

La Entrada News

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Work around the La Entrada Community By Barbara Bradley

Greetings. As we inch into the winter months some things are getting done in the La Entrada community:



Street sealing: About 60 percent of the project was completed before cold weather caused the completion to be delayed until spring. We had hoped to mitigate rising petroleum costs by getting it done this fall but it didn't work out. We are aware of several places where cars were driven on fresh sealant and caused damage and it will be addressed in spring.

Tree pest eradication: Mistletoe and web caterpillar infestations have been addressed by ProScape and at one address several trees will be replaced where the trees are dead. It is really helpful if residents can report trees or other landscape issues so they can be addressed as well.

The lights at the mailbox center on the north side of Rancho Viejo Blvd were replaced with more dark night compliance lights on a motion sensor.



Sidewalks that are broken are being repaired. A few were replaced in summer and several more involved removing significant roots. Cracks are being repaired and then concrete will finish the process.

Landscape architects are mapping the different plant zones in the La Entrada common areas and a plan will be presented in the spring. This plan will take into account climate, drought, and other issues with respect to plants and hardscape choices. More to come.



Discussions about dog parks, and also dog-free parks, continue and will likely be on the agenda for the annual meeting to be held on 2/9/23. We may also discuss some type of contest or other process for officially naming the two current parks in La Entrada as well as the large park coming with the development of sub-phase 4.

Discussions also continue about changing the direction of traffic on Relampago and/or making it all one way to accommodate owners and the trash collection service.

We are also looking at having house numbers painted on curbs for those houses which have rear alley access to make it easier for those homes to be located by emergency services. Have a great winter and holiday season!



Mark Your Calendar!

Sat. Dec. 10, 2022

The Annual La Entrada Holiday Party
IS BACK!!!

**Party
Location:**

**Rancho Viejo
Sales Office
26 Calle Ancla**

**Time:
3 - 6 PM**

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

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



Dear Neighbor to Neighbor Participant,

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!! As of today and thanks to your efforts, N2N has exceeded its goal of \$225,000 and brought in donations totaling over \$237,000!!!!

This is a record breaker for Neighbor to Neighbor and we are still counting.....every donation counts.....every dollar feeds 4 people.

In the Santa Fe New Mexican on Sunday October 2, the grand total and winners will be announced!! Please be sure to look for this full page announcement and a listing of all the neighborhoods, businesses, and community groups who have participated with at least a \$50 donation.

On October 13, there will be a Neighbor to Neighbor Celebration at The Food Depot. The coordinators for all groups (donating at least \$50) will be receiving an emailed invitation soon.

Thank you again and again. Your efforts have made a big difference. The Food Depot will be able to feed more than 800,000 people because of you. You have demonstratedtogether, we can end hunger in northern New Mexico.

With much respect and admiration,

The Neighbor to Neighbor Team

Mary Ferguson, Linda Flatt, Jane Freeman, Susan Quintana, Sennie Quintana, Gail Rachor, and Gracie Schild.

11th Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Fund



**CONGRATULATIONS
2nd PLACE WINNER!**

Rancho Viejo La Entrada

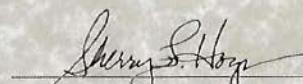
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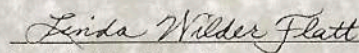
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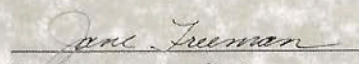
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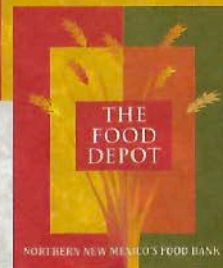

Sherry Hooper,
Executive Director of The Food Depot


Mary Ferguson, Coordinator
Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive

**NEIGHBOR to
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Fund Drive**


Linda Wilder Flatt, Founder
Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive


Jane Freeman, Coordinator
Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive



Based on our Firewise work during the growing season, Rancho Viejo Community is again a certified Firewise participant. Thank you for your hard work!



**La Entrada Facebook Page
Is now located at**

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

La Entrada Partnerships for the Holidays

By Sally Dillon



Since 2010, the Communication Committee has partnered with the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. Back in the beginning 2 residents in leadership roles in the community, went and bought the Youth Shelter a turkey and all the fixings. As we began to have Annual Holiday Parties, we had residents bring cookies and goodies to share and at the end of the party we packed a big box of the goodies to bring to the Youth Shelter, at the time was located on St. Francis. The clients could hardly wait until pictures were taken before having a taste of the goodies! I still remember the icy and slippery driveway to the back door of the house on St. Francis!

After the fire station was built, and our HOA used their community room for their meetings, we would split not only the cookies and goodies, but also remaining platters from the Holiday Party for both the Youth Shelter and the RV Fire Station.

During 2020 with the Pandemic going full force, we partnered with the RV Ladies Group and one of the residents who initially began our partnership with the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. We each provided different items for the Youth Shelter. Because the needs were extensive.

In 2021, still in the Pandemic, the Communication Committee provided laundry baskets filled with treat bags, and 2 cases of individually packed cereal. When we delivered these items, it was apparent that the transitional housing office in the same building and same office space, needed shelving for their kitchen equipment storage for the housing. The founding partnership resident and the Communication Committee each bought a shelving unit to meet the immediate need and to also close out the Communication Committee budget for 2021, so there was time within 2021 for reimbursement before the HOA Management office closed for the holidays. The budget is one of the Communication Chair responsibilities to monitor.

For 2022, the head of the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program, requested the laundry baskets of treat bags again this year, and Hot Hands Hand Warmers, and some one-day bus passes. The Communication Committee is meeting those requests. Additionally, my family is also purchasing the cases of individual cereals and more hand warmers. The resident who began this partnership is providing more hand warmers and foil blankets. The interesting thing about the baskets of treats is that the Youth Shelter staff uses them as "ice breakers" as they drive around Santa Fe looking for youth who might need help. Handing a bag of treats to someone living on the streets helps the staff offer help with the services the Program offers to youth in need.



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Stronger Together, Safety In Numbers

By Rancho Viejo Watch Volunteers in La Entrada

Especially during these holidays, we wish you and yours good will — in big measure — to both receive and give.

Easy, quick gestures can make a big difference any time of year. Friendly phone calls or doorbell ringing to notify about a package still on the porch (important as ever in December), mis-delivered mail, and vitamin packages/lightweight parcels left atop mailboxes are examples. Recipients were happy when those rose stalk and necktie gifts finally came to their doors by personal neighborly delivery. Not to mention communicating about any mischief you observe at an address.

True Stories: Looking Out for Each Other in Our Neighborhood

Here are two true stories about calls for help on one block in La Entrada and the responses. Thankfully those outdoor pleas were answered by alert, helpful strangers who arranged for more assistance.

These stories are true, told in brief and without names. Both folks who fell and needed help no longer live in Rancho Viejo; neither had relatives in the Santa Fe area. In both situations, the helper team included two generations. True strength in numbers!! Those helpers/responders stepped up and stepped in to become (unsung) neighborhood heroes of the day. Of course, calling an ambulance should always be considered.

● Fall #1: On a wet late afternoon in December in the mid-20teens, a woman walking her dog fell at the north mailbox cluster. Unable to stand up on her own, she was relieved when a resident and his mid-elementary son soon arrived. With help from those strangers, friends and neighbors, she got home and then to the hospital and settled in there.

● Faller (sic) #2: More recently a resident just barely heard what sounded to him like a call of distress. He asked his adult daughter to please check it out. Several homes away she found a man had fallen out of his wheelchair in his backyard. She made the appropriate phone call and more help arrived.

Alert Info & Community Support

The most recent alerts, May 20 and 21, were about two catalytic converters stolen from cars south of Rancho Viejo Blvd. A car theft earlier that month was reported in the Q2 newsletter. All serious, obviously.

Although no problems have been reported to RVNW by email since then, we should beware of a false sense of security.

Lt. Jose Rodriguez encourages vigilance and prompt reporting of ANY questionable activity to (505) 428-3720. He pointed out that residents (county-wide) reporting any suspicious cars anywhere — especially parked — can help solve car thefts.

Lt. Rodriguez, Commander of Community Support Services, Training, Recruiting and Courts, has been with our County's Sheriff's Dept for 22 years.

No news, i.e., no alerts, may be good news, BUT keep alert. As always, if you see something, say something.

Who are you and yours going to call (out for)? How would you answer a call? Be prepared for emergencies, e.g. with Medical Alert info up-to-date in your phone and/or wallet. What a gift to be sure your dear ones are likewise prepared! You may have your own good story to share as a cautionary tale. Or other safety gifts, perhaps.



Building, nurturing and growing your network of acquaintances can be fun and helpful in many ways.

And it's easy since there are many opportunities to get to know more folks in your neighborhood. Group events for residents with how to get more details are reported in this newsletter. Also be sure to sign up for and check emails from your HOA manager and read Message Center updates at your mailboxes. If you notice new(ish) residents, telling them about these resources can be a helpful welcome.

Happy and Safe Holidays!

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) and what you observed.

E-mail Carol Thompson, RVNW Area Coordinator: carolath@msn.com



Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

September, October, and November 2022

By Tess Harris



Happy holidays to our friends and neighbors! Our annual holiday party will be December 2nd at the Inn at Santa Fe, from 1pm to 4pm. There will be the usual fun gift exchange, and refreshments. Our theme this year is Gingerbread, so if you have a gingery treat you would like to share, please bring it. Any other treat or snack is certainly welcome. The rental fee for the space is \$200, so we are asking for \$10 to help pay for the space.

Finding places to meet has been a challenge. We had a meeting on November 16th at the Church of the Servant on Rodeo Rd to discuss this problem and to check out the space that the pastor there offered us. The space is close to home and would suit our needs.

Super nice people, also.

Carol Tolbert hosted a very successful tin ornament making workshop at her garage last month. 9 ladies had a great time learning how to make these very popular New Mexican tree trimmers. Thanks to Carol for putting this together!



The games day at the fire station will be ending on December 7th. Kay Oder had been organizing these and she was happy that some fun was had by those who attended. New friendships were forged, which was the best result. Maybe we can start them up again in the future.

Our supper soirées have been postponed until January. The month of December gets pretty busy, and we all will be looking for an occasion to go out in January.

Lastly, I would like to talk about our December service project. Our friend and neighbor Anne Kassam is organizing "Spread the Love" to benefit the Youth Shelter and Family services. Your donations will greatly help the young people of Santa Fe who are struggling. Cash, food, and clothing could really make a difference to a young person this Christmas. Contact Anne at annehkassam@gmail.com if you'd like to help. The service project will end on December 9th. Thank you, Anne, for organizing this great service project.



FAQs* for La Entrada

***Frequently Asked Questions**

Question 1) What is my responsibility regarding snow removal?

Answer from the HOA manual: Each Owner or Occupant is responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks on or adjacent to his/her lot

Question 2). Are there any restrictions to holiday decorations?

Answer from the HOA manual: 1. Holiday or seasonal decorations may be displayed if Owners so choose. 2. Exterior decorations displayed shall be removed within 30 days after the holiday.

Communication Committee Report
By Sally Dillon

I would like to announce that after serving on the Communication Committee since 2010, and being the chair since the 3rd quarter of 2016, I am resigning from the Committee. Since having a smooth transition is important, I will continue to serve until the 2nd quarter 2023 newsletter is published so that all procedures relating to the work of the committee can be shared with new leadership.

There has been a wealth of accomplishments made by the Committee since its first inception including the purchase of the events trailer, a variety of events in La Entrada, development of the website, the newsletter, the Message Centers, a Facebook presence, and the Little Free Library. There are the partnerships with Amy Biehl Community School, the RV Fire Station, Firewise, the Neighbor to Neighbor Food, then FUND Drive, The Santa Fe Raptor Center and Raptor Release Events, and the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. There have also been community connections to the RV Neighborhood Watch, RV Ladies Group, and RV Garden Club.

While there are endings, there are new and exciting beginnings.

We wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a great new year!



Recycling

The 2023 calendar from MCT is not available yet. <https://www.mctwaste.com/recycle> Scroll down to find calendar link.

