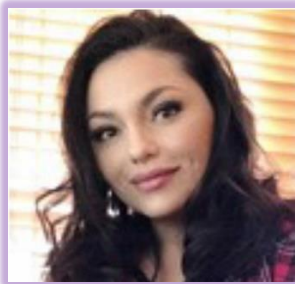


# La Entrada News

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## Donation Day to the Santa Fe Youth Shelter: Big Love from La Entrada HOA and Rancho Viejo Ladies Group



Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> was our big donation day to the Santa Fe Youth Shelter. We were met with great enthusiasm by Paige and her team. Fortunately it was a good weather afternoon and everything went smoothly.

The RV Ladies Group gifted 14 boxes of much needed items including: socks and underwear for guys and girls; winter gloves, hats and scarves; toothbrushes and other toiletries; blank notebooks/spirals and pens; art coloring books and markers; miscellaneous travel gear; and portable food items. Many thanks to the ladies who donated money online to the shelter and those that purchased items that were shipped directly to the shelter's St. Francis location.

A collection of store gift cards from Target, Walgreens and Smith's in small denominations was presented to Paige and her team. Sally Dillon and Audra Hansche had been making holiday greeting cards during the fall months. They created multiple sale days for the Ladies Group and used the funds from those sales to buy the gift cards.

**Donation Day (continued)**

The Communications Committee voted to purchase six sleeping bags and candy for some treat bags. We also want to extend a big thank you to our neighbor, Eunice Vellon, who donated six Bivy Sacks, 120 emergency blankets and 56 pairs of hand warmers. It's a good thing to brighten the holidays for our Santa Fe homeless youth

**Donuts for the Fire Fighters**

By Tess Harris

Our Communication Committee treated our local fire station crew to donuts for Valentine's Day on February 8. In the spirit of helping local businesses in these tough times we chose Whoos Donuts. Surprising our amazing firefighters and supporting a small business is a win-win situation!



**Bernie at our  
Little Free Library  
in La Entrada Community Park**

**Visit our Little Free Library**

By Tess Harris

I learned a new word today: abibliophobia. It means the fear of running out of things to read. We can relate, right? Our local libraries are doing the best that they can during this enduring pandemic, and we can always buy a book online, but nothing beats strolling down to our own Little Free Library for something new. No need to worry that you don't have a book to share. The Little Free Library is for anyone who just wants something to read. That includes our young readers, too. There is a good selection of chapter books and young adult novels. Please remember that our particular Little Free Library is set up as a duplex. The north side is filled with adult books, the south side of the library has our assortment of books for younger readers. We are open anytime!

## Recycling Reminders

Paper, clean plastics and cardboard can be mixed together in your recycling bin. However, No **GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin.

*If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the SF County Recycling locations=*

Lucia Lane Recycling Center: 4003 Lucia Ln @ Airport Rd. – City of Santa Fe Environmental Services: 1142 Siler Rd. – Santa Fe Solid Waste Management: 2600 Buckman Rd.



**March 10 and 24**

**April 7 and 21**

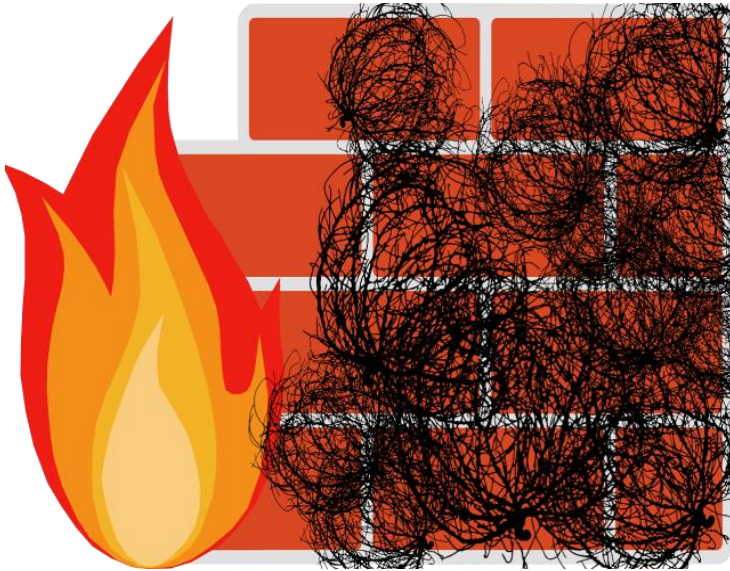
**May 5 and 19**

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 garbage cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.**

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).





## The La Cienega Fire District Offering Free External Home Assessments in May 2021

By Nancy Brace

Fire season is now year-long. Rancho Viejo is in the wildland/urban interface, and thus is at high risk of fire. **The La Cienega Fire District has offered to provide residents of Rancho Viejo free external home assessments in May 2021.** Residents do not have to be home to have their property assessed, unless their property cannot be viewed from the street or alley. Assessments should take no more than 10-15 minutes per property, and a written document noting recommendations will be left with the resident. Each homeowner can then decide whether or not to implement those recommendations. No one but the homeowner/resident will receive the assessment. Talk to your neighbors about this, if you're concerned about their property impacting yours. More information to follow as we get closer to May.

**Do you feel that you are missing important information?**



La Entrada has [Email Notification](#) directly from our HOA management company HOAMCO.

Send an email from your preferred email address to our manager, Serenity. [SLucero@hoamco.com](mailto:SLucero@hoamco.com)



Please give your Name, Street Address, Phone Number and repeat your Email Address.



**Bernie at one of our Message Centers**

# La Entrada Communication Committee Report

## March 2021

By Sally Dillon

As I write this report, our county has just moved from “Red” to “Yellow”, case numbers are tracking lower and vaccines are trickling in. We are still in a holding pattern for events, in fact, the La Entrada HOA will not be making a decision whether or not to have the May Firewise event until April. Rancho Viejo North and Rancho Viejo South have stated that they will not be participating this year. If we are able to schedule events, we will let you know. Mass gathering size is now at 10 people.

Speaking of vaccines, please know that if you registered in early January, the website <https://cwwaccine.nmhealth.org/> has undergone a couple of changes. We recommend that you check back and make sure you have a Confirmation Code and have completed all the tasks available. You will eventually receive an Event Code and that is when you can actually schedule your appointment.

Since we are still in the pandemic, the committee made the decision to publish quarterly issues of the newsletter. We will have a March, June, September, and December newsletter. We may go back to every other month after the pandemic is over. If we do have time-sensitive information to communicate, we will, pending HOA Board and Communication Committee approval, have Serenity Email Blast it and when applicable, post in the Message Centers and on the La Entrada website and Facebook page. These two bodies are the decision makers regarding all information that will be communicated to residents. We always work to not inundate residents with Email Blasts. Please remember that we are all volunteers who serve on the Communication Committee. If we have any edits we missed in the newsletter publishing process, we are not going to re-publish that newsletter. We will do our best to catch those edits. If we don't catch them all, the world will not come to an end. There are a lot of moving parts in publishing our newsletters, as all committee members participate in the process.

Reflecting on 2020, even though we didn't have any events, we did do the following:

- We published a newsletter in April with an extensive list of resources and links.
- We had a Little Free Library built, painted, and installed in the La Entrada Park.
- We painted rocks and added images and memes to the Message Centers by the mailboxes.
- We participated in the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive to support The Food Depot, by providing 14,250 pounds of food for Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity.
- Since we did not have a Raptor Event, the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group members purchased over \$900 worth of handmade cards and proceeds went to the Santa Fe Raptor Center.
- We contributed to the purchase and installation of an Owl Nest in the Plaza Park.
- The Communication Committee, a La Entrada Resident, and the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group worked together to support our long-time partnership with Santa Fe Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program.
- We also supported our neighbor, Amy Biehl Community School, with the purchase of recorders for families in need.
- And we purchased Whoos Donuts for the Fire Station workers, just down the street.
- I hope I didn't forget anything. It was a long year!

We have recently updated the Welcome packet on the website with important information if you are a new resident. You likely received it at closing, but if you can't find it among the mountains of paperwork, obtain a login for the La Entrada at Rancho Viejo Website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> and you will find a link to it in the navigator bar at the top of the private webpage after you log on.

The Food Depot is continuing to do food distributions either at the Santa Fe Place parking lot or in the parking lot between Feeding Santa Fe and the Food Depot Parking Lot, see <https://www.thefooddepot.org/blog/2020/03/17/tfd-food-distributions/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFoodDepot> for more information. We will work to get those distribution dates posted in our Message Centers in English and in Spanish.

**>> If you need a Large Item Pick-Up, please contact Serenity Lucero at [slucero@hoamco.com](mailto:slucero@hoamco.com) for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> pick-up or later pick-ups, which are every other month.**

If you have an article you would like included in the newsletter, please send it **directly to Sally Dillon** [arttrek@prodigy.net](mailto:arttrek@prodigy.net) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb., May, Aug., 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 15<sup>th</sup> at the very latest. The Communication Committee, which 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 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 (when the pandemic is over.) We are all volunteers. If a submission is late or not "completely ready for publishing", it throws off what we need to get done for publishing. Any questions about writing or submitting articles should be directed only to me (Sally) as the chairperson at [arttrek@prodigy.net](mailto: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 directly to Serenity Lucero** [Slucero@hoamco.com](mailto:Slucero@hoamco.com), **not to Communication Committee members**. She will send them to the HOA Board, who in turn, will send them to the Communication Committee, if applicable. This procedure streamlines the process for the Communication Committee.

When the La Entrada News is published, generally around the beginning of the publishing month, it is also posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. An email blast from HOAMCO is then sent to residents with the website URL and directions to locate the newly published newsletter link on the public page of the website. **If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Serenity, our HOAMCO Manager of our HOA at [Slucero@hoamco.com](mailto:Slucero@hoamco.com)**





## Owls in the Plaza Park Updates

Jan 30, 2021

Several neighbors have reported hearing and/or seeing our owl pair at night over the past couple of weeks. I assume they are currently noisily going through their mating ritual. Looking back at my records, on Feb 9, 2015 I spotted the female in her nest and Feb 20, 2020 was the date last year. So, we are probably a couple of weeks away from hopefully having the female take up residence in her new nest.

In December I wrote a check for \$900.00 to the Santa Fe Raptor Center and Director/Founder Lori Paras on behalf of our Rancho Viejo Raptor Friends with donated funds that exceeded our Nest costs. We had over 40 contributors! Thanks to all who contributed monetary and/or mental support for this project.

Van



## The Owls are Here!

Feb. 11, 2021

This is the first day this season the owl pair has appeared during the daylight hours. We assume the female will take up residence in the man-made nest I installed in December that is 2 trees away from where they are currently perching. A couple feathered friends were unhappy with the owls taking up residence. Hawks, Ravens and Crows will harass the Owls trying to encourage them to leave.

Take care and stay safe!

Van





## Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

### December 2020 + January & February 2021

By Audra Hansche – [Mauied85@AOL.com](mailto:Mauied85@AOL.com)

December 2020 - I very much missed our RV Ladies Holiday Party & Gift Exchange. I missed the good food and a lot of laughs. In lieu of our party, I encouraged the ladies to consider donating to the **Santa Fe Youth Shelter Project**. You can read the details in our main article on page 1 of this newsletter.

We have a lot of talented ladies in our group. In early December I sent a flyer of just a few **Artisans and Direct Sales Reps**. Since shopping was a bit of a challenge during the pandemic, I feel it's important to support one another. Jewelry; art sculptures; homemade cakes, cookies & breads; Mary Kay Cosmetics; handmade greeting cards - are just a few of our many talents.

2021 will continue to challenge the way we do things. I have been very pleased that we are able to accomplish some wonderful things.

We completed our **2021 Book Club Reading List** without any voting. Only six books were suggested. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss **Gilead** by Marilynne Robinson. That meeting will be on Zoom with Judy Rainger. The second book is **Afterlife** by Julia Alvarez. If you would like to join us or want a copy of the list, please contact me.

Jackie and Elizabeth are organizing **Easter Goodies for Portfolio Resident Services**. We have completed two other projects with PRS. This should be fun for the kiddos as we plan to collect Easter eggs with candy, toys, crafts, plush animals, egg dyeing kits, etc. It will wrap up mid-March. If you are interested and not on my list yet, please contact me so I can send you the details.

Some of us have had a lovely time at the **Tea & Chat with Mary Kaye**. We send out a save the date and then links to a Zoom meeting. You just show up with your favorite beverage and a snack if you like. It's been wonderful to see people and have good conversation. Our next one is set for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. I'll report on the results in the next newsletter.

As the weather turns fine again, I hope to plan some outdoor activities. While eating and drinking may be on hold for a little longer, we can do other things. One idea is a Mad Hatter-esque Tea Party – a very Un-Tea Party. Actually a tea exchange. Another is a Bizarre Bazaar. A swap meet. As our restrictions lift, I will see what might be possible.

***When we focus on our strengths and lean in to the strengths of others, we can make the impossible possible.***  
– Simon Sinek

# RANCHO VIEJO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## Past, Present...

By Watch Block Captains in La Entrada

**2021 is the 10th Anniversary** of RVNW expanding into the La Entrada neighborhood. So this page starts a look back at the Watch as part of our local history.

To keep our area safe, Block Captains and all residents can be the eyes and ears — to observe and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff and then to Carol Thompson, RVNW coordinator.



Sign up for email alerts, get more info, and volunteer talent or time for an event, for at least 6 months, contact Carol Thompson. Current needs: Block Captains and skills in word processing – Pages or MS Word.

The new team of Block Captains reached out to neighbors to explain the Neighborhood Watch program and offer window stickers and contact information. Teenage kids helped too.

Both the Community Support Service Division of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department and experienced Neighborhood Watchers from other areas of Rancho Viejo, helped guide that grassroots effort.

Some Block Captains have retired; new folks have volunteered. All have helped lead our community in working together to keep our neighborhood safe and secure in many ways - even on occasion regarding open doors at mailbox clusters. To solve those problems and secure the mail, Neighborhood Watchers have engaged the Sheriff or USPO as available.

In the next La Entrada News:

Highlights from Safety Seminars with the Sheriff that RVNW has hosted over the years.

**See *Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts* side-bar on the next page, handy to have on your phone.**

## 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!



## Neighborhood Watch

### Local Contacts

Carol Thompson

Area Coordinator

RV Neighborhood Watch

Home: 505-471-9044

Cell: 505-603-0833

Email: [carolath@msn.com](mailto:carolath@msn.com)

### See anything suspicious?

Call Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office:

**505-428-3720**

Non-Emergency Dispatch

If you wish to remain anonymous, call  
Crime Stoppers: 505-955-5050

## Large Item Pickup

Types of items allowed:

Furniture, yard waste, appliances.

Not Allowed: Electronics, Oil or  
Household chemicals.

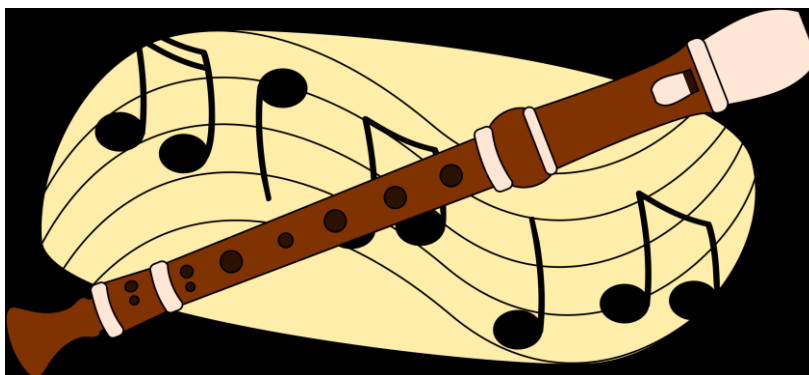
If you have a large item, please call  
Serenity Lucero at **505-924-5978**  
**x2415** to make arrangements for an  
item pick up. Please provide your  
address, telephone number and  
description of item(s).



### **Hybrid school get the thumbs up!**

After nearly a year of operating in a remote model, the Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) is ready to bring students back into classrooms. The re-entry plan allows students to return to hybrid classes starting as early as February 22. Each school in the district is surveying teachers and classrooms to determine which teachers are willing to return to the classroom and which parents feel comfortable sending their children back to school at this time. The district has been busy inspecting classrooms and making sure all health protocols and health requirements are in place prior to reopening. SFPS has been exploring various hybrid models to maximize the number of students that can safely be served based on the number of staff who have volunteered to go back. Two barriers to bringing every student back on campus are the availability of vaccines for staff and being able to meet social distancing requirements.

For the time being, Amy Biehl Community School is planning to bring back 6 classrooms each of which will host different pods of students on either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday. According to Principal Felicia Torres, "All staff are very excited to return; however, most are waiting for vaccinations. Based on the staff volunteering to return, our hybrid model so far includes 1-Kindergarten, 2-Fourth grade classrooms and 3-Sixth grade classrooms. As staff decide to return, our model will expand."



### **Music Class Thanks YOU!**

Amy Biehl Community School (ABCS) would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the La Entrada Communications Committee for supporting the school's music program. Thanks to a generous donation from the committee, ABCS was able to supplement their music budget and purchase 100 extra recorders for students, ensuring that every student in grades 3-6 will receive a new recorder for music class. *THANK YOU SO MUCH!*