

La Entrada News

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A Royal Horse Herd roamed the hills of Rancho Viejo - For real?

A History of Rancho Viejo, Part II

by Sarah Henderson



Continuing our exploration of Rancho Viejo history, based on a report by Tigges Planning Consultants in 2000 (Rancho Viejo, Sitio Antiquo, 2000) we learn that permanent habitations were found on the periphery of the area. Rancho Viejo itself was used by hunters and gatherers for subsistence, later for grazing of domesticated animals (originally for the nearby mission estancias of the late 16th century, later on land grants and ranches) and throughout its history for traveling.

I find the latter usage the most compelling, with diverse and often conflicting cultures crossing the easily traversed corridor. Beginning as footpaths used by Archaic and Puebloan peoples, the trails would see missionaries, officials, soldiers, refugees, Apaches, Comanches, traders, settlers and miners. The area saw the Spanish flee the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 and return 13 years later: Don Antonio de Otermin, the governor of Santa Fe, with "all of the refugees, animals and two wheeled carts...rolled through the Rancho Viejo plain" (p.7) toward San Marcos where they would seek shelter and allies. What a sight to imagine. Then, along the same routes, incursions of the (not peaceful!) Reconquista. Having earlier re-entered Santa Fe through the Santa Fe Canyon, when Don Diego de Vargas came again in 1693 he brought 800 families, sheep, horses, and mules" through Rancho Viejo to Santa Fe."

Rancho Viejo in the 18th century witnessed raids by the Comanche, a trail to the salt lakes at Galisteo, the establishment of land grants (often conflicting and disputed), and the abandonment of many neighboring pueblos and missions. The report states that the land was probably shared as pasturage by a succession of several families. And at one time the "Royal Horse Herd" grazed there!

Next up-the 19th century-still a thoroughfare, now for colonizing Americans.

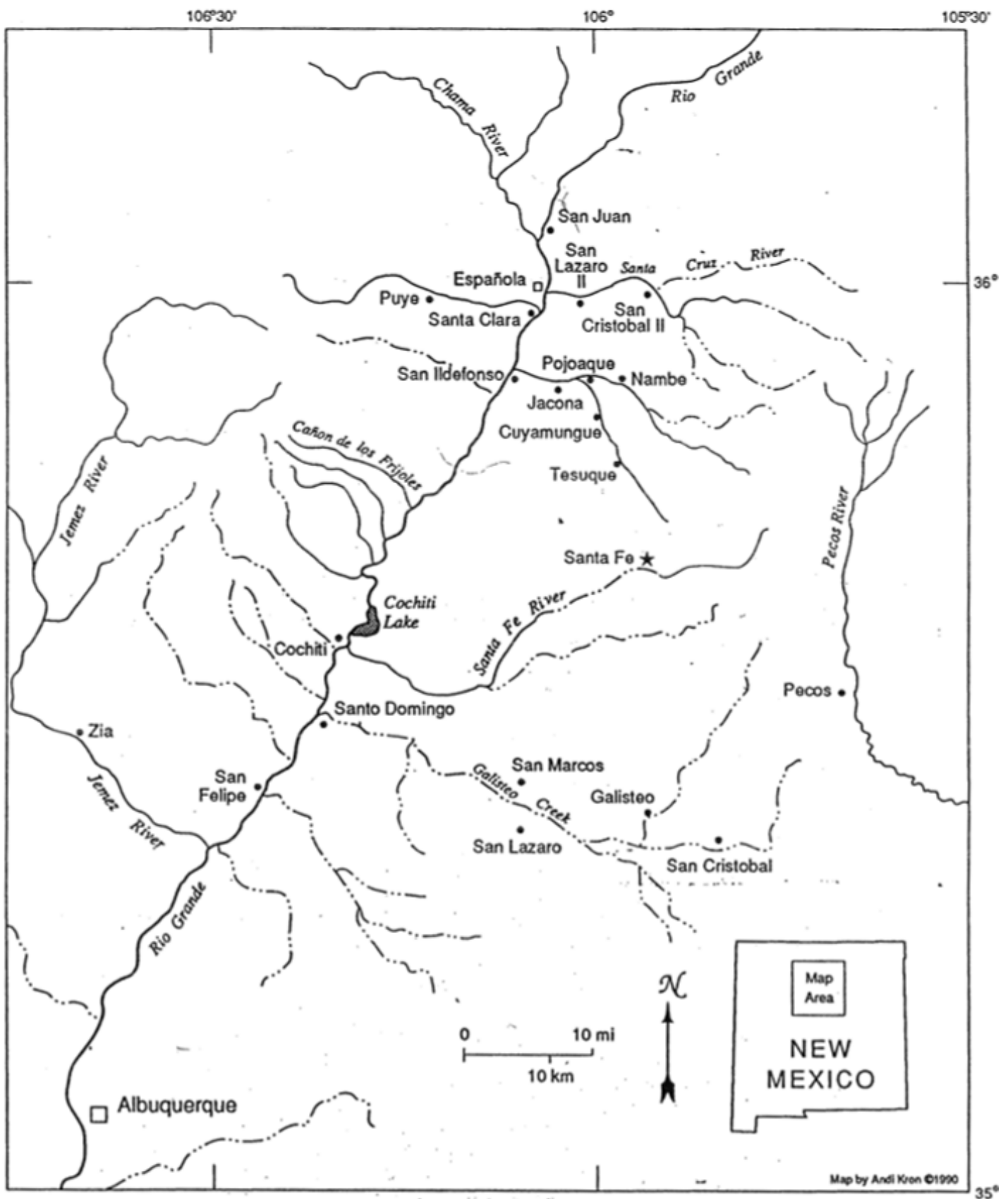


Figure 7.1: A drainage map where the relative locations of the Tewa and Tano villages are shown along with several present place names.



**The Rancho Viejo
Neighborhood Watch
is hosting a
Community Safety Seminar
by the Santa Fe County
Sheriff's Department
Wednesday, April 10
6 - 8 p.m.**

at the La Cienega Fire Station on Rancho Viejo Boulevard

Refreshments
will be
served



Q & A period
for residents
after the
presentation

Parking is limited. Please carpool.

ANNOUNCING:

Community Safety Seminar
with the
Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department
on
Wednesday, April 10th
La Cienega Fire Station
6:00pm - Be there!

On **Wednesday, April 10th**, the communities of Windmill Ridge, The Village, and La Entrada in collaboration with Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch will host the Santa Fe County Sheriff Department's *Community Safety Seminar*. This will be held at the La Cienega Fire Station on Rancho Viejo Boulevard in the community room. Time is 6:00-8:00pm, and snacks will be served.

With the inauguration in January of Adan Mendoza as the new Sheriff for the County, this will provide an excellent opportunity to hear directly about the department's direction under his new leadership. Topics to be covered include

- Potential new initiatives the department may be start
- Trends and activity the department is seeing in our community, surrounding areas
- How to work more closely with the Sheriff's Department to better support their efforts in our communities, as well as better protect ourselves
- Question and Answer Period

It has been two years since there was a meeting with the Sheriff's Department, so we know that they will have plenty of information to share with us. Please mark the date and we look forward to seeing you!

PARKING NOTE: Please use the driveway and lot on the west side of the Fire Station, the side facing NM 14. Carpool when possible.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day 2019

Saturday, May 4 from 10 AM to 1 PM

Join Rancho Viejo's sixth annual FirewiseUSA Community Cleanup Day!

10:00 – Sign in at Rancho Viejo Plaza Park (near the corner of Avenida del Sur and Rancho Boulevard, across from the RVS/RVN HOA offices) to enjoy coffee and sweets. Pick up your 2019 t-shirt, gloves, trash bags, and work assignment.

10:15 to noon – Neighborhood cleanup

Noon to 1:00 PM – Announcements at Rancho Viejo Plaza Park; free pizza, soda, ice cream and raffle prizes



Volunteers mitigating fire fuel at our 2018 Cleanup Day

Bring your kids and help make our community firesafe. T-shirts and gloves provided. Let's get our kids involved in community service participation. This is YOUR community.

Sponsored by State Farm and the National Fire Prevention Association



Firewise 2019 Information Sheet

Firewise is a neighborhood cleanup event that seeks to pro-actively reduce problematic and potential fire hazards in event of a wildfire in our community. *The Wildfire Community Preparedness Day* is scheduled for **Saturday, May 4, 2019** from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We need your help to clean up our community! Please see attached flyer.

For the event, we will also be looking for volunteers to:

- Come up with ideas for speakers and share those ideas with Annie McGovern, Chair of Firewise, at anniemcgovern@aol.com
- Help setup tables and chairs at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th**
- Help at sign in - be sure people sign in correctly for our data collection purposes, hand out t-shirts, and meet and greet residents coming to clean up.
- Distribute a raffle ticket to every volunteer

Please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net if you are interested in any of the specific tasks listed above.

If you are interested in soliciting donations for raffle prizes, please contact Anke at anke516@comcast.net As we get closer to the Firewise event, Anke may need some help with reminder calls to donors, as well as, and picking up of the donations.

We look forward to seeing you at the Firewise event on Saturday May 4th to help our community!





La Entrada Pet Parade & Carnival

Bring the kids, pets, and your American pride to the park at

11:00 a.m. for the Pet & Kids Parade

To be followed by games, cotton candy, hot dogs and more!

Come one, come all! Come and celebrate Independence Day with us!



Communication Committee

April 2019

by Sally Dillon, Chair

The Communication Committee met on March 18, 2019 to work on this newsletter and 2019 La Entrada events. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletter publications as planned events are fine tuned.

In the next few weeks depending on the weather, the layout of the interior of the Message Centers will be completed. The cork backing has been installed and some signage for upcoming events has been posted. The Message Centers are located at the mailboxes both on the north and south sides of Rancho Viejo Blvd. on Calle Agua Clara. The north Message Center required a new door be made, so in the meantime, we are covering with thick plastic to keep the inside dry. Once completed, both Message Centers will have locked doors. As we work on the layout, we will divide the Message Center's interior into sections to display notices from the La Entrada HOA, La Entrada Communication Committee, the RV Ladies Group, and the Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch for La Entrada. Requests for additional notification space will need to be approved by the La Entrada HOA board, or the La Entrada Communication Committee. Any notices attached to the outside of the Message Centers will be removed immediately and discarded. A better option for those notices is to post them on Nextdoor.com, as those postings will go to a much larger population of people.

At La Entrada's recent HOA Annual Meeting, the board approved the 2019 Budget. The community events budget included funds for the purchase of the *La Entrada Community Events Wagon* (a trailer with ramp) and contents that includes tables, chairs, a chair rack, coolers, a potential grill, a canopy, and other miscellaneous items. This will help us considerably in time and efficiency by not having to rent these items each time we have a community event.

Speaking of events, we are excited to add a **Fourth of July** event for La Entrada. Get your pooches ready for a forever entertaining pet parade, fun carnival games, and a delicious cook out. Check out the flyer in this newsletter and mark your calendars for this family event - It might end up topping the list as one of our favorites. How fun is it going to be to watch our La Entrada pets trotting about in patriotic regalia?

Our website has our newsletters, calendar of events, flyers, RV Neighborhood Watch Alerts, and the updated Homeowner Handbook which has our community regulations, and other important information such as Reserve Studies. A login request button is available on the public page of the web site. If you don't have a login, now is a perfect time to get one.

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. It needs to be in Word or Pages, and completely ready for publishing. The Communication Committee that works as a team

in assisting publication will determine if there is room for your article depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit submitted articles. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will be placed in the next newsletter.

La Entrada News is published around the beginning of the publishing month and it is also posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> . An email blast from HOAMCO is then sent out to residents with the website URL and directions to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net.

Developer News

by Peter Kempf

Sales within Rancho Viejo have remained strong. This has lead to being sold out of lots for houses from 1367 square feet to 1900 square feet. With this, Estancia Homes is working on getting new lots under construction. During the spring Estancia Homes will be working on developing 24 new lots that will be for sale this summer.

While this has been a long a wet winter, we are going to be finishing up the new park and dead plant placement of the plantings that did not make it through the winter. It is going to take us some time to see all of the plants that made it through the winter and the ones that will need to get replaced.

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.

April
10
and
24



May
8
and
22

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 **April**, recycle pick-ups will be on **April 10 and 24**, and **May** pick-ups will be on **May 8 and 22**.

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



2019 February & March Activities

The Rancho Viejo Ladies Group was very generous when donating to our **February Charity Event**. I collected toiletries and winter hats & gloves for a donation to Pete's Place – The Interfaith Community Shelter. Cash donations were used to purchase the most needed items for the clients of the shelter. I organized all goods into eight boxes with colorful labels. Those boxes were delivered by Joyce B. and Trudy E. on Friday, February 8th.

The totals were: (86) Toothbrushes with covers; (79) regular size tubes Toothpaste + (13) travel size; (43) bottles Shampoo + (2) travel; (84) personal travel size bottles of Body Lotion + (10) miscellaneous small tubes; (35) knit Hats; (40) pairs knit Gloves; and a box of mixed toiletries which included: hair conditioner, shave gel, razors, deodorant, dental floss, bars of bath soap, travel toothbrush kits, etc ...

A very big Thank You to all those who donated to this effort.



Fun! Fun! Fun! We had a super fun afternoon playing **Rummikub** at Lorri's house on Tuesday, February 12th. We had nine players and rotated so we could visit with everyone.

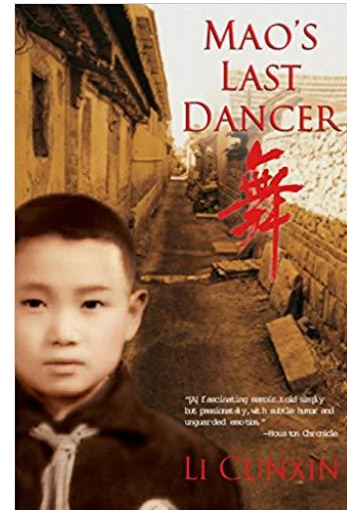


The RV Book Club met on Thursday, February 21st at Deean's house to discuss Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin. Deean prepared lovely refreshments and I added the Chinese Tsingtao beer, mentioned in the book.

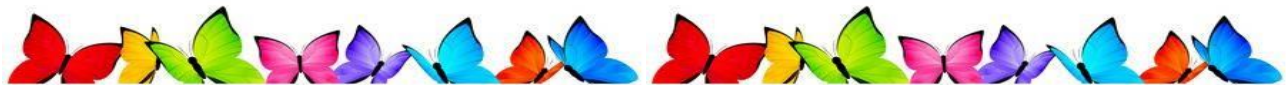
We also presented and discussed a few book options for the rest of the year. The ladies voted and we set the calendar for the remaining months of meetings. If you would like a copy of our reading selections please contact me.

Audra Hansche **Mauied85@AOL.com**

Next up, Crazy Brave, a memoir and Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings (collection of poems) by **Joy Harjo**. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 2 pm.



On Friday, March 15th, eighteen ladies met for lunch at **Garbo's Restaurant**. We had a private room at The Montecito on Rodeo Road to enjoy the company and tasty gourmet menu. I announced the March birthdays, handed out some important dates for future events and introduced two new members.



Remembering Our Friend
Martha Weston



"Behind Martha's warm and sometimes mischievous smile was a storehouse of wisdom and knowledge, especially when it came to the poetry of Rumi and Hafiz. She radiated her understanding of that poetry by gracefully accepting life and its challenges with gratitude. When words did not suffice, she turned her attention to food. Most of all I remember our humble attempt at making traditional, Italian, Easter Bread. We didn't connect the dough hooks correctly and flour went flying all over us before we collapsed in laughter." - Wardene
(L. to R. Wardene, Audra & Martha)



**Please Keep
Your Pets on Leashes**

... and 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!



La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **May 16, 2019**
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 will be **Friday, April 15 and May 17, 2019.**

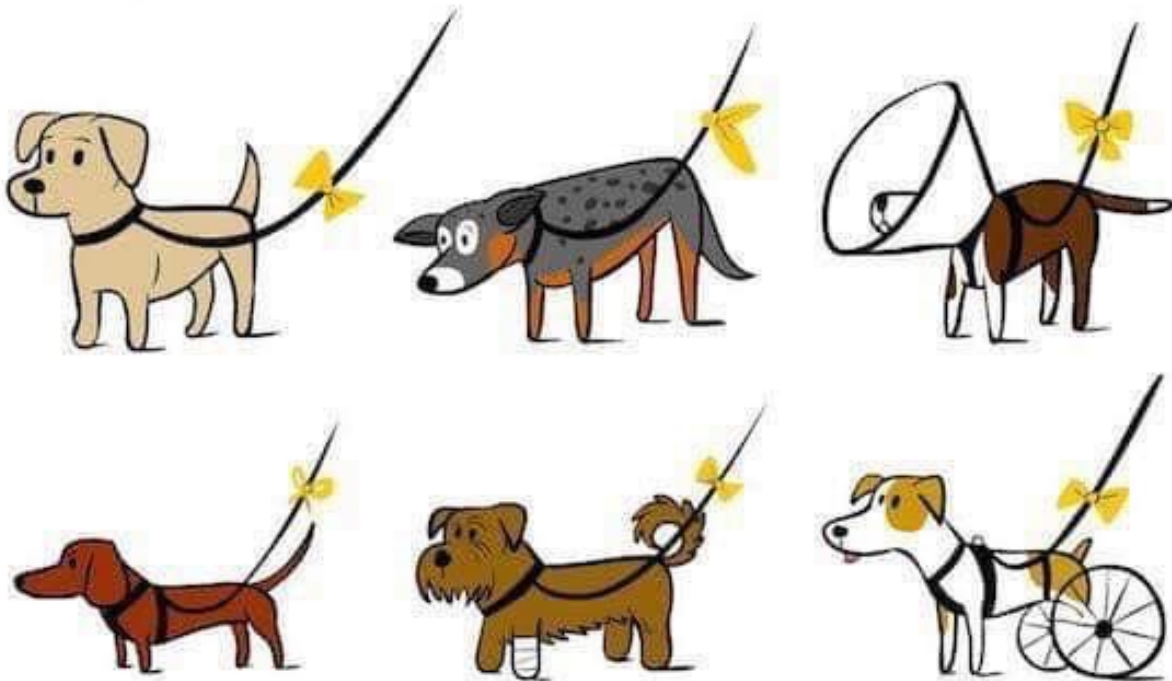
Residents must call Michael Smith at 954-4479 before the date to arrange for large item pick up. Please provide your address, telephone number and description of item(s). Remember to sign up no later than the Monday prior to the Friday pick up date.

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

Not Allowed: Most electronics,
oil or household chemicals.

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space.** Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.



There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

HEALTH ISSUES

IN TRAINING

BEING REHABILITATED

SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs
appreciate your help and respect!



Trailblazers' Times

by Staci Stevens

News from the Amy Biehl School

4th Annual Trailblazer 10K, 5K & Kids 1K Fun Run on May 4th!

Mark your calendar! The Amy Biehl Community School's 4th annual Trailblazer run will be **Saturday, May 4th, 2019 starting at 9:00 AM.**

As in previous years, La Entrada is sponsoring the event and encourages all neighbors to participate in whatever way they can. All ages and abilities are invited to come out for a day of fun. You can run or walk at your own pace or, just come out to cheer on the athletes! Food trucks will be on hand for refreshments and snacks.

Registration is now open at: <http://newmexicosportsonline.com>. \$25 10K and 5K registration and \$15 for Kid's 1K. Student designed T-shirt included with registration. Proceeds will benefit Amy Biehl Community School PTC. For questions, more information and additional sponsorship opportunities please contact Dave Tolen, dtolen@sfps.k12.nm.us.

Amy Biehl Teacher Headed to Boston Marathon!

In other exciting running news, Amy Biehl Community School first grade teacher, Rita Vigil is headed to the Boston Marathon in April! Please join us in cheering on this inspirational woman!

You Go Girl!



Show them how it's done!