



## LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE Newsletter – October/November 2015

### A Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On

Get ready for the **VV/LTW Earthquake Emergency Preparation Workshop** on Saturday, Oct 17, 2015 — the 26th Anniversary of Loma Prieta Quake. We will meet from **9am - 11am** at the Vista Verde Operations Command Center at 184 Vista Verde Way. Open to all residents (and families) in Vista Verde and Los Trancos Woods.

- Learn (Review) how to prepare and respond to potential emergencies and property damage
- Learn (Review) how to shut-off your gas meter
- Learn (Review) the practical use of “walkie talkie” radios to reach out for assistance. Bring a radio if you have one.

There will be something for everyone, so come one come all to make your family, your neighborhood and the community more prepared.

**Please RSVP:** [luannekalman@gmail.com](mailto:luannekalman@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Tracy Sherman, LTW Emergency Preparedness Team*

### Neighbors -- Beware on Hallow's Eve!!

Come this Hallow's Eve, Saturday, October 31st, our gang of ghouls, goblins, and super heroes will once again be wandering the streets looking for tricks and treats. So we do not surprise you -- be warned -- we are coming again ... woo-o-o-o. Last year you “treated” over 60 tricksters. Families with neighborhood tricksters are welcome to assemble **anytime after 4pm for a block party of tricks & treats (fun & food)**, in front of t 1195 Los Trancos Rd. Around 6:15, or so, we will begin our wandering up Los Trancos Rd., over to Bonita and El Rey, down Lake Rd., and around to Los Trancos Circle, then down to Los Trancos Rd. Some of our smaller tricksters will try to loop back up the Circle. We have heard a tale that a spooky surprise awaits the brave and bold at 1124 Los Trancos Rd.

Boo-o-o-o-...from the Neighborhood Tricksters!

*Submitted by Cam Smith/Julia Peters, Martin Casado, Joe Sabel/Jane Leibowitz, Hayley Leinfelder, David Smernoff, and Karen Tate*

### Rain, Rain Go Away

NO-O-O-O! We need the rain, but there are things we need to take care of before the rain befalls us.

1. Clean off your **roof** so those leaves do not flow into your gutters during a heavy rain.
2. Clean out your **gutters**, and do not forget to flush those **downspouts**. We had lots of oak moth worm castings this year and this can easily clog the gutters and cause overflow.
3. Check that the **exits** to the downspouts are directed away from the foundation of your house and not onto your neighbor's property.
4. Make sure you clean the **drains** under your driveway entrances. These are not considered the jurisdiction of the San Mateo County crews that come around to clean up.
5. If you have **dead trees** on your property that may come down in the winter wind and rains, and will impact buildings or roads, consider taking care of those before the rains hit.
6. Replace those worn **windshield wipers**, before the windshield becomes one smeary mess.

Do not forget we are in a drought crisis. Whatever rain we get this winter will not terminate the drought. Water saving is still crucial for us to get by again next summer.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale*

### Los Trancos County Water District News

On September 30, 2015, the Los Trancos County Water District was officially dissolved. The District's former functions have been transferred to various other entities in the County of San Mateo, including the Woodside Fire Protection District and the San Mateo County Department of Public Works. The County has formed a County Maintenance District to oversee the services formerly provided by the Water District. The former Board Members of the Water District will serve on the community advisory committee of the Maintenance District on an interim basis.

The lands formerly owned by the Water District are now subject to conservation easements held by the MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District.

*Excerpts from an email by Bill Coats, former LTCWD Board Member*

### **Let's Celebrate Our Home Grown Children**

**Samantha Ramsey** qualified for the National Solo Ice Dance competition in two events, and we attended in September. She skated well in the combined skating event, but didn't place high enough to make the final round of competition. In the Novice Shadow Dance event, where two girls skate the same pattern side-by-side and try to look like each other, she and her partner Jennifer Huang took the Bronze Medal.

*Submitted by Karen Pieper*

**Marie Nightingale** graduated with a Master's in Speech Pathology from Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tennessee. She is now exploring the new environs of Aurora, Colorado, while she does her fellowship at 2 local elementary schools. Her latest comment, "These kids are so precious."

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- A **BIG thank you** to those wizards (it is Halloween season) who magically fill the dog poop pickup bag containers. We are lucky to have so many in our community who work to keep it clean – those who fill the containers, those who remember to bring their pooch poop bags, and those who grab one out of the container. Keep it up, and let others know where the containers are – start of the trail near the lake, stop sign on the Circle, and VV Way and the Circle.
- **Dodie McVey** passed away on July 12, 2015. Dodie resided in Los Trancos Woods for over forty years. She loved to walk from her home around the Lake Road Loop. On these walks she would visit with neighbors and put to memory those things that were important in their lives. She especially enjoyed chatting with workmen, offering appreciative comments on their toil and skill. She also worked on her own landscaping improvements on what some neighbors have named "Dodie's Corner." She would be delighted to be so honored. She and her husband Mike, who predeceased her, both loved the Woods and the people there. What a wonderful community.

*Submitted by Kim McKinney, Dodie's daughter*

### **2014 Community Resource Guide**

We are in the process of updating the 2014 Guide.

- 1) Please look over the Guide and make sure your information is current.
- 2) If you have any changes and have not been contacted, please get your updates to your emergency preparedness group leader listed in the Resource Guide: VV pgs. 5-10, LTW contact your District Leaders pgs. 17-23.
- 3) Expect your new, fantastic, incredible, info-packed Resource Guide in January 2016.

### **Community Associations' Web Sites**

The web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

The group e-mail list is:

[VistaVerdeLTW@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VistaVerdeLTW@yahoogroups.com)

[VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

*Thank you, Jerry Jensen & Rob Kalman for maintaining web sites*