



LA ENTRADA COMMUNITY NEWS

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HOA-SPONSORED EVENTS COMING UP IN 2026

May	"Meet Your Neighbors" Social
July	Summer BBQ
September	Raptor Event
December	Holiday Party

Homeowner Association News

Greetings Everyone!

A couple of honorable mentions to start:

- Many thanks to the Communications Committee members for their ongoing efforts and especially for putting together the HOA holiday party on December 6, 2025 at the Sales Office, 26 Calle Ancla.
- Happy 90th Birthday to Joyce Hansche who celebrates on December 17!

Re-cap from 11/6/25 HOA Board Meeting:

We had a short board meeting via ZOOM and focused on issues about the frequency of mowing the native grass in the walkway between Rancho Viejo Blvd. and Calle Ancla as it seems the community wants more frequent mowing to reduce the height and wilderness appearance of the area and discussed the reasons for removing but not replacing 4-6

dead trees on Via Sagrada. We also had an update on the progress of the Arroyo Hondo bike path in the greenbelt north of Via Orilla Dorado (VOD) which now has concrete (to

date) between 49-75 Via Orilla Dorado (VOD). This week the project crew seems to be tying both sides of the path at Rancho Viejo Blvd. to the roadway and preparing the forms for more cement pouring between the gravel access road at VOD and Avenue Corre Camino to 49 VOD. We also had a short update on efforts to research establishing a safety committee that could jointly host safety-related events with the safety committees in the other two Rancho Viejo HOA organizations. There will be updates at the annual in-person meeting which we are scheduling for March 5, 2026. We will have an election for the one board seat open to homeowners

and information about the application process to run for this seat will be distributed in January 2026.

Dunn Edwards Paint Coupon Update:

We had a glitch with the paint discount coupon that Dunn Edwards gave us in September 2025 when a homeowner attempted to use it in November but the situation has been resolved. I have posted the coupon information on the La Entrada Facebook page and see the coupon code information on page 4 of this newsletter. The coupon is good for up to a 37% discount on interior and exterior paints and the Dunn Edwards computer system now has all approved paint colors for the four styles of houses in La Entrada. The exception is garage door paint as Dunn Edwards is not the vendor for that paint and one stucco color, however I am told they can match any color. We anticipate having a presentation by Ruby Sedillo from Dunn Edwards at the annual meeting in March.

Bird Feeders:

HOAMCO and the HOA Board have received some complaints from homeowners about bird feeders in neighboring yards that are attracting large groups of pigeons and rodents. As you may be aware pigeons and rodents can cause expensive damage to roofs, especially the flat roof membrane, and to other structural parts and landscape. There is no prohibition in the HOA Handbook about the use of bird feeders but we encourage people to be respectful of their neighbors who don't wish to have pigeons and rodents in their yards. Many bird seed stores sell feeders that inhibit the release of seed when heavy birds or squirrels sit on the perches and a tray to catch seed before it falls on the ground can be helpful. Wild Birds Unlimited sells a "Squirrel Buster" feeder in two different sizes that they recommend to address the problem. If the problem continues or expands then the board will



Arroyo Hondo bike path



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A Note from Serenity Lucero, La Entrada's HOA Manager

It has come to my attention a couple of times over the summer and fall that owners are stopping landscaping crews to ask for special requests or to express their concerns. While I understand they have concerns and would like to address them, I want to remind them that they must report those to me via email and it is helpful to include a photo and location with the details. The crews on site may

agree to the request but there may be a language barrier or it means that they need to report it first so it's best to follow the proper procedure. I have also instructed Proscape to tell their crews to direct requests to HOAMCO and disregard special requests whenever they are able to communicate this. Thank you for your help with this.

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consider amending the handbook to incorporate stronger measures.

La Entrada Sub-Phase 4 Development:

According to Peter Kempf, the current development in the area of Calle Ancla and Via Orilla Dorado has building on all but a few lots with three houses in the foundation stage at this writing. After the first of the year it is expected that Sub-Phase 4, a group of 49 houses of mixed sizes, will begin infrastructure work west of where Via Orilla Dorado meets Avenue Corre Camino.

*Have a peaceful and joyous
holiday season.
See you in 2026!*

Dunn-Edwards Paint Discount

Provide this account number and save of up to 37% off LIST PRICE on Dunn-Edwards manufactured paint products.

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Thank You!

La Entrada neighbors who attended the holiday party on December 6th donated \$400 and 200 pounds of food to the Food Depot. This equals 1,650 meals for hungry New Mexicans!

**Visit the Food Depot website at
thefooddepot.org
if you would like to make a donation
or volunteer at this organization.**

Suggested food items needed:

Low-sodium Vegetables	Soup, Pasta, & Sauce
Meats	Shelf Stable Milk
Beans	Fruit (in juice, not syrup)
Rice, Oats & Grains	Flour
Nut Butters, Jellies	Cereals
Easy/Ready Meal Kits	

The Ladies Meet Monthly for Various Activities

The Rancho Viejo ladies group met Wednesday, September 17th at Jinja Bar & Bistro for a Pan-Asian casual lunch. There were 16 attending. Our mid-October meeting was a special themed lunch—Healthy Harvest. We each signed up to use a specific vegetable. There were kale chips, roasted parsnips, guacamole and a cake with beets, just to name a few. Big thanks to Janis for hosting us in her home. In November we had another themed lunch—Tea-sized Sandwiches and Chips. Our group of 11 met at the RV Fire Station, enjoyed our light fare and then made holiday greeting cards. Erica presented a painted Christmas wreath and I demonstrated some layouts for my scrapbook-style cards. The ladies took home about six cards each.

Our annual **Holiday Party** was held on Friday, December 5th. Eighteen ladies attended for good food, a gift exchange game and singing our traditional 12 Days of Christmas New Mexico style.

Our **RV Ladies Book Club** met at the fire station community room in October to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. Our lively discussion was led by Dorothy R. On December 10th we are scheduled to discuss *Whiskey Tender* by Deborah Jackson Taffa. We are currently voting on our 2026 Reading List.

If you would like to join us at our bi-monthly discussions, please email Diane Gorgy at rvladiesbookclub@gmail.com

Rancho Viejo Supper Soirees

September was our last supper of the year at Santa Fe Bite on St. Michael's Drive with 13 attending.

We will resume Supper Soirees in 2026. You can plan on some of our favorites like Beer Creek Brewing, Pantry Dos, La Plancha Latin Grill, Santa Fe Bite and plus new places like San Francisco Street Bar & Grill, Los Magueyes on Burro Alley, and Los Potrillos.

All are invited and welcome: neighbors in all parts of Rancho Viejo, friends in Santa Fe, couples and singles. We are always looking for substitute hosts. If you are able to coordinate one month of the year, I will manage communication and nametags. Due to work schedules, suppers are planned for Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm.

To receive announcements about RV Ladies Group events or for RV Gents to be included for suppers, please email Audra at Mauied85@AOL.com.



Just a few of the wonderful women who attended the holiday party on December 5, 2025

La Entrada Residents Celebrated the Holiday Season

This year at our HOA holiday party we decided to support the Food Depot. We asked for food and monetary donations and our neighbors really chipped in. Paul Dillon, a neighbor and longtime volunteer for the Food Depot, brought the manpower and expertise. All together La Entrada raised \$400 and 200 pounds of food. This translates into 1,650 meals for hungry New Mexicans! If you missed us at the party you can visit the Food Depot website to make a donation.

The sales office looked so festive, a huge tree and other decorations. Of course a big spread of appetizers always puts us in a holiday mood. Cookies! Cookies also put us in a holiday mood. About 40 neighbors milled about, enjoying their food and beverages, and greeting old and new neighbors.

Thank you to our HOA board for the use of the sales office. It is a perfect place for entertaining.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser. It will really make a difference!



Protect Your Property and Your Neighbors

Are you aware that you are responsible for deicing and shoveling your sidewalks? We've had a mild winter so far, but if we get snow, it's every homeowner's responsibility to clear their sidewalks. The HOA does not provide this service and, if someone injures themselves, your homeowner's insurance will take the hit.

Please be considerate of your neighbors, dog walkers, and people who need to get to the mailbox, by keeping all your sidewalks clear in icy weather.

And if you are a snowbird, make arrangements to have someone take care of your property so you and others are not at risk.



Volunteers
Needed for Events

Would you enjoy some seasonal HOA volunteer work?

The Communications Committee hosts two outdoor events where we have chairs and tables to set up and breakdown. We often have attendees help us break down, but we could use help setting up. If you are willing to donate time before events to help us set up, we would appreciate it.

Please let Serenity (Slucero@hoamco.com) know if a committee member may contact you in the future.

Out-to-Brunch Outings by Freddie Quagliana

Every second Friday of the month the Rancho Viejo brunch outings are in full swing. In giving back to The City Different, we meet at a number of family-owned dining establishments once a month at 11:00 a.m. This has helped foster a sense of community not only amongst brunch-goers but also in the city's hospitality industry. It's also a chance to catch up with the latest events in friends' and neighbors' lives and to dish on various topics of interest.

Plus, it's always a great way to enjoy some good old New Mexican cuisine. Whether you're a faithful attendee or have yet to join our klatch, or if there's always been a brunch at perhaps a standard favorite restaurant of yours or a place you've been meaning to try, come join us!



Contact Freddie at fquag63@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to the email list.

Guidelines to Submit Newsletter Articles

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? What about concerns or suggestions for the Communication Committee? See below for the guidelines for submissions.

If you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns for the Communication Committee, please send them by email to Serenity Lucero, 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.

Please submit the article in the body of an email, ready for publishing, including proofreading, 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 of the month prior to the publication month at the very latest.

If approved by the Communication Committee, you will be notified and 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.

Newsletter publication: La Entrada Community News is usually published around the beginning of the publishing month. It will be announced in an email from Serenity and posted on the La Entrada website at <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.

Deadlines for Submitting Articles for La Entrada Community News

- By Feb. 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

Stay Connected

Has someone new moved onto your block? Have you just arrived? Here are a few resources that will help you or your neighbors 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 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. 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/>