

La Entrada News

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Serving the Residents of the La Entrada Community



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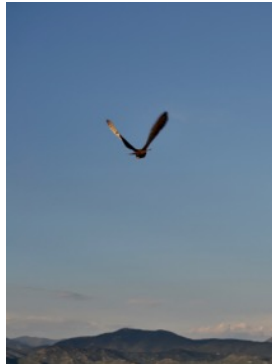
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A Great-horned Owl's Sunday Freedom Flight

by Sally Dillon

At last! Sunday, August 27 was finally here – the day for the long-awaited-for Raptor Event at IAIA Hogan. As a few of us began to set up chairs and items to benefit the Santa Fe Raptor Center in the Hogan, Lori Paras, director of the Raptor Center



Raptor Event, Continued

walked in with two assistants and three education birds, not to mention the crate with the Great-horned owl which would be released at the end of the program.

The Santa Fe Raptor Center rescues, rehabilitates, and releases all kinds of raptors. The center is located in El Rito and its web site is <http://santaferaptorcenter.org/>. The center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

As people began arriving, they stopped at our table to peruse and purchase handmade items. On display were designer-made greeting cards, hand-stuffed felt owls, and rubber-stamped magnets. Cards were two for \$5; owls and magnets were also \$5. Proceeds from the sale of these items was given directly to Lori in support of the Santa Fe Raptor Center which helps feed and rehabilitate rescued raptors.



One by one the assistants brought out the education birds. The first was a beautiful Barn owl, and the second, a regal Great-horned owl. Lori spoke about the two species and answered many questions from the audience. Later, she opened the cage of the third education bird and pulled out a Red-tailed hawk. The presentation was one the very best in the years that she has been partnering with La Entrada for the Raptor Event.

After some snacks and beverages and a last look and purchase of hand-crafted items, the attendees made their way outside to a field on the east side of the Hogan. One of the assistant's opened the crate that enclosed the Great-horned owl and, holding her up proudly, Madame owl posed coyly for photographs. With her "horns" up and enormous wingspan (can be up to 3' 6"), she was truly a magnificent bird! Flying off into a northeast direction once released, the crowd cheered with enthusiasm.

Even though attendance was down from last year, everyone genuinely appeared to enjoy the experience! Total donation to the Santa Fe Raptor Center was around \$600. The Santa Fe Raptor Center board is taking the remaining cards and items to sell at its various events in the future, so our donation is a higher amount. This year's Raptor Event was a great success and we have some beautiful pictures to share!

3rd Annual *fiesta* Picnic

by Marilyn Morgan

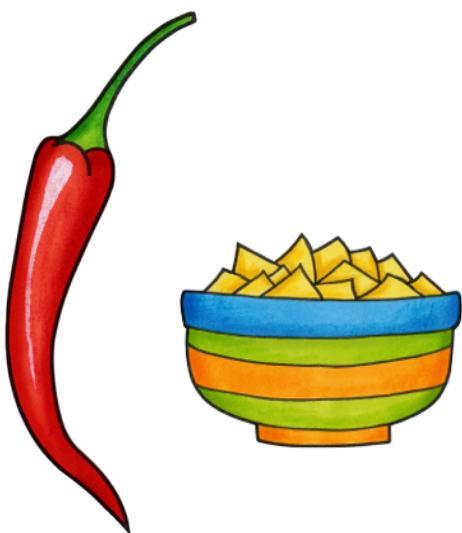
About 60 residents attended La Entrada's Fiesta Picnic on September 9. The day was beautiful though quite windy, although that didn't stop anyone from having a good time meeting and catching up with his neighbors. It was especially nice to see several new families with children in attendance.



Food was plentiful and attendees had their choice of red chili beef enchiladas or green chili chicken enchiladas, or even better both polished off with a few brownies for dessert. Tomasita's catered the event and rave reviews could be heard all around.

Attendees were asked to bring a food item to help jumpstart our annual food drive to benefit the Food Depot. Neighbors were very generous and we collected about 175 lbs. of food in advance of the official Food Drive on September 16. Thank you to all who participated!

The beautiful cards created by members of the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group to support the Raptor Center were presented for sale and we raised an additional \$90 for the Raptor Center over the amount raised at that event. See you next year!



5th Annual LaEntrada Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

By Paul Dillon

What a wonderful day for a food drive! We couldn't ask for better weather. This year 88 community associations, businesses, and communities participated in the 6th annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive throughout Santa Fe on September 16.



We're still adding up the totals, and can tell you we sure collected a lot of food and monetary donations today to help end hunger right here in Northern New Mexico. Our food donations added up to over 700 pounds. Along with over \$200 in monetary donations, every dollar given equals four meals.

With the food and dollars given we will exceed our 1500-pound goal.

We will be given an exact total on October 5 so stay tuned.

Thank you to all that participated!

Pilot Flying J Community Meeting

Santa Fe Community College - September 25, 2017

by Sally Dillon



Because James Siebert & Associates and Pilot Flying J's recent application to Santa Fe County had to be re-submitted, another community meeting was scheduled. The purpose of the September 25 meeting was to focus on Pilot's Conceptual Plan for two segments adjacent to the main terminal parcel. Santa Fe County is requesting a plan for possible development of the land to the northeast and southwest of the Pilot site. Well over 200 people were in attendance at the meeting.

Technology issues with Mr. Siebert's slideshow caused the meeting to begin 15 minutes late, and it ended 30 minutes later than scheduled. After outlining meeting ground rules, Mr Siebert began the presentation showing slides of the 26-acre subdivision. The Conceptual Plan's goal, he said, is to present a vision to the county in terms of the impacts



of development like water rights, sewer, and open space. The presentation included maps of the proposed site, including the SLDC (Sustainable Land Development Code) zoning map depicting the site as an employment center.

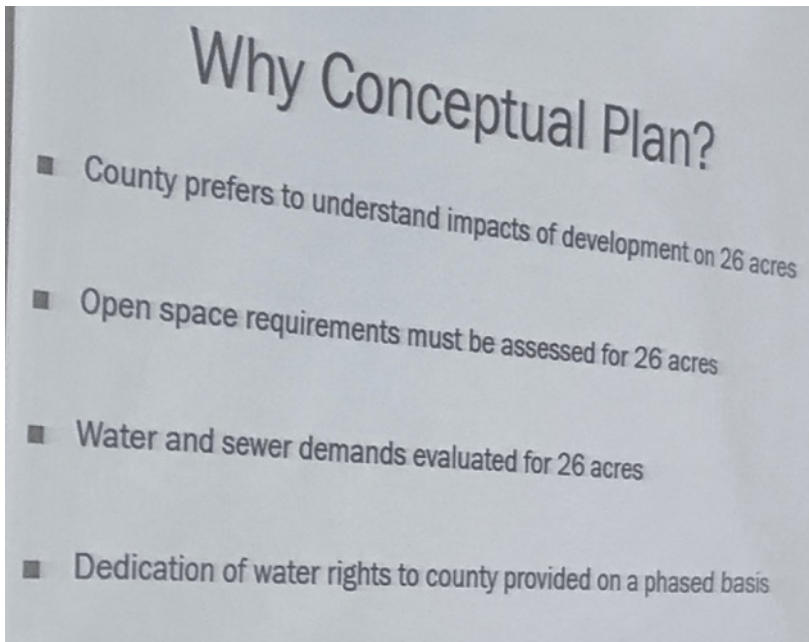
Mr. Siebert discussed three phases of development of the 26-acre site. The first phase will be the Pilot Flying J Truck Center, occurring possibly in 2018 – 2019.



Pilot Flying J Truck Terminal, Continued

The second phase will be on the northeast side of the proposed truck center with the possibility of two 100-room hotels slated for 2021–2026. The third phase to the southwest of the site will provide a sit-down restaurant, retail, a warehouse, and light industry targeted for 2030. These proposed constructions are conceptual and taken from a list of possible land uses zoned for an employment center; however, this does not mean that these will be the specific structures for development.

In the presentation, Mr. Siebert talked about changes to the truck center site including the road being placed further away from Rt. 14 and the need for 50% of the land allocated to Open Space. Since the proposed construction would be almost 5 acres short of the required Open Space per SLDC, land behind ATC, in the arroyo, near trail sites, would be designated for the needed Open Space.



Overall Site Data

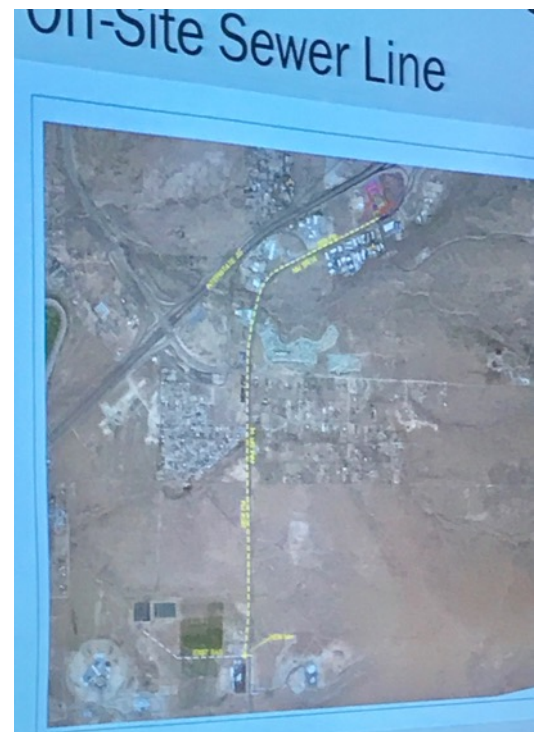
Tract size:	26.46 ac±
Area 9-A:	10.41 ac±
Area 9-B:	16.05 ac±
Required open space:	13.23 ac±
Provided open space:	8.39 ac± (estimated)
Open space provided on Rancho Viejo land:	4.84 ac±

Summary of open space

Area 9-A:	3.31 ac±
Area 9-B west:	1.17 ac±
Area 9-B east:	3.91 ac±
Total:	8.39 ac±
Open space deficit provided on Rancho Viejo land:	4.84 ac±

Phasing Schedule

	Phase	Commence construction	Build-out	Uses
Area 9-A	Phase 1	2018	2019	Gas station, truck terminal, convenience store, 3 fast food restaurants, one with drive thru
Area 9-B east	Phase 2	2021	2026	2 hotels, sequential construction
Area 9-B west	Phase 3	2022	2030	Restaurant, retail shops, warehouse, manufacturing/light industrial



Pilot Flying J Community Meeting, Continued

There are plans for a waste water lift station in the front of the truck center. This waste water, through a series of different sized pipes, would flow south on Rt. 14 to a quill plant near the State Penitentiary. The traffic report revealed that a northbound left turn lane at the Rt. 14 and Rancho Viejo Blvd. intersection would be 400 ft. in length, and a southbound right turn deceleration lane would be 270 ft. Road improvements would be based on traffic impact and demand. The building of a masonry wall and berm was also discussed.

After the completion of the presentation, audience members who had previously signed in intent on asking questions were called upon. Of the 18 people who spoke, only one attendee stated he was in favor of the proposed Pilot Flying J Truck Stop.

If the application is approved, there will be a Public Hearing with the Hearing Officer, another with the Planning Commission, and finally, the Board of County Commissioners. Watch for these meeting announcements and plan to attend. Please become involved in this process by contacting Jose Larranaga 986-6296

Construction Update

by Cass Thompson, President

The La Entrada Phase 1, Sub-phase 1 subdivision plat has been recorded. This has brought 58 new lots into La Entrada. With this new inventory of larger lots, Estancia Homes will be releasing 7 new floor plans! The new larger plans being offered range in size from 1,440 square feet to 2,884 square feet. In addition, we will retain 4 of the current plans ranging in size from 1,367 to 1,757 square feet. This is exciting and you will notice more construction shortly.



As part of Sub-phase 1 there are two parks. A continuation of the Spine Park and what we call the T Park (I would think there is a naming opportunity here). These parks are still under construction with the concrete finishing up and the planting to follow, but they will not be complete until spring 2018.

The entry landscaping on Rancho Viejo Boulevard and Via Punta Nuevo is being enhanced with walls installed around utility infrastructure to improve the appearance, and a large number of new plantings will benefit the entire area. Stop by the sales office and see the new offerings.

Committee Reports

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

by Sally Dillon, Chair



The Communication Committee met on September 11, 2017 to discuss scheduled summer events and to plan the October newsletter. The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month for that purpose.

We continue to report information about the Proposed Pilot Flying J Truck Center in a factual and neutral manner because, as an offshoot of the HOA, the governing documents do not permit us to do otherwise. We strongly encourage you to attend the public meetings and to participate in the process. Michael Smith from HOAMCO will send out public notices for meetings. The La Entrada Communication Committee will also post the public meeting notices (marked La Entrada HOA) at the mailboxes, and if the timing is right, include them in the newsletter. For more information contact the Santa Fe Gateway Alliance at SFgatewayalliance@gmail.com and join the Save Santa Fe Gateway Alliance Facebook page, as well as Nextdoor for further information and discussion. It has been a busy summer with La Entrada events. Our first event was the Santa Fe Raptor Center Presentation at the IAIA Hogan on Sun. Aug 27th. While the crowd was smaller this year, Raptor Center director Lori Paras's presentation was the best we have ever had. There were three education birds, great information, and many photo opportunities. As everyone began to depart the Hogan for the release of a Great-horned owl, the Raptor Center staff kindly held onto the beautiful bird for long moments so that visitors could get that special shot before it was released. Between the raptor event and the Fiesta Picnic, approximately \$600 in handmade cards, magnets, and felt owls was sold. That money was given to the Santa Fe Raptor Center to help feed and rehabilitate the birds. All remaining cards and items have been given to the Raptor Center for them to sell at their events.

The Fiesta Picnic which was held at the La Entrada Park on Saturday, September 9 in the afternoon. Approximately 60 residents attended and enjoyed food catered by Tomasita's Restaurant. We collected around 175-lbs of canned goods to jump-start our annual Food Drive. The

raptor event items were available for purchase, and there was also information about the Rancho Viejo Neighborhood Watch.

The following Saturday, September 16 was the 6th Annual Santa Fe Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive, held in conjunction with our Copier Paper Drive for the Amy Biehl Community School. While totals are not official yet as of this report, we anticipate meeting our goal of 1500-lbs of non-perishable food and monetary donations. We collected 49 reams of copier paper.

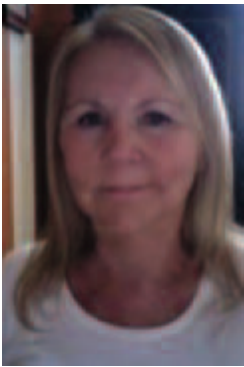
We continue to collect Box Tops for Education. The box tops should be placed in the plastic shoebox on the porch of the Dillon home at 85 Via Orilla Dorado.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, which will be held at the sales office on Calle Agua Clara. More information is to come.

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**. It needs to be in MS Word or Pages and completely ready for publishing. The Communication Committee works as a team in assisting publication, and 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. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will go in the next newsletter.

The La Entrada News is distributed to members via email blast, generally at the beginning of the publishing month; 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

Committee Reports, Continued



DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

by Judy Keller, Chair

Welcome to Autumn! Summer is over and hopefully you were successful with your landscaping and other outdoor projects. For those of you who have sought DRC approval - Thank You! For those of you who did not - PLEASE send in a submission for review and approval.

As a reminder, approval from the Design Review Committee (DRC) is required for all changes or additions to landscaping: walls, fences and gates, changes and additions to outdoor lighting, awnings/shades, fire pits, kivas or BBQ pits, flagpoles, portals, patio covers and patio additions, storage sheds, incidental structures, gazebos, ramadas, and shade structures, swing sets, trampolines and play equipment, exterior window coverings or treatments and placement of yard ornaments. We ask that you submit your screen/security door requests to the committee prior to purchase and installation. I'd like to stress that black or white doors are not an acceptable color. Such doors must be painted either your door or trim color.

Do not hesitate to contact your HOA Manager, Michael Smith, with any questions that you may have. The form for submitting landscape drawings, plans and modifications to the exterior of your home is available at the sales office or may be downloaded from the website: www.laentradaranchoviejo.org. Thanks so much for working with the DRC!

A Neighborhood Watch Very Big Thank You!

by Susan Young

On Saturday, July 22, Neighborhood Watch held its 8th Annual Yard Sale. Like previous ones, this was a great success! We had lots of visitors, and they all enjoyed the sunny day looking through our great donations. We made a great profit of \$958.80, all of which will go to benefit the entire Ranch Viejo community. Details will follow in a subsequent newsletter.

We would like to thank all those wonderful people who donated such great items to our Yard Sale. We appreciate your generosity and efforts in getting them to us!

A special 'Thank You' to Jay Winter of Village Market for lending us the vacant building to store our items prior to the sale. We couldn't do it without you!

Also, we wish to acknowledge and thank all of the hard workers who helped us price items and move them from storage to the park. Many also worked very hard behind the scenes and they are

Maria Bailey, Barbara Butera and Steve Lund, Kathy Brown, Kirk Delaplaine, Sandra and Walter Huzyk, Tom Justus, Mary Paiz, Julia Salazar, Penelope Shaffer, Carol Thompson, Jessie and David Warnock, and Susan and Richard Young

Opportunities to Support Amy Biehl Community School

Box Top Collection

You've all seen it - the little Box Tops logo on your favorite cereals, tissues, and soups. But, did you realize that every time you throw one away, you are essentially tossing a dime in the trash? That's right, each of those little squares is worth ten cents to our local schools.



Thanks to the help of La Entrada residents, the Amy Biel Community School earned \$724.30 from collecting Box Tops last year. This year, the school's goal is \$1000. With YOUR help we can make it happen. You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store.

For a full list of participating products and more information about the program go to: www.boxtops4education.com.

Place box tops in a plastic bag and deposit them in the plastic container on the porch at 85 Via Orilla Dorado.

Paper Drive

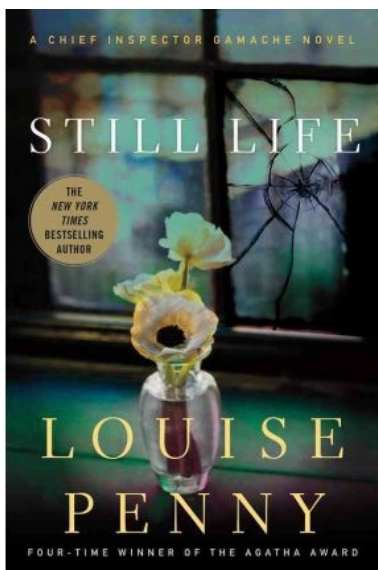
Thank you to La Entrada neighbors who donated reams and cases of paper for the Amy Biehl School during the food drive. Together, we collected 47 reams of paper for the school. Although it may seem like a very basic need, copy paper is always in high demand at our schools. The generosity of our neighborhood is greatly appreciated by school staff, students and parents.

Fall Fest is coming soon!

Fall is in the air and if you have any children in your life you know that means it's almost time for Halloween! So, breakout your best costumes and head over to Amy Biehl School on Saturday, October 28th at 4:30 PM for Fall Fest 2017. Join friends, family and neighbors for fun fall treats, games, contests and the famed Zombie Maze. The school will be holding a raffle drawing at the event, \$500 cash is the top prize. Raffle tickets can be purchased the night of the event \$5/each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds will benefit Amy Biehl Community School programs.



Audra's Corner!

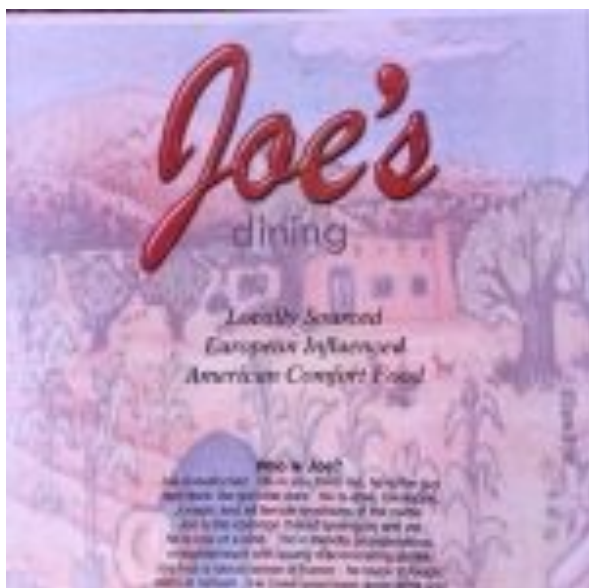
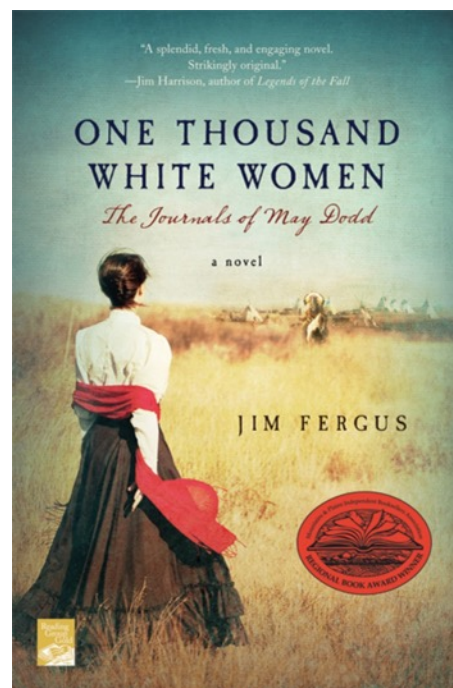


August/September Activities

The RV Book Club met on Thursday, August 3 to discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny. We had a lively discussion about this murder mystery set in Canada. *Still Life* is the first book in a series that continues with Inspector Gamache in the (fictional) village Three Pines. I found the setting and characters really enjoyable. I think I'll try the next book in the series. During the meeting the group also discussed how we would make our selections for 2018. At our next meeting, attendees will have the option to present and make their case for one book. We will then vote on six books for next year. If you would like more details about our Book Club, this process, or how to receive notifications, please contact me at maui85@AOL.com

The Book Club will meet on **Thursday, October 26th at 2:00 p.m.** to discuss: *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus

The RV Ladies' Group outing for August was a lunch at Joe's Dining on Rodeo Road. I reserved the restaurant's semi-private room for Wednesday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m., and we had seventeen ladies. There was a good mix of regulars and lovely new faces. I had the quiche of the day which was mushroom & cheese. I noticed a few tried the pizza which was wonderful too!



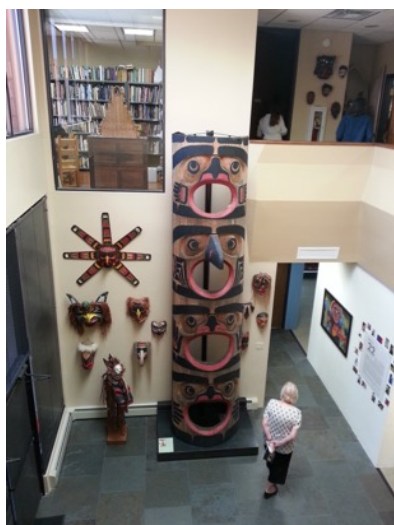
Audra's Corner, Continued

I hope you enjoyed the Indian Market downtown, the eclipse, our social event on August 27 benefitting the Santa Fe Raptor Center and Labor Day weekend. For Labor Day, I helped to send out invitations to an afternoon social at the Village Market Plaza hosted by Kathy Brown and friends. About 15 neighbors were there making introductions and chatting about current events, nationwide and local. It was a bit warm in the sun, but most enjoyable in the shade.

The RV Ladies Group had a really fun outing on Wednesday, September 13. We met at the Ralph T. Coe Foundation and experienced a very unique art tour. Nine ladies spent over an hour viewing and discussing the most awesome and inspiring art collection, close up. Our neighbor and the foundation president, Rachel Wixom, and her staff provided personal attention to all our questions. I highly recommend the experience!



At 12:30p.m. we met more ladies at Tecolote Café on St. Michael's. There were 13 ladies for lunch/brunch. Favorites included blue corn pancakes, fluffy omelets, salads and traditional New Mexican dishes.



Rummikub in the afternoon is so much fun! I met with Lorri, Barbara and Judy at the Santa Fe Place Mall on Tuesday, September 19 to play two rounds of Rummikub. If you have not tried this game, you should. Call us and give it a try. The more, the merrier!

Audra's Corner, Continued



SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 1:00 – 4:00 PM

FOR:

RANCHO VIEJO LADIES GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

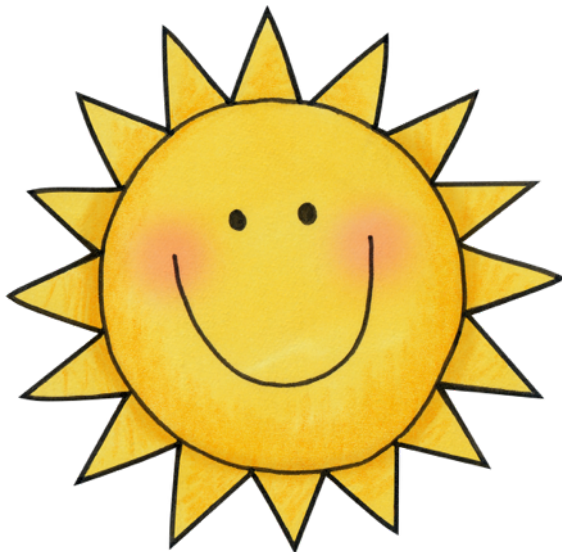
WHERE:

**RANCHO VIEJO VILLAGE MARKET ADMIN. OFFICE
55 CANADA DEL RANCHO, SUITE A-1**

MORE INFORMATION COMING IN NOVEMBER.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Santa Fe County occasionally asks for citizens to serve on various advisory councils? You can receive email notices directly from the county; link to its Facebook page, or check out its website: <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/>



La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, Oct 19 - **Closed**
November - **TBA**
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 will be **Friday, October 20** and **November 17**.

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.

Recycling Reminders

Paper, clean plastics and cardboard can be mixed together in the cart. However, No **GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin. If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the Rancho Viejo Recycling Center.

October

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and

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November

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and

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If a specific homeowner does put glass into his recycling cart on a regular basis they will be warned, and, should that practice continue, MCT will no longer provide recycle pick-up at the home.

Also please note that the garage cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.

In **October**, recycle pick-ups will be on **October 11 and 25**, and **November** pick-ups will be on **November 18 and 22**.

Resident Parking Concerns

By Paul Dillon

Several residents have written to and spoken to Michael Smith in reference to vehicle parking within the LaEntrada HOA. The info below is from the LaEntrada Residents Handbook on page 25.

6. Parking of vehicles on sidewalks, landscaped or seeded areas is prohibited.

This is because the HOA maintains the sidewalks, landscaped and seeded areas and any damage to irrigation infrastructure or damage to sidewalks is a cost to the HOA and could result in future increases to cover repair.

Also, parking on sidewalks or blocking sidewalks could result in fines or lawsuits for ADA violation.

Please be considerate of your partner homeowners when you park your vehicles, violations should be communicated to Michael Smith including a photo of car and license and location of noncompliance parking.

Your compliance helps our LaEntrada community.



Care and Use of Doggie Waste Stations

By Paul Dillon

It has been brought to the HOA's attention that the Doggie Waste Stations are being used to dispose of unwanted mail and other trash. Please see info below for ideas how to eliminate your unwanted advertising so as not to fill the Doggie station waste cans. That way the cans are available to help keep our common areas animal waste free by our residents.

If you see a waste station that is not being maintained please send the specific location to Michael Smith for followup with our landscaper ProScape. Thank you from the LaEntrada HOA.



Options for STOPPING direct mail advertisements:

- Try contacting your post office and asked to be removed from RedPlum delivery.
- Go to <https://www.redplum.com/tools/direct-mail-preferences> -- fill out the online form. Per the RedPlum site "It takes approximately five(5) to six(6) weeks to completely stop receiving RedPlum mailings. This is because mailing labels are often printed in advance of mail distribution dates."
- Put a sticker or note inside YOUR box that says "NO ADVO"
- Take advertisements, grocery sales, etc ... home and recycle.

Please Pick Up After Your Pet!

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you are liable to step in one such reminder. Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you or get one from the



"doggie stations" to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!



Enforce dog leash policies clearly!