

La Entrada News

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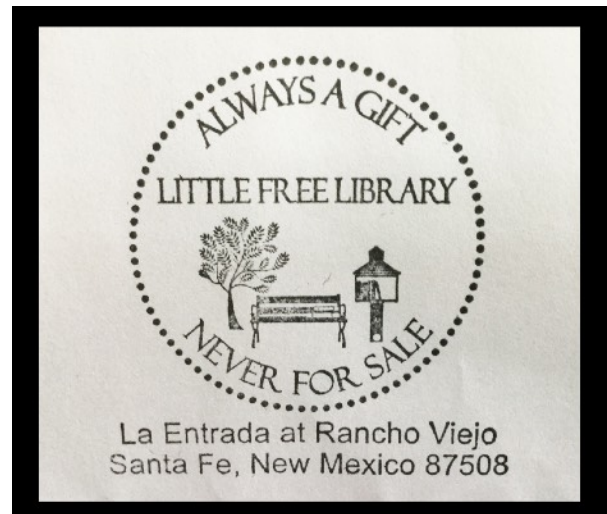
by Tess Harris, LFL Steward

Like everyone else in these quarantine times, I have been searching for things to occupy myself with during these rather long days. I realized that on my daily walks with my neighbors, we often talked about books, what we were reading, what our favorites were, and what we will read when the bookstores and libraries reopen.

This is when we began talking about starting a Little Free Library in La Entrada. As an avid reader, I was aware of Little Free Library having seen them in a few places. In fact, there is one in front of Amy Biehl School, but I did not know very much about them. Thanks to our friend, the internet, I now know a bit more.

Little Free Library was started in 2009 by Todd Bol in Hudson, Wisconsin. He built it as a model of a one room schoolhouse, to honor his mother. She was a schoolteacher who also loved to read.

He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His friends and neighbors loved it, so he built several more and gave them away.





The idea is simple. Take a book, share a book. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, and builds community. People who have a Little Free Library in their neighborhood say it feels like friendlier place, where you can meet more neighbors, and maybe even try a new book.

I have already received a lot of support, and books! (from our friends and neighbors.) I would like to thank everyone who has gotten involved, especially my husband, Kirk Delaplaine, for building the Little Free Library, and our friend Sally Dillon, for decorating and painting it. And of course, a big thanks to Cass Thompson and our H.O.A. for supplying the funds to build it.

So, I will see you in La Entrada Community Park, on the corner of Via Punto Nuevo, and Via Sagrada. I will be the one with my nose in a book.



Here is where the Little Free Library will be located in La Entrada Community Park!

There are 2 sides and 2 doors. Here's a preview of what the Little Free Library will look like!



The basic two-sided structure



Firewise

by Annie McGovern

Firewise USA requires two dollars per household or in-kind hours equal to that amount, in order to meet requirements for annual renewal. They prefer in-kind hours dedicated to fire mitigation in Firewise communities, and Rancho Viejo always more than meets that obligation. This year, however, we need to count all private fire-mitigation related cleanup work, since our annual community cleanup event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Qualifying tasks can include tumbleweed removal, cleaning out culverts, trimming dead branches, etc. Between now and the end of August, since we are still at home, is a great time to mitigate wildfire risk by cleaning up plant material and debris in our community. If you have done this type of activity this year and before August 30th, please email Sally Dillon at arttrek@prodigy.net with Firewise Data in the subject line. Please provide your name, number of people that worked, and describe the task(s) completed (for reporting tasks are separated by category), and how many total hours were dedicated to the effort. If you paid money out of pocket for materials (trash bags, etc.) or hired someone for a qualifying project, please send this information to Sally. This information needs to be turned in to Sally by August 30th, 2020, so the report can be compiled for the Firewise USA organization.

After seven years as a main organizer for our annual Firewise USA Community Cleanup Day, Annie McGovern would like to retire and is seeking someone to co-chair with her for next year and then take over the role of chairperson. We have a very well organized team that efficiently completes all necessary behind-the-scenes tasks, people who are a joy to work with and can be counted on to do what they say they will do 100% of the time. Thus, the coordinator role is largely delegating and making sure the wheels run smoothly, which they do. Organizational work starts in late February and ends the day of the event, except for annual reporting and application renewal. Please consider this community service opportunity and contact anniemcgovern@aol.com if you are interested in serving in this role as co-chair, and later as chair in our community with Firewise USA.

Many thanks to everyone who has participated in Firewise USA here at Rancho Viejo!



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION STEPS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER DURING A WILDFIRE



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

1. HOME IGNITION ZONES

Limiting the amount of flammable vegetation, choosing fire-resistant building materials and construction techniques, along with periodic exterior maintenance in the three home ignition zones - increases the chances your home will survive a wildfire when exposed to embers and/or a surface fire. The zones include the **Immediate Zone**: 0 to 5 feet around the house; **Intermediate Zone**: 5 to 30 feet; and the **Extended Zone**: 30 to 100 feet.

2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch and deck and prune branches of large trees up to (depending on their height) 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils and waxes and ensure mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house) are non-combustible options like crushed stone and gravel. Maintain vegetation annually.

FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

3. ROOFING AND VENTS

Class A fire-rated roofing products offer the best protection. Examples include: Composite shingles, metal, concrete and clay tiles. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box-in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

4. DECKS AND PORCHES

Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks/porches and between deck board joints.

5. SIDING AND WINDOWS

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco and dual-pane tempered glass windows.

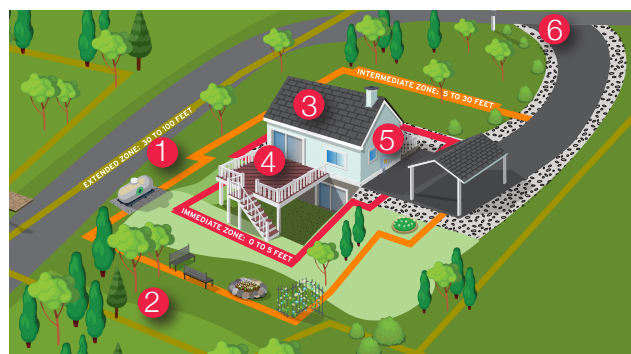
6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

Ensure your home and neighborhood has legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet, for emergency vehicle access.

BE PREPARED

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets, large animals and livestock. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place. Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay – don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.

Conduct an annual insurance policy check-up to adjust for local building costs, codes and new renovations. Create/update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Store firewood away from the home
- Mow the lawn regularly
- Prune low-hanging tree branches
- Landscape with fire-resistant plants
- Create small fuel breaks with hardscaping features

TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK WHERE YOU LIVE.



FIREWISE USA™
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

VISIT [FIREWISE.ORG](https://www.firewise.org) FOR MORE DETAILS

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Order a Reducing Wildfire Risks in the Home Ignition Zone checklist/poster at [Firewise.org](https://www.firewise.org)

Reducing Risk of Wildfire in La Entrada

by Andrew Lescht

Before and after cleanup (not from the exact same angle). Photos by Dan Johnsen.

Our community was fortunate to have a number of folks volunteer for an unofficial cleanup and fire risk reduction effort on May 16. We focused on the highest risk part of the neighborhood, the open space behind Via Punto Nuevo. Having been part of the wildland firefighting community, I can personally attest to the effectiveness of these kinds of efforts and the importance of defensible space for safeguarding our homes and reducing the need to put firefighters at risk.

[Firewise USA](#) “is a voluntary program that provides a framework to help neighbors get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community.” This year’s efforts helped reduce our community’s risk of fire but due to COVID-19, the cleanup couldn’t be as robust as in previous years. We hope to all be together again in future years for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, protecting our neighborhood and enjoying donuts and pizza! In the meantime, you can still make a difference by following these [10 safety tips](#) to reduce wildfire risk in your own backyard.

Thanks to the neighbors who participated in this year’s effort, observing COVID-safe practices while raking, piling, sawing, staring menacingly at salt-cedar, coordinating removal, and hiring professionals to remove hazardous fuels behind their homes. Those we know of are Valerie, Richard, Apple, Dan, Tabitha, Katina, Kenneth, Jeanne, Michael, Margy, Don, and Cass.



Before and after cleanup (not from the exact same angle). Photos by Dan Johnsen

Yard Clean Up During the Monsoon

by the La Entrada Communication Committee

As monsoon season kicks in and the weeds and plants seem to be shooting up overnight, please be mindful of keeping your yard neat and weed free for the sake of your neighbors and the community. Please refer to the La Entrada Homeowner Handbook and the regulations for further information. The Handbook is posted on the La Entrada website. Things you can do to maintain your yard include:

1. Removing all weeds in the front, back and sides of your yard including on land between sideways and street curbs.
2. Removing dead plant material, keeping your property wildfire safe.
3. Keep track of the time needed to clean up dead plant material to mitigate wildfire risk, especially if your wall backs up to an open area. This time and work needs to be reported for Firewise re-certification to Sally Dillon arttrek@prodigy.net by Aug. 30th (see Firewise article in this newsletter for more information regarding Firewise Data specifics.)
4. Cut back plants over-extending areas in the front, back and sides of your property including sidewalk areas.
5. Adjust your drip irrigation based on the amount of rain we are getting.

Please remember that our compliance officer is driving through our community and looks at yard violations. Letters are sent for non-compliance. Failure to rectify a compliance issue could result in fines. See page six of the La Entrada Homeowners Handbook for more specifics regarding violations. Let's keep our summer yards safe and looking great!



The Food Depot's Food August Distributions:

- Thursday, August 13 and August 27
7 a.m. to 9 a.m. *Note the time change*
The Food Depot parking lot, 1222 A Siler Rd.

- Saturday, August 8 and August 22
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Santa Fe Place Mall, 4250 Cerrillos Rd.



**Please wear a mask any time you
interact with staff or volunteers**



Please put your phones away



Please leave your pets at home

**Please make space in
the trunk of your vehicle**

Clients should be prepared to provide their name,
address, and income level

Go to thefooddepot.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! More info to come!



**9th Annual
Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

**A NEW REALITY,
A NEW DIRECTION,
A NEW CHALLENGE!**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will not be collecting any food this year. Moving to a fund drive will make Neighbor to Neighbor easier to participate in than ever before. Everyone who wants to join this year's drive will be able to donate with a check or credit card. **If you are wishing to donate now, prior to the event, please be sure to put La Entrada N2N in the memo of the check or with online credit card in notations. More information will be coming soon.**

This is our chance to help The Food Depot during this devastating and overwhelming time. Just during the month of April, The Food Depot provided over 836,000 meals for those in need in our community! That is an amazing accomplishment and The Food Depot is still going strong. The Food Depot has been challenged with the high numbers of people needing help. It's time to give back and help fill those shelves again before the holidays!

Hunger is constant in the lives of many, especially now with unemployment soaring and so many laid off; all of that stress is added on top of the fear of the virus which is on everyone's mind. It is time to come together as a community to show how much we care about families in need and our appreciation for efforts of The Food Depot. The food bank is an integral part of the fabric of northern New Mexico helping in so many ways with its service programs and food distributions to over 145 non-profit agencies throughout the nine northern counties.



Rancho Viejo Market Report January - July 2020

**You would expect that the Covid-19 Pandemic
would have slowed the market down, right?**

Wrong!

From January to July 27th, there were four closings and 15 properties placed under contract to build in La Entrada. Five of these came in July alone! Prices ranged from \$410,000 to \$563,000.

As for Rancho Viejo resales: Only four active listings ranging from \$355,000 to \$675,000 and a few pending sales ranging from \$310,000 to \$859,000 remain. Twenty-three sales have closed ranging from \$320,000 to \$567,000 and average days on the market for sold properties is a minimal 10.7 days.

Rancho Viejo in general and La Entrada in particular are very active and many real estate agents would say the market out here is red hot!

Rancho Viejo is *the* place to live and to buy.





La Entrada Communication Committee Report August 2020

by Sally Dillon

It is the 197th month of the pandemic and here we are! Due to the Governor's Public Health Order, we are still are not having any events in the La Entrada community. As a Communication Committee, we have discussed possible modified events, if the Public Health Order is lifted and we can have larger mass gatherings, but right now that is unlikely to happen. We have been meeting virtually and long to meet in person again with REAL PEOPLE!

We love all the Rocks of Kindness at the mailboxes! I didn't realize how hard it is to move the rocks around to the parks with asthma and a mask. I apologize for not getting them out into the parks in La Entrada. We now have people who will be doing that, so now is a great time to keep painting them! If you need paint, brushes, etc., contact me (Sally) at arttrek@prodigy.net. This is an activity we can do separately but together with the common theme of uplifting messages. River rocks can be painted with acrylic paint or drawn with Sharpie markers, and left at the Message Centers for the Communication Committee to distribute to La Entrada Parks, mailbox areas, and common areas.

As you might have noticed, we did not have a Firewise event this May due to the pandemic. However, in order to re-certify as a Rancho Viejo Firewise community, we are asking all La Entrada residents to work on wildfire mitigation in their own yards and, if residents' back walls border open land, to also work on cleaning up that area as well. Annie McGovern, Chairperson of Rancho Viejo Firewise, has an article about Firewise re-certification and where to send your mitigating yard clean up data. It needs to be sent to me (Sally) at arttrek@prodigy.net and not to Annie; I am collecting the data for La Entrada. You can find more specifics about the data in Annie's article. There is also an article in this newsletter about a few neighbors who worked together to clean up the area beyond their walls. The "before" and "after" photos are remarkable. Also, you'll find an article "Yard Clean Up During the Monsoon" which presents strategies to assist with wildfire mitigation. These three articles and a related graphic from Annie should give residents some ideas for best practices for wildfire safety. Basically, the less plant material close to your home, the better, as shown in the graphic. It protects, your home, neighbors' homes, and the community. I look forward to collecting your clean up data and making our community safe.

We also have an exciting opportunity that will provide guidance in wildfire mitigation. The La Cienega Fire District has offered to provide residents of La Entrada in Rancho Viejo free external home assessments. Why not take advantage of this excellent opportunity for this expert information on protecting your home from wildfires! The home assessments and wildfire mitigation are done as a result of the assessment and also count toward Firewise re-certification. Watch for an email blast from Serenity with more details and how to sign up for this important assessment.

The La Entrada Little Free Library is getting closer to being completed. Tess, the LFL steward, and her husband Kirk, who happened to build it, brought it to our house to be stained, painted and sealed. Once completed, it will make its way back to Tess and Kirk's house for the post to be installed, finished, and ultimately installed in the La Entrada community park on Punto Nuevo. See Tess's article about the Little Free Library in this newsletter. Speaking of Tess, she has joined the La Entrada Communication Committee, replacing Marilyn Morgan, who stepped down after 5 years of service to our community to work on other projects of interest. We miss having Marilyn among us, even virtually, a LOT, as well as all the work she has done over the years for La Entrada. We are excited that Tess is now a part of our committee.

Committee Reports, Continued

If you have an article you would like to be included in the newsletter, please send it **directly** 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” includes formatting, editing, captions, logos, and 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 works as a team in assisting publication of this newsletter, 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 and/or include submitted articles. If approved by the Communication Committee, the article will go in the next newsletter. The committee requires these deadlines in order to align each of our schedules with publishing. If a submission is late or not “completely ready for publishing,” it impairs our ability to meet these consequential publishing deadlines.

To be very clear: there is no intermediary working on behalf of the Communication Committee. Any questions about writing or submitting articles should be directed only to me (Sally) as the chairperson of this committee at arttrek@prodigy.net .

Also, should you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns for the Communication Committee to address or take on, please send them in writing to Serenity Lucero Slucero@hoamco.com . She will then send them to the HOA Board, who in turn, will send them to the Communication Committee, if applicable. This procedure streamlines the processes for the Communication Committee.

La Entrada News is published typically 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Serenity, our HOAMCO Manager of our HOA at Slucero@hoamco.com

2020-2021 TEACHER PLANNER



**KEEP
CALM
AND
MASK
ON**



La Entrada Virtual HOA Meeting via ZOOM

JUNE 25, 2020

by Paul Dillon

The virtual HOA meeting was held on Thursday, June 25th. Several residents attended. Serenity went over the financials. The meeting then went to open forum for resident questions. The Board went into executive session after adjournment.

How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask

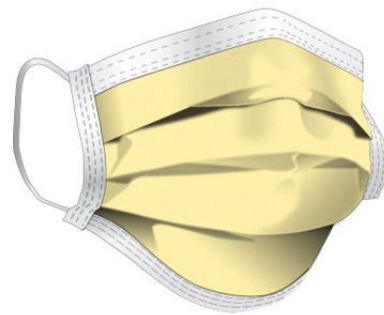
7 Quick Tips for Parents

- Explain WHY**
Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.
For example, 'Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs.'
- Take a Picture**
Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.
You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.
- Practice Makes Perfect**
Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.
1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.
- Let's Pretend**
Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.
Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.
- Get Creative**
Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.
If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.
- Start with Familiar Clothing**
Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.
Some ideas include: a scarf, balaclava or bandana.
- Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too**
Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!

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KIDS WEARING MASKS CLIPART BY: BUNNY ON A CLOUD





Rancho Viejo Ladies Group

June & July 2020 Activities

by Audra Hansche – Mauied85@AOL.com

While the RV Ladies Group social activities have been on hold, we were still able to accomplish some wonderful things.

Hello Summer!! At the beginning of June, I sent an email requesting responses for another round of **What Have You Been Up To?** Volume 2 was sent out on June 17th as an RV Ladies Group Newsletter. It's always nice to read what is keeping everyone busy these days. Lots of inspiration for projects and admiration for those that keep reading, cleaning, and exercising.

Our ladies are connected all over town. Their passions for service to our community keep us aware of what's going on in our city. Lorri Sweat organized a masks, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes donation drive for Solace Crisis Center. Also, some ladies have been busy cleaning out closets and wanted to donate clothes. Pete's Place has been overwhelmed and has no more storage. I recently checked with Jeanne and she replied that Casa Familia was accepting clothing donations. Our connections make us an awesome team.

Since we are still not allowed to gather in close proximity, I planned another on-your-own picnic. On Friday, June 19th a medium size group of ladies met under the shade structures at the RV Village Plaza Park. We wore our masks, brought our own chairs and sat about eight feet apart. It was a nice chance to visit for an hour or so and see some pretty neat masks. Some had their lunch. I did not organize anything in July. Our COVID crisis numbers are rising, so it's best to wait.

Book Club held a Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 25th. I think we had about 7 join in the discussion of Red Notice by Bill Browder. I sent a follow-up email to attendees with links to articles of recent events; links to Bill Browder's YouTube videos; and a short list of Russian spy movies that seem to ring with some truth.

The pandemic has put all social events on hold. We were not able to plan or attend – Fourth of July, Birthday parties, Ladies Luncheons, etc. It appears all our fall events will be cancelled also.

All service projects will continue to be executed remotely. Many thanks to Carol Siedell for coordinating an effort to support local mental health organizations. I sent an email to the group and encouraged donations. These are trying times and we can all benefit from some support. It's good to be mindful of those that are suffering.





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.

August

12
and
26



September

9
and
23

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 **August**, recycle pick-ups will be on **August 12 and 26**, and **September** pick-ups will be on **September 9 and 23**.

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

Dogs on Leash, please!

Including Open Space Trails



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!

La Entrada Calendar

Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Thursday, **TBD**
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, August 21 and September 18, 2020.**

Residents must call Serenity Lucero at 505-954-4479 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.



DON'T ROAST YOUR DOG

EVERY YEAR COUNTLESS DOGS DIE FROM BEING LEFT IN HOT CARS. DON'T LET THIS PREVENTABLE TRAGEDY HAPPEN TO YOUR PET.

ESTIMATED VEHICLE INTERIOR AIR V. ELAPSED TIME

ELAPSED TIME	OUTSIDE AIR TEMPERATURE (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 MINUTES	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 MINUTES	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 MINUTES	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 MINUTES	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 MINUTES	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 MINUTES	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 HOUR	115	120	125	130	135	140

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There is no school information in this newsletter.

