

La Entrada News

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La Entrada Newsletter

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And a Patriotic Struttin' We Shall Go!

by Marilyn Morgan



If you were shrewd enough to have attended the La Entrada Fourth of July celebration at the Punto Nuevo Park, you were one of over 75 adults, accompanied by their children, grandchildren and patriotically dressed pets celebrating in honor of our country's birthday.



I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille.



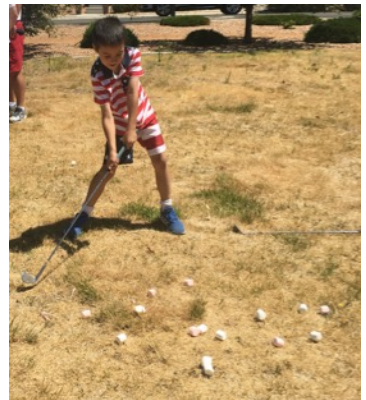
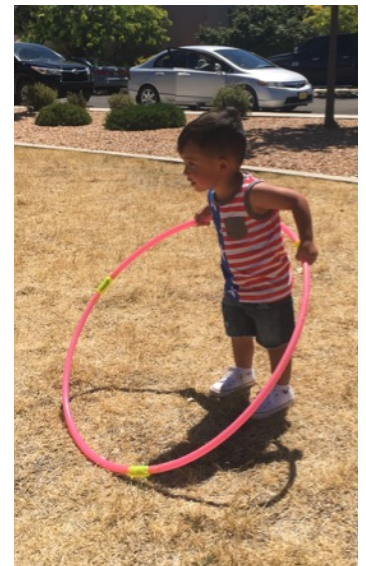
Things really got started when everyone gathered and took their positions for the Pet Parade where our beloved four-legged children marched in patriotic attire and formation followed by a small but spirited band of youthful adolescents on their colorful red, white, and blue garlanded bicycles. After the short parade walk through the neighborhood, a host of lawn games including Marshmallow Golf, Lawn Darts, and Giant Jenga kept everyone busy while the hot dogs were cooking up on the grill. As always, good eats were abundant from the grilled hot dogs to the chocolaty brownies, and refreshing watermelon to the genuine all American pink cotton candy!





The Beauties





Let the Battle Begin . . .



Time to Get Ugly . . .



Stunning Laser-beam Focus . . .

The day's events ended with a children's fierce watermelon-eating contest, and a big Congratulations and shout-out goes to Sienna – La Entrada's first-ever Grand Watermelon-eating Champion!

Wonderful! Enjoyed it immensely! Kids loved it! Pets loved it! Consensus says: we all loved it! See you next year!



Cotton Candy - Yipeeeeeeee!



This is
“i” “t”
it,
right here,
‘the’ spot,
our little park.
Thank you for
celebrating with us!



Find us on:
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www.Facebook.com/LaEntradaRanchoViejo

Animal Ambassadors Visit La Entrada

by Sarah Henderson

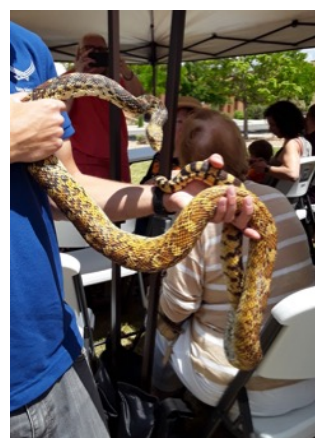


On the first of June, La Entrada hosted animal ambassadors from the New Mexico Wildlife Center (NMWC) near Espanola in our very own park on Punto Nuevo for a fun and informative presentation by Alex, the center's Outreach Coordinator. Visiting us were an elderly Bull snake (yes, you could pet her in the direction of her scales please; and no, she is not cold and slimy), a Box turtle (if you have one, make certain they have a warm, dry place to hang, as well as water), and Pancho, the center's beautiful little American kestrel (10-12"). The center's mission is wildlife re-habilitation and release; animal ambassadors such as our guests on this day are unable to be released back into the wild because of their habituation to humans, or intractable physical issues; instead, they serve as educational tools for us.

NMWC has a hospital and veterinarians to treat injured and orphaned wildlife brought to them from all over the state, and facilities for their rehabilitation. Animals that can be brought to them include raptors, songbirds, turkey vultures (who have a very compelling defense mechanism which involves, um, vomiting), mammals (deer, bobcats, even mountain lions), and snakes. Alex and the center do caution, however, that you cannot assume a baby animal has been abandoned by its parents, for that is rare, and "humans are not acceptable substitute parents."

amazing! My personal favorite is Joni the bobcat. The rattlesnakes are very interesting, too, and I know that parents who enjoy hiking with their children will want to bring them to the center to learn how to properly identify the good from the bad, and subsequently steer clear of the dangerous ones. The center does, of course, accept and aid those that have been injured, for instance by garden netting.

Everyone, I feel, especially the kids, really enjoyed the program. Alex and friends do a stellar job and are available for presentations in classroom settings as well.



Red Quilt Solidarity Project

by Sally Dillon with Tina Sparks

On a bright, sunny June day, I interviewed Tina Sparks over Frozen Strawberry Lemonades and friendly conversation, but I first met Tina this past spring as she was working on her Senior Project at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA). Her art school journey began in 2016, after taking her 2 youngest daughters on college tours, and now, both Tina and her daughter Amalia attend IAIA, located here in our community.

Fast forward to the fall of 2018. . . Tina solidified the focus of her Senior Art Project to an important and timely topic – raising awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). In the US, Canada, and frankly world-wide, Indigenous Women experience abuse, trauma, and become missing or murdered at alarming rates. As of 2016, over 5700 Indigenous women and girls were reported missing and/or murdered, according to the federal National Crime Information Center. This is information that the average person may not be aware of, but the crisis is real. United States Congresswomen for NM, Deb Haaland, serves on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee that held hearings seeking solutions to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Crisis. <https://haaland.house.gov/media/press-releases/haaland-gives-voice-silent-crisis-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women>

As a result of initiating the Red Quilt Solidarity Project, Tina was invited to advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls during the 2019 state legislative session. She attended three out of four Senate Committee Hearings with proposals pertaining to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, led by the late Senator John D. Pinto, a WWII Navajo Code Talker. After the four sessions, New Mexico Senate Memorial 38 was passed by both houses. <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/SM38/2019> SM38 gave formal support of US Congresswomen Deb Haaland's call for a National investigation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and a \$100,000 task force for MMIW has been established.



Tina Sparks, on right, with Sandra Claymore, and the late Senator John D. Pinto from the Navajo Nation.



Tina's quilt and her wearing the dress at the exhibit opening.



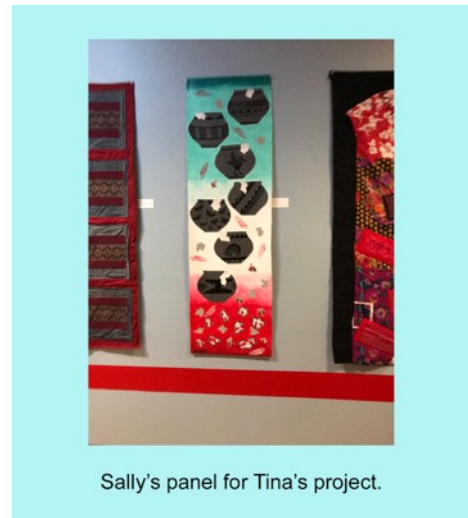
Sally in the Red Shawl on the back of Tina's quilt. Standing for MMIW.

The Red Quilt Solidarity Project, *Continued* -

The Red Quilt Solidarity Project began in January, 2019, when Tina and her two youngest daughters made the very first quilt. She opened a Facebook page for the Project and printed some flyers, both of which promoted the Call For Art. In February, she began circulating flyers to invite and encourage other artists to create panels of quilting, painting, weaving or mixed media that are 60 inches tall, any width, and approximately 50% red. This is how I met Tina. I created an acrylic painted panel of 7 Southwest Pueblo-style Pots with missing sherds. At the bottom of the painting, the sherds reappear with red painted hands reaching for help. The background went from a calming turquoise through white to an angry, unsettled red. As of this writing, my artwork, 18 additional submissions from across the country, and Tina's keystone quilt piece are still on display, Monday-Friday, in the halls of the IAIA Library Building. The keystone piece is a magnificent quilt in red, white and blue, containing design elements that signify returning home and change. Tina created a matching dress containing the same colors and design elements as the keystone quilt, and wore the dress during the opening night of the project exhibit. By wearing the dress, being tied to the quilt by red ribbons extending from the center of the quilt, and standing in solidarity for Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, she makes the visual statement that "we must become the message" for MMIW. On the back side of the installation, there is an empty red shawl supported with a wire structure and suspended from the ceiling to allow the viewers of the project to stand inside the shawl, thus standing in solidarity for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.



Some of the Red Quilt Solidarity Project panels.



Sally's panel for Tina's project.

This project will remain open for submissions through 2020, inviting and encouraging more artists to participate in the Red Quilt Solidarity Project. The goal is to gather many quilts and panels to make a large visual statement addressing violence against women, specifically Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The long-term goal of the project is to transport the RQSP to Washington, DC, and display all of the submissions on the national mall—much like the AIDS Quilt from the 1980's—stitching art and activism together to create visibility, funding and change. I may create another panel, because the project focuses on such an important issue for Native women and our entire New Mexico community. It is crucial to raise awareness of this important issue in order to improve investigation, legislation, and strategies to protect Indigenous women, and all women, going forward.

If you are interested in participating in the Red Quilt Solidarity project, please contact Tina at redquiltssolidarityproject@yahoo.com or on Facebook @RedQuiltSolidarityProject. Send your submission to: RQSP c/o Tina Sparks 83 A Van Nu Po Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87508

This fall, Tina is going on to study and obtain her Master's Degree in Art Therapy & Counseling at Southwestern College here in Santa Fe. She wants to work with young people, circles of women, veterans and first responders through art therapy to help release trauma, support resiliency, promote healing and build community. Art Therapy helps create an awareness and opportunity to improve one's self-esteem and wellbeing.



La Entrada at Rancho Viejo
is hosting a special presentation by
THE SANTA FE RAPTOR CENTER

Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm

**Please join us at the IAIA Hogan
83 A Van Nu Po in Rancho Viejo**

**The Santa Fe Raptor Center cares for injured birds
in order to release them back into their natural habitat.**

**** There will be locally created handmade greeting cards and other items available.
All proceeds go directly to the Raptor Center that evening.**

From: <https://santaferaptorcenter.org/>

Since 2004, Santa Fe Raptor Center has provided care for injured birds around New Mexico with a focus on raptors. We work with many rehabbers throughout the state to provide the best care for the birds as well as transportation to and from various locations. Our dedicated director and volunteers also play a crucial role in helping us transport, rehab, clean enclosures, and feed the birds in our care as well as educate the public on the benefits these animals have in our world.

We also provide vital education about raptors and other birds to schools and our communities.

**The Santa Fe Raptor Center is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization
that relies on private contributions to finance wildlife care.**

Your donation is a tax write-off by law.

The cost to feed one bird can range from \$3.00-\$15.00 per day,

BUILDING KEY

- ① Hogan
- ② Family Housing
- ③ Administration / Academic Classrooms
- ④ Center for Lifelong Education
Student Life / Cafeteria
- ⑤ Library & Technology Building
- ⑥ Facilities
- ⑦ CLE Residence Center

- ⑧ Fitness & Wellness Center
- ⑨ Science & Technology Building
- ⑩ Sculpture & Foundry Building
- P Parking
- B City of Santa Fe Bus Stop





**Join us for our
La Entrada Picnic
On Sat. Sept. 7, 2019
at the La Entrada Park
at Via Sagrada and Via Punto Nuevo
from 4-7pm**

it's time for
Picnic

**We will be grilling Hot Dogs and Hamburgers,
and have condiments and water
as well as tables and chairs.**

**Please bring:
Non-perishable food or a
monetary donation for
The Food Depot
and a dish to pass.**





NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Food Drive

"Neighbor to Neighbor Standing Together"

Saturday, September 21

Collection at below site by Noon

12:00pm -2:00pm

Rancho Viejo Blvd

&

Calle Agua Clara

(near the north mailboxes)



*** Monetary donations by check are also gratefully
accepted (Make checks out to The Food Depot, put
La Entrada in the memo section of the check.) Each
\$1 donated = 5 lbs. of food and provides four meals!**

All proceeds benefit The Food Depot
Visit TheFoodDepot.org/N2N for more info

Neighbor to Neighbor 8th Annual Food Drive

All residents in Rancho Viejo are welcome to make donations to The Food Depot to help in their work against the reality of hunger in Northern New Mexico.

Many neighborhood associations across Santa Fe are participating in a one-day "Neighbor to Neighbor" Food Drive.

In 2018, our La Entrada donation was equivalent to 7300lbs of food, which is equivalent to 5900 meals for Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity. This year, with a larger community, our goal is to contribute 8000lbs of non-perishable food and monetary donations. One dollar is approximately equal to 4 meals and \$20 is 80 meals. Checks can be made out to "The Food Depot" with La Entrada in the memo section.

Saturday, September 21th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM:

Drop off your non-perishable and monetary donations at the corner of Rancho Viejo Blvd. and Calle Agua Clara (one block west of Avenida del Sur) near the north La Entrada mailboxes.

Northern New Mexico's Food Bank

www.thefooddepot.org



8th Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

The Food Depot <https://www.thefooddepot.org/> addresses hunger anxiety throughout 9 counties in Northern New Mexico through agencies and direct distribution. The Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive will be held on Sat morning Sept. 21st near the north mailboxes on Calla Aqua Clara. This year there will be no donation bags distributed to residents. Here are some other ways people can help out in addition to the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive:

General Operations \$1 provides four meals for those in need

The Food Depot is the food bank for Northern New Mexico, providing food to those in need through more than 145 nonprofit agencies such as food pantries, shelters, youth programs and senior centers.

Food 4 Kids \$120 sponsors a child for a school year

Food 4 Kids provides backpacks of nutritious child-friendly food to students known by school personnel to be hungry, to tide the children over at home in the evenings and on weekends when their families may be unable to provide meals.

Mobile Food Pantry \$175 sponsors a person for a year

The Food Depot's Mobile Food Pantry provides nutritious food distributed by a network of community volunteers to residents of isolated rural communities where there are high rates of hunger and poverty.

Diaper Depot \$50 provides diapers for a baby for a year

The Diaper Depot provides a supplemental supply of diapers to economically stressed families so they can protect their babies from the serious health risks created by not having an adequate supply of diapers.

Food 4 Pets \$10 feeds the family pet for a year

Food 4 Pets helps low-income families who already face difficult decisions every day—whether to pay for food or heat or rent or medical bills—take care of their pets, who are after all a part of the family too.

Neighbor to Neighbor \$1 provides four meals for those in need

Every donated dollar provides four meals! Your financial contribution helps to add produce and protein items to the nonperishable staple foods being provided to your neighbors.





Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch News

by Kathy Brown

~~ VOLUNTEERS Needed~~

Your Neighborhood Watch needs more VOLUNTEERS to expand the current dedicated team for our growing community. Please consider one of these three opportunities. A commitment of at least 8 months is preferred.

- *** BLOCK CAPTAINS & BLOCK CO-CAPTAINS to welcome neighbors to the Watch.
- *** WRITER with SKILLS in WORD or PAGES including Internet linking, image placement, and formatting.
- *** VOLUNTEERS for special projects, such as the 2020 fund raising YARD SALE.

For more volunteer info contact Carol Thompson as shown in Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts in side bar in this newsletter.

~~Upcoming Citizens Police ACADEMY~~

The upcoming Citizen's Police Academy is a great way for the general public to learn more about our local law enforcement department and services. Various officers teach the classes, including Traffic Investigations and Crime Scene Investigations. For more info go to SantaFeNM.gov and navigate › Police › Crime Prevention › Citizen's Academy/Alumni Program. You will find other education areas there and contact info for Citizens Academy Liaison, **Officer Gerald Lovato**, Santa Fe Police Department, (505) 955-5258.

Several residents from La Entrada and from throughout Rancho Viejo have attended the 12-week course over the years and have been very impressed. The next course will start in August or September.

For current answers to: **"How do I attend the Citizen's Academy and what are the costs and dates?"** go to SantaFeNM.gov & navigate > Police > Frequently Asked Questions.

Always remember: If you see anything suspicious, observe and then report by calling the County Sheriff at 428-3720.

IN MEMORIAM



Faith Johnsen, a Rancho Viejo resident and dear friend since 2012, passed away Sunday, March 24th after a brief illness. She was 71 years of age and is survived by her husband Daniel, son Christoffer, daughter Katina and granddaughter Tabitha. Following her wishes, Faith was cremated and her ashes will be interred at a later time.

Faith's family would like to thank all of our Rancho Viejo friends and neighbors for their kindness and support during this difficult time.





Remembering Lorraine Janus

by Adrienne and Jerry Janus

Lillian Lorraine Janus (née McMillan), age 77, died at home in Rancho Viejo on Sunday, March 24, 2019. She was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland May 21, 1942 to James Henry and Margaret (Bingham) McMillan. A precocious child, she helped her father in his business, finished school and worked in Belfast, in England, then New York and Detroit.

Lorraine arrived in Boston in 1961, met her husband Jerry in Key West, marrying in Charleston in 1964. She became a Mum in 1970/72 when son, Craig, and daughter, Adrienne, were born. Lorraine juggled homemaker duties while residing in a few other places during 55 happy years of marriage: Key West, Detroit, Bangor (Northern Ireland), Saudi Arabia, Bainbridge Island, Seattle, Belfast and finally Santa Fe in 2016.

After welcoming son-in-law Peter to the family, with ceremonies in Belfast and Italy, Lorraine became a Grandmother in 2007/2010 to Max and Mia, and enjoyed many Christmas holidays and birthdays with them at Adrienne and Peter's home in Aberdeen (Scotland), then Paris (France).



When not busy traveling the world, Lorraine delighted in skyping with friends and relatives in the U.S., Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France. She loved long walks, engaging conversation, and, above all, reading and collecting books on a wide range of subjects, from Irish literature and history to the latest mysteries.

Lorraine's final days were quietly spent at home with hospice care by Adrienne and Jerry. She is survived by an older brother, Jim McMillan (Belfast) and a younger sister, Anne Grey (Wales).



VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS NEEDED for RANCHO VIEJO!!!

We need volunteer firefighters at the La Cienega Fire Department. Must be 16 years of age or older. Fire Fighter I Certification trainings are ongoing and free, held every Tuesday evening at the Fire Station, 37 Rancho Viejo Blvd. Please call 505-231-9424 for the time of the next meeting. Meetings usually start at 6pm or 7pm. Thank you.

FIXIT CLINIC & COACH RECRUITMENT:

Saturday, August 3rd - 1:00-4:00pm

MAKE SANTA FE: 2879 ALL TRADES RD

Come fix your broken stuff (or learn more about how it works) & learn how you can become a coach at future clinics.

An all-ages FREE do-it-together repair event: Bring your broken electronics, appliances, toys, etc. for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. We'll provide workspace, tools, and guidance by specialists from fixitclinic.org to help you disassemble, troubleshoot & hopefully even FIX your item.

REGISTER FOR THE FIXIT CLINIC: Click here or contact

kagarcia@santafecountynm.gov or call 992-9832

(Walk-ins are always welcome, but we'll make an effort to give priority to participants who register in

Attention handywomen and handymen, tinkerers and seamsters: we will also be recruiting for coaches at this FixIt Clinic.

Being a coach is easy: all you need is curiosity and a willingness to encourage and help others in opening up their broken stuff.

Coaches will be on hand to answer your questions!

SIGN UP TO BE A FIXIT COACH: email kagarcia@santafecountynm.gov or call 992-9832



Communication Committee - August 2019

by Sally Dillon, Chair

The Communication Committee met on July 21, 2019 to plan upcoming events and to work on this newsletter. Information about upcoming events is in this newsletter. Future events will be described in later issues of the newsletter.

We will be freshening the headers in our Message Centers soon. We have been focused on getting cards and craft items completed for the August 24 Raptor Event. As a reminder, any notices attached to the outside of the Message Centers will be removed and thrown out. A better option for those notices is to post them on Nextdoor.com as those postings will go to a wider group of people in a larger area. Facebook events is another option.

We have been using the contents of our Event Wagon/Trailer. We may consider adding 2 more pop-up canopies and the weights to the trailer for next year. We will assess other needs in time for HOA budget meetings.

The Wildlife Center Event on June 1st was very successful, except for needing to stop a little earlier due to a severe thunderstorm warning. We wanted to keep everyone safe, and chose to pack up the trailer a few minutes earlier than scheduled. We had over 50 people in attendance, including many children. We have added Facebook Events from our new Facebook page to our advertising, as well as postings on Nextdoor. We also had e-blasted notices out to residents, put copy in the newsletter and Message Centers, and posted information on our website.

We used the same advertising strategies for the July 4th Event, revving up excitement with the pet and bicycle parade, cookout, lawn games, and watermelon-eating contest. Additionally, we had different stations for hand washing, and a pet station providing water and treats. There was even Cotton Candy! Game stations included Bubbles, Giant Jenga, Lawn Darts, Marshmallow Golf, Corn Holes, and playground equipment available to use. We did run out of hot dogs, but will plan accordingly next year.

Next up, we have the Raptor Event on Aug. 24th at the IAIA Hogan. There will be handmade cards by Audra and Sally for purchase, as well as Eco Board Magnets, and other craft items. All proceeds go to the Santa Fe Raptor Center <https://santaferaptorcenter.org/>

On Sept. 7th we will host our La Entrada Community Picnic. There will be cards and other items for purchase to benefit the Raptor Center. We also will kick off our Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive to benefit The Food Depot. Please bring some can goods or non-perishable foods to the picnic. We will have bags available for the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive on Sept. 21st. With a little luck, Smith's Grocery Stores will have their Case Lots Sale, which is a perfect way to donate! Peanut Butter is always in demand. Monetary Donations to The Food Depot are always welcome. Our goal is to reach the equivalent of 8,000 lbs of food (explained in an enclosed flyer). The Holiday Party In December will fall on Saturday, December 7th. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

At the recent Communication Committee meeting, we worked on the August 2019 newsletter and assigned articles. The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month for the purpose of planning approaching events and organizing articles for the La Entrada News.

Communication Committee Report, Continued -

Committee Reports, Continued Our website has the Newsletters, Calendar of Events, flyers, RV Neighborhood Watch Alerts, and an updated Homeowner's Handbook containing community regulations and other important information, such as Reserve Studies. A login request button is located 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. "Completely ready for publishing" means formatting, editing, captions, logos, and active web links, etc. Your photos and article need to be attached in an email and sent to Sally by the 15th at the very latest. The Communication Committee, who works as a team in assisting publication of the newsletter, 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. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will go in the next newsletter. If it is submitted after the deadline, it will be placed in the next following issue of La Entrada News unless it is time sensitive content that is now after the fact. The reason we have these deadlines is to align with our schedule for publishing. We have specific tasks to accomplish and events to plan. If a submission is late or not "completely ready for publishing", it disrupts what we need to do and accomplish for publication.

La Entrada News is published generally 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 for how to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net.

**LA ENTRADA HOA MEETING REPORT****June 20, 2019***by Paul Dillon*

After the HOA meeting was called to order, Serenity Lucero, HOAMCO Manager for La Entrada went over the financials. There was a discussion regarding a process for sending the financials to the homeowners prior to the meeting, or having some copies available at the meeting. It was decided to have several copies of financials available at the meetings, as well as emailing them to homeowners with the meeting notice.

There was discussion about Drones because they have returned. If we know of a homeowner who is violating the rules with a drone, then we can send them a letter on compliance. If we do not know who is operating the drone, unfortunately there is not much we can do in that case. Cass will discuss the issue further with the attorney.

Trash cans to be placed near mailboxes have been ordered. Proscaper will maintain them.

Regarding landscaping in common areas, dead trees are being replaced, hydro seeding has occurred, and streetscapes should be done by now. It was noted that the T park is still under the Developer, and the HOA will not take it over until maintenance is scheduled by Proscaper.

Other topics discussed included spraying for weeds, night sky ordinance alignment, a request for "Dogs Must be on Leashes" signs for the open spaces at the trail heads, maintaining a 'Sense of Community,' enforcement, barking dogs, and the ongoing issue of construction trash.



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.

August

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and
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September

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and
18

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 **August**, recycle pick-ups will be on **August 7 and 21** and **September** pick-ups will be on **September 4 and 18**.

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



Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

June & July 2019 Activities

by Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

The Book Club met on Thursday, June 20th at Joyce Budai's home to discuss **Unsheltered** by Barbara Kingsolver. Everyone seem to agree that the way the story was written, moving between two time periods at the same location, was unique and enjoyable. I listen to Audible and thought it was interesting that this novel was actually read by the author.

Our lunch gathering for June was rather late. On Friday, June 28th we had 22 ladies for a **Potluck Picnic** in the RV Village Park. It was awesome that we were able to use the tables and chairs from La Entrada Community Association. Everyone was in bright summery colors and received a flower lei for the occasion. The food was super delicious as always.

The RV Ladies have totally committed to participating in bi-monthly charity projects. The June project was a donation to **Solace Crisis Treatment Center**. Lorri Sweat coordinated this effort. Here's her message:

"A huge thank you to the ladies of Rancho Viejo who donated to Solace. In the month of June we collected over \$200.00 for needed supplies. We also collected beanie babies, stuffed animals, snacks and personal care items. For over 14 years Find Solace has offered assistance to victims of domestic violence. Many dedicated officers, staff and volunteers provide education, guidance and support night and day. For more information please visit their website at <https://www.findsolace.org> "

On Wednesday, July 17th we had a group of 13 for lunch at **Jinja Bistro**. There was lively discussion about the recent International Folk Art Market. Some of our ladies had volunteered the previous Saturday and Sunday. This day also happened to be Wardene's birthday! While she was served chocolate cake we all sang Happy Birthday, and other desserts were enjoyed as well.

Our last event for the month was a **Photo Presentation by Stephanie Roth**. We gathered in the Estancia Homes Conference Room on Thursday, July 25th for coffee, dessert, pictures and stories. She returned to Santa Fe recently from Barbados, Portugal, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Greece.

Our charity project for August is a school supply donation to the **Santa Fe Indian School**. This project is being coordinated by Carol Siedell. SFIS enrolls 600 tribal members from all over New Mexico. Some are day students, but many live on school grounds in dorms during the week, returning to the reservation on weekends. There are 400 high schoolers and 200 middle schoolers. Supplies most needed are: Backpacks, binders, dividers, pencils, pens, notebook paper, spiral notebooks and two pocket folders. The deadline for Carol's collection is Tuesday, August 13th.

Future Ladies Group activities: Tour of the **Museum of Indian Arts & Culture (MIAC)** with lunch at Museum Hill Café = date TBA; and Book Club meeting Thursday, 8/22 to discuss **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles.

RV Open Area Leash Rule:



It saddens me to report that we have two female dog-leash abusers bound and determined to ignore our leash rules and to do things their own way when it comes to walking their dogs in designated RV open spaces. Last week as I began descending down into the space off of Via Orilla Dorado, I saw a woman coming up the trail with a large dog off leash. I immediately pulled my two off the path and back behind a tree to give her room to pass when she yelled at me for not having 'my' dogs under control, even though they were both on leash. I am surprised she did not connect the dot that the only reason my dogs appeared crazed as they pulled and yanked toward her was because she had still not yet put her big dog on leash, and waited until the very last arrogant minute to do so. Really? This is how we're going to behave with one another? Surely we are above this childish nastiness? *Please*, be a good neighbor and keep your dogs leashed in these areas where others are also walking their dogs.

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!



La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **September 19**
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, August 16 and September 20, 2019.**

Residents must call **Serenity Lucero** at **505-954-4479** 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.

Trailblazers Times

by Staci Stevens



Amy Biehl Community School News

By Staci Stevens

School is almost back in session!

Mark your calendars - the Santa Fe Public Schools start on **August 13th!**

We hope you enjoy the last couple weeks of summer break and are ready to start a new school year!

[Click here for a direct link to the 2019-2020 District Calendar.](#)

School supply lists can be found here: <https://www.teacherlists.com/districts/1318>