

# La Entrada News

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## Firewise and the Fundraiser Yard Sale

By Sally Dillon and Tess Harris



Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> was a busy time in Rancho Viejo. In the Plaza park near the Villages people gathered for the first Firewise event for all of Rancho Viejo since before the pandemic. In 2020, we relied purely on Landscaper data for recertification. In 2021, The national Firewise organization encouraged people to work on their own yards to clean away dead fuels. Only La Entrada had a Community Clean –Up Day aligning to the National Wildfire Preparedness Day. This year we were able to have a Rancho Viejo-wide event, but it was still modified for Covid with Grab and Go Clean Up Kits and no post-event programming.

Both the North and South communities had a lot of clean up on trails and common areas, as well as behind estate lots. La Entrada had areas to clean up as well. Everyone is very aware of the new wildfire risk that is no longer confined to the forest. The Fire in Boulder County Colorado, was a huge wake-up call that a grassland fire can be just as devastating. That being said, we encouraged residents to seriously look at the landscaping in their yards and determine if it is safe for them and their neighbors. If not, they should seriously consider removing fuels that put properties at risk.

Firewise and local fire departments encourage residents to have a 5-foot Hazard Ignition Zone between their house and the plantings in their yard. Trees should be pruned to 6-10 feet from the ground. Stone should be used instead of mulch, Yards should be cleaned up of all debris. Yard maintenance is a constant task. We do this work, thinking of the people impacted by the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak wildfires. New Mexico is a tinder box and wildfire can happen anywhere.

Thank you to all La Entrada residents who participated in cleaning up areas in our community. Please be sure to turn in you Volunteer Hourly Worksheet to Sally at [arttrek85@gmail.com](mailto:arttrek85@gmail.com)

Also, going on in our community.....The Rancho Viejo Ladies Group held our first ever yard sale on May 7. It was a service project for our group, which holds regular projects during the year to benefit various charities in the Santa Fe area. The yard sale benefited the Food Depot, and over \$2,000 was raised! It was quite a community effort, with generous donations of time, goods to sell, and significant amounts of cash. We chose the Food Depot for their tireless efforts to feed northern New Mexicans, including those hit hard by our recent wildfires.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this project. We did it together, which was part of the goal. Thank you to everyone who came and shopped. Lots of treasures

changed hands, which was another part of the goal. We all got to know each other better, and that was probably the best part of the whole project.

Thinking of the people impacted by the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peaks Fire, here are some ways you can help them:

**Ways You Can Help the Victims and Evacuees of the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Wildfires**

The Food Depot's Disaster Relief Fund - <https://thefooddepot.org/disaster-relief/>

The New Mexico American Red Cross – [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

World Central Kitchen – <https://wck.org>

Habitat for Humanity – <https://santafehabitat.org>

HELP New Mexico - <https://helpnm.com/donate/>

Las Vegas New Mexico Community Foundation - <https://www.lvnmc.org/donate-now/>

The Santa Fe Community Foundation - <https://santa-fe-community-foundation.snwbll.com/community-resiliency-fund>

The All Together New Mexico Fund - <https://www.alltogethernm.org/>



**Introducing our new HOA Board member, Barbara Bradley**

Greetings. I am Barbara Bradley and recently elected to serve as the resident member of the La Entrada HOA Board. I moved to the neighborhood in December 2020 after closing on my house on Via Orilla Dorado at Christmas time. (In the middle of COVID and snow which were both challenging for a California ex-pat.) I was born and raised in Los Angeles but lived most of my adult life in the Bay Area in Northern California before returning to Southern California to care for my mother, who suffered from dementia, for two years. I moved to Santa Fe in July 2018 and rented a house at Park Plaza before buying my home at La Entrada. My early career years were spent in journalism and photography and I am a retired psychotherapist and child welfare practitioner.

I have always believed in being of service often and wherever I have lived. I have been a certified master gardener and served with my community neighborhood watch and disaster preparation organizations. Stepping up to serve on the La Entrada board is an extension of my desire to be of service to my community in a broader sense. I have previously served as a neighborhood coordinator for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and was sad to learn that the local CERT here in Santa Fe is run by and limited to staff at Santa Fe Community College.

In my first few months on the board I have had contact with several neighbors about issues we are trying to have addressed and thanks to some very generous and caring people we've already had a small work party to do a bit of a clean up project. I am hopeful that as we come out of two years of being sheltered in our homes due to COVID we will be able to engage with one another for fun as well as improvements to our community and problem-solving where needed. I usually walk my dog, Rosie, 2-3x a day and we take a lot of different routes so I can get know the neighborhoods and people. You may also see me in the greenbelt photographing some of the amazing sunsets we enjoy here.

Feel free to email me as needed. [blbradleymft@gmail.com](mailto:blbradleymft@gmail.com)

## La Entrada Communication Committee Report

By Sally Dillon, Committee Chair

Crises keep us on our toes. We thought we had had enough crisis with the pandemic. Lo and behold, Russia goes to war with Ukraine. The Ukrainian people have exercised resilience in this fight. Their leader is setting an example by his actions, men were joining the fight, and women were escaping to nearby countries.

I started to think that I could help the people of Ukraine in a small way. I thought about the work of Chef Jose Andres and World Central Kitchen. Their mission is to bring meals to people in need by utilizing local kitchens and local chefs and cooks. They are set along border crossings to greet people entering neighboring countries to Ukraine, as well as locations inside of Ukraine. They even found ways to get food to locations that were cut off from food sources. I next had to figure out how to bring a donation opportunity to the community. As a card maker, I made 350 Ukrainian themed cards. These were mostly yellow and blue, sunflower themed with butterflies and hearts. I sold 180 cards and donated over \$1000 to World Central Kitchen - <https://wck.org/> An additional 2 dozen cards went to the partner of a Ukrainian card maker, who has stayed in a shelter in western Ukraine. Her business partner in Arizona is sending cards to soldiers on the ground in Ukraine. I added messages in the Ukrainian language for the soldiers to those cards. Other cards are available at the two retail locations where I sell my cards, plus the cards available at our home. Contact me at [arttrek85@gmail.com](mailto:arttrek85@gmail.com) for more information. Here are some statistics from World Central Kitchen.



Another big crisis close to home is the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire. Our hearts go out to all the evacuees and those who have returned to complete burnouts of their home, home that have been in their families for generations. The Food Depot, who serves Mobile Food Pantries in the fire area during non-wildfire times, has enacted their Disaster Relief Fund. A flyer was sent out to unfortunately, just La Entrada the week of May 9, 2022 about the Food Depot's Disaster Relief Fund. There are opportunities for monetary donations, items to donate, or volunteering with this important cause. For other opportunities to help our neighbors in the fire zone, see other links in this newsletter.

And to top it off, Covid numbers are increasing again. Need a little break, sign up for Arts Alive at various locations at Museum Hill, including the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture for hands-on activities for kids and adults Workshop are free.

Be safe, be well,

Sally







**Come join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July neighborhood event!  
Monday, July 4, 2022  
11am – 2pm  
La Entrada Park at Via Sagrada and Via Punto Nuevo**



**Best patriotically dressed contest with prizes for best dressed Child, Adult, and Pet**



**There will be:  
Subs for lunch, chips, cookies and, bottled water as well as a doggie  
station, hand washing/sanitizing stations.**



**Come, and bring chairs, and blankets, watch the pet parade, have  
lunch, play some lawn games!**

Reminder: If pavement is too hot for your bare feet (or hands), it's too hot for your pets to walk on. Always check!



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## RANCHO VIEJO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By RVNW Volunteers in La Entrada

### Volunteers Still Needed!!

Got time? Got community spirit? Got interest in neighborhood safety?

**Consider Sharing Some of Your Time and Talent.**

#### OBSERVE and REPORT ASAP to SHERIFF:

The more each of us keep our antennas up the better for all our streets and neighborhoods.

**VOLUNTEER** to be part of the group that steers your Watch and spreads the word through outreach.

#### MAIN NEEDS:

- Block captains.
- Writer for RVNW articles for Entrada newsletter.

*Given the range of COVID risk factors, volunteers decide if they want to help totally virtually or mostly in person.*



To volunteer or if you simply have questions or suggestions you'd like to help with, just email or call the RVNW Area Coordinator (see contact info below).

### Seasonal Tips

With warm weather activities ahead...

- ☐ Be sure to keep your car and home locked, including your garage. And be smart about your windows to protect against crimes of opportunity and also against wind-driven dust.
- ☐ If you're out and about with a bike, use a good lock when parking.
- ☐ As you enjoy being outside, you may get a sixth sense of the normal baseline — like while you walk or bike.
- ☐ Of course dog walkers on a regular basis year round can be extra eyes and ears to notice suspicious behavior or its results and report it to Dispatch and RVNW.

### LOCAL CONTACTS

Report activity and sign up for RVNW E-mail ALERTS.....

E-mail: carolath@msn.com

Please provide your street name!

Carol Thompson, Area Coordinator .....

Home: 505-471-9044 Cell: 505-603-0833

Santa Fe County Sheriff (Dispatch) .....

Non-emergency: 505-428-3720

If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers.....

505-955-5050

### Recent Alerts

Three RV Neighborhood Watch ALERTs were emailed from January 17 through May 7 based on reports from five residents:

- **3/15 Subject: Stolen vehicle**  
In La Entrada "my car and multiple cars were being cased and broken into last night on our street. Driveway video caught a guy checking my neighbors truck but he was in a hoodie and no face was seen. My car was actually stolen. The police have been alerted and my officer mentioned there's a spree going on so lock your doors and get some cameras, right?"
- **3/23 Reports from four 4 residents in Windmill Ridge:**  
Two Vehicle break-ins  
Two middle-of-the-night door bell ringing and door banging — on different streets. In both incidents the Sheriff was called and they have stepped up patrols in the area.
- **3/24 Subject: Vehicle stolen**

**SO** when you observe anything **AT ALL SUSPICIOUS**, note the **KEY FACTS** like plate numbers as clearly as you can. Then **CALL THAT IN** to the Sheriff **RIGHT AWAY** and email to the RVNW Area Coordinator. Don't hide your pieces of info from the **puzzle pattern** from law enforcement or the community. The Sheriff says they'd rather get 15 phone calls that turn out to be unimportant rather than miss one good lead to a serious suspicious situation. The Sheriff can't protect us from problems they don't hear about.



## Recycling Reminders

Paper, clean plastics and cardboard can be mixed together in your recycling bin. However, No **GLASS** should ever be put into the recycle bin.

*If you wish to recycle glass, you can do so at the SF County Recycling locations=*

Lucia Lane Recycling Center: 4003 Lucia Ln @ Airport Rd. – City of Santa Fe Environmental Services: 1142 Siler Rd. – Santa Fe Solid Waste Management: 2600 Buckman Rd.



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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 garbage cart and recycle cart need to be placed at least 3 feet apart.**

If you have any further questions, you can call MCT at 505-345-8651 or check out their website at [www.mctwaste.com](http://www.mctwaste.com)

### Large Item Pickup Service Has Been Suspended





## **FAQs\* for La Entrada**

**\*Frequently Asked Questions**

**Question:** I have never had a stucco house before. How do I clean the stucco and masonry walls?

**Answer:** Your house's stucco and masonry walls should not require a great deal of cleaning, although the textured surface of the stucco can accumulate dirt and grime over time. The stucco itself is a cement-based product, but it is not waterproof and it can, in fact, absorb water if it is exposed to heavy rain or excessive moisture. As such, you should be cautious of spraying the stucco with excessive amounts of water in an attempt to clean it, and pressure washing stucco may not be advised.

It is often recommended that stucco be cleaned by hand, using a stiff natural fiber brush and a simple soap and water mixture. However, you should not use excessive pressure when cleaning the stucco, as vigorous brushing can result in the stucco chipping and a wearing away of the stucco's texture.

Rust spots may occasionally appear on the stucco surface; these are due to small iron particles in the sand of the stucco interacting with the outside air. To remove these spots, carefully scrape off the rust spot, prime it with a Kilz primer, and touch up the area with the original paint color.

Both the masonry walls and the stucco may also exhibit a white, powdery, crystalline substance on the surface. This is called efflorescence is caused by salt and minerals inside the concrete materials being carried to the surface by moisture evaporating from it. To remove the efflorescence, you can use a stiff natural fiber brush and wash with a mixture of five parts water to one part vinegar, and immediately follow the vinegar wash with rinse of diluted household ammonia followed by a fresh water rinse. If the efflorescence is particularly bad, once the surface is completely dry you may need to prime the surface with a Kilz primer and repaint with the original paint color.

**Question:** With summer approaching, I'm looking forward to being outside, but the sun here can be intense and so I'm considering installing an awning around my patio to extend the amount of shade available. Can I do that?

**Answer:** Awnings (retractable or otherwise), Roll Shades, and similar shade covers are covered on Page 16 of the La Entrada Homeowner Handbook (a copy of which can be found on the La Entrada website).

Of particular note is that all awnings are to be submitted to the Design Review Committee ("DRC") for approval prior to installation, and overhead screens, shade covers, awnings, or other similar structures must be constructed of materials and colors that match the house's main roof or body color. Striped or brightly colored awnings are not permitted. See Article M, Page 16, of the La Entrada Homeowner Handbook.

Additionally, if a proposed awning is approved by the DRC, the homeowner must accept the responsibility of maintaining the awning by signing an Awning Maintenance Agreement and agree to certain specific obligations, as detailed in Article M on Page 16 of the La Entrada Homeowner Handbook.



## Rancho Viejo Garden Group News

By Deean Watson

July 2021, our first meeting was held at the home of Deean Watson in her garden. Deean felt strongly that Rancho Viejo needed a garden group where we could share our gardening desires and gain knowledge about gardening in our challenging environment.

In August Ann Baccich was our host and we had Master Gardeners Helena van Heininigan and Lesley Mansfield enlightening us about gardening resources available in and around Santa Fe. In September Helena and Diane presented a program on the gardens created by Master Gardeners at the County Extension. Our final meeting of 2021 was held at the home of Joyce Budai where Ken Kuhne told us about the benefits of raised bed gardens. Due to Covid we were unable to meet again until March 2022 when we began meeting at the RV Fire Station. Our program was Odie Brown talking about xeriscaping and then in April Becky Thorp of Sunstar Herbs discussed planting and using herbs.

Guys and gals are invited to our meetings which are held at 10 AM on the last Tuesday of the month at the fire station through September 2022.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUES. JUNE28. Notice will be sent out with the location.

