

La Entrada News

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Journey to the Santa Fe Raptor Center in El Rito, NM

by Sally Dillon



After our Raptor Release event in late August, we had our cards and craft items for sale at the Community Picnic in Early September. The plan was to get the remaining items to the Raptor Center so the items would be available for purchase at the various Raptor events. The problem was to find the time to make the trip to El Rito with the cards and craft items. The time was being chipped away by various tasks that occurred this Fall.

Around Halloween, there was a surprise brown envelope that arrived in the mail. It contained a beautiful photo book depicting the 15-year history of the Santa Fe Raptor Center with amazing pictures of owls, eagles, and hawks, and more. There was a thank you letter with a personal note to our card makers and crafters.

Recently on a beautiful Saturday afternoon Paul and I loaded the car with the items for the Raptor Center and headed to El Rito. One thing about driving

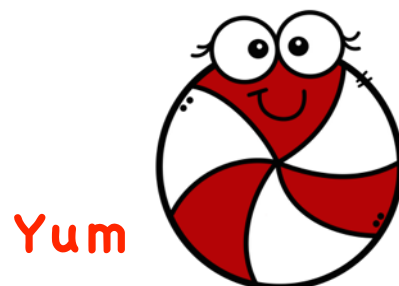
Journey to El Rito, NM, Cont'd

around our state is that one notices a multitude of Cow Crossing signs. On our trip to El Rito and back, we saw at least 20 of these signs, some in places where no cow would ever consider crossing the road (to rocky cliffs!). The state must have gotten these signs on sale at the sign store!

We met Director Lori Paras at a predetermined location and followed her on three gravel roads, each becoming progressively narrower. We reached a field that contained six or so structures that Lori invited us to tour and meet the birds she had. This time of year, she only a few rescued birds, but in the spring and summer, she can have as many as 50 birds. The center is at the edge of the Carson National Forest.

When there are many rescued birds, they are often housed by species. These birds are hit by cars, fall out of nests and become injured. The goal of the Santa Fe Raptor Center is to "Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Release." Presently there is a golden eagle named Oro who has suffered with West Nile Virus Disease and is mostly blind. Oro is definitely a survivor. He was very sick back in August at the time of our Raptor Release. He shares a cage with another, but older golden eagle.

If you are interested in learning about the Santa Fe Raptor Center, please visit their website at <https://www.santaferaptorcenter.com/>. As you scroll down the page, you will see the estimated costs for feeding the rescued birds if you are inspired to donate to help feed these birds. You can also check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SantaFeRaptorCenter/>. This is a great place to get updates and see the various birds in action. Scroll above to see the collage that I created from some of the many photos I took during our visit. Oro the golden eagle is in the center of the collage.



ARROYO HONDO TRAIL

by Kathy Brown



View of the trail bridge near the future Rancho Viejo Fire Station Trailhead

A new segment of the Arroyo Hondo Trail is under construction. The trail, anticipated to be several miles long, will be built in segments between the Santa Fe Community College/Richards Avenue and NM 599 Rail Runner Station. Completion of all those segments will take several years. Note that the Arroyo Hondo itself extends much further east than Richards Avenue including north of the Spur Trail.

The current segment-in-progress will link the Fire Station to Dinosaur Trail and is further described in posted signs including this excerpt:

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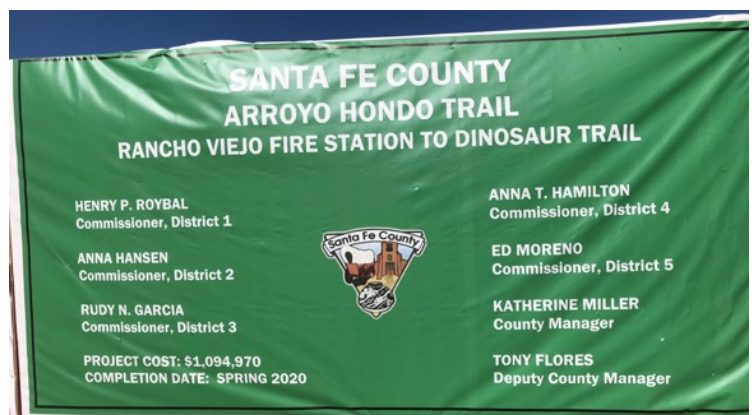
“issued by the Growth Management Department, Santa Fe County, New Mexico.

Authorized Improvement:

1.5 MILE MULTI-USE TRAIL

Location of 37 RANCHO VIEJO BLVD.

...This improvement must comply with all Sustainable Land Development Code Requirements and Ordinances.”



DIRT WORK

by Cass Thompson, Project Manager

New lots are under construction in La Entrada. As some of you may have noticed, Estancia Homes has been moving a bit of dirt around in order to create new lots within **La Entrada, Phase 1, Sub-phase 2**. Twenty-four (24) new lots will be released for sale after the first of the year. This will create a mixture of lots that is needed to keep sales strong. We have completed the largest amount of *dirt work* and construction of the house pads, and only have the roads and utilities to complete which should reduce the amount of dust created. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete these lots.



Estancia Homes has also been working on creating a new plan for **La Entrada, Phase 2**. We will have an open house for residents on **January 14, 2020** for a quick preview of the new plan. Keep an eye out for flyers and an email from Serenity on time and location. I look forward to seeing you there and answering any questions you may have. Until then, best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season.



La Entrada at Rancho Viejo Website Updates

by Sally Dillon

The work continues on revamping the community website. It was necessary to review each page, the links to it, and other related content. This work is volunteer work and is done as schedules allow. At the present time, website visibility has been set so that only the administrators can view it, as work is being done. This work is anticipated to be completed soon, and the resident visibility turned back on sometime in December.



Holiday Party 2019

This year we have a new location - the new Sales Office! It is located on the far west end of Calle Ancla, or you can get to it from the Via Punto Nuevo/Rancho Viejo Blvd intersection. From that corner, head north toward the construction zone and pass the first street which is really an alley. Turn right at the next street. The Sales Office is on the right with the parking lot located before the building. Now that you know how to get there, please join us for refreshments and a fun chat with your friends and neighbors at our holiday kick-off party on Saturday! Don't forget to bring cookies or goodies to share with your neighbors, and a separate donation for the local fire station as a thank you. They have supported the Rancho Viejo community, especially with their participation in the May Firewise event, not to mention our free HOA meeting space at the station. Typically RV committee members split the cookies and treats up reserving one half for the fire station and the remaining half for a local youth shelter. The staff was so excited when we arrived with the goodies last year that they took our picture and posted it on their Facebook page. We know that both these groups certainly appreciate our kindness and the delicious goodies. Hope to see you at the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th from 2:00-4:00pm. There will be some hands-on, kid friendly activities for big and small alike.



Mark Your Calendar!

Sat. Dec. 7, 2019

Annual La Entrada Holiday Party

**Party
Location:**

**Rancho Viejo
Sales Office
26 Calle Ancle**

North on Via Punte
Nueva @ RV Blvd to
Calle Ancle, Sales
Office is on
the right

**Time:
2 - 4 PM**

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

**Bring homemade cookies or cakes,
some for the party and some to wrap up
for the RV Fire Station Crew
and local shelters.**

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

La Entrada Residents Rock!!!



Only one thing
left to do now.
Celebrate with
Reindeer
Cookies!

La Entrada Homeowners Association Board Meeting (LERVCA)

**Thurs. Dec. 19, 2019
@ 6:00PM**

5:30PM Executive Session - Board Only

**In the Community Room
at the
Rancho Viejo
Fire Station
on Rancho Viejo Blvd**



Communication Committee

December 2019

by Sally Dillon, Chair

It's hard to believe that it is already December! We have had a good year with the publication of six newsletters, a variety of community events planned and executed, and the outfitting of the La Entrada Events Trailer with tables and chairs which has saved us from expensive rental fees. We have given back to the community of Santa Fe by supporting the **Amy Biehl School 5K Race**, helped the **Firewise** team in cleaning up and cutting back dozens of high risk La Entrada wildfire hot spots, and supported the **Espanola Wildlife Center** by bringing ambassador animals to La Entrada for a visit. We also have supported the **Santa Fe Raptor Center** with a raptor release event at IAIA, and the sale of handmade cards and craft items. The La Entrada community donated food and money to **The Food Depot** to help feed northern New Mexicans with food insecurity, and lastly, we donated cookies and treats to the **Fire Station** here in appreciation for letting us meet at the Fire Station for HOA meetings. The same treats were also given to a local youth shelter nearby that we have been supporting for almost 10 years. In these times of divisiveness, it is a good thing to help other people in need. La Entrada residents have given back in many ways.

One special activity this month was to deliver the remaining cards and craft items to the **Santa Fe Raptor Center** out in El Rito, NM. See my article in this newsletter, as well as pictures of some of the birds that reside there including Oro, the Golden Eagle that has survived West Nile Virus. We have loved watching him improve with each update on the **Raptor Center Facebook** page.

We hope to see you at the upcoming **Holiday Party** on **Saturday, December 7th** from **2:00-4:00pm** at the new Sales Office on Calle Ancla, near Via Punto Nuevo.

We now have the door on the north Message Center. Wahoo! The re-do of the signs and headers for them has been put on hold while website work is being completed. We continue to post signage, but we need to freshen up the headers, etc. Stay tuned.

At the recent Communication Committee meeting, the committee outlined the December 2019 newsletter and assigned articles to write. The La Entrada Communication Committee meets every other month for the purpose of planning upcoming events, special projects, and to organize articles for La Entrada News. A special thanks to all who serve on the committee for all you do to support the community. You are a great team!

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 Jan, March, May, July, Sept, and Nov. It needs to be in Word or Pages and completely ready for publishing. "Completely ready for publishing" means formatting, editing, captions, logos, active web links, etc. The photos and article need to be attached in an email to Sally by the 15th at the very latest. The Communication Committee, who works as a team in assisting publication of the newsletter, will determine if there is room for an article depending upon space constraints and content. The editor and the committee reserve the right to edit and/or include submitted articles. 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 following issue of La Entrada News, unless it is time sensitive content that is now after the fact or not approved. These deadlines are necessary in order that articles are in alignment with our schedule for publishing. We have specific tasks to accomplish and events to plan. If a submission is late or not "completely ready for publishing," it really interferes with what we need to get done for publishing.

La Entrada News is published generally around the beginning of the publishing month, and it is posted on the La Entrada website at <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. An email blast from HOAMCO is sent out to residents with the website URL and directions on how to locate the newly published newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net.



Audra's Corner!

Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

October & November 2019 Activities

By Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

The **October Charity Project** for the RVLG was a collection drive of recyclable items for **Amy Biehl Community School Art Department**. Donations were dropped off at my house. I bagged and tagged them, and took them to the school periodically, ending just before Halloween. I will contact the teacher in the spring to see if she needs more items.

The **Book Club** met on Thursday, October 17th at Lucie's house. The reading selection was from Family Furnishings-a collection of short stories by Alice Munro. Lucie chose three stories for the group to focus on for the discussion. We also talked about the historical time and location of the stories. Canada is a vast country and has similarities to the US in the recent past.

Lunch for October was at the new **Pantry Dos** on Wednesday the 23rd, right in our own backyard! We had a large group of 26. It was a bit loud as the restaurant has concrete floors. So many of us were excited to go. I'm pretty certain many visited before and after our time there. The managers were very generous, they passed out key lime pie slices – complementary – at the end of our meal.

The following Thursday, I hosted my second **Halloween Luncheon**. Costumes were cute and creative. We enjoyed some yummy dishes and had some good conversation. Thanks to all who attended!

The November lunch was a bit later as I had a very busy calendar. On Wednesday, November 20th we had seventeen ladies meet at **Puerto Peñasco** for Mexican, New Mexican and Seafood dishes. I think it went well as we pre-ordered and our food was served just a short time after arrival. We were grouped at a table of six and three tables of four. This provided for more pleasant conversation. I enjoyed the albondigas soup and a very delicious flan for dessert.

On Friday, November 22nd – a few of the RV Ladies tried something new. A **Holiday Extravaganza Sale** was presented at the conference room in the Village Market. I had my greeting cards, Lorri Sweat had Mary Kay gifts and Diane Brown had fiber scarves and bead necklaces. We plan to expand this event in the spring. A few visitors expressed interest in participating next year, at a more public venue. Stay tuned!

Coming up next: **Book Club** meets on Thursday, December 5th to discuss My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams AND choose books for 2020; The **Charity Project for December** is a collection for Interfaith Community Shelter = Pete's Place. I'm organizing the drive through December 6th. Felice will take the donation the following week; PLUS Our **2019 RVLG Holiday Party** is scheduled for Friday, December 6th 1-4 PM. More charity events, lunch dates and fun is scheduled for 2020!

Wishing You Very Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!

Snowplowing and Clearing Your Sidewalk

by Paul Dillon

In La Entrada, if there is a storm dropping 3 inches of snow, the snow will be plowed in both streets and alleys. This is a change from previous years, where there were different amounts for alleys versus streets. The area around the mailboxes will also be cleared.





PLEASE remember to lock your car and take your valuables into your home.



Every time a car is broken into, all of our neighbors are put at risk, and the burglars will keep coming back because word will have spread that we're an "easy target!"

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.

December

4
and
18



January

1
15
29

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 **December**, recycle pick-ups will be on **December 4 and 18**, and **January** pick-ups will be on **January 1, 15, and 29**.

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

Holiday Recycling Information

by Sarah Henderson

What? Are you sure I can't recycle all this holiday wrapping paper?

Yep, that's true; no wrap paper.

Several locations in Santa Fe will be available for the free recycling of Christmas trees into mulch or compost, which will then be available throughout the year, also free. Please be certain the trees (not artificial or flocked) are free of all decorations, ornaments, tinsel, wires, lights, stands and bags.

Trees may be dropped off up until **January 31st** at the **Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station**, open from **8:00am to 4:45pm** seven days a week. **BURRT's** phone # is **424-1850**, and the website is **www.SantaFeRecycling.org**.

Trees may also be dropped off until **January 26th** at **Newman's Nursery**, 7501 Cerrillos Rd; **Payne's Nurseries** at 340 Camino Alire or 715 St. Michael's Dr; or **Franklin Miles Park** at Camino Carlos Rey and Siringo. The mulch produced will be used for city landscaping and will also be

RECYCLING THIS CHRISTMAS

UNSURE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T RECYCLE?

YES PLEASE ✓

- Christmas cards
in the main bit of the blue bin, but no glittery ones
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Drinks bottles and cans
- Cardboard boxes
- Sweets/chocolate tins and tubs
- Food boxes
mince pies, party food, biscuits

NO THANKS ✗

- Wrapping paper
- Polystyrene packaging
- Packaging, trays or plastic containers with any food waste on
- Plastic bags

WRAPPING PAPER

We can't recycle WRAPPING PAPER, but we'll take the TUBES

RECYCLING: WHAT CAN, CAN'T AND MIGHT BE ALLOWED

YES



Real Christmas trees
Shredded and used in parks and woodland



Glass bottles Made into new glass bottles, but do rinse them out



Plastic bottles
Can be used for polyester in fleeces, duvets and coats



Christmas tree lights
Copper can be stripped out, take to a dedicated recycling centre



Leftovers Vegetable peelings, satsuma skins and teabags can be composted

NO



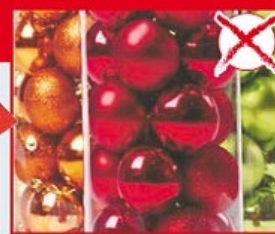
Plastic Christmas trees



Tinsel



Used paper napkins
Food could contaminate other recycling



Plastic baubles
Made from types of plastic not currently collected



Wrapping paper with foil or glitter
Can clog recycling machinery

MAYBE



Sticky tape Left on presents, councils differ, please check



Mince pie foil trays
Pie 'contaminates'. Wash out if unsure



Paper chains Vivid paper dyes may make it better to compost



Christmas wreath
Compost, but only if not covered in glitter



Traditional cards with no glitter Some councils collect, some do not

❄️ how cold is too cold?						
°C	°F				KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+2 If wet weather is present
12°	55°	1	1	1		-1 If Northern breed or heavy coat
10°	50°	1	1	1		-1 If dog is acclimated to cold
7°	45°	2	2	1	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	
4°	40°	3	3	2		
1°	35°	3	3	3	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	
-1°	30°	3	3	3		
-4°	25°	4	4	3		
-6°	20°	5	4	3	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
-9°	15°	5	4	4		
-12°	10°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	
-15°	5°	5	5	5		
-17°	0°	5	5	5		

Source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC) scales

Petplan[®] pet insurance

La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **December 19**
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, December 15 and January 20, 2019.**

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.

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.



Amy Biehl Community School News

Veteran's Day fundraiser was a huge success!

This year, Amy Biehl Community School (ABCS) decided to try a new fundraiser – a Veteran's Day Walk-a-thon. Students raised money by getting friends and family to sponsor them during the day-long walk that was met with cold winds, but good spirits. At the top of each hour, classrooms spent time honoring veterans and talking about the sacrifices that members of our armed services make in order to protect our country before heading outside to brave the frigid temperatures. In addition to raising money for classroom supplies, teacher stipends and field trips, ABCS donated 5% of earnings to Assistance Dogs of the West, an organization that trains service animals for veterans. Thank you to all who support our efforts this fall, by giving to us, we were able to give back to our community!



Winter Break is on the way!

Mark your calendars – the holiday season is here and that means an extra long break this year for Santa Fe Public Schools students! The last day of school for 2019 will be December 13th with students scheduled to return on January, 6 2020.

We hope you enjoy the last couple weeks of summer break and are ready to start a new school year!



SCHOOL SNACK DRIVE!

JANUARY 3-15TH



**Join La Entrada in collecting snacks
for students at
Amy Biehl Community School!**

**You can help students reach their
potential with the gift of healthy,
shelf stable snacks to support their
growing bodies and brains
throughout the school day.**

Drop items at 37 Camino Cerro Escondido between January 3-15th, 2020

Healthy classroom snack ideas include individually packaged:

**Granola or cereal bars, crackers, popcorn, pretzels, trail mix or snack mix,
applesauce or real fruit snacks**

**Please NO: Chips, cookies, candy or other sugary snacks,
and no messy snacks or snacks that require utensils to eat.**

