

La Entrada News

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La Entrada Gifts \$1000 + to

Santa Fe Raptor Center

by Audra Hansche



Each year La Entrada hosts a fall event featuring the Santa Fe Raptor Center. This wonderful event teaches us all about raptors and how to care of these majestic creatures. In the past Sally Dillon and I have typically created hundreds of handmade greeting cards and made them available to attendees in exchange for a small donation. In lieu of this annual event, we are offering something different.

Residents of Rancho Viejo can receive a package of 10 greeting cards for a \$20 donation to the Raptor Center. Five cards made by Sally and five made by Audra were selected for the package.

A variety of sentiments and themes are available: Birthday, Thank You, Sympathy, other and blank. Southwest, Native American, Cactus, Owls, Eagles, and Greetings from New Mexico. Each package is bagged and tagged. Most bags have had little or no personal contact. On August 27th we were able to send \$700.00 in cash and checks directly to the Raptor Center. The remaining balance of \$346.00 will be sent on Monday, September 28th.

A HUGE thanks to all Rancho Viejo Ladies Group members as they comprised the bulk of these donations! **** If you are interested in holiday cards: Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas – please contact Sally arttrek85@gmail.com or Audra Mauied85@aol.com





2020 GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING SCHEDULES

Voter Registration

Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, **October 6th** at 5:00 p.m.

In Person Same Day Voter Registration at the County Clerk's Office

Begins October 7, 2020 and Ends Saturday, October 31, 2020 (**Photo ID Required**) Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 31st only 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Absentee-In Person Voting

County Clerk's office (**New Building** 100 Catron Street) from Tuesday, October 6th through Saturday, October 31, during regular days and hours of business (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) **The office is closed Monday, October 12, 2020 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.**

The County Clerk's office will be open for Voting on **Saturday, October 31st** only, but not the other Saturdays of early voting.

State law does not permit us to mail ballots within the USA until October 6

Alternate Sites Early Voting

- Saturday, October 17th through Saturday, October 31st. Hours of voting are from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Early Voting Sites are located at:
Abedon Lopez Community Center – 155A Camino De Quintana, Santa Cruz
Christian Life Church – 121 Siringo Road, Santa Fe
NEW Town of Edgewood Administrative Office – 171A State Road 344, Edgewood Max Coll
Corridor Community Center (new facility) – 16 Avenida Torreon, El Dorado Pojoaque County
Satellite Office – 5 W. Gutierrez – Ste. 9, Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza Santa Fe County Fair Building –
3229 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe
NEW Southside Library – 6599 Jaguar Dr., Santa
- **Absentee Voting by Mail**
- You can apply for an absentee ballot now or any time up until Tuesday, October 20, 2020 although we encourage voters not to wait until the last minute. The last day we can send out Absentee Ballots is Tuesday, October 20 .
- To apply for an Absentee Ballot, you can go [online to electronically](#) request an Absentee Ballot Application Request
- You can [print out the application](#) and mail or deliver it to the County Clerk's office.
- Or call the County Clerk's Office (505-986-6280) to request an application. When you receive the application, you must fill it out and return it to our office.

CANCELLED

2020 La Entrada Holiday Party

Due to Pandemic



But I NEED a party!

For those of you who have never attended before, we usually ask for a donation of cookies and goodies that we can offer to our nearby Fire Station and local Youth Shelter, a recipient we have supported for the last 9 years.

The Communication Committee has decided that just because there is a pandemic, that should not stop us from giving to these two groups. We have agreed to utilize a portion of our committee event funds to purchase treats from a local bakery/small business for the firemen and shelter youth. As of this writing, we are still researching who that vendor shall be.

More coming in the next newsletter.



Shutting Down Your Irrigation System

Directions to shut down your irrigation system 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.



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.





**Preliminary Donation Numbers
for the
9th Annual Neighbor 2 Neighbor Fund Drive**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

**With the community donations and the anonymous donor match, La
Entrada residents donated a total of approximately:**

\$2500!

**This is equivalent to:
12,500 meals
10,000 pounds of food**

**Thank you to all that donated to this important community need!
Exact numbers will be in the next newsletter.**

The Food Depot's Food October Distributions:

- **Thursday, Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29**
7 a.m. to 9 a.m. *Note the time change*
The Food Depot parking lot, 1222 A Siler Rd.
- **Saturday, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24**
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Santa Fe Place Mall, 4250 Cerrillos Rd.



**Please wear a mask any time you
interact with staff or volunteers**



Please put your phones away



Please leave your pets at home

**Please make space in
the trunk of your vehicle**

Clients should be prepared to provide their name,
address, and income level. The Food Depot is an
equal opportunity provider.

Go to thefooddepot.org for more information.



La Entrada Communication Committee Report October 2020

By Sally Dillon

Well here we are - still in the thick of the pandemic. Official events continue to be restricted due to the Public Health Order with no more than 10 people allowed in a gathering. Despite this, we are busy. We have been selling greeting cards to benefit the Santa Fe Raptor Center (see featured article), we supported the installation of our very first **Little Free Library** now residing in the La Entrada Community Park at the corners of Via Sagrada and Via Puento, had the *Neighbor 2 Neighbor Fund Drive* in support of the **Food Depot** and Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity, and lastly, we came up with an alternative for the Annual Holiday Party traditional cookie and goodie donations.

Even though the Firewise event normally held in May was not held, we have been able to collect data from some of you regarding your wildfire mitigation clean-up efforts around your properties. Some of you also participated in the outside home assessments that streamlined those clean-up efforts. All of this was recorded providing the necessary data for Rancho Viejo to re-certify as an official Firewise Community. We heard comments from the firemen doing outside home assessments that there are properties throughout Rancho Viejo that are clearly "ticking time bombs" with little or no defensible space for wildfire mitigation. If you have a lot of vegetation in your yard, you should seriously consider having the firemen do a home assessment. You can arrange for it to be done anytime. While it is too late for it to count for Firewise data for this year, doing the assessment could help you to protect your property and the property of your neighbors from devastating fire damage.

Speaking of Firewise, Annie McGovern, Chairperson of Rancho Viejo Firewise, had to resign from her position due to a medical issue. It was because of her medical situation that I was collecting the Firewise data for Rancho Viejo in the first place. There were many bumps in the road this summer with Firewise and other reasons, that made her decide to resign. She did ask specifically if Paul and I would co-chair Firewise going forward. The time between now and next spring, Annie, Paul and I will be working to make it a smooth transition. We hope the spring of 2021 will bring a REAL Firewise Clean-Up Day not necessitating us to collect individual data again like was done this summer. Stay tuned as more information becomes available.

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it **directly** 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" includes formatting, editing, captions, logos, and active web links, etc. The photos and article, need to be attached separately in an email to Sally by the 15th at the very latest. The Communications 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 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 next following issue of La Entrada News unless it is 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 off what we need to get done for publishing.

To be very clear, there is no intermediary working on behalf of the Communication Committee. Any questions about writing or submitting articles should be directed only to me (Sally) as the chairperson at arttrek@prodigy.net.

Also, if you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns for the Communication Committee to address or take on, please send them in writing to Serenity Lucero Slucero@hoamco.com. She will send them to the HOA Board, who in turn, will send them to the Communication Committee, if applicable. This procedure streamlines the processes for the Communication Committee.

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 to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Serenity, our⁸ HOAMCO Manager of our HOA at Slucero@hoamco.com



La Entrada HOA Virtual Meeting September 24, 2020

By Paul Dillon

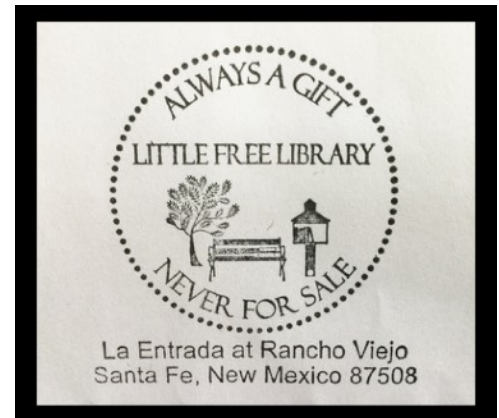
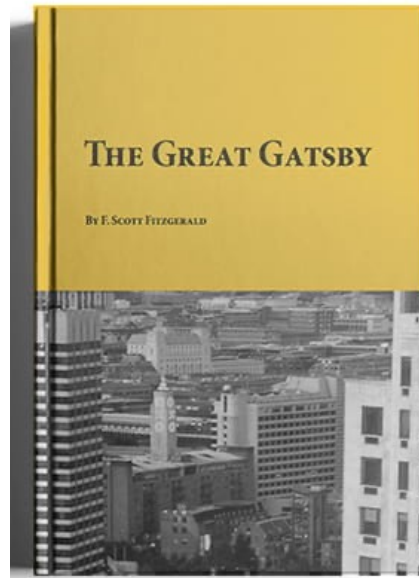
The La Entrada HOA had a virtual meeting via Zoom on Thursday, September 24th. A few residents attended. HOAMCO HOA Manager Serenity Lucero went over the financials. There was also a Homeowner's Forum.



Little Free Library

by

Tess Harris



The Little Free Library is up and running and it appears to be a success! Our socially distanced opening was a nice opportunity to meet some neighbors, collect some wonderful donations, and sit in the sun talking to whomever came by. As time has passed, I have seen a fair number of books change hands, both on the adult's and children's side. The adult side has some mysteries, newish fiction, and some very interesting nonfiction. The children's side has picture books, some chapter books, and a few young adult books. Please come by and check it out!

Going forward, I would like to see some additional offerings in the young adult section. I feel that the young adult books are moving out of the Library rather quickly, which shows a welcome interest from that age group. If anyone has books to donate feel free to leave them at the Little Free Library, or contact me at tessipoo527@gmail.com





Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

August & September 2020 Activities

by Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

While the RV Ladies Group social activities have been on hold, we were still able to accomplish some wonderful things.

The Book Club met online, Thursday, August 27th in a Zoom meeting. We discussed **Elephant Company** by Vickie Croke. Judy Rainger was our discussion leader. We discussed the lovely elephants of course, the author, and her interest in writing about animals, but also WWII. It was suggested we look further into 'The Hump' on Wikipedia.com. Another interesting book by Vickie Croke: The Lady and the Panda.

During the month of September, I promoted and coordinated a fundraiser for the **Santa Fe Raptor Center**. This was part of our La Entrada Communication Committee annual fall event. Due to the fact that we could not gather for a demonstration and raptor release viewing, we decided to try something different. Sally and I offered our handmade greeting cards in packages of 10 for a \$20 donation to the SF Raptor Center. Each package was hand selected and most were picked up without personal contact. I want to sincerely express my heartfelt thanks to the RV Ladies Group, as their donations were the bulk of this project.

All service projects will continue to be executed remotely. Jackie Neel & Elizabeth Lindell coordinated another drive for **Portfolio Resident Services** during September. Eighteen bags were donated in the first drop-off by generous Rancho Viejo Ladies and were jam packed with nutritious food and needed toiletry items. Cameron Yanoscik distributes these to residents at 95 apartments. Grateful thanks to all of you.

Meeting at the Park: On Friday, September 25th a few ladies wearing masks and adhering to social distancing protocols met at the RV Village Park Plaza. We discussed a future project of a recipe book and the last of the cards for the Raptor Center were made available. It was nice in the shade and nicer to visit with real people.

Our next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd. The reading selection is **House Made of Dawn** by N. Scott Momaday. Sarah Henderson will be our discussion leader.

I would like to encourage everyone to reach out and chat over the phone. Since we can't be together, you just might make someone's day or week if you called them. Our contact list has hobbies and interests along with cities where we've lived before Santa Fe. That's a great starting point.

Take Care and Be Well.

"When you talk you are only repeating something you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new."
- Dalai Lama



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

by

La Entrada Watch Team



Your **HOME**: Doors, Windows, Garage, Vehicle

Your house **NUMBER**: Best if brightly lit and readable from all directions. Emergency responders may need to find your home.

Be **AWARE**

Report anything suspicious to: SHERIFF at [\(505\) 428-3720](tel:5054283720) and then email your observations to Carol Thompson, Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinator at CAROLATH@msn.com.

Check for email notifications and alerts to stay informed. Email Carol to be added to the NW distribution list. Recent alerts posted 8/9 and 8/10.



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

7
and
21



November

4
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 **October**, recycle pick-ups will be on **October 7 and 21**, and **November** pick-ups will be on **November 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.

La Entrada Open Spaces Have Leash Rules

Dear Neighborhood Newcomers and Visitors-

I see we either have some newcomers to the neighborhood or neighbors and/or visitors who are unaware of our leash rules as it applies to La Entrada open spaces, particularly the one facing north of Via Orilla Dorado. I say this because on Monday, August 24th I had not one but two extremely difficult encounters with one rule abuser and one so inconsiderate she put me and my dogs in extreme danger. In the first instance, I could say it would be one thing if 'off leash' pets were 'under voice command' but we all know they never or rarely are, with the exception of one dog that I see often – Gracie. She is a model of obedience. To the newcomer who had her dog off leash please - note the **“ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH”** signs posted at each La Entrada open space trail entrance.

My second encounter was frightening. A tall, pony-tailed blond came jogging around the trail with three, possibly four dogs on leashes, one large and 2-3 small dogs. No problem, I thought at first, until she went to pass me and my two dogs and did so miserably by not leaving enough space between us as she passed by. I tried to get out of the way quickly and sheltered behind a tree with my dogs, however, her big muscular Doberman-looking dog just pulled her and the other dogs right over to where we were trying to get out of her way, and her big scary growling dark dog came within inches of taking off part of my terrier's face at the tree. Not acceptable! This woman could *barely* keep all four dogs away from mine with hers while it lunged, snarled, pulled, and barked at us. It was horrible! A few weeks later a petite brunette was walking the same dogs. She was about 90 pounds and wouldn't have had a prayer if the big dog decided to charge.

Please people, if you can't 'physically' manage your animals when *other* dogs are very likely going to be in this busy and often-used dog-walking area, find another place to walk your dogs. I do not want an unnecessary accident here in La Entrada, especially if it involved me! I am out there twice a day every day and so are many others including horses from time to time. Be aware. This is not your 'free space,' it's La Entrada open space and trails with leash rules. Most residents are good neighbors and are compliant. If you can't follow our rules and policies, you have no business using our space and trails.

From the La Entrada at Rancho Viejo Homeowners Handbook (regulations),

Located on Page 25, F – Animals, #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.**

La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **TBA**
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, October 16 and Friday November 20, 2020.**

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.



ONE small ask



PLEASE
wear a mask