



## **LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE** **Newsletter – October/November 2018**



### **Let's Paint the Town Red, no Yellow, no Blue**

Actually let's not paint the town, but let's recycle the red, yellow, blue paint on **12 & 13 October from 10 a.m.-noon each day at 400 Ramona Rd.** Claudia Mazzetti has generously offered her perfect driveway for this fabulous neighborhood **Paint Recycle Drive**. Quick, get out to that garage, dusty cupboard, old shed, or where ever you keep your paint, and look for labeled, not rusted out, latex, oil, primer, stain, sealer, or varnish cans. We can accept any size up to 5 gallons. NOT acceptable are leaking or unlabeled cans, and aerosols, solvents or paint thinners. Keep your eyes peeled (but hopefully not paint peeled) for an email that will give you even more details in the next week. Let's get that unused paint where it needs to go.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale*



### **Leaves, Leaves and More Leaves!**

It is that time of the year again when leaves fall and our road swales and driveway culverts get clogged with debris. The county's normal maintenance schedule of swales and stormwater culverts is once during the fall-winter season; however, expect Department of Public Works (DPW) staff to be out there if there is a flooding situation. We should all be concerned about the overflow of water on the roads and into your or your neighbor's properties. Please be preemptive - take the first step and clean up those swales and culverts. Most pipes running under driveways belong to homeowners and thus are not serviced by DPW, so it is especially important to keep these clear of debris. Repeat cleanings will no doubt also be necessary. If you are unable, please reach out to a neighbor or us for help. Thank you!

*Submitted by the Stormwater Management Subcommittee: Jerry Hearn, Amanda Lee, Claudia Mazzetti & David Smernoff*

### **Los Trancos County Maintenance District - Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Last week, ten neighbors met with members of the Stormwater Subcommittee and Joe LoCoco, Deputy Director of Road Services for San Mateo County DPW, to discuss specific drainage issues, usually making site visits. A number of other drainage concerns were addressed by email; some await answers. Meetings were very productive and helpful in informing all concerned about upcoming and possible new projects. Many thanks to Joe who spent most of his Wednesday and Saturday in the neighborhood, to Claudia for hosting and to Claudia, Jerry and Amanda for attending meetings and site visits!

*Submitted by Community Advisory Committee to the Los Trancos County Maintenance District*

*Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair)*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- Welcome to the neighborhood **Susan Lee & Chris Paprcka** at 65 Old Spanish Trail. Susan's parents Don & Amanda Lee on Ciervos couldn't be more thrilled!

### **Yet Another Amazing Picnic News**

The annual Community Picnic was held on September 22 on a gorgeous afternoon that definitely still felt like summer. The Los Trancolizers played, kids bounced on the on trampoline, and there was an array of delicious food and drink. We met a few new neighbors and got to reconnect with people we don't see often enough.

Thank you to everyone who showed up, to all those who pitched in, and especially Kim Acker for planning and to our hosts Lesley and Jeff Wiley, who graciously opened their gorgeous yard to us all.

*Submitted by Emily Jagoda, LTWCA Board President*

### **Book Club Right in the Neighborhood**

Our own local LTW & VV Women's Book Club was founded in the 1950's. They meet every month at 7:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. or Thurs. of the month, hostess' choice. You each bring a book to share that you have read or are reading. You can get on the list for announcements about where and when by emailing Mary McDonald. Grab a book and enjoy the camaraderie!

*Submitted by Mary McDonald*

### **Wildfire Season Over - Not Yet!**

We may have gotten our first smattering of rain, but a little rain doth not make a safe woodland. Remember those leaves that were mentioned in an earlier article. Another reason to keep them cleared is to avoid a build up that could lead to fire laddering up the bushes, trees and our houses. Especially keep them from building up on your roof and around and under your decks. The latest in fire fighting research has shown that flying embers from even a distant fire can ignite your leaf pile on your roof, fly into roof vents that do not have proper grating, and even swirl under your decks. Let's keep up our vigilance until Woodside Fire announces the fire season is over.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale & Tracy Sherman, LTW Emergency Preparedness Team*

### **2018-19 Community Resource Guide**

If you have any changes to the listings please contact Linda, 851-1787 or [dreynight@aol.com](mailto:dreynight@aol.com).

**Community Associations' Web Sites:** *Thank you, Jerry Jensen & Rob Kalman for maintaining web sites*

The web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

The group e-mail list is:

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

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