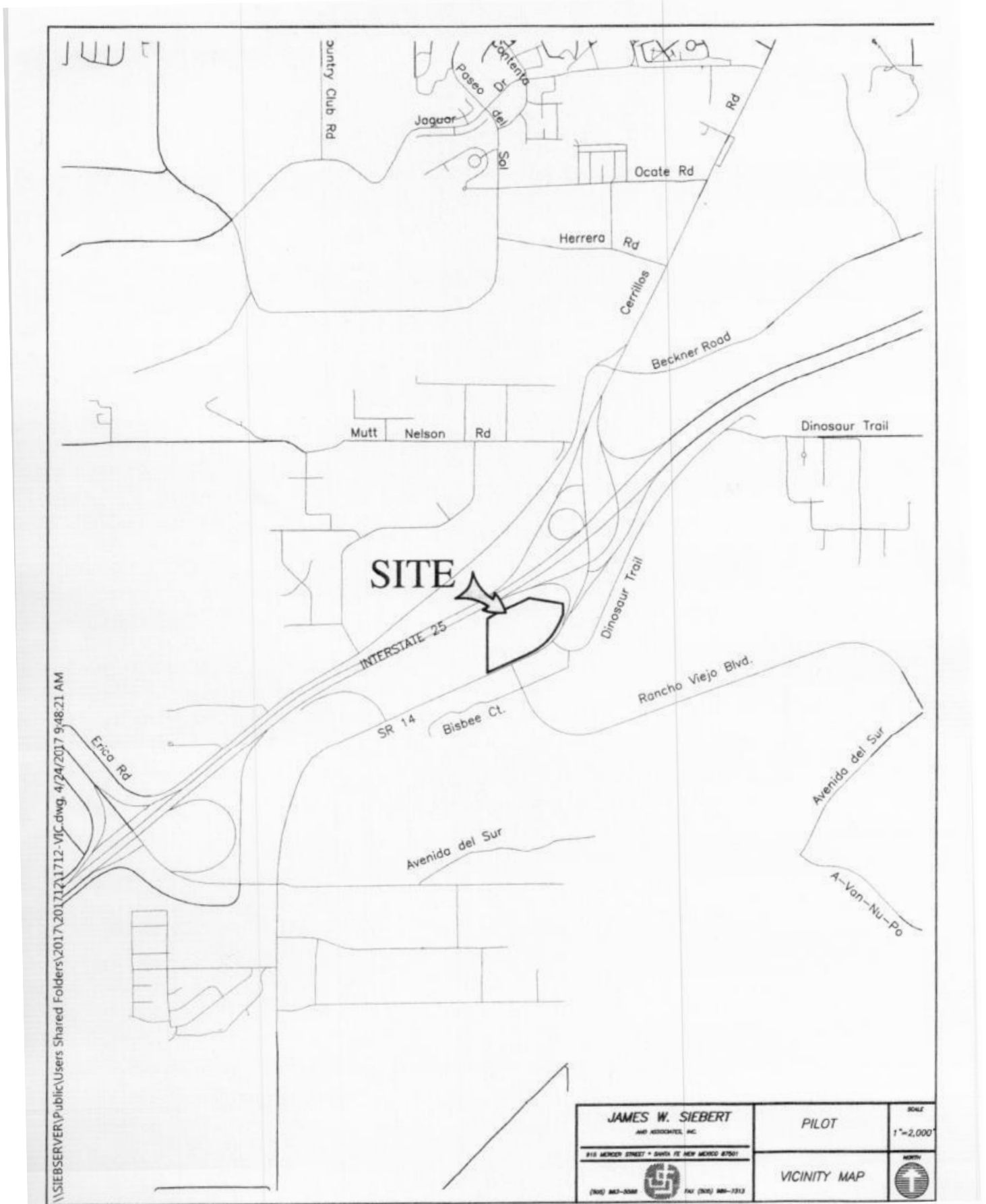
Notice is hereby given that a community meeting will be held at Genoveva Chavez Community Center to present a special use request associated with a site development plan and three lot subdivision to allow for a Pilot/Flying J Travel Center/Truck Terminal. The property is located North of the State Road 14 & Rancho Viejo Blvd. intersection, within the Employment Center of the Community College District.

The Community meeting will be held at the Genoveva Chavez Community Center on May 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Sincerely,

James W. Siebert

Vicinity map of proposed project on reverse side of letter





*** As of June 2, 2017, the proposal for the Pilot Flying J Truck Center has not been submitted to the county.

Pilot/Flying J Truck Center - Cont'd

Save SF Gateway - Prevent Pilot/Flying J Meeting

By Sally Dillon

A grassroots meeting was held on Sun. May 28, 2017 in the Village Park in Rancho Viejo, for the purpose to organize residents in working to prevent the building of the proposed Pilot Flying J Truck Center on the west side of the Rancho Viejo Blvd and Rt. 14/Cerrillos Rd interchange. Approximately 28 people attended the meeting. Judy Perkins led the meeting along with a few other residents.

There was discussion of the various concerns residents had regarding the future presence of the proposed Pilot Flying J Truck Center. Among those concerns were traffic, noise, air quality, crime, safety, etc. One of the residents talked about effective strategies for protesting the proposed Truck Center. Some important strategies suggested were doing the research, becoming familiar with the Santa Fe County Sustainable Land Development Code <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/userfiles/SLDC/ClickableSLDCwithOrdinance.pdf> as well as Santa Fe County Growth Management and Land Use website https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management and finally attending and speaking at the County meetings throughout the process.



Save SF Gateway - Cont'd

Other ideas were also discussed, such as exploring the experiences of other communities with Pilot Flying J Truck Centers, obtaining support from local environmental groups and conducting an air quality study, which Pilot Flying J is not required to do in the approval process.

Judy passed out 2 sheets to those attending. One was to check off the major issues with the proposed Truck Center that were important to the resident so they meeting organizers had some data. The second sheet was for attendees to list contact information and what tasks they were willing to do to prevent the Pilot Flying J Truck Center. The organizers may ask for monetary donations to help with operations going forward.

If you are interested in joining the Save SF Gateway Prevent Pilot/Flying J group, please contact Judy Perkins at SaveSFGateway@gmail.com.

Recycling Reminders

Paper, clean plastics and cardboard can be mixed together in the cart. However, No **GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin. If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center.

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July

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If a specific homeowner does put glass into his recycling cart on a regular basis they will be warned, and, should that practice continue, MCT will no longer provide recycle pick-up at the home.

Also please note that the garage cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.

In **June**, recycle pick-ups will be **June 7** and **21** and **July** pick-ups will be **July 5** and **19**.

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

La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting
T.B.D. in July 2017
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, June 16, 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.

Fourth Annual FirewiseUSA Community Day another Success!

by Pat Barnes and Annie McGovern

On Saturday, May 6th, a gorgeous day in Rancho Viejo to recognize FirewiseUSA Community Day, over 50 residents from the North, South and La Entrada communities and the La Cienega Fire Department gathered for coffee and donuts in the parking lot in front of the Village Market. Young and old were given bright blue t-shirts with the Firewise/Rancho Viejo logo on the front before they began the task of cleaning up the community.

Residents were provided trash bags and free gardening gloves and were assigned specific areas to work. Participants visited with neighbors while they took charge of removing trash and fire fuel debris throughout common areas and around the perimeter of developed areas. Trash bags and cut tree limbs were collected by Franco's, Heads Up and Proscap landscape companies that support our Firewise efforts and help us to comply with the Forestry Department recommendations.



FirewiseUSA Community Day - Cont'd

Following the clean up, participants enjoyed a pizza luncheon in the Rancho Viejo Park. Afterwards, Annie McGovern from the South introduced the speakers. Ed Moreno, Santa Fe County Commission, District 5, commended the Rancho Viejo community for our commitment to maintaining a Firewise community and presented the national plaque to the representatives from the South. The plaque is rotated to each of the three communities on an annual basis.

Cass Thompson, President of the La Entrada HOA, gave an informative talk providing insight into the mindful development of Rancho Viejo as a sustainable community with minimized risk of wildfire. Bruno Keller, President of the North HOA, addressed the importance of working together as a community. Terry Buhl and Laura Corbin of the South accepted the national plaque for FirewiseUSA.



Photo(s) courtesy of Dan Johnsen, resident of La Entrada



Residents from all three Rancho Viejo communities gathered on Saturday morning May 6th to share a morning of work and fun. They cleared the land and cleaned up the neighborhoods during the 4th annual FirewiseUSA Community Day.



La Cienega Fire Department gets a huge thank you for their ongoing support, including participation in our regular FirewiseUSA meetings and annual cleanup days, and providing professional expertise in assisting the community in developing appropriate emergency preparedness and bringing their emergency trucks.

Many people, including our HOA committee members and Board members contributed to the success of this venture. Companies and/or individuals who donated items are shown below.



We Recognize These Organizations For Their Generous Support of our Event:

Village Market – Use of their Parking Lot
Franco's Landscaping – T-shirts and Crew
Heads Up Landscaping – T-shirts and Crew
Proscap Landscaping – T-shirts and Crew
Rancho Viejo Properties – T-shirts
Santa Fe Sports and Images LLC – T-shirts
Estancia Homes – T-shirts and Raffle Prizes
Midtown Bistro – Dinner for Four
Home Depot – 30 pairs of gloves
Lowe's – 24 pairs of gloves

We Recognize Individuals Who Helped:

Dan & Faith Johnsen – Photos, Speaker System, Registration
David Rasinski – Lunch/Set Up
Vince Montoya – Set Up
Paul & Sally Dillon – Set Up
Take Down, Lunch Servers
Lisa Marcato – Lunch Server
Drew Scott – Raffle Tickets
Alina Catanach – Organizer
Laura Corbin – Registration
Marylin Morgan – Lunch Server

We Thank All Residents Who Participated!

Developer's Corner

By Cass Thompson

Estancia Homes is in the final stages of developing 58 new lots in La Entrada. These lots with new larger floor plans will be available later this summer.

In this phase of La Entrada, another park will be added to the developed open space component of the subdivision. The new park will be connected via the Spine Park to our open space system and offer playground equipment and sitting areas.

Some of you may have noticed some trench digging going on, all a part of the landscaping project that includes an irrigation line that will extend reclaimed water to the new section of development. This line runs behind the houses on Via Punto Nuevo and crosses Rancho Viejo Blvd west of Via Punto Nuevo.

To minimize dust from the lots a tackifier is sprayed onto the lots that helps keep the dust from blowing from the site. This product is quite sensitive, and the less amount of disturbance to it, the better. Please refrain from walking or driving on the new lots as this will help the product perform optimally.

The turnarounds at the end of Via Punto Nuevo and Camino Cerro Escondido have been installed and enable fire trucks to turn around. They are temporary and will be removed and the roads extended as development continues to the west.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as this project wraps up. Thank you,
Cass



LA ENTRADA COMMITTEE REPORTS



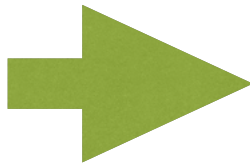
HOA Board Meeting Paul Dillon, Vice President

After the meeting was called to order, Michael Smith, HOA manager from HOAMCO, gave an overview of the Amendments to the By-Laws and Amendments to the Charter, which are available on the La Entrada website. These changes align better with the size of our community and give one vote per home in cases where resident voting is necessary. Michael also discussed the status of the Ranchland Utilities contract with the La Entrada HOA for Variable Speed Pumps used for the distribution of grey water for the irrigation of common areas in the community. By paying for the pumps, the community will have free effluent water for irrigation in the common areas for several years to come.

After the draft minutes were approved, Michael went over the financials. We have sufficient money in the operating account to cover monthly operating expenses and over \$155,000 in reserves for major repairs in La Entrada, such as roads, etc. There was a full audit of the financials for La Entrada and that will be posted on the web site. The Reserve Study is in process and that will also be posted and conveyed to residents. The board approved the financial report. Cass asked for committee reports. Sally Dillon reported on the Communication Committee's activity. Sally stated that the newsletter would only contain factual reports about the proposed Pilot Flying J Truck Center. Sally reported on the Firewise and Amy Biehl School 5K Race events that were successful. She briefly mentioned upcoming committee activities. Cass reported on the DRC (Design Review Committee).

In the Open Forum portion of the meeting, there was further discussion about the traffic on Rancho Viejo Blvd. Cass reported that he has met with the county several times and a traffic study is in process, as well as increased Sheriff's presence. While other suggestions were made, Cass stated that the county process is slow to move forward. A resident questioned what changes were being made to the CCRs. Cass stated that the changes were approved by the board a year to a year and a half ago, and that the finalized documents would be posted on the web site. Several residents wanted to discuss the proposed Pilot FlyingJ Truck Center. Cass said that the HOA board meetings were not the forum for these discussions, as it is a separate entity. Michael stated that the he HOA is not able to govern anything outside of its own community. The HOA remains neutral in its discussions regarding the Truck Center. La Entrada residents were encouraged to be involved in discussions at the public meetings for the proposed Truck Center. A resident brought up questions about parking and barking dogs near his home. Another resident brought up a concern about a dead tree and other landscape issues.

Summer love . . .



Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

by Sally Dillon, Chair



Sally Dillon, Chair

The Communication Committee met on May 15, 2017 to continue event planning for 2017 for the La Entrada community and to discuss important issues in our community. The *Firewise USA Community Day* on was held on Saturday, May 6th and the *Amy Biehl Community School 5K Race* was held on Saturday, May 13th. Reports on both events are included in this newsletter.

One of the major topics of discussion at our meeting was to discuss the importance of sharing accurate and unbiased information about the proposed Pilot/Flying J Truck Center with the community. While our personal feelings on the topic of the proposed Truck Center may or may not be in agreement with it, it is important that we provide our community with as much information as possible. We encourage residents to take an active role in learning about the Pilot/Flying J Truck Center proposal, and to attend public meetings and have a voice in the process.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the original communication dated April 24, 2017 about the May 9, 2017 Community Meeting that was received by residents on that day. Also included is the aerial site layout from James Siebert, a report on the May 9th meeting, a Google Maps aerial view of the proposed site, a Street View in Google Maps of the intersection of Rt. 14 and Rancho Viejo Blvd. showing the entrance location of the Truck Center, and finally, a report on May 28, 2017 No Host Community Discussion of the couple of articles in Santa Fe publications about the May 9th meeting. Check these links for the articles:

http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/rancho-viejo-residents-oppose-truck-stop-plans/article_24549505-093b-5c57-86b6-ee6b00f0f395.html

<http://www.sfreporter.com/santafe/article-13388-the-truck-stops-here.html>

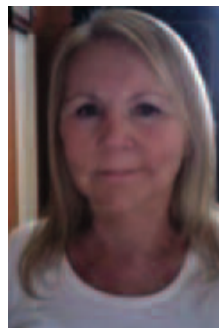
Please plan to attend the upcoming public meetings with the Hearing Officer and the County Planning Commission. The process should continue through September, so stay tuned...

The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month to prepare for the upcoming newsletter and to plan for upcoming events. Some of the dates for events have been set. Events we are planning include our *Fiesta Picnic* (date TBD), the *Raptor Release* on Sunday, August 27 at the IAIA Hogan, the *6th Annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Drive* on Saturday, September 16, and the *Holiday Party* on Saturday, December 16. You can pencil in those events on your calendar!

Look for more information to come in future newsletters and email blasts. If you are not receiving the email blasts from the Web Administrator of the La Entrada website, please go to <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> to set up a login. This is the URL for our La Entrada at Rancho Viejo community website. There is a lot of important information for homeowners available on our website.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

by Judy Keller, Chair



Judy Keller, Chair

I would like to welcome our newest neighbors. I hope you enjoy living here as much as us "old timers" do. Spring is about over and summer will be here soon. Many of you have begun or have completed your landscaping and other outdoor projects. For those of you who have sought DRC approval - Thank You!

As a reminder approval from the Design Review Committee (DRC) is required for all changes or additions to landscaping: walls, fences and gates, changes and additions to outdoor lighting, awnings/shades, fire pits, kivas or BBQ pits, flagpoles, portals, patio covers and patio additions, storage sheds, incidental structures, gazebos, ramadas, and shade structures, swing sets, trampolines and play equipment, exterior window coverings or treatments and placement of yard ornaments.

Do not hesitate to contact your HOA Manager, Michael Smith, 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 may be downloaded from the website: www.laentradaranchoviejo.org. Thanks so much for working with the DRC!

Citizens' Police Academy

By Harriet Hufford

After recently completing the Citizens' Police Academy, I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage you to also enroll in this worthwhile educational program. The Citizens' Police Academy will start up again in September and will run for 12 consecutive weeks in two hour sessions. The instructors are from the Santa Fe Police Department, the New Mexico State Police and the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department.

As a fairly new resident in La Entrada, I wanted to be aware of any possible criminal activities in the area and what I could do to protect myself and my neighbors. I joined the Neighborhood Watch and from its members learned about the Citizens' Police Academy and what I would learn from the experience.

Useful knowledge gleaned from the topics and discussions covered in the class far exceeded my expectations. Weekly sessions focused on:

- a history of the departments,
- criminal situational problem solving,
- traffic investigations,
- domestic violence,
- crime scene investigations,
- explosive ordinance and bomb technology,
- prison and street gangs,
- police response to resistance,
- police survival techniques,
- decisional shooting using simulated videos, and
- police driving on the state's law enforcement training track.

An additional learning opportunity was the "Ride Along" with a Santa Fe police officer during one of his shifts. The ride-along enabled me to see first-hand the problems an officer has to deal with on a daily basis. Although nothing major occurred while I accompanied the officer on his shift, I had an opportunity while in the police car to appreciate its capabilities, such as instant radio communications, the use of computer databases while driving in the vehicle, and the driving tactics used by the officer when needed to quickly arrive at potential emergency locations. I also had time to talk to the officer and hear his thoughts on the importance of community awareness and support.

The purpose of the Citizens' Police Academy is to develop a positive relationship between Santa Fe law enforcement and the community. My experience helped me become better informed of the services law enforcement provides us and the problems they encounter on a daily basis. From this course I better appreciated the role I and every Santa Fe citizen can play in making our law enforcement more effective. My eyes were opened to the criminal activity in our county, the warning signs of potential problems, and what I could and should do to timely alert the police so that potential criminal activity or escalation of criminal activity is abated.

I strongly encourage my fellow La Entrada residents to get on the band wagon and enroll in this worthwhile course. Let's work together with the police to make our community a safe and happy place to live. For more information about the upcoming September course, contact either Officer Lovato or Officer Cordova at 505-955-5218 or 505-955-5258.



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-versed 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 wwwcordova@santafenm.gov or gilovato@ci.santa-fe.nm.us



**We want the thingamajiggy in your closet,
your used whatchamacallit in the garage,
the cute doodad hiding in your bedroom.**



Calling All Neighbors!

Please Donate to Our 8th Annual Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch Yard Sale

**With your help, this event will be a big success!
We need 2 or 3 nice items from you by July 15th.**

Our yard sale is Saturday, July 22nd.

The sale starts at 9:00 a.m.

in the park across from the Village Market.

**Proceeds will be used to benefit our
Rancho Viejo community.**

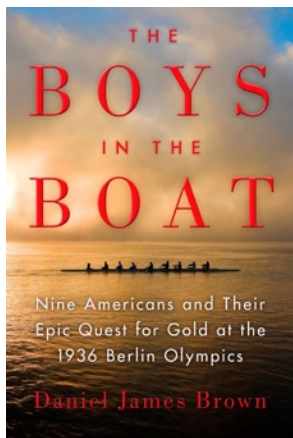
**Please pass this message on to your neighbors
and friends. We will collect your items and can
even store them until the sale. Please contact
Carol Thompson, 471-9044 for information.**



Audra's Corner

A Look Back at RV Ladies' April, May, and June Activities

By Audra Hansche



The RV Book Club met on Thursday, April 20th to discuss Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya. The group of about 12 enjoyed delicious treats and a lively discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th. The reading selection is The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown.



Just before Easter several women from the Rancho Viejo Ladies group gathered for fun and friendship to color eggs. After successfully experimenting with colors and processes, we delivered 12 dozen brightly colored eggs to the Interfaith Shelter, Pete's Place, on Sunday April 16. They were gratefully received as a nutritious addition to the evening meal.





On Friday, April 21st RV Ladies met downtown for a tour of San Miguel Chapel, the Oldest Church in the United States on Old Santa Fe Trail. Our neighbor and docent, Judy Keller, was very knowledgeable about the church. She gave us the history of the building, the art pieces inside the chapel and history involving the church, Santa Fe and northern New Mexico. After the presentation, the ladies had time to look around the chapel at old photos, the altar screen, the original dirt floor exhibit, the hand-carved ceiling beam and exposed sections of wall in a showcase. Margarette even took a turn to ring the San Jose bell which sits on the floor.

At noon the ladies walked one block north to Santa Fe Bite for some lunch. Our group of 14 had a pleasant time chatting and noshing on some tasty favorites. I really enjoyed my soup, salad and sandwich. It was the perfect choice.



Can you believe it's almost summer? I organized a quick Cinco de Mayo gathering at La Entrada Park. It was a lovely evening. Ladies and gents brought their lawn chairs and appetizers to share. Just a few hours to visit before another beautiful sunset.

Our Ladies Group gathering for May was a Potluck Lunch at Jeanne's house. It's so nice to visit like this. Again, we had wonderful offerings of entrees, salads, vegetables, chips, dips and desserts. I was so busy visiting, I forgot to take pictures! I need help taking photos!

Our future events will include:

A tour of Santa Fe Botanical Garden on Monday, **June 12th**

A tour of the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts downtown on Wednesday, **July 12th**

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, and . . .

**Dogs must be on leash on all
open spaces,
trails,
and common areas.**

**Thank you for your
cooperation!**





Southwest Cards by Rancho Viejo Ladies

Card Care Connection
www.cardcareconnection.com
aleeza@cardcareconnection.com

Dear Card Care Connection Friend,

We at Card Care Connection would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing contribution to our mission. The handmade cards that you sent are so beautiful and cheerful. The time and energy you have given to creating these cards has allowed our organization to provide inspirational messages to those facing cancer who are most in need of additional support. Your personal gift is providing a tremendous service to these recipients, bringing comfort and hope at a time when they need it most. We are honored that you have responded with such compassion, and we are so grateful for your partnership.

Your gift comes at a vital time for our growing organization. We will be able to reach a larger number of recipients, ensuring that our program benefits even more individuals who are affected by cancer and continues to make a difference in the community. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we can greatly impact those individuals in need of hope and encouragement.

Please consider this acknowledgment as a record of your tax-deductible contribution. No goods or services were provided by the organization in consideration of this donation.

On behalf of the recipients we serve, thank you sincerely for your donation. Your ongoing support makes our mission possible.

Sincerely,

Aleeza Granote
Executive Director
Card Care Connection



Racing to Success!

By Staci Stevens

The staff and students of Amy Biehl Community School (ABCS) would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the neighbors who came out to support us at the Second Annual Trailblazer 5K and 1K Run. On May 13th, 2017, more than 100 registered runners wearing t-shirts featuring original art by 6th grade student Ally Varela, took to the course on a warm spring day which was a welcome change from last year's frigid temperatures. Participants



included a broad range of athletes including elite competitive racers, first time runners, students, staff and casual walkers. We are happy to report that this year's event saw a big boost in corporate sponsorship. The generosity of fifteen businesses including La Entrada at Rancho Viejo helped ABSC surpass their fundraising amount from last year. Funds raised from the race will go toward supporting classroom projects, field trips, and extracurricular activities at the school. Plans are underway for next year's race to be held again in May of 2018, so if you didn't make it out this year you've still got eleven months to train! Those of you that use the trails that wrap around the back of the village (Rancho Viejo North) may still be able to see the chalk arrows marking the course. We hope to see you out there next year!