

# La Entrada News

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Serving the Residents of the La Entrada Community

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## La Entrada News

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## Raptor Release

by Sarah Henderson



On August 24<sup>th</sup> the La Entrada Communication Committee hosted the Santa Fe Raptor Center and their educational birds for a release of two Great Horned Owls at the IAIA hogan. The mission of the Raptor Center, located in El Rito, is "Rescue Rehab Release" and applies to "all native injured or orphaned birds from all around New Mexico". Director Lori Paras gave a program with her pals George the Swainson's Hawk and a little burrowing owl. Educational birds may be those that have been injured and despite treatment (the center has an amazing, dedicated veterinarian on staff ) cannot be released or used as foster



game that have not had the shot removed also occurs, and the indiscriminate poisoning of rodent prey can be responsible as well.

parents. Injuries include being struck by cars, becoming entangled in barbed wire, and, shockingly, being shot. Lead poisoning caused by feeding on carcasses of

## Raptor Release, Continued

The two beautiful owls were released in an area with appropriate habitat and prey, and were a lovely sight to watch fly away. Check out the Raptor Center's website and Facebook page for many more pictures of the incredible work they do.



## La Entrada Community Picnic

by Marilyn Morgan

Only a Few Drops but still Enjoyable!

About fifty residents ignored the looming dark clouds and bravely chose to join us on Saturday, September 7 at the Punto Nuevo park.

Despite the weather attendees clearly enjoyed meeting and chatting with one another and a few 'soon-to-be' new neighbors. As usual plenty of food was on hand from brats, to hot dogs and hamburgers. Many thanks for attendee contributions, as well, as there were many delicious side dishes and desserts to please all palettes.

Residents also kicked off our annual Food Drive to benefit the **Food Depot**, and many thanks to the generous donations made by those who attended.



## Communication Committee October 2019

by Sally Dillon, Chair

Since we have many new residents, it seems like a good time to talk a little bit about RV/La Entrada's Communication Committee. While we do plan and execute community events, we are not a social committee. There is no social committee. This Communication Committee started back in 2009 when Suncor was the Developer. We are an offshoot of that HOA Board. We are resident volunteers who wish to serve our community as it grows. Volunteers are community members who step in to serve as their schedules allow, and step down when life re-directs them to altered purposes. We are all volunteers.

Even though HOA board members may not serve as a chairperson of a committee according to HOA documents and bylaws, we always try to have at least one HOA Board member sit on the committee.

The initial charge of the Communication Committee was to develop strategies to communicate and relay information to residents. The strategies developed included creating uniform signage to be posted on mailboxes, although within the last year or so, the mailman has been removing and discarding our signage per postal regulations, so we have switched to the new Message Centers at both mailbox bays, north and south of Rancho Viejo Blvd. Other strategies included fleshing out a very skeletal website. Several members of the committee attended a training seminar with AtHomeNet, the company that hosts our website. They provide further training, technical support, and website security preventing hacking.

As technology improved, HOAMCO, our HOA Manager, was able to blast email out our communications, flyers, and general information approved by us to send out.

For the Committee, one project that was a focus was the Welcome Packet, used to disseminate information to new residents. It was later found that when Committee members attempted to deliver these packets, new residents were either not home or did not choose to answer the door. In the last couple of years, the Welcome Packet has become more streamlined and is included with closing papers for new home purchases, and are included in the resale homes purchasing process as well.

In an effort to expand the sense of community, we started with a Holiday Party and began collaborating with the Rancho Viejo South Community with events such as "Coffee and Conversation." A hard copy newsletter was also developed, published, and mailed in conjunction with Rancho Viejo South. The cost for printing and mailing the hard copy newsletter became quite expensive, so the La Entrada HOA Board and Communication Committee made the decision to go digital. This allowed us to focus exclusively on life in La Entrada, to display many more color images of our community, and to include information on approaching meetings and events. All of the newsletters from 2011 through to the current issue are available on the website. This is the history of our community. The website has all HOA Documents, Charter and Homeowner's Manual that includes community regulations, and the Design Review Committee (DRC) form, Volunteer form, RV Neighborhood Watch Alerts, and Reserve Studies. One of the committee members created a widget for the Public Home Page of the website for the three most current newsletter links to display. This is a good way for potential homebuyers to learn about La Entrada and Rancho Viejo. There is an address book on the website, but the most accurate list of residents is the list that Serenity Lucero, our HOAMCO HOA Manager, has as she receives all contact information after the closings. She also approves website logins, as we do not have information regarding specific closings.



## Communication Committee, Continued

Over the years, we have phased out the “Coffee and Conversations” which tended to be more of a presentation, and have created activities that appeal to all of our residents. In 2019, we have had six events and sponsored two additional events. We tend to work with some non-profits with some activities. We create and use directional street signs to direct people to the different events. This year we have added Facebook Events and Nextdoor, as communication tools to get the word out to more people. We partner with Amy Biehl Community School, and the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group. Finally, we have purchased an event trailer this year and have stocked it with tables, chairs, canopies, coolers, lawn games, etc.



Notices for the Message Centers must be approved by the HOA Board and/or the Communication Committee. 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 as those postings will go to a larger group of people in a larger area. Facebook events is another option.

At the recent Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive for the Food Depot, we collected **\$805** in monetary donations and **778lbs** of non-perishable food from both the Food Drive and from the La Entrada Community Picnic. As \$1 equals 5lbs of food, our total pounds are **4803lbs** of food for northern New Mexicans with food insecurity. Thank you to all who contributed. If you missed the Food Drive, you can still donate and mark your check with **N2N La Entrada in the memo**.

At the recent September 23rd Communication Committee meeting, the Committee worked to plan the October/November 2019 newsletter and assigned articles to write. The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month for the purpose of planning upcoming events and to organize articles for La Entrada News. A special thanks to all who serve on the committee for all they do to support our community. We have had a great year of events and all our facets of communication. Our last event of 2019 will be the Holiday Party, but our communication never dies . . . we'll be back for a December/January newsletter.

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it to Sally Dillon [arttrek@prodigy.net](mailto: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. Photos and articles need to be sent as attachments in an email to Sally by the 15th at the very latest. The Communications Committee works as a team in assisting the publication of the newsletter and shall determine if there is room for article(s) depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit and/or include submitted articles. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will go in the next newsletter. If it is submitted after the deadline, it may be placed in the following issue of La Entrada News, unless it is time sensitive content that is now after the fact or not approved. 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 throws us off of what we need to do 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 on how to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Dillon at [arttrek@prodigy.net](mailto:arttrek@prodigy.net)



## ~~ CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY~~

**October 24, 2019 - January 23, 2020**  
**Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch News**

The upcoming Citizen's Police Academy is a great way for residents in Santa Fe County to learn about our local law enforcement departments and the important work they do.

The hands-on Citizens academy runs for 12 consecutive weeks in two-hour sessions every Thursday evening. This Academy starts on Thursday, October 24. Sessions begin at 6:00pm and are held at the main Police Station at 2515 Camino Entrada (across Cerrillos Road from Appleby's). Instructors from Santa Fe Police and the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Departments will deliver the training.

This will be Class #41. Several residents from La Entrada have attended the academy in past years and been quite impressed with the dedication of the officers and the range of topics, such as Traffic Investigations and Crime Scene Investigations.

Missed sessions can be made up in a future academy, which is usually held twice each year.

For more details and the "Application for Enrollment" go to <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/sheriff> for the Sheriff's Facebook page. The \$45 application fee is due at the first class.

You can email the completed application to Sergeant Julie York, Community Support Services Division, Santa Fe County Sheriff's office at [jyork@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:jyork@santafecountynm.gov). Also, you can call Officer Gerald Lovato (455-5258) from SFPD to submit your application and to ask any questions.

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



## **La Entrada Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive Preliminary Totals**

**Monetary Donations  
\$805.00**

**Pounds of Non-Perishable Food**

**778lbs.**

**\$1 = 5lbs of Food =**

**4025lbs.**

# **4,803 lbs !!!**

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to help  
Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity!**

## Directions for Shutting Down Irrigation Systems in La Entrada

- 1.) Purchase an irrigation valve shut off tool at Home Depot, Lowes, or Ace Hardware. The tool is a long bar with a two-prong fork at the bottom and a "T" or "V" handle on it, and is about 4 feet long.
- 2.) Remove the yellow cap off of the Irrigation valve, located around the sewer clean outs and irrigation boxes.



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- 3.) Use valve shut off tool to close the valve at the bottom of the sleeve by turning it clockwise until it stops.

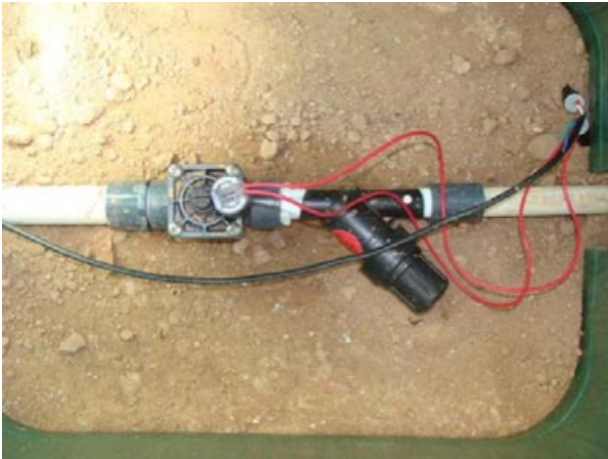


- 4.) In the irrigation box that holds your electronic valve, turn the top part that has wires in it counterclockwise about 1/4 turn to open the valve. The valve top has "open" and "close" with arrows written on it.



## Shutting Down La Entrada Irrigation Systems, Page 2

5.) Off to the side of the valve there is a "Y" in the line with a cap on it. Remove the cap and place with other parts in a plastic bag back in the irrigation box. There will be water in the box because the system will drain to the box.



6.) On any small green lid boxes, and the end of line in the backyard, please remove the caps so the system can drain down. Place all caps in the small boxes for replacement when the system is turned backed on in the spring.



7.) For spring start up use these directions in reverse.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Sat. Dec. 7, 2019**

## **Annual La Entrada Holiday Party**

**Party  
Location:**

**Rancho Viejo  
Sales Office  
26 Calle Ancla  
North on Via Punto  
Nuevo @ RV Blvd to  
Calle Ancla, Sales  
Office is on  
the right**

**Time:  
2 - 4 PM**

**Come and enjoy  
refreshments  
and celebrate  
the season  
with your  
neighbors.**

**Bring homemade cookies or cakes,  
some for the party and some to wrap up  
for the RV Fire Station Crew  
and local shelters.**

**Hands on/kid friendly activities  
will be available!**



**Rancho Viejo Ladies Group**  
**August & September 2019 Activities**  
 by Audra Hansche – [Mauied85@AOL.com](mailto:Mauied85@AOL.com)

The RVLG Charity Project for August was a donation of school supplies to the **Santa Fe Indian School**. Carol Siedell was the coordinator. *We are so awesome when we work together!!*

Here is a message from Carol, near the start of the school year: *"Indian School backpack/school supplies drive -*

*As you eat dinner tonight, think of all the kids from the reservations who are arriving from near and far to Indian School to check into their dorms—excited about a new school year, seeing their friends again, and for some, being surprised with a new backpack filled with promise and blank pages. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to deliver 33 backpacks, statistically representing one-third of our membership. Many staff and administration met me with tears in their eyes. They invited us to Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 12. More about that when details are known.*

*Wado! Carol"*

On Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> the Ladies met at the **MIAC – Museum of Indian Arts and Culture** on Museum Hill. Sally Dillon was our guide and introduced us to the wonderful world of San Ildefonso pueblo pottery. The new exhibit included many pieces that had never been displayed before. We watched a very informative video featuring Maria Martinez and how she made her black pottery. We had 20 ladies attending the tour and afterwards we were joined by four more friends for our lunch at Museum Hill Café. We had 3 full tables of happy people and enjoyed some yummy entrees plus desserts! Later by email, Sally shared some follow-up information about the pottery, symbolism in the designs and suggested reading books.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles was the novel we discussed at **Book Club** on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We met at Jeannie's house and she served us her delicious Russian Summer Soup. It was pink! I enjoyed it very much and will try to make it myself someday. There were about twelve attending and I think most of us enjoyed the story. It would be very enlightening to *live* in a grand hotel, in Moscow, in New York or maybe even Santa Fe. Oh, the interesting people you would meet!

Our lunch for September was a **Potluck Brunch** at Dianna Kassouf's home. It was a bit too warm to sit on the deck but we fit around the dining table nicely. We had green salad, fruit salad, artichoke casserole, Asian slaw, baba ghanoush and other goodies that day. So relaxing to sit and chat.

The RVLG had a special presentation on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We met Karin Foster of the Foster Legal Advisory Group for a discussion on **Estate Planning in New Mexico**. Karin provided a handout and we were all taking copious notes. She also shared stories and explained how important having the proper legal forms are - for everyone. It was very informative. Special thanks to Trudy Miller for the initial idea and planning for this event.

**Coming Up:** Charity Project for October = TBA; Outing/Lunch for October = TBA; Book Club @ Lucie's = Thurs, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>; Halloween Lunch @ Audra's = Thurs, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>; November activities = TBA; RV Ladies Holiday Party – Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>; Charity Project for December = TBA

# We Can Recycle

## 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.

October

**9**  
*and*  
**23**



November

**6**  
*and*  
**20**

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 **October**, recycle pick-ups will be on **October 9 and 23**, and **November** pick-ups will be on **November 6 and 20**.

If you have any further questions, you can call MCT at 505-345-8651 or check out their website at [www.mctwaste.com](http://www.mctwaste.com).



## La Entrada Rancho Viejo Pet Rules & Regulations

### F. Animals

1. Animals or pets of any kind shall not be raised, bred or kept on any Lot except dogs, cats, and other typical household pets, which shall be permitted as long as their numbers and ownership does not create a nuisance and complies with Santa Fe County regulations. Raising, breeding or maintaining animals or pets is not permitted in any Common Area.
- 2. All Pets must be held or kept leashed at all times when in Common Areas, open spaces, trails or on the walkways or roads.**
- 3. Pet owners must immediately pick up all waste and litter created by their pets anywhere within the La Entrada at Rancho Viejo Property boundaries and in walled yard areas.**
- 4. Dog owners are responsible for ensuring that their dogs do not bark excessively and are not a nuisance to other Owner or Occupants in the community.**
5. Horses, mules, burros or other animals shall not be ridden on Association Property, except in areas expressly designated for such use.

*La Entrada at Rancho Viejo - Homeowners Handbook;  
Rules & Regulations p.27*





## High Fives to Two Wonderfully Courteous Dog Walkers!



Give praise where praise is due I always say, and when people are considerate, it definitely deserves mentioning, especially when it involves our four legged friends.

Returning from my standard Via Orilla Dorado dog walk out in the open space recently, I encountered a neighbor with her dog up by the street passing us by. She saw me coming up with my two straining and pulling dogs, and quickly got control of her handsome herd-looking dog - I'm not good with breeds but maybe a heeler, but she quickly stepped aside to make way for me and my two. I want to *THANK YOU* lovely neighbor with handsome speckled herder-looking dog, for your consideration in that moment. It was a moment of kindness and courtesy I will remember, hard to come by in this world at times.

And then yesterday coming back on the trail I encountered another female walking her two large dogs. Regretfully they were both off leash, but when she saw us on the other side of the arroyo, she quickly leashed them. Grateful and thankful, because had I been on her side there surely would have been mayhem, so thank you lovely lady with the two large dogs. Please know that this area is heavily used by dog walkers and requires a leash. I am out there twice a day, every day, and chances are very good I'm going to run in to you and your dogs; I'd like it to be a safe encounter.



**From the Professional Dog Trainer:**

Ok I've said it before, I'll say it again ...

*How many wolves go around visiting other packs?*

*How many lions go around visiting other prides?*

*How many horses go around visiting other herds?*

They don't because they'll get killed. They don't because that's not their family.

So you don't need to expect your dog to go and say hi to other dogs and people. They're not part of your family.

Teaching your dog to ignore other people and dogs is actually far healthier. Teaching your dog that other dogs are "none of their business" results in far fewer issues.

Your dog won't become reactive because they don't have to feel stressed about interacting with strange dogs and people.

### La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm  
Thursday, **TBD**  
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](mailto: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, October 18 and November 15, 2019.**

Residents must call **Serenity Lucero** 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.

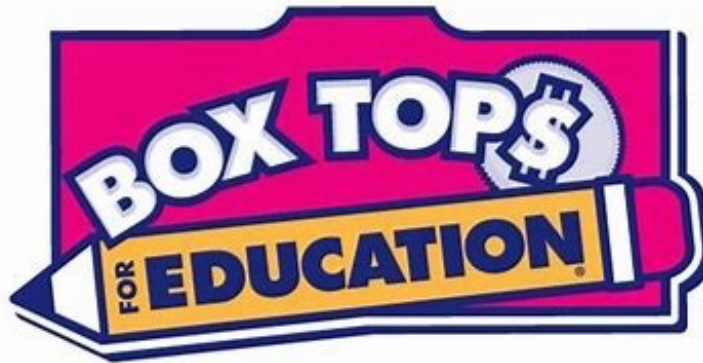
Not Allowed: Most electronics,  
oil or household chemicals.

## Trailblazers Times

by Staci Stevens

On behalf of the

### Collect Box Tops to Support Amy Biehl



The 2019/2020 school year is off to a great start. Amy Biehl Community School staff, parents and teachers really appreciate any support we can get from our community. **One of the easiest ways to help us earn money for our school is to help collect Box Tops for Education!**

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

La Entrada is collecting Box Tops and we're making it easy for you to get them to the school. **Just clip the Box Tops, seal them in a zip lock bag and put them in the drop box on Paul and Sally Dillion's porch located at XX Villa Orilla Dorado.** We'll deliver them to the school for you each month!

It's the little things we do as a community to support one another that make Rancho Viejo and La Entrada a special place to live.

Thank you for your help!