

La Entrada News

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Raptor Event 2021

By Audra Hansche and Sally Dillon



Due to state masking mandates, our fall social event to benefit the Santa Fe Raptor Center was held outdoors. About fifty attendees were seated in the IAIA Hogan parking lot, where masks were encouraged, but not required. We served individually wrapped cupcakes, packaged cookies, bottled water and canned sodas as refreshments. The Raptor Center brought educational birds as usual, but did not have a raptor to release this year. We offered greeting cards again for a donation, along with round fashion pins and magnets. Our friend, Trudy Miller, also offered succulent plants, with all money going to the benefit of the rescued birds.

We had a fundraiser the day before as well with the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group. Our greeting cards, pins, magnets and plants, were displayed at the Village Park. Then the week after, cards were packaged for a quick sale.

Altogether, we were able to give \$547 to the Raptor Center.

Communication Committee Report

December 2021

By Sally Dillon



We had really hoped to have an annual La Entrada Holiday Party like we used to have before the pandemic, but not this year due to increasing Covid cases. The weather outside is questionable for a December gathering, so we have again cancelled the holiday party. However, in spite of the pandemic, we are continuing our holiday tradition of giving to the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program and the Rancho Viejo Fire Station. The other day the RV Ladies Group delivered donated items to the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. We had a message back from Paige, the director that they were thrilled with the box of cereal that was in the donations. One of their clients, who lives under a bridge downtown was really wanting some cereal. A simple solution through the act of giving.

Speaking of giving, one of my handmade winter holiday cards was selected by The Food Depot for a fundraiser. The card was professionally photographed and printed. You can purchase these cards for friends and family. On the inside of the card, it states "A holiday gift has been made to The Food Depot by _____ in your honor. This gift will provide _____ meals to people in need." This will only be available for a short time in early December. See <https://thefooddepot.org/holiday-card-2/> for more information.

Our community did a fabulous job participating in the Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive, so much so that we won in our category of 201-400 homes. We have a really cool trophy, which we hope will fit in the Message Centers one at a time. If not, we will share a photo of it in both Message Centers. Thank you to all who participated this year! We helped so many in need. In this newsletter, we have included an article about volunteering at the Food Depot, as we partner with this non-profit for the Neighbor to Neighbor Food/Fund Drive and have done so for about 10 years. Throughout the pandemic, at The Food Depot, Covid safe practices have been strictly enforced and continue to be. No one enters the building without being asked the CDC questions, wearing a mask, handwashing, and if repackaging food, wearing gloves. All volunteers are required to provide proof of vaccination. Because of the severe need for the food the Food Depot provides, they could not close due to Covid cases, but safety continues to be a priority. There was only one case way back in 2020, well before vaccines existed. If you are looking for something to do that is safe during this pandemic, you might consider signing up to volunteer. We have several La Entrada residents who volunteer at the Food Depot doing a variety of things.

Our ongoing mail situation: If you haven't contacted **US Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez** at **202-225-6190**, please do so. Also, you can contact **Eric Chavez, Field Representative | Office of U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján (N.M.)** at eric_chavez@lujan.senate.gov. Identify yourself as a resident of La Entrada at Rancho Viejo in Santa Fe. I have been in email contact with Eric Chavez and had hoped to have an update soon.

Don't forget to check out our Little Free Library in the La Entrada Community Park. Thanks to Tess, who keeps content fresh and new with lots of variety.

During the holiday season, we wish you the very best. Be kind and give back. We hope you can gather safely with family and friends. We wish you peace, joy and hope for a better 2022. We hope we can gather as friends and neighbors in the coming year.



Cold weather poses
SERIOUS THREATS
to your pets' health - from
frostbite to poison hazards.
Be sure to take these steps
to **KEEP THEM SAFE.**

COLD Weather Pet Safety

Be Prepared

- Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's risks in cold weather.
- Use pet-safe de-icing products.
- Prepare a disaster/emergency kit that includes your pet's needs.

Prevent Injuries and Poisoning

- Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine.
- Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly.
- Check your dog's paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage.
- Wipe down or wash your pet's feet, legs and belly to remove de-icing chemicals.

Know the Limits

- Be aware of your pet's tolerance for cold weather. Adjust accordingly.
- If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by cold, consider a sweater or dog coat.
- Consider using booties on your dog's feet – and make sure they fit properly.
- Even outdoor cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather.
- Shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather.
- Stay away from frozen ponds, lakes and other water.
- Only take your pet in the car with you when absolutely necessary.
- Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle.



Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

September October November 2021

By Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

The Ladies continue to socialize and support community organizations as best we can.

From September 13th through October 15th the group donated fall and Halloween items to **Portfolio Resident Services**. Big thanks to Jackie Neel for collecting all the fun stuff: toys, candy, art supplies, etc. and getting it to Cameron Yanoscik. He packed and delivered trick-or-treat bags to Stage Coach, Soleras Station and Village Sage Apartments.

As fall approached, the ladies were excited to get out and about. On September 15th we had 22 for lunch on the patio at **Pantry Dos**. That's our biggest group in quite some time. It was wonderful to see everyone.

Friday, September 24th Sally and I held an **Early Bird Card Sale** to benefit the **Santa Fe Raptor Center**. The La Entrada Raptor Center Event was coming up on Sunday. We had good turnout and collected over \$400 that day. Sally and I are featured in the SFRC Fall 2021 Newsletter, a real honor.

A few ladies have started a **Garden Group** and invited anyone interested to join. The meeting on Tuesday, 9/28 was held at the Rodeo Fairgrounds with two master gardeners, Helena van Heiningen and Lesley Mansfield. If you would like to receive future announcements, please email me.

Our gathering for October was a lunch at **Santa Fe Bar & Grill** on Friday the 15th at DeVargas Mall. We had only 8, but it was good fun.

On October 26th the **Garden Group** met at the home of Joyce Budai. Ken Kuhne, of Grow Y'Own, was demonstrating and speaking about organic gardening and the benefits of Raised Bed Gardening.

The **Book Club** had a meeting on Zoom on 10/28 for There, There by Tommy Orange. Kris Jameyson guided our discussion. Everyone agreed it was a good story and worthy of a second read.

Our holiday service project began on November 1st. I coordinated a collection of items for the **Santa Fe Youth Shelter – Street Outreach Program**. The ladies gifted sleeping bags, Hot Hands, backpacks, travel shampoo/conditioner, thermal shirts and art supplies. The group was very generous. At least six ladies sent in monetary donations. I met with Sally Dillon and Mary Lucey to deliver all the goodies on Friday, November 19th. Another successful service project!

For a little fun and something different, I planned an afternoon of desserts, coffee, tea and a mini **Holiday Market**. We met at the RV Conference Room on Friday, November 12th. Sally and I had our greeting cards, Lorri Sweat offered Mary Kay gifts and Linda Venturoni had beautiful handmade jewelry for a little early holiday shopping. It's always fun when we can get together for a few hours.

The **Book Club** will close the year with a Zoom meeting to discuss The Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig. And I've just finished the **2022 RV Book Club Reading List**. Please get on my email list and join us.

This concludes another awesome year. I look forward to all the great times ahead and the wonderful things we can accomplish when we work together. Peace & Hugs.

The Food Depot's Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive

By Sally Dillon

This was the 10th year of the Neighbor to Neighbor Food/FUND Drive. Again, this year, due to the pandemic, the event was a FUND Drive. For the past two years, the staff and volunteers at The Food Depot have been working tirelessly to meet the needs of Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity. Additional food distributions have occurred in Santa Fe to help meet these needs. **It was La Entrada's resident's generous donations that made it possible for our community to WIN IN OUR CATEGORY of 201-400 homes!!!**

LEVEL 4 201-400		
Neighborhood	Dollars	Lbs.
1. La Entrada @ Rancho Viejo	\$2,990 WINNER	14,950

The goal for this year's FUND drive was \$185,000, but neighborhoods in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Colfax and Los Alamos Counties really stepped up to help their neighbors with a **GRAND TOTAL** of \$201,429, which is equivalent to 1,007, 145 lbs. of food or 839,287 meals!!!



We received a trophy, which we hope to rotate between the two Message Centers. If it doesn't fit inside, we will be posting a photo of it in each Message Center. Watch for that to be coming soon.

A huge THANK YOU to all residents who participated in this year's partnership event with The Food Depot!



Volunteering at The Food Depot

Since our La Entrada at Rancho Viejo community has partnered with the annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food/Fund drive for the last 10 years, we thought you might be interested in getting out of the house by volunteering to help Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity.

The Food Depot is located at 1222A Siler Rd, Santa Fe, NM 87507 right behind Kitchen Angels/Kitchenality on the south side of Siler Rd.

Here is some information about volunteering at The Food Depot:

1. Go to - <https://volunteer.thefooddepot.org/volunteer-enrollment-form/>
To enroll, download the [Volunteer Enrollment Form](#) (.pdf). Open the document and fill in forms, save the document, and email the packet along with an image of your COVID vaccine card to volunteer@thefooddepot.org. If you would prefer, you may bring a paper copy of the completed Enrollment Form and Waiver with your COVID vaccine card on your first scheduled shift. Masks are required.
2. View The Food Depot's Covid Risk Prevention - <https://volunteer.thefooddepot.org/get-started/covid-19-risk-prevention/>
3. What do Volunteers Do?

Volunteers at The Food Depot primarily sort and evaluate the quality of donated food and repack food purchased in bulk into smaller packages. Both of these activities prepare food acquired by The Food Depot for distribution to people in need. Most volunteer shifts will be Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon.

Typical tasks include:

- Sorting fresh and non-perishable donated food
- Repackaging bread and bulk dry goods
- Light maintenance and organization of the warehouse
- Reception/light office duties and filing
- Packing Mobile Food Pantry bags
- Repacking pet food for the Food 4 Pets program
- Meal delivery for Food 4 Kids
- Community advocacy
- Helping at special events

See more information at <https://thefooddepot.org/volunteer/>

We would love to see you become part of The Food Depot team!



RANCHO VIEJO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By RVNW Volunteers in La Entrada

Best wishes for safe and happy holidays from RVNW volunteers in La Entrada!



HOLIDAY PERSONAL & PROPERTY SAFETY

Holiday Safety & Crime Prevention Tips

Just a Few At-Home Tips

- ☐ Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- ☐ Mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or at a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box.
- ☐ Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.

Leaving for the Holidays?

- ☐ Ask a trusted friend, neighbor or Neighborhood Watch member to watch your home.
- ☐ Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- ☐ Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

Avoid Porch Theft: Tips to Protect Your Packages

- ☐ Network with neighbors.
- ☐ Have packages delivered to your workplace or secure pickup locations.
- ☐ Leave specific drop-off instructions.
- ☐ Use a Smart Lock.
- ☐ Install security cameras.

For more information and tips go to <https://nnw.org>

Year-end Checklist

Adjust for Your Own Situation

- ☐ Got Emergency Contact info?

List three names and numbers that are up-to-date and accessible even when your phone is locked.

- ☐ Getting RVNW Alerts?

Note that as of November 10th, three (3) Watch ALERTS were emailed since August 1, all late in August: Tire slashing in multiple neighborhoods and a burglary. These four events, while seemingly rare, occurred throughout Rancho Viejo, not just in one particular area.

Remember you and all Rancho Viejo residents can have an important role in neighborhood safety:

- **OBSERVE and REPORT.**
- Make the call to dispatch to help the Sheriff see any patterns of trouble.
- Then email to RVNW at carolath@msn.com. Alerts are emailed out only when solid information is provided to the Area Coordinator, ideally from the person who observed the problem, such as damage to property.

Do you have time and an interest in helping keep your neighborhood safe?

All RVNW's events and outreach are powered by volunteers. Folks are needed for 2022 for the following due to our population growth and also an outgoing committee member: **Block (Co)Captains** (8 to 20 homes); **Writers** for "La Entrada News" articles; **Special event help** (eg. a gathering with the Sheriff); Occasional **digital photographer** and occasional 8 1/2" by 11" **color printing**. To volunteer or ask for more information, contact Carol Thompson, RVNW Area Coordinator.

LOCAL CONTACTS

Report activity and sign up for RVNW E-mail ALERTS..... E-mail: carolath@msn.com

Please provide your street name!

Carol Thompson, Area Coordinator Home: 505-471-9044 Cell: 505-603-0833

Santa Fe County Sheriff (Dispatch) Non-emergency: 505-428-3720

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

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.



December

1st 15th 29th

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.

Large Item Pickup

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

Not Allowed: Electronics, Oil or Household chemicals.

For scheduling a large item pick up, please contact Serenity Lucero, our HOA Manager at 505-924-5978 x2415 or SLucero@hoamco.com for the next available pick up time.

Please provide your address, telephone number and description of item(s).

Recycling Tip:

Keep a paper grocery bag near your desk. Fill with scraps of paper you might usually throw in the garbage.

When it's full, take the entire bag to the recycle bin. It's amazing how much you can recycle.



FAQs* for La Entrada

***Frequently Asked Questions**

Question: Who is responsible for snow and ice removal around my house and in the neighborhood? And do I need to drain my outdoor faucets?

Answer: Pursuant to the La Entrada Homeowner Handbook (a copy of which can be found on the La Entrada website), “each Owner or Occupant is responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks on or adjacent to his/her lot.” (See Page 27, Article H, Paragraph 1, and Page 23, Article B, Paragraph 5 of the Handbook).

Although it may be tempting to let the sun remove the snow and ice for you, you should remove the snow and ice promptly using a snow shovel or blower. Prompt removal allows for others to walk more safely on the sidewalk, reduces the chance of snow compacting or hardening to ice, and helps to preserve and prolong the surface and lifespan of your sidewalk. Please do not use salt or de-icing chemicals to remove snow or ice, as these products can etch and rapidly break down the surface of your concrete sidewalk, harm the feet of animals, and—perhaps most importantly—are prohibited in the community under the Community Wide Standards of Maintenance. (See Page 24, Article B, Paragraph 8.a.viii of the Handbook).

Removing snow and ice from the streets and alleyways throughout the neighborhood is the responsibility of the HOA, and they are supposed to be snowplowed when three or more inches of snow has fallen.

Your outdoor faucet should be frost-free, so draining them is not necessary (and, in any event, there may not be an indoor valve allowing for such draining anyway). However, you should disconnect any hoses from the faucets to allow the faucet to fully drain on its own and to avoid bursting at the connection point between the hose and the faucet.

Question: My garage door makes a horrendous squeaking sound every time I open and close it. How can I get the squeaking to stop?

Answer: As an initial matter, if you think that the squeaking is coming from the tension or torsion bars or springs, pulleys, or motor, you should seek professional help, as fiddling with these items can be dangerous. Garage doors kill and injure a surprising number of people every year and you presumably don’t want to be added to that list.

It is possible, however, that the squeaking is coming from the various hinges that separate the garage door panels and/or the wheels that connect the panels to the garage door’s track. Regularly lubricating these items using a silicone spray lubricant at all points where the various metal pieces come into contact with each other should reduce the squeaking. You may find it helpful to spray the lubricant on the metal pieces while the garage door is moving to ensure that the lubrication coats all of the moving parts, so it might take a while to complete this task. Consider moving your car(s) outside of the garage while you do this, however, to avoid the risk of drippage and over-spray damaging your car’s paint or finish. A few sprays on each metal piece may be necessary, along with the corresponding repetitive opening and closing of the garage door, but the end result should be a much quieter and more smoothly operating garage door.



Firewise 2021

By Paul Dillon

A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in cleaning up La Entrada at Rancho Viejo of wildfire fuels to make our community safe. This process involved outside home assessments of the safety of resident's yards, working to clear yards of any fuels, establishing defensible space around the home of a minimum of 5 feet, continued maintenance of resident's yard to eliminate dead fuels, including wood, leaves, junk, and also helping out in the community by cleaning up tumbleweeds and other fuels from commons areas, vacant lots, behind the exterior walls and roadways.

A lot of work was done on National Wildfire Preparedness Day on May 1, 2021, but residents worked throughout the summer and early fall to keep areas fuel free. Between La Entrada resident hours (the community component required this year for recertification), HOA landscaper hours and the amount of fuels collected, La Entrada and the other two Rancho Viejo communities met our requirements for recertification for 2021!

Thanks to all participants and we look forward to a full Rancho Viejo event on National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in 2022!



"Wear gratitude like a cloak, and it will feed every corner of your life." — Rumi