

La Entrada News

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Around La Entrada

By Barbara Bradley

Happy Spring to everyone. To those who participated in the 2/9/23 HOA Annual Meeting via ZOOM thanks for your involvement. For those who were unable to do so here's a bit of a recap from the meeting:

All Things Dog: Thanks to La Entrada resident and retired DVM Lynn Allen for her presentation on research findings as to parasites and health risks at dog parks. Many of us have long agitated for a dog park in La Entrada but the findings Lynn presented certainly give pause for thought in addition to the cost, liability, and location issues. Lynn also did a nice summary of caring for pets outdoors during the extreme winter months. We are grateful for the information.

Just a few reminders: Santa Fe County does have a leash law and La Entrada Handbook rules also require pets to be leashed in the neighborhood. And of course, dog owners need to pick up their dog's offerings out in the public areas.

All Things Landscaping: The board is attempting to set up an informal landscape committee and to date we have had one person volunteer. Proscape is a bit behind on some mistletoe eradication and tree replacement projects which will be added to the cleanup from winter storm and wind damage. We are still waiting for the Surrounding landscape design study that was commissioned last fall.

The discussion about increased snow removal efforts in the common areas continues. We have some new cost figures and need to decide if this additional expense is supported by homeowners. We want safe passage in the community but the cost of increased or more frequent snow removal does impact the budget. Reminder: residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their homes. If snow removal is beyond someone's physical or scheduling ability there are several services that can do snow removal for a fee.

All Things Parking: We had a lot of discussion about several issues related to parking. Most significant is the request by several homeowners to exempt small (under 22 feet) recreational vehicles from the RV, motorhome and other large vehicles ban. We have had a bit of feedback following the meeting on both sides of the issue and the board is continuing to research how other HOAs handle these vehicles which are sometimes used as secondary passenger vehicles. In the meantime we will not be fining homeowners who have these vehicles parked in their driveways or on the street.

We are also studying the issue of people speeding in the alleyways and on Punto Nuevo and Calle Agua Clara.

Reminder: If you have a large vehicle parked in your driveway you can be cited and fined if it obstructs an adjacent sidewalk. Also, the HOA Handbook prohibits parking on any part of landscape or in the alleys.

House Numbers: Homeowners with houses that back up to an alley will see house numbers painted on the alley curbs to improve address location for emergency services.

La Entrada Park Naming: We are considering a contest to name the two existing La Entrada Parks and the planned new park in the development area west of Via Orilla Dorado and Camino Rositas.

Update on New Housing: The developer is actively building a half dozen structures in the existing La Entrada area and in spring is scheduled to begin building 6-7 new homes in the expanded west area. The plan is to release lots for contract in increments of 6-7 at a time to keep pace with current build and material costs.

Thanks for your attention. Be well.
Barbara Bradley

Delivering our Gifts to the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program

By Tess Harris

On December 19th, the Communications Committee made their annual trip to the Youth Shelters and Family Services. Every year at Christmas we make our way to their Outreach Center on Pacheco to drop off much needed supplies and treats for our young people in Santa Fe who are struggling with homelessness and housing issues.

The Communications Committee and another concerned resident had gathered practical supplies of hand warmers and bus passes and laundry baskets with treat bags, and chocolate. Things that we take for granted are so appreciated by others who are not as fortunate.



We were greeted by Paige Kitson, the Program Director, who gave us a tour of the very warm and inviting facilities. Young people who need help can drop in for food, clothes, showers, and camping supplies. They can help with finding affordable housing and they even give assistance in acquiring a GED. Paige and the other staff members impressed us so much with their kindness and practical outlook to this very tough problem.

You can find them at <http://www.youthshelters.org> They could really use any help you can give. Our young people deserve it.

Holiday Party

By Kris Jameyson and Sarah Henderson

The Communication Committee hosted the annual La Entrada Holiday Party on December 10th from 3 to 6 at the sales office. The committee provided food and beverages; the event was well attended and a great opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

During the Holiday Party, we recognized Sally Dillon's service to the Communication Committee by presenting her with a Marvin and Frances Martinez pot. These potters are from San Ildefonso Pueblo and related to Maria Martinez. In the Fourth Quarter Newsletter, Sally announced her resignation from the committee effective after the publication of the June 2023 newsletter. Sally has served on the committee for the past 13 years, the last 7 years as the chair of the committee. The committee has had many accomplishments under her leadership, including a multitude of events and the purchase of an events trailer stocked with event supplies. In addition to events, this committee produces the quarterly newsletter, maintains the message centers at the mailboxes, manages the La Entrada Facebook page, and the Little Free Library. The committee also has many partnerships in the community, including with Amy Biehl Community School, the RV Fire Station, Firewise, the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Depot fund drive, the Santa Fe Raptor Center and Raptor Release events, and the Youth Shelter Street Outreach Program. We are extremely grateful to Sally for her service to the committee over the years.



Communication Committee Report

By Sally Dillon

The La Entrada Holiday Party returned after a pandemic break, We were all having a wonderful time visiting and snacking, All of a sudden I was presented with a beautiful box, Cass was thanking me for my years of service to the La Entrada Community through my work on the Communication Committee since 2010 and chair since 2016, inside the box was a beautiful piece of San Ildefonso Blackware or reduction firing pottery. It was given to me by the Committee members and the La Entrada HOA Board. It is a magnificent gift which I will truly treasure! The pot was made by Marvin and Frances Martinez. Marvin is the great grandson of Maria and Julian Martinez, who started doing reduction firings at the Pueblo of San Ildefonso. A reduction firing is done by basically smothering the fire.

Let's back up to the pottery process, first, a clay gathering trip occurs, blessings are made to Mother Earth for giving the clay. It is collected from a special spot and brought back home, where it is sifted to get out twigs and leaves. It undergoes a series of wetting, drying, and sifting to arrive at the point that the clay is pure. Temper is added to the clay. It might be sand, basalt, volcanic ash, or even broken up pottery sherds from ancestor's pots. This temper holds the clay together, otherwise it will crumble into dirt. Once the clay is ready, a flat tortilla like shape is created, pounded and placed inside a small dish called a Puki. This forms the bottom of the pot. Next, a piece of clay is rolled into a long, but inch in diameter, snake like piece called a coil. The coil is wrapped around the outside edge of the puki, Coils are continually built up on top of each other until the pottery is the height desired. The coils is then smoothed on both the inside and outside of the pot, to form an even wall. The pottery is then dried. It is then painted with a slip, which is made of water and clay material. Once dry, the pot is polished with a river rock until it is highly polished and shiny. Julian painted his designs using bee weed mixed with water. One of his famous designs was that of the Avanyu or the Water Serpent. That happens to be the design that Marvin painted on my pottery. Frances, his wife, is from the neighboring Pueblo Santa Clara, who also did reduction firings.



Pueblo pottery is traditionally fired in an outside fire lit under certain weather conditions. Pueblo pottery has been made and fired in this traditional way for generations. The pots are on a rack above the fire. They are covered with hub caps, metal trays, pots, pans, and, also, old license plates. Then dried cow patties surround the structure of the fire, standing on their ends, kindling is fed into spaces into the fire from the outside, and finally, buckets of ground horse manure are dumped on the fire that smothers it. This process turns the color of the clay from red to black, making for some truly stunning examples of Pueblo Pottery like the pot given to me at the Holiday Party.

Speaking of pot, at the recent HOA meeting, Cass asked me to report on the Communication Committee. I reported that I am in the process of resigning, but we are working on a smooth transition because that is very important and a lot to cover. I talked about the pot presented to me at the Holiday Party and the other residents on the zoom thought I was talking about the OTHER kind of pot and not Pueblo Pottery. We all chuckled about it. At the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture where I work, we talk about the Maria pot, the Virgil Ortiz pot, the Clarence Cruz pot and pottery becomes the plural for the beautiful items we have on display.

I thank the Communication Committee and the HOA Board for the stunning Blackware Pueblo pot made by Marvin and Frances Martinez and I will cherish it forever!

Rancho Viejo Ladies Group Report By Tess Harris

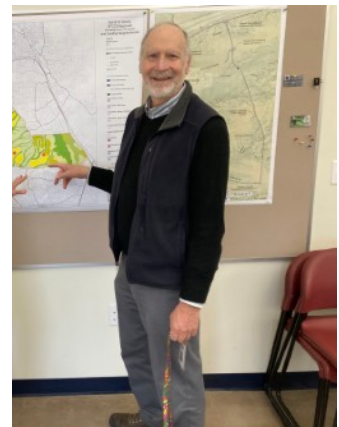


Our RVLG still manages to have some fun “get togethers” despite the occasional bad weather day. We had a very nice Supper Soirée at Old Pecos Inn on January 26. It was well attended with several new people enjoying food and drinks while meeting neighbors and making friends.

Lunch at La Plancha on February 9 went well, also. Let’s not forget about supporting our many independently owned restaurants. If you find one that you especially like, then spread the news!

Book Club is a real hit with RVLG. “*Horse*” by Geraldine Brooks was enjoyed and discussed by 15 people at Jackie Neel’s house on February 16. Excellent choice, Jackie. Our next literary adventure will be “*White Dawn, an Eskimo Saga*”. It is by James Archibald Houston, and will be hosted by Trudy Eiron on April 13.

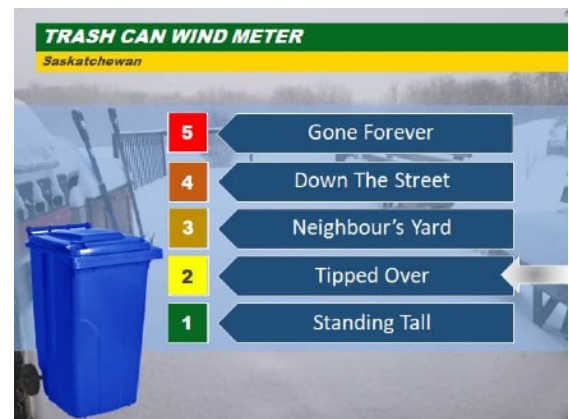
We do have a very big project on the horizon. On February 22nd, the RVLG met with Hank Hughes, our county commissioner, to discuss the possibility of a senior community center in our neighborhood. The weather was truly dreadful but that didn’t stop the 2 dozen ladies who wholeheartedly support this idea. The plan is being put forward by Audra Hansche and Linda Venturoni. The meeting was very informative and Hank will help us with our efforts. There will be a lot more information coming to you soon, so keep an eye out for emails.



Recycling calendar (green highlighted weeks)
La Entrada's pick up day is Wednesday

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Stronger Together, Safety In Numbers

By Rancho Viejo Watch Volunteers in La Entrada



APRIL FOOLS — actually a few days in advance — is the best time to read this and to share it. Namely, so you'll be on the look out! See if you can trick yourself. Are YOU really observant enough:

- to really know the baseline appearance/look of your usual route or path or of the view out your window?
- to automatically spot any unexpected changes almost without thinking about it?
- to see a suspicious vehicle or something similar to the RVNW alerts summarized in previous newsletters?
- to see a lost pet, a garage door open for hours, or an envelope or package blown off course to an empty lot?

Then how long does it take you to decide if you should notify someone of your concern? In the future you may benefit from an observer cluing you in. Who knows what you might see on or around April 1 ... or any day?

Safety Tips for Springtime

- Kids will be playing outside more and schools will start summer break before the next newsletter, so be extra careful driving, including in alleys.
- To help keep critters and pests out of your garage, keep your garage door closed. Same goes to keep out blowing dust, and that includes your windows, unless you can keep track of the wind and quickly close open windows. A friend's living room chair was coated in an inch of adobe dust during the windy season some years ago.
- Some folks find a headlamp useful all times of the year to enjoy our night skies. Like Venus and Uranus on March 31, 2 A.M. EDT. Hands free, can be easier than a flashlight or a phone. If you have approved alley lighting, please be sure it's working.

Santa Fe Crime Stoppers Making Santa Fe County Safer One Anonymous Tip at a Time

Santa Fe Crime Stoppers is a community-based program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice. Note all tips need to be anonymous and relate to a crime that's already been reported and under investigation.

www.SantaFeCrimeStoppers.org includes links to "Helpful Resources" in Santa Fe County and beyond. To submit a tip, contact Crime Stoppers at 505-955-5050 or use the 'SUBMIT A TIP' form on the website.

OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE is still: CALL the County Sheriff through the Non-Emergency # 505-428-3720 (aka

Want to Make a Difference?

Are you looking for ways you could make a positive difference for your household and community? Check this out.

New Year's Day is well past, but it's never too late to make a new resolution. Neighborhood Watch needs several people throughout our community to reach out to neighbors about how to observe and report. Perhaps you can help.



- **WHAT:** Shoes on your street to share Watch info including a short welcome and explanation. Interesting writing, eg. for RVNW articles in the newsletter.

- **TIME INVOLVED:** From just 3 hours total over 2 months or up to 4 hours each quarter.

Anyone interested in helping RVNW around La Entrada please contact Kathy. Her contact info is at:

www.LaEntradaAtRanchoViejo.org

Log in and go to

>Communication>Association>Welcome Packet
Documents>Helpful Contact Information

Your time and effort would be very helpful. By pulling T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R we can help keep our neighborhood safe.

Dispatch, aka RECC, Regional Emergency Communications Center).

The more of us who observe and report any suspicious behavior, the sooner problems can be solved.

LOCAL CONTACTS

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

Report suspicious activity ASAP including full street address to pinpoint the incident.

If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers..... www.SantaFeCrimeStoppers.com or 505-955-5050

Use this contact to submit anonymous tips about a crime that's under investigation.

NOTE: RVNW e-mail alerts are currently SUSPENDED.



FAQs* for La Entrada

***Frequently Asked Questions**

Under the Nuisances section of the HOA Homeowner's Handbook, the following three things are listed.

- 1) Solicitation, including postings on mail boxes, and door to door is not permitted in LERVCA.
- 2) Noxious or offensive activity that may be an annoyance or nuisance to any Owner or occupant shall not be conducted on any Lot or in any Common Area, willfully or negligently.
- 3) Without limitation, the following items are prohibited: offensive or foul odors, loud or annoying sounds, discharge of firearms, bright outdoor lights directed toward neighboring Lots, fireworks, mining or drilling operations, and excessive barking of dogs.



Communication Committee Procedures:

1. What to send to Serenity - 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, not to individual Communication Committee members. We do not deal with repairs, DRC approvals, traffic, pets. etc. Things of this nature still go to Serenity, and are not related to the Communication Committee work.

2. Newsletter articles - If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it directly to Serenity Lucero, our HOA Manager at SLucero@hoamco.com

By Feb. 15th for the March newsletter,

By May 15th for the June newsletter,

By Aug. 15th for the Sept newsletter

By Nov 15th for the Dec newsletter

It needs to be in preferably 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 Serenity by the 15th at the very latest. 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. Any questions about writing or submitting articles should be directed only to Serenity at SLucero@hoamco.com

3. Newsletter publication - When the 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 linked 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