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COMING UP THIS YEAR

May 10“Meet Your Neighbors” Outdoor Fiesta

JulySummer Picnic

September Raptor Event

December Holiday Party

HOA-Sponsored Events

FIREWISE

A Rancho Viejo Event

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 3rd

8:30 - Noon

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Saturday May 10

**HOA sponsored picnic in
La Entrada Park**

LA ENTRADA HAPPENINGS THIS SPRING!

Greetings Everyone. Are we ready for spring? Let the gardening and spring activities begin.

Annual Meeting: By now everyone should know that the annual HOA in-person meeting scheduled for March 13, 2025 had to be postponed due to an unexpected problem with late delivery of notice and meeting materials packets. We are rescheduling the meeting to April 10 at 6:00 pm. The new date allows us to resend the materials for receipt at least 10 days before the meeting itself. At the meeting we will review the 2024 financial statements and the 2025 budget. We will also hear from Robert Danielson of Road Runner Waste Services about the change in trash collection services from MTC to Road Runner in April 2025. We will have updates from the developer about the continued expansion of La Entrada. I will be suggesting that we form a voluntary group to assess establishing a safety and infrastructure committee to take over duties from the Neighborhood Watch program which has ended and to create community strategies for potential disaster and catastrophic emergencies. Both of the other two Rancho Viejo communities have these committees and some communities across New Mexico have Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to prepare for potential problems. The nearest CERT to La Entrada is based at Santa Fe Community College but is limited to staff and teachers at that location.

Trash Collection Services: By now you should know that La Entrada is transitioning to a new trash collection vendor, Road Runner Waste Services, the first week in April 2025. New bins will be delivered to each house the week of March 24-28th with collection beginning on Wednesday, April 2nd. Yes. Back to Wednesdays. On April 2nd, Road Runner will begin with both trash and recycling bin pickup. Recycling thereafter will occur on alternate weeks. MTC will pick up both trash and recycling bins on March 27th. If someone plans to be away the last week of March and needs assistance with transferring the old bins out and the new bins in please let us know. A few helpful neighbors will try to make the switch for you

and leave bins on the side of your house. If MTC has to make a separate pick up for bins not collected on March 27th there will be an additional charge to the homeowner.

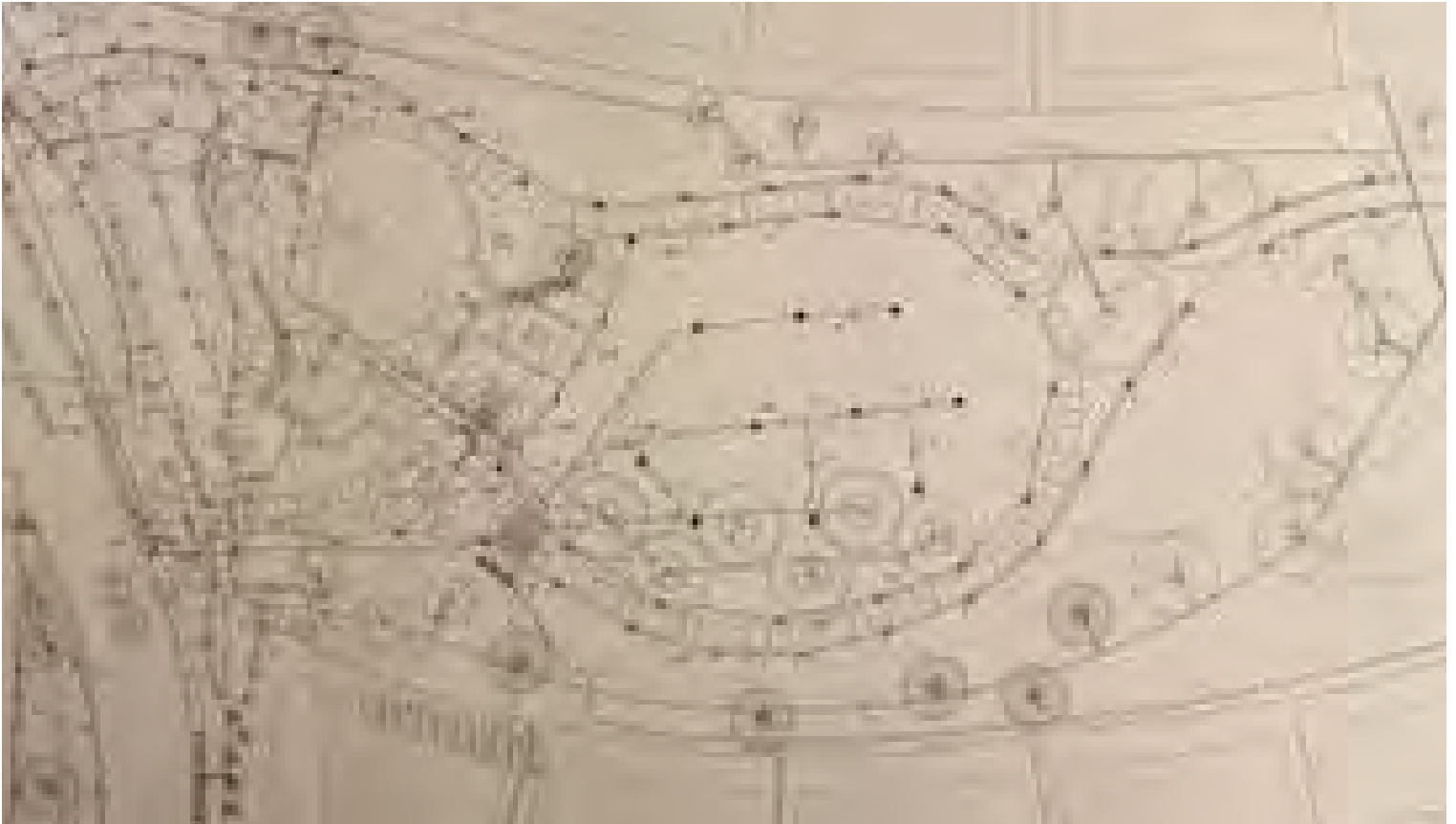
Development Progress: As most people have noticed the developer has been working on the infrastructure of the new Mountain Vista Park with new walking paths, dry creek beds and, this week, the planting of trees. At this time La Entrada has about 311 completed homes and there are 6-8 homes under construction on Calla Ancla and Via Orilla Dorado. Eventually La Entrada is scheduled to have a total of 1200 homes.

Fire Prevention: Please remember the fire prevention event on March 29th at the county fairgrounds and our own Fire Wise Day on May 3rd.



Trees are being planted in the new Mountain Vista Park

MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK COMING SOON



Plans for the newest park in La Entrada

Now this may look like some wild modern art, but it is actually the plans for our new park, named Mountain Vista Park. It is a five-acre parcel bordered by Camino de las Rositas and Avenida Corres Caminos. Our developer put aside this sizable chunk of land for our recreation and enjoyment. By May they plan to

have it mostly finished with paved trails throughout. There will be more than 80 trees, a shade structure, a playground, native plants, a green grass area, and those truly marvelous views. It will be a great addition to our neighborhood



GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING!

The Rancho Viejo Ladies met at the RV Fire Station in January for a light potluck lunch and presentation from Julie Hliboki with **Pillowcases 4 Love**. We collected \$345 to purchase fabric for this awesome organization.

From Julie's webpage (<https://juliehliboki.com/pillowcases-4-love>)

"The Rancho Viejo Ladies Group purchased and donated fabric to Pillowcases 4 Love. We received the beautiful, lovingly selected fabric in February and have already begun to make pillowcases for children seeking asylum at the border, and for children in Santa Fe who receive the pillowcases through the Pediatrics Unit at Christus Hospital, Gerard's House, Consuelo's Place Emergency Housing Shelter, and more. Here are some of the fabrics they selected for us which will allow us to make about 50-60 pillowcases for children in need! Thank you!!!"



Fabric donations for Pillowcases 4 Love

Our February gathering was also a potluck lunch followed by a presentation and demonstration of the **Buteyko Breathing Techniques** by Clara Evans, a Certified Instructor. We gained a lot of knowledge about breathing issues and how to alleviate them. Clara was an excellent guide throughout the exercises. You can find more information online and see her for classes at Santa Fe Community College.

RV Ladies will meet in March for coffee, cake and conversation about Girls Inc. of Santa Fe. Girls Inc. is a safe gathering place and leadership program. Girls learn to set and achieve goals, resist peer pressure and see college as a possible choice; while building life skills and independence.

Our RV Ladies Book Club coordinator for 2025 is Diane Gorgy. We appreciate her taking the helm and continuing this inquisitive gathering of hearts and minds. Our first three reading selections for 2025: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles; *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea; *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E Harrow. If you would like to join us at our bi-monthly discussions, please email Diane at rvladiesbookclub@gmail.com

Rancho Viejo Supper Soirées were on hiatus since September last year. We have resumed our mixed group outings with Santa Fe Bite in January, La Plancha in February and just scheduled Santa Fe Capitol Grill in March. All are welcome: neighbors in all parts of Rancho Viejo, friends in Santa Fe, couples and singles. We are always looking for substitute hosts. If you are able to coordinate one month of the year, I will manage communication and name tags. Let's chat!

To receive announcements about RV Ladies Group events or for RV Gents to be included for suppers, please email Audra at Mauied85@AOL.com.

GET AHEAD OF WILDFIRES

In early March, New Mexico had its first 2025 massive wind event. The greatest risk from our spring winds is wildfire. PNM, working with state agencies, proactively planned a power shut down for high-risk areas. We were lucky in Santa Fe, and did not experience a blackout, but eastern New Mexico did. If you are not signed up for local safety and emergency alerts, please do so at: Alert Santa Fe at <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>. To receive PNM outage alerts, text #ALERT to 78766.

Our community and neighboring Rancho Viejo HOAs participate in the Firewise program, which helps us keep our community safe. And there are other resources that help us with fire prevention.

The Santa Fe Fire Department (SFFD) is proud to be one of the only fire departments in New Mexico to have ten full-time staff that specialize in fuel management in the Wildland Urban Interface and respond to wildland fires. Their Wildland

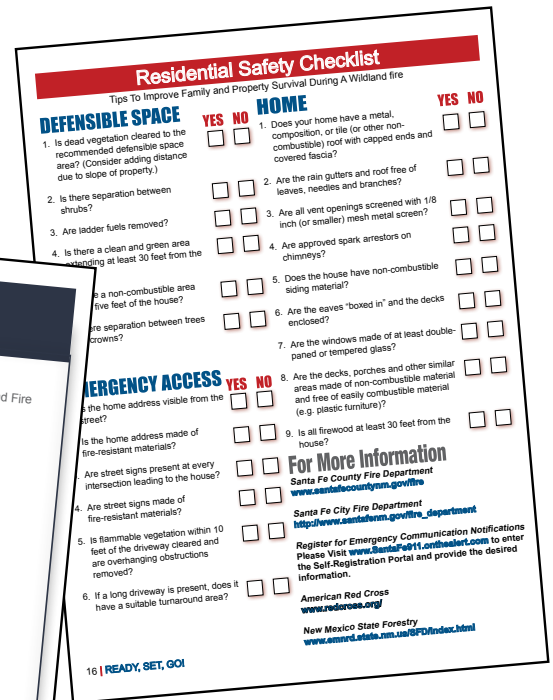
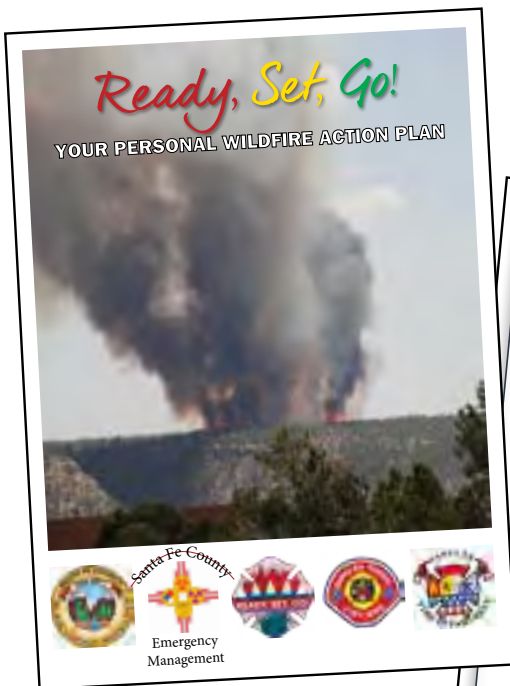
Urban Interface program conducts individual home assessments to evaluate your wildland fire risk and hazards and provides wildfire information for homeowner's associations and public events.

To request a Wildland home assessment, contact Remington Gillum, rgillum@santafecountynm.gov, 505-995-6532.

For more fire safety information, please visit: <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/fire> and download the <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/media/files/SantaFeRSGGuide2017.pdf>.

Finally, please review the Santa Fe County Fire Department guidelines on open burning. We have had reports of neighbors conducting open burning in their yards, which is not permitted. For more information go to the Santa Fe County Fire Department website to see [Burn Permit Information](#).

Together, we can minimize risk to our homes and families.



Sample pages from the "Ready, Set, Go Guide"

HOMEOWNERS ON EDGE: FIRE RISKS PROMPT POLICY CHANGES

Did you know that insurance companies are changing homeowners' policy acceptance? Farmers Insurance has stopped selling policies in certain high-risk wildfire zones in the western U.S. Much of Santa Fe is considered a high-risk area. While existing policies are being grandfathered, starting in February, Farmers Insurance will reevaluate high-risk homes and may choose not to renew policies for those deemed too risky.

This may leave you wondering, "What can I do to help reduce the risk of wildfires in our Rancho Viejo community?" The answer is simple: volunteer! By participating in Rancho Viejo's annual Firewise event and staying committed to fire mitigation efforts throughout the year, you can play an essential role in protecting our neighborhood. Every household can make a difference!

But we need more involvement. In May 2024, only 16 households participated in the event. Many residents, especially those in the interior of La

Entrada who aren't near shared open spaces, may not realize that they, too, can help reduce wildfire risks by clearing combustible vegetation and debris from common areas. Yes, it's work, but it's also incredibly rewarding to see the cleared space, and the effort directly contributes to the safety of our community.

As an added bonus, after the hard work is done, we get to unwind, enjoy some pizza, and connect with our neighbors in Village Park!

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated in our annual Firewise Event, held on the first Saturday of every May, and to those who have contributed on their own. Because of your efforts, Rancho Viejo continues to maintain its status as a certified Firewise USA® site. I hope this inspires others to join us in sharing the responsibility of keeping our community safe.

For more information about Firewise USA, visit Firewise USA.



FIREWISE

A Rancho Viejo Community Event

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Check-in at Village Park (trash bags and gloves will be distributed)

Watch for: More details on the message boards located at your mailbox bank.

Read about Firewise at: <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa>

Calling all residents to pitch in and help keep our neighborhoods safe from wildfires!



Our monthly brunches are still at full steam. We've recently added a few new family-owned restaurants to our outings. Last month we brunched at Sweet Water Harvest Kitchen which was a big hit! I'm continuously on the lookout for new places to try close to town that have parking lots. If anyone knows of such restaurants that fit this bill and that we have not tried, please reach out to me. There's no better advertising like word of mouth. Also if anyone would like to join us, we meet on the second Friday of each month at 11:00 am, usually, and you can reach me at fquag63@gmail.com to be added to the email list. I hope to continue to see more of everyone at our brunches as well as new friends too!

SANTA FE COUNTY SENIOR RESIDENTS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY

The La Entrada Communications Committee has learned that Santa Fe County will be asking seniors to participate in a survey to help shape the future of senior programs and services for the next decade. The survey will be launched on April 8, 2025 and be conducted in partnership with the Center for Applied Research and Analysis (CARA) at the University of New Mexico. It will be available until April 25.

Who Should Participate?

If you are 50 or older—or a caregiver for someone 50 or older in Santa Fe County—you are invited to take the survey. It will be available online, and on paper at senior centers.

Check out the following page for more information about the survey!



Your voice matters!

**For additional information, contact
Santa Fe County Senior Services at 505-992-3069
or visit**

<https://www.santafecountynm.gov/community-services/seniors>.

Take the Senior Survey! Your Voice Matters!

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DID YOU KNOW

New Mexico's population is aging faster than the national average and in Santa Fe that's especially true. As our community grows older, the need for senior health care, personal assistance, food access, and transportation are on the rise.

TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE AND TO WELL-SERVE SENIORS

Santa Fe County is partnering with the University of New Mexico's Center for Applied Research and Analysis to conduct a comprehensive survey that will help to determine how to best apply and leverage resources now and in the future to come.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY

Residents aged 50 and older or those aged 18 and older who are caregivers to someone 50 and older. Your voice matters so please take the time to weigh-in!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY

The survey will be open **April 8 - 25** and available in English and in Spanish online through the County's website or in paper form at any City or County Senior Center, in addition to other opportunities throughout the community.



*To learn more, please visit santafecountynm.gov/community-services/seniors
or phone the County's Senior Services Division at 505-992-3069*