

La Entrada News

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Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive

By Sally Dillon



People are starting to think about fall and besides being excited about the return of Pumpkin Spice, it is time for the 11th annual Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive to benefit The Food Depot. It is also National Hunger Action Month in September and a perfect time to help those Northern New Mexicans with food insecurity. La Entrada has been an active participant in the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive since the beginning. In 2020, due to the pandemic, the Food Drive switched to a FUND Drive. This gave the Food Depot much more buying power, which translated to more food for Northern New Mexicans. This year with the devastating Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak wildfires and now, the terrible flooding from the monsoonal rains at the burn scars, the need is still severe. Inflation is also impacting people in need.

Recently the Santa Fe New Mexican ran an article by Claudia L. Silva about the Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive. One story of interest is that of Alfred Romero, who grew up with a drug-addicted parent and started going to The Food Depot when he was ten. Now, 20 years later, he is a manager at a local FedEx office and he is giving back. This year, he has challenged a UPS store in Las Vegas, NM to a contest for the most donations. There are winners in different size neighborhoods and businesses. Alfred's business has been top donator for five years.

La Entrada won last year in our neighborhood size community and we hope to win again with your help! In this newsletter, there is a Neighbor to Neighbor flyer. You can donate easily with your smart phone. Simply open your camera app and point it to the **QR code** on the flyer or the signs at the mailboxes. Your phone will automatically open to the Neighbor to Neighbor page of The Food Depot's website. You may have to click on a prompt to open. There is an orange rectangle on the web page that indicates to click to **Donate to Neighbor to Neighbor**. Click and scroll down on the donation page and fill in all the fields. Be sure to click on **County Neighborhoods** and scroll down to click on **La Entrada at Rancho Viejo HOA**. When done, click **Give Now**. It is a lot easier than it sounds. Another option is to write a check to Neighbor to Neighbor or N2N (be sure to put La Entrada at Rancho Viejo in the memo) and send it to The Food

The Food Depot provides food to people in need in 9 counties. Last year \$201,429 was raised which equates to 806,716 meals. **This year the goal is \$225,000 by September 17th!** Please help La Entrada to continue supporting the Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive and help our community win again! Total donations up to \$2000 will be matched by a local donor.



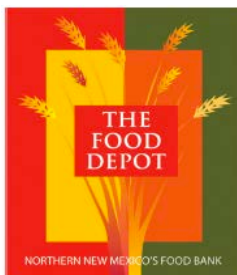


NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR Fund Drive

Donate Now! Now through 9/17/2022 Use the QR Code or
<https://thefooddepot.org/n2n/>

(please indicate “La Entrada at Rancho Viejo” for online donations in the “County Neighborhood” pull-down section of the form OR in the memo of your check made out to N2N. Checks can be sent to The Food Depot, 1222A Siler Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507.)

1. 2022 Goal: \$225,000
2. (\$1 = 5lbs. of Food and \$1 = 4 Meals)
3. An anonymous La Entrada resident will match total donations up to \$2000.



Evacuation plan event flyer

La Entrada Landscape Guide / Description

From the La Entrada HOA

Rancho Viejo has been a leading community since its inception. In 2002, Rancho Viejo's Landscape Vision described a community committed to living in harmony with its surrounding landscape. Two decades later La Entrada, as the most recent neighborhood in Rancho Viejo, examines ways to strengthen its landscape legacy.

The La Entrada HOA Board has commissioned a landscape guide to describe a management process for La Entrada's common spaces. It will map the different types of open space, parks and streetscapes that are managed by the HOA; describe the different roles and responsibilities for management of those spaces; outline a process to set standards of care, to monitor, and to adjust landscape management protocols particularly as our environment confronts critical changes. There will also be recommendations on ways the community could support and continue Rancho Viejo's Landscape Vision.



Because we missed it.....

NE/SE Connector

By Kris Jameyson

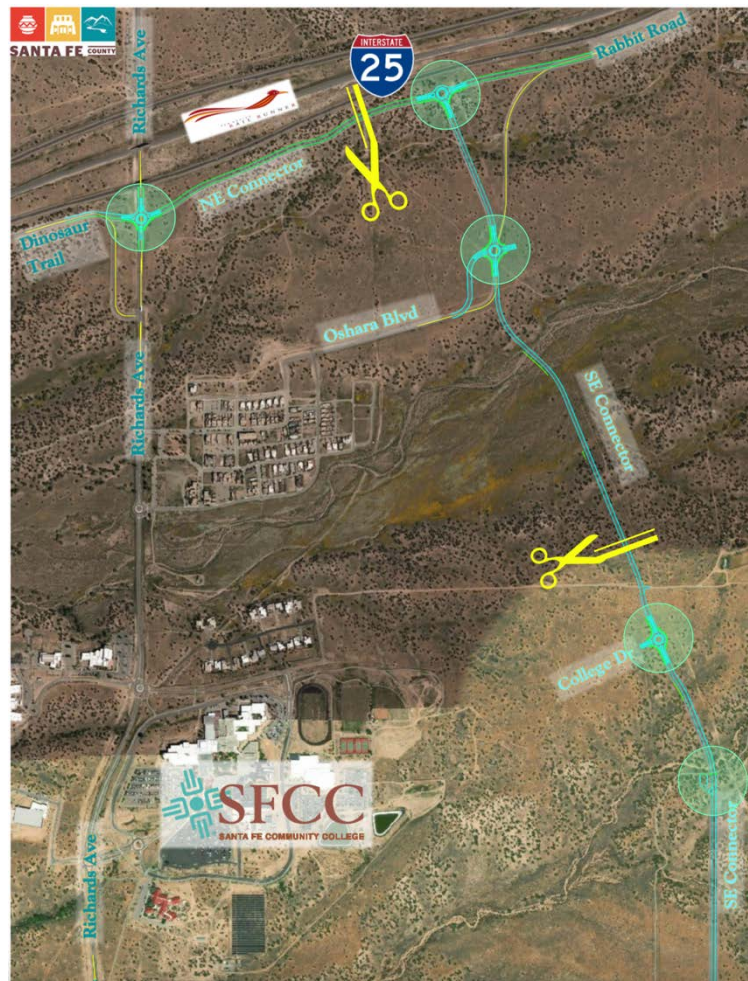
There was a meeting held by the County April 27 to provide an update about the NE/SE connector. Here is the website for information about the project.

<https://www.sfcconnectors.com/> The website includes information about the project team, an executive summary, a graphic of the project layout, and a library tab. Construction is likely to begin later this year for this multi-year project.

For La Entrada, the major impact will be a roundabout to be constructed at Richards Ave. and Avenida del Sur. The spur trail parking lot there will likely be moved closer to the college.

There was an article recently in the Santa Fe New Mexican about the project. [tinyurl.com/7ne8wt6a](https://www.sfnm.com/story/news/2022/08/24/santa-fe-community-college-connector-project/7048444002/). The following comes from this article:

“The plan calls for the northeast connector segment of the project to realign Dinosaur Trail to Rabbit Road and include a roundabout that will connect to the southeast connector segment. That connector then proceeds southeast to intersect with the extension of Avenida del Sur. A third segment, the Avenida del Sur extension, will run from the southeast connector intersection to Richards Avenue.”



Recycling



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Large Item Pick-Up

Now, Dumpster in the Community

Beginning Friday, October 14, 2022



The system of having a dumpster in the community for a short while is much more cost effective than the former system of larger item pick-up. **A dumpster will be located near the construction at Caminito de Las Rositas and will be in place Friday Oct 14th.**

This street is located north of Rancho Viejo Blvd at the western end of the community. **Bring your items to the dumpster!** The timing is aligned with fall yard clean-up to accommodate those materials and any large items that would not fit in the resident's trash bins. There will a spring dumpster opportunity, again to align with yard clean-up. The dumpster will be in place for 3-4 weeks.



Firewise Reminder



Back in May we had a Rancho Viejo – wide Community Wildfire Preparedness Day. This was a day to mitigate dead fuels from our community. In addition to the clean-up day on May 7th, you have had the opportunity to continue work in your yards and the community throughout the summer until the end of September. The below form can be printed out, filled in, and sent to Sally Dillon at 85 Via Orilla Dorado Santa Fe, NM 87508. It can be mailed or dropped off, or emailed to arttrek@prodigy.net Please indicate your community on the form (Rancho Viejo North, Rancho Viejo South or La Entrada as we are chairs for all of Rancho Viejo.) The data on these forms is used for recertification as a Firewise Community. All forms are due to us by Friday, September 30th.

Thank You!

Sally and Paul Dillon

Rancho Viejo Firewise Co-Chairs



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Name: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Hours Worked

_____ Dwelling Unit/Home

Examples include: Removing pine needles and leaf litter from roof and gutters, replaced vinyl gutters with metal gutters, ignition-resistant exterior improvements, installing screening on vents, flammable items removed from under decks and porches, inspect roof and replace missing shingles, etc.

_____ Landscaping (0–100 ft from base of dwelling unit)

Examples include: Installation of hardscaping, replacing combustible mulches with stone/gravel options, tree and shrub removal, raking and removal of pine needles, leaves, ground litter/debris, tree trimming/limbing, moving firewood, lawn and native grass maintenance, etc.

_____ Common Area

(HOA or other Homeowner jointly owned property within the site boundary) Activities include: Tree thinning, mastication and brush removal, grass maintenance, fire break construction, etc.

_____ Miscellaneous

Meetings, presentations, program administration, home site visits, etc.

Money Spent

\$	Chipper Costs: Purchase/rental, fuel & oil, disposal fees, etc.
\$	Other Equipment Costs: Chain saw purchase/rental, power equip. purchase/rental, hand tools, protective equipment, etc.
\$	Contractor Costs: Arborists, landscapers, professional forestry services, debris removal, etc.
\$	Home Improvement Costs: Roofs, decks, windows, vent screening, retrofits, etc.
\$	Landscaping/DIY
\$	Miscellaneous
	Vehicle mileage

Additional Notes: _____

Communication Committee Report

By Sally Dillon

Giving back is something I think about as we are in the middle of our 10th or maybe 11th year participating in the Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive. We used to collect non-perishable foods and pack them according to what they were, for example all the rice packages went into the same box. It was always exciting to bring carloads of boxes to The Food Depot and to get our La Entrada donation weighed because one pound of food equals five meals. From the food drive, we started volunteering at The Food Depot, with my husband doing a variety of tasks throughout the week from repackaging bread from all the local grocery stores to driving the Food for Pets truck to distribution sites. I work and 8am – 2pm Guest Relations shift once a week, where I do clerical tasks and assist people that come to the front door. These things we both do were quite challenging during the Pandemic as the need for food hit many more people. The sheer volume of food repackaged during the pandemic was astounding. We both remember eating Kraft and Cheese that came in a 25-cent box back in the 1970's when we had very little money, so now we give back.

This year we are not having a Raptor event, however the Santa Fe Raptor Center is another place to donate. You can also **purchase** handmade greeting cards at the Garcia Street Bookstore at 347 Garcia St, Santa Fe that benefit the Santa Fe Raptor Center. You can donate directly to the Santa Fe Raptor Center at <https://www.santaferaptorcenter.org/> and click on the red bar on the top right of the web page. You can send a check to PO Box 32021, Santa Fe, NM 87594-2021.



Also, since at least 2010, the La Entrada Communication Committee has partnered with the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. It started when then members of the committee had stopped by to see what they needed. It turned out to be turkeys for Thanksgiving. The two committee members returned with the turkeys and fixings for the clients of this program. That was also the first year of the La Entrada Holiday Party (something we haven't had during the pandemic). Our La Entrada neighbors brought cookies and goodies to share at the party. The extra items left were delivered to the Youth Shelter and we have been doing it ever since 2010. Once the fire station on Rancho Viejo was built we also sent food and goodies to them as well. Any one of us as teenagers could have been the situation where we needed the help of the Youth Shelter or similar program, so we give to help out. We are not sure whether it will be safe enough for an in-person Holiday Party. We will make that decision as we get closer to December, but we do know that we will be giving to the Youth Shelter, to continue the long-standing tradition.

There are many places in Santa Fe to give back to those in need either with monetary donations or as volunteers. Maybe you are tired of staying in from the pandemic and ready to get out and do something. Maybe you have some time on the weekend or after work. Maybe your employer is looking for an opportunity for your team to donate time. There are opportunities out there. I name The Food Depot only because of our long history of volunteering there every week and La Entrada's partnership with it through the Neighbor to Neighbor FUND Drive.. It is a great place for giving back and they are looking for volunteers!

“At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted-up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.” Denzel Washington



VIEWS FROM YOUR RANCHO VIEJO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By RVNW Volunteers in La Entrada

As summer moved forward, the monsoon rains arrived bringing color to our desert, making gardening more fun, and adding a brighter backdrop for walks around the neighborhood.

August brought the sounds of chatter and laughter from children and higher education students returning to school, as well as the familiar sounds of increased motor traffic and squeaky school bus brakes.

Rancho Viejo Boulevard is extremely busy (and more so when schools are in session) as there are two colleges, several private schools and one public elementary school in the Rancho Viejo area. The only school in our neighborhood with flashing school zone signs is Amy Biehl Elementary, located on Avenida Del Sur which is also a polling place. So, a friendly reminder to be aware and be patient on all roads.

Home-building construction on Richards Avenue, State Highway 14, and in the Rancho Viejo Community is also booming, while Richards Avenue and Rancho Viejo Boulevard continue to be the only entrances and exits into and out of the Rancho Viejo Community. The increase in traffic, including construction and delivery trucks, is a strain on our residential neighborhood, especially on the boulevard and, unfortunately, at times sparking less than courteous behavior. So again, please be aware and exercise patience.

Actionable ways to help our community stay safe:

- Get to know your neighbors,
- Watch out for each other — as in speak up if you notice anything out of the ordinary or unusual, e.g., a garage door left open when it appears no one is home or the door is open overnight.
- Welcome new residents, e.g. introduce yourself, tell them about your association's website, message board and quarterly newsletter and of course about Neighborhood Watch. There are many styles of neighborliness, but we can all report any suspicious behavior ASAP, including traffic violations, to the Sheriff via Dispatch at 505-428-3720 and then to the Neighborhood Watch.
- If you have general safety concerns, such as traffic control signs, speak up! You can voice your issues by email or at relevant meetings, such as the virtual monthly "Hour with Hank" — Your County District 5 Listening Session with our Commissioner Hank Hughes. Sign up with the Constituent Services Liaison, Olivia Romo at 505-986 6202 or orromos@santafecountynm.gov.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and let's grow a stronger and safer neighborhood together — one friendly wave or hello at a time.

Safety Tips

With ongoing warm weather for outdoor activities ahead...

- Note that rattlesnake season continues to September. If you see a rattler, call Dispatch, who often answers as RECC, short for Regional Emergency Communication Center. They will notify Animal Control.
- Be sure the outdoor lights at your home are working properly. As nights are getting longer, lighting is even more important for security, safety, etc.

Recent Alerts

No alerts were emailed between June 1 and August 15. No news, i.e., no alerts, may be good news BUT keep alert. As always, if you see something, say something.

The most recent alerts, May 20 and 21, were both about catalytic converters stolen from cars south of Rancho Viejo Blvd.

FYI: The deadline for the Q2 June 1 newsletter was May 15, so we posted that theft info on the Message Centers by the mailboxes.

LOCAL CONTACTS

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

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



Sign up for RVNW E-mail ALERTS. Please provide your street name!
Report suspicious activity. Please include street name(s) of what you observed.
E-mail Carol Thompson, RVNW Area Coordinator: carolath@msn.com





FAQs* for La Entrada

***Frequently Asked Questions**

Question: I see cars parked all over the streets in La Entrada. Are there any rules about parking in our community?

Answer: Yes, there are parking regulations in La Entrada. They are listed in the Homeowner's Handbook, section D on pages 25 and 26. The Homeowner's Handbook can be downloaded from the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> You will need a login to access this and all community documents.

First of all, parking is not allowed on sidewalks on landscaped areas of the community, for example when a car is parked over the curb, it is potentially damaging not only landscaping, but also and irrigation pipes or other utilities that might run underneath that area. RV's or campers may not be parked on the street for more than 48 hours. There is a RV parking area off site. Contact the Rancho Viejo North Community Manager at (505) 473-3516 for more information. Parking of vehicles that are inoperable, such as with expired tags, flat tires, etc. are not permitted. Vehicles cannot be parked in such a way that they block passage of traffic. All vehicles should be parked in driveways or garages and not on adjacent landscaping that could damage infrastructure. All local, state and federal parking laws apply in La Entrada, for example, parking near a hydrant that prevents access to it by first responders, is not permitted. This puts the community at serious risk.

Finally, about speeding through the La Entrada streets. Rancho Viejo Blvd. is a county road and is posted with speed limit signage. Any issues and concerns about the speed of traffic on this road should be addressed with the county and not the developer.

Question: Are there procedures for trash and recycling and where can I store those cans?

Answer: Only the provided trash can and recycle bin can be used on the pick-up days. Everything should fit in the bins so that it is not blowing around. Per MCT regulations, trash and recycle bins should be put out at the curb 3 feet apart from each other, the morning of pick-up, no later than 7am. Our pick up day is Wednesday. Recycling dates are listed in the newsletter or can be found at https://www.mctwaste.com/files/ugd/6eab8b_db460ea55c2a4e388c4ecfa371fd85ad.pdf After pick up, the bins need to be stored out of sight from the street. There may be pick up days that occur on a major holiday. In that case, pick up is the next day. Snowfall may cause a delay in pick up, as well. Glass cannot be placed in the recycle bin. For a list of recyclable materials, see https://www.mctwaste.com/files/ugd/6eab8b_8763dcf1516f4ec692ed61b01f7aa4ea.pdf

Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

June, July, August 2022

The Rancho Viejo Ladies group continues to be active and fun. If you haven't joined yet, please do. Just email Audra Hansche at mauied85@aol.com, and she will add you to our ever-growing group. Our last luncheon was held at the Ranchhouse on July 15, with about 15 ladies enjoying lunch. We also had a tour at the Roundhouse on Tuesday August 16, which was also well attended.

Anyone who enjoys games should definitely check out our game days at the fire station. They are held the first Wednesday of the month, and are organized by Kay Oder. Her email is kdoder@gmail.com, if you have questions. Be aware: the fire station does require for masks to be worn inside.

Another fun social event to look forward to are our evening supper soirées. These are mixed groups, so please bring any family members and friends who enjoy good food and meeting their neighbors. Past soirées have been held at Beer Creek Brewing Co., and Pantry Dos. They are held the last weekend of the month, and are increasingly popular.

Don't forget about our book club! We were meeting via zoom during the pandemic, but we are cautiously meeting in person now. Our next book on the list is "Betty: a novel". That will be hosted by Lucie Church in October. Next year's list is wide open, so start thinking about sharing your favorite book.

It's not all fun and games with our ladies group, as you all know. We do a quarterly service project to benefit our community. If anyone has a project in mind we can work together to make it happen. Our next project is tentatively scheduled to benefit our local youth shelter, so keep that in mind.

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Tess Harris



La Entrada's Fourth of July Event in the Park

By La Entrada Communication Committee

A group of people gathered into the La Entrada Community Park for the annual 4th of July pet parade and picnic. This year, rather than bringing our own lunch, we had subs from Firehouse Subs. Our purchase benefits the Santa Fe Fire Department. Here is a picture of just a few of the people attending the event that had arrived in the park. We had our pet parade and lots of fun conversation. It was a beautiful day. Unfortunately, the Fire Department was not able to bring their trucks. Maybe next year! It was certainly nice to gather and have a meal together as we celebrated the holiday!



Photo by Sibel Melik



La Entrada Facebook Page

Is now located at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/laentradarv/>






And soon.....

COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR DOG

DOGS **LESS** TOLERANT OF COLD




If short coat

If seek out warm spots in the house on a normal basis

Puppies, senior dogs, or dogs with a disease, like diabetes

DOGS **MORE** TOLERANT OF COLD




If long coat







If seek out cool tile and cool parts of the house on a normal basis


COLD WEATHER TIPS

WATCH FOR COLD INTOLERANCE SIGNALS



- SHIVERING
- TAIL TUCKED BETWEEN THE LEGS
- WHINING OR ANXIOUS
- RELUCTANCE TO MOVE
- LIFTING PAWS
- SNOW/ICE BUILDUP IN PAW PADS OR COAT

-  Less tolerance to windy/overcast/precipitation/snow or ice covered paths.
-  Sunny and dry, but cold can be fine for many dogs.
-  Stay active to stay warm.
-  Be cautious walking on ice, as falls are bad for humans and dogs.
-  Post walk, remove from your dog deicer chemicals that are typically used on roads and sidewalks.
-  Consider using pet-safe deicers on your property to protect your pets and the others in your neighborhood.



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