



# LA ENTRADA COMMUNITY NEWS

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## COMING UP IN 2024

- May 11 .....**“Meet Your Neighbors” Outdoor Social
- July .....**Summer Picnic
- September .....**Raptor Event
- December .....**Holiday Party

*HOA-Sponsored Events*

## FIREWISE

*A Rancho Viejo Event*

## SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 4th

**Firewise, happening the first Saturday in May, is an opportunity to participate in neighborhood fire prevention clean up efforts.**

***Look forward to an email from HOA manager, Serenity Lucero, once details are known.***

**Correction:** In the 4th Quarter 2023 newsletter article about the Raptor Center, Sally Dillon's contribution for the event was inadvertently omitted. Sally donated a box of 150 cards to sell with proceeds going to the Santa Fe Raptor Center at the event at IAIA and future events that the Raptor Center has coming up.

## HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

La Entrada at Rancho Viejo HOA had its first in-person annual meeting on February 15, 2024 at the Fire Station. It was good to see such a nice turnout of homeowners in vivo. Here is a recap and update on some of the issues discussed:

- Several people expressed concern that HOAMCO was unable to provide the year-end 12-month financials for review until the day of the meeting. Although it is not required that there be year-end statements for the annual meeting it does make sense to have them. The by-laws require the annual meeting to be within 90 days before or after the fiscal year end so in order to have the year-end numbers for the annual meeting we will move future annual meetings to the month of March. Having the annual meetings in February has not typically allowed for HOAMCO to receive the statements, the board to sign off on them, and then have them mailed at least 10 days before the annual meeting.
- Residents have observed an increase in speeding on Via Orilla Dorado, Via Punto Nuevo, and in some alleyways. While installation of speed bumps could slow down the speeders, it is not a cheap fix and it slows down emergency services (fire and ambulance) response time. We are surveying the alleys and streets to look at signage and discuss other solutions at the next board meeting.
- The ailing trees that were treated by TreeDoctor911 and Proscape last year appear to be healing and there are signs of budding on all trees. We will continue to monitor.

### Reminder

Homeowners are responsible for snow removal not only on their properties but adjacent sidewalks. If you live elsewhere during winter months or have a work schedule or physical limitation that prevents you from clearing the sidewalks, there are commercial snow removal services you can hire.

### New Housing Update

Cass Thompson, who represents the developer gave a brief update on construction activity in La Entrada and Peter Kempf added to the information. At this time the new area west of Caminito de las Rositas between Via Orilla Dorado and Calle Ancla has 35 lots and an undeveloped three-acre park area. Three houses have closed and only eight lots remain to be sold. The rest of the lots are in some phase of construction. It is expected that this area will be sold out in the near future. The undeveloped park has lagged in development due to the unavailability of a suitable landscaper but this problem may soon be resolved and development activity may begin this summer. Note: some people who drive through the active construction zones have reported an increase in nails and screws in their vehicle tires. It might be good to avoid driving in this area especially during framing and roofing work.

- La Entrada sub-phase 4 west of Avenue Corre Camino and before the fire station may begin grading activities this summer. This neighborhood will be a mix of regular and oversize lots.
- In May we should have a large dumpster return for oversize and excess trash removal. Dates to come.
- And lastly, please pay attention to articles from the Neighborhood Watch group about safety tips to decrease criminal activity and danger in the neighborhood. Dangers include the risk of unleashed dogs being walked. Elsewhere in Rancho Viejo, a resident was injured by a dog being walked off leash and they are looking for this owner to be responsible for the injuries suffered by the victim. Reminder: Santa Fe County can cite you for an unleashed dog and the HOA can fine you for it as well. Save your money and be respectful to your neighbors who have the right to use the sidewalks and trails unharmed.

## **Communication Committee Procedures** by Kris Jameyson

If you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns for the Communication Committee, please send them by email to Serenity Lucero, [slucero@hoamco.com](mailto:slucero@hoamco.com). She is the contact person for repairs, DRC approvals, traffic, pet issues, complaints, and suggestions for improvement.

If you would like to submit an article for the La Entrada newsletter, please send it directly to Serenity Lucero, our HOA Manager, at [SLucero@hoamco.com](mailto:SLucero@hoamco.com)

- by February 15th for the March newsletter
  - by May 15th for the June newsletter
  - by August 15th for the September newsletter
  - by November 15th for the December newsletter

Please submit the article in the body of an email, ready for publishing, including formatting, editing, captions, logos, and active web links. If you have a

photo with your article, please submit it separately. Attach both the article and photo to an email to Serenity by the 15th at the very latest.

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 next issue of *La Entrada Community News*.

Any questions about writing or submitting articles should be directed only to Serenity at [SLucero@hoamco.com](mailto:SLucero@hoamco.com).

Newsletter publication schedule - *The La Entrada Community News* is usually published around the beginning of the publishing month (March, June, September, and December). It will be announced in an email from Serenity and posted on the La Entrada website <http://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Serenity, our HOAMCO Manager of our HOA, at [Slucero@hoamco.com](mailto:Slucero@hoamco.com).

## **Communications Committee Outreach** by Sarah Henderson

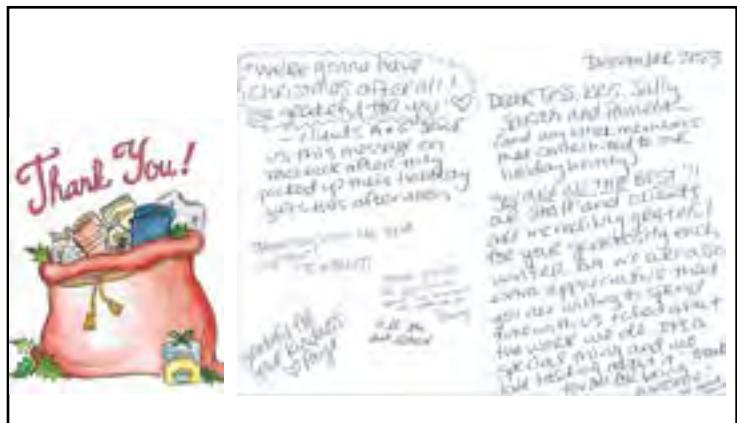


*Donations delivered to the Youth Shelter. Pictured from left to right: Haley, Paige, Thomas, Amanda, and Scarlett—the Street Outreach Dream Team!*

The Communication Committee made its annual visit to the Youth Shelter Resource Center and Street Outreach program in December. Headed by the amazing Paige, the program has aided so many of the area's young people needing food, housing,

counseling, and a place to find assistance and help in a calm and nourishing environment. Along with advocates and donors to the shelter, Sally and another long-time resident, the committee provided winter items such as thermal shirts and sleeping bags, as well as goody bags.

It is always an inspiration to meet the dedicated, energetic, and creative people at the center and to learn of their successes. They are a force for good in our community and please consider supporting them.



## Rancho Viejo Ladies Group & Supper Soirées by Audra Hansche

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The first Rancho Viejo Ladies luncheon of 2024 was held at Pantry Dos on Friday, January 19th. Our group of 11 gathered on the patio. It was great to see friends after the holidays and hear about future vacations and plans for the year.

The January Supper Soirée was Monday the 29th at Second Street Brewery Rufina Taproom. We had eight attending - enjoying good conversation, sandwiches, burgers, tacos, and cold brews. February and March will have substitute hosts. The locations and dates to be announced.

The Ladies Group will have a general meeting and light luncheon on Thursday, February 15th. We are meeting at the Rancho Viejo Fire Station because it's a very convenient location for our group. I hope to discuss our service projects for this year and other gatherings as we move forward this year.

The new Reading List for RVLG Book Club is out now. Our first meeting will be held at the RV Fire Station. *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See is the book up for discussion.



The Ladies annual holiday party held on December 2, 2023.  
Photo provided by Tess Harris



Fifteen members of the Ladies' Group attended an art and history tour of the La Fonda Hotel in January followed by lunch at La Plazuela.

If you are interested in joining our fun, please email Audra at [Mauied85@AOL.com](mailto:Mauied85@AOL.com).

## Out-to-Brunch Outings by Fred Quagliana



The Rancho Viejo monthly brunch outings are an opportunity for neighbors to meet and create bonds. Most brunch goers are residents but we also have friends of residents who do join us.

We meet on the second Friday each month at a different restaurant around town. Currently we have five locally-owned restaurants in our rotation, but we are always seeking out new places. All the restaurant owners are very grateful and eager to host us.

We meet at 11:00 am and usually stay until about 1:00 pm. Our first brunch outing was in October 2022 with 10 of us. Currently over 50 residents and friends are on the email list. Usually we have a group of 15-20 each month, some regulars and some on a rotating basis.

If anyone is interested in being a part and wants to be added to the email list, just email me at [fquag63@gmail.com](mailto:fquag63@gmail.com).

## **2023 Holiday Party** by Tess Harris

On December 2nd the HOA Communication Committee hosted the annual La Entrada holiday party. It was a great opportunity to meet neighbors and admire our beautiful sales office. Peter Kempf did a delightful job decorating. The enormous Christmas tree was a focal point in the great room. We toasted each other with sparkling cider and feasted on meat and cheese trays. The Mediterranean tray was much appreciated also. Of course, no holiday party is complete without lots of cookies and candy! To add to the festive atmosphere, we hired a local musician. Rene Reyes entertained us with his skillful and beautiful guitar playing.

The party was a great success and we hope to see you all at next year's party.



### 9-1-1 Dispatch Sit-Along Opportunities

Have you ever called 9-1-1 or 505-428-3720 (the Santa Fe Sheriff non-emergency number)? Or have you ever wondered what is happening on the other end of the line when someone dials either of those numbers?

Whether dialed from home or from somewhere else in the city or county, all such calls go to the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Communications Center (SFRECC), which is located on Camino Justicia, off of Highway 14.

The SFRECC offers anyone who is at least 18 years old the opportunity to "sit along" at the SFRECC and observe emergency dispatch operations and the hard work that the dispatchers at the SFRECC perform. Occasionally, students who are 17 years old and who have parental consent are also allowed to sit-along.

The sit-along program is intended to be educational and to provide participants with a better understanding of the responsibilities of the dispatch professionals at the SFRECC. A sit-along session is usually a maximum of four hours long.

If you are interested in doing such a sit-along at the SFRECC, you will need to fill out a one-page application and agree to follow certain regulations. To request the sit-along application packet and to learn more about the program, please email Roberto J. Lujan, Director of the SFRECC, at [rjlujan@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:rjlujan@santafecountynm.gov).

### LOCAL CONTACTS

Santa Fe County Sheriff (Dispatch):

Non-emergency: 505-428-3720

Report suspicious activity ASAP including full street address to pinpoint the incident.

If you wish to remain anonymous,  
contact Crime Stoppers:

[www.SantaFeCrimeStoppers.com](http://www.SantaFeCrimeStoppers.com) or 505-955-5050

Use this contact to submit anonymous tips about a crime that's under investigation.

NOTE: RVNW e-mail alerts are currently SUSPENDED.



### It's Your Call — For Safety

Here are a few easy ways to help promote and maintain safety for yourself and our area:

Report concerns to the Santa Fe Dispatch about anyone or any place where you observe a problem or have a concern. Reports can include suspicious behavior, request for a wellness check for an individual, information pertaining to a hazardous situation, or the like.

If you see something that seems a bit "off," trust your intuition and call Santa Fe Dispatch. Doing so might save someone's life.

If you observe repeated behavior that is suspicious or otherwise problematic, you may request a "CLOSE WATCH". aka extra Sheriff patrols for a specific address or street.

For all the above, call Dispatch at 505-428-3720 or if life threatening, call 9-1-1.

### Protect Your Identity

Protecting your identify and your personal and financial well-being is so important. Win against the wind blowing papers and your data out of your trash can and onto big trouble, like early February when trash cans blew over. Our area can face strong winds any time of year.

To help minimize your risk of both ID theft and debris blowing around in our neighborhood, try this:

- Better shredding and bagging,
- Put heavier items toward the bottom of roll bins
- Place bins out in the morning.

**Stronger  
Together,  
Safety  
In Numbers**

## Are You New to La Entrada or Know Someone Who Is?

Has someone new moved onto your block? Have you just arrived? Here are a few resources that will help you or your neighbors meet others and stay up to date with La Entrada alerts and activities.

- 1.** Our HOA has its own website: <https://www.laentradaatranchoviejo.org/home.asp>. You can find local resources, announcements, and past newsletters here. You can also sign up to receive website and community alerts by contacting Serenity Lucero, our HOA manager, at [SLucero@HOAMCO.com](mailto:SLucero@HOAMCO.com) or 505-924-5978 x2415.
- 2.** Stay in the loop with safety and emergency alerts by using Alert Santa Fe at <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>. Alerts include notifications about wildfires and smoke, traffic and road closures, and severe weather. Alerts may also include water advisories, road closures, power outages, evacuations, and lock down situations, etc.

**3.** We have several active social groups in La Entrada. Audra Hansche organizes the Rancho Viejo Ladies Group and Rancho Viejo Supper Soirées, which offer activities including women's lunches, a book group, and mixed sex gatherings, and fund raisers. Audra also acts as the conduit for miscellaneous information others want to share; to be in the know is to be in RVLG/RVSS. To join, contact her at [Mauied85@AOL.com](mailto:Mauied85@AOL.com).

Another social group is hosted Freddie Quagliana, who was inspired after the pandemic to help us reconnect with each other. Freddie holds brunches at various establishments around town once a month. To be added to his mailing list, contact Freddie at [fquag63@gmail.com](mailto:fquag63@gmail.com) .

**4.** Finally, if you are on Facebook, you can request to join our private HOA group where members post about their recent outings. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/laentradarv/>

*We hope these resources will help you learn about and grow our community.*

*We are the best neighbors. Please share.*

