

La Entrada News

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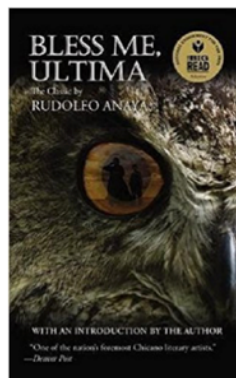
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RV Ladies Group Tops Attendance at February Museum Tour and Lunch

by Audra Hansche

Rancho Viejo Ladies had a wonderfully successful museum tour in February. We met Wednesday the 15th at the MIAC – the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. Twenty-one ladies started the tour with a few joining in a bit later. Our neighbor and docent, Sally Dillon, was very knowledgeable. We enjoyed the museum's awesome collection of pottery, weavings, paintings, jewelry and artifacts. Following our tour we did a little shopping in the museum gift shop and then walked over to the Museum Hill Café. We filled three tables and enjoyed tasty food and interesting conversation.



The **RV Book Club** gathered to discuss *A Good Year* by Peter Mayle. We met a few new ladies. Our group of twelve enjoyed a little wine tasting as the story is set in Provence and Bordeaux, France. What a treat! The next meeting is Thursday, April 20th. The reading selection is *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya. If you are interested in receiving the reading list for 2017 and the April email and reminders, please contact me at maui85@AOL.com



Rummikub

Wednesday, March 1st was our first Rummikub game this year. Lorri, Audra and Barbara met at the Santa Fe Place Mall for two rounds. Our goal is to have a few more players and set a regular day and time. So much fun!

March Potluck

Our meeting in March was a potluck lunch at Judy R's house, Thursday the 16th. So many delicious dishes and scrumptious desserts. The weather was warmer that day and some ladies enjoyed sitting on the patio as well. There was a brief discussion about pet sitting. Our friend and neighbor, Robin Oliver (505-438-3708) previously worked at a vet's office and is now very busy with pet-sitting. I've seen her many times walking dogs around La Entrada. Then one of our ladies recommended Patty Laine (505-819-9392). She lives close by and will do in-home dog sitting. We also played a Table Topics game. Everyone drew a question and shared their answers with the group. It's always nice getting to know each other.



Card Stamping

Friday, March 17th was our **Card Stamping Workshop** at Sally's house. We demonstrated a technique using simple markers, a water spritzer and watercolor paper.

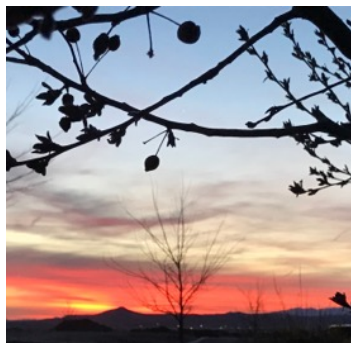
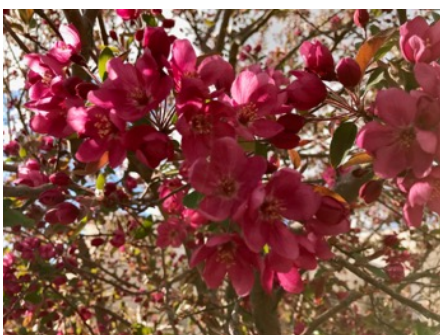


We started a new collection of cards for **Card Care Collection**, a charity that sends beautiful cards and uplifting messages to cancer patients.

At our next gathering we will start projects to benefit the **Santa Fe Raptor Center**.



And the bloom is on the range!



RANCHO VIEJO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (RVNW)



How Can You Help?

The Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch (RVNW) is supported by volunteers. Past evidence shows that an active and supported neighborhood watch is an important element in reducing criminal activity, including break-ins, in neighborhoods. You can help RVNW keep our neighborhood safe.

Here's how you can help:

- Get to know and build trust with your neighbors. This will help you know when a stranger is in the area and, if you or your neighbor is on vacation, you both can keep an eye on each other's property and report suspicious activity.
- To be added to the RVNW list of contacts for email alerts, email your request to Carol Thompson at CarolATh@msn.com. Carol Thompson is the RVNW Coordinator.
- Become more aware of the cars and trucks on your streets. If you see an unfamiliar car or truck parked on the road, keep an eye out for any suspicious activity such as belongings being carried out of a home.
- Pay attention to unusual noises in the late hours of the evening.

AND if you see something suspicious:

- Call 911 in any EMERGENCY situation.
- Otherwise call the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) at 505-428-3720.
- Then contact Carol Thompson at 505-471-9044 or at CarolATh@msn.com to report the suspicious activity.
- She will email a watch alert to the people who have requested those alerts. This will alert your neighbors to suspicious activity in the area.
- You are encouraged to check out a variety of news about our community on the website, LaEntradaatRanchoViejo.org. La Entrada's Newsletter is published the first part of each even month on that site.

RVNW is looking for more volunteers for the neighborhood watch. If you were interested, you would be most welcome. Here are some more ways you can help:

- Please pass the word to others about the watch.
- Help with the annual yard sale fundraiser coming up this summer.
- Become a Block Captain or a Block Co-Captain.
- If you have the skills, help us with the RVNW website.

We have a beautiful and safe place to live. Let's work together to keep it that way. Thank you.

Submitted by Kathy Brown and Harriett Hufford

Curbside Recycling is here!

by Marilyn Morgan

Starting January 4, MCT began recycle pick-up in La Entrada. When delivering the new recycle carts in late December, MCT attached a brochure listing what can be recycled and what cannot and on the reverse side, a calendar highlighting the every other week pick-up schedule that coincides with our regular garbage schedule. **Please note that the trash cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.**

Paper, clean plastics, and cardboard can be mixed together in the cart. However, **NO GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin, since glass cannot be recycled through curbside pick-up at this time. If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center.

MCT wants us to know that they have put **"NO GLASS"** stickers on all the recycle containers. If a specific homeowner does put glass into his or her recycling cart on a regular basis, he/she will be warned and, if that practice continues, MCT will discontinue providing recycle pick-up service to that home.

In April, recycle pick-ups will be **April 12** and **26** and May pick-ups will be **May 10** and **24**.

If you have any further questions, you can call MCT at 505-345-8651 or check out their website at mctwaste.com.

APRIL

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MAY

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La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting
Thursday, TBD
6:00 p.m.
RV Fire Department
Community Room
37 Rancho Viejo Blvd.

Neighborhood Watch Local Contacts

Carol Thompson
Area Coordinator RV
Neighborhood Watch
Home: 471-9044
Cell: 603-0833
Email: carolath@msn.com

See anything Suspicious?
Call County Sheriff's Office:
428-3720.
If you wish to remain
anonymous, call Crime
Stoppers: 955-5050.

Large Item Pickup

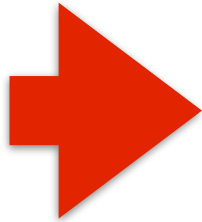
The date for large item pick up within La Entrada residential areas is the third Friday of each month. The next date of service is **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

Residents must call Michael Smith at 954-4479 before the date to arrange for large item pick up. Please provide your address, telephone number and description of item(s). Remember to sign up no later than the Monday prior to the Friday pick up date.

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

Not Allowed: Most electronics,
oil or household chemicals.

Tumbleweeds



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Spring will be here before we know it, and with the spring, the winds will start picking up bringing in the tumbleweeds. This year La Entrada will have Proscape handling tumbleweed pick up. If you would like for your tumbleweeds to get picked up, please contact Michael Smith with HOAMCO and he will let you know the dates that you need to have the tumbleweeds out on the street. We hope that this will help relieve the tumbleweed problems that we all face.



LAST CHANCE!



Collect Box Tops for Education and Support our Community School



Thank you to all the wonderful neighbors who have been generously collecting Box Tops in support of Amy Biehl Community School this year! We are coming up on the final quarterly collection period for the school year, so now is the time to turn in any remaining Box Tops that you've been collecting. You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store and each of those little squares is worth ten cents to our local schools. Just clip the Box Tops, seal them in a zip lock bag and put them in the drop box on Paul and Sally Dillon's porch located at 85 Villa Orilla Dorado. The students, parents, and teachers at Amy Biehl Community School thank you for your help!



LA ENTRADA COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT – March 23, 2017

by Paul Dillon



The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Financials were reviewed. Michael commented that the “pass through” charge for the recycling and trash collection changed to \$73 instead of \$83 for the rest of the year. A resident asked a question as to whether homeowners would get the \$10 back from the 1st quarter. The rebate of \$10 will be applied to a future quarterly bill.

Michael stated that \$4,400 per month is being added to the reserve, which has a current amount of \$146,000.00. Since the previous reserve study was done in 2012, the board recommends that a new reserve study be done to ensure that there are sufficient funds available for future major projects such as re-asphalting the roads. The board approved a budget amount of \$3,500 for the upcoming reserve study. The reserve study should occur during the spring or summer. Once completed, the reserve study report will be posted on the La Entrada at Rancho Viejo website.

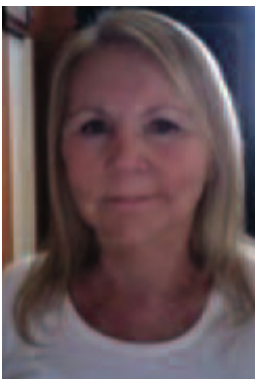
A resident, not in attendance at the HOA meeting, requested that his letter be read regarding traffic issues on Rancho Viejo Blvd. He requested one more speed limit sign, painted and signed cross walks, and an additional stop sign at Via Punto Nuevo. Several other residents in attendance also concurred. Since Rancho Viejo Blvd is a county road, Cass is meeting with the county to look into possible solutions.

Other resident concerns were discussed. Alina shared information about the upcoming Firewise event for cleaning up the community on May 6, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

by Judy Keller, Chair



Judy Keller, Chair

March/April 2017 DRC Report

Spring is here! I know many of you are eager to begin your outdoor projects and landscaping. BUT, before undertaking these projects, you must obtain prior approval from the Design Review Committee. Be advised that just because “everyone else has done it” your project does not need approval. The form for submitting landscape drawings, plans and/or modifications to the exterior of your home is available at the sales office or you may download at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org>, under Resources, click on Documents. Following the review of plans, Michael Smith, the HOA manager will report all decisions back to homeowners by phone and/or letter. I would also like to remind home-owners that our homes are prewired for cable and satellite. The connection for satellite is found on your roof and permits connections without running external cable up the exterior sidewalls of your home.

Committee Reports... *from page 7***COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE***by Sally Dillon, Chair**Sally Dillon, Chair***Communications Committee Report for April 2017**

The Communication Committee met on March 13, 2017 to continue event planning for 2017 for the La Entrada community. Our upcoming events include the Firewise USA Community Day on Saturday, May 6 and the Amy Biehl Community School 5K Race on Saturday, May 13. We look forward to seeing you at these approaching events that support our community!

The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month to prepare for the upcoming newsletter and to plan for upcoming events. Some of the dates for events have been set. Events we are planning include our Fiesta Picnic (date TBD), the Raptor Release on Sunday, August 27 at the IAIA Hogan, the 6th Annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Drive on Saturday, September 16, and the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 16. You can pencil in those events on your calendar!

Look for more information to come in future newsletters and email blasts. If you are not receiving the email blasts from the Web Administrator of the La Entrada website, please go to <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp> to set up a login. This is the URL for our La Entrada at Rancho Viejo community website. There is a lot of important information for homeowners available on our website.

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education. These box tops are found on products such as a variety of cereals, Ziplock, Scott paper products, Hefty, Pillsbury, Green Giant, and Old El Paso to name a few. The Box Tops can be placed in the plastic shoebox on the Dillon's front porch at 85 Via Orilla Dorado. The collection of box tops is given to the Amy Biehl School and the school can "buy" school equipment and supplies with them. See <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> for more information.

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it to Sally Dillon arttrek@prodigy.net by the 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The Communications Committee, who works as a team in assisting publication, will determine if there is room for the article depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit submitted articles. In addition to La Entrada News being sent out via email blast, it is also posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net.



Saturday, May 6, 2017

WildfirePrepDay.org

**PEOPLE
PROJECTS
PURPOSE**

Join the Fun at Our Firewise/USA/Community Day!

Rancho Viejo is approved as a Firewise/USA Community FOUR YEARS running because we really keep it clean.

ALL RANCHO VIEJO RESIDENTS INVITED

Saturday, May 6th - 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

RV Market Parking Lot • 55 Cañada del Rancho

10:00 a.m. – Sign Up to Enjoy Coffee & Sweets.
Then Pick Up Your T-Shirt, Gloves & Trash Bags.

10:15 to Noon – Neighborhood Clean Up

Noon to 1:00 p.m. – **FREE** Pizza Lunch and
Announcements at Rancho Viejo Plaza Park

USA Plaque & Announcement of Raffle Ticket Winners

RAFFLE PRIZES:

Dinner for Two at Midtown Bistro

Dinner for Two at Chocolate Maven

Dinner for Two at Piccolinos

& Even More!

Registration Now Open for the Trailblazer 5K!



Join your neighbors on Saturday, **May 13, 2017** for the 2nd annual **Trailblazer 5K** to benefit the Amy Biehl Community School. La Entrada at Rancho Viejo is sponsoring the race this year and we hope to see broad support from our community to help make this fundraiser a success. Register today for a fun way to connect with neighbors, get some exercise and support your local community school! You can walk, run or push a stroller if you need to, but please join us! There are also volunteer opportunities as well, contact Coach Dave at dtolen@sfps.k12.nm.us.



WHEN: **May 13, 2017**
 The **5K** begins at **9:00 a.m.**
 The **kids 1K** (12 & under) **begins at 10:15 a.m.**

WHERE: Amy Biehl Community School, 310 Avenida Del Sur

FEE: Adults \$25, Kids \$15, includes student-designed race T-shirt!

REGISTER ONLINE at NewMexicoSportsOnline.com or in person at the Amy Biehl Community School.

* The race will be held on the trails and is not expected to interfere with traffic. Police officers will be present to ensure safety at any street crossings.

Your Dog did his Duty, Please do Yours!



We are pleased to announce that another doggy clean up station has been added at the east end of Via Orilla Dorado near the Amy Biehl Community School. This area is frequented by school kids, and neighbors who are out to exercise themselves and their pets, but unfortunately, it has been an area where a lot of pet waste has collected. Hopefully this new station will provide a convenient way for pet owners to clean up after their dogs. Just a friendly reminder –cleaning up after your pet isn't just part of being a good neighbor, it's also part of our community covenants. Thank you for your cooperation!