



LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE **Newsletter – October/November 2019**

What a Successful Community Picnic!

On Sunday, 29 September, 200 people gathered on a cool, breezy day to celebrate being neighbors. There was music, activities for the children and young at heart, tables laden with delectable food, a fired-up barbecue, drinks for all, and lots of chatter. Many thanks go to the residents of Las Piedras for hosting, the multitude of volunteers, and the organizing committee (Suzanne Ruffalo, Nancy Freire, Bea Garsh, Cory Rae Shaw).

Halloween Hoots

Halloween is right around the corner and Julia and Martin have been organizing another wonderful Trick or Treat in the Woods. As before we will have a party on the road in front of 1204 Los Trancos Rd., followed by hoards of ghouls searching for candy and then a gathering afterward at the house at 1204 Los Trancos. We need some volunteers to help with the event, so if you can, please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4cabad2ca1fa7-halloween> to contribute your time.
Submitted by Aaron Straight

Emergency Preparedness

“With PG&E informing residents about public safety power outages there have been concerns about residents who may depend on medical devices which require electricity and batteries. Below are several useful links pertaining to these concerns as well as PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutoff Policies and Procedures.

<https://adata.org/factsheet/emergency-power> - A link for Emergency Power Planning for People Who Use Electricity and Battery Dependent Assistive Technology and Medical Devices

https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/save-energy-money/help-paying-your-bill/longer-term-assistance/medical-condition-related/medical-baseline-allowance/medical-baseline-allowance.page - PG&E link for savings and safety for people with special energy needs

https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/electrical-safety/electric-generator-safety/electric-generator-safety.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_generator – PG&E link for information about backup generators”

Excerpted from a community email

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

The CAC is reviewing a two-year budget currently. The fire safety program, managed by Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD), has been well subscribed with many homeowners taking advantage of home hardening incentives. More monies will be directed toward that program over the next two years. To participate in this program, contact Don Bullard, WFPD Deputy Fire Marshal, djbullard@woodsidefire.org

Feedback on the berm and culvert situation on Los Trancos Road is much appreciated. The CAC Stormwater Management subcommittee should be meeting with Joe Lococo, San Mateo County Department of Public Works (DPW), on October 9th to discuss plans going forward. We will keep you posted!

The Los Trancos County Maintenance District (LTCMD) CAC exists to advise and offer feedback to DPW and WFPD and to inform the community about LTCMD sponsored programs. Feel free to contact any of us on the CAC: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair)

Submitted by Amanda Lee, Co-Chair of CAC

Alan A. Burns, March 15, 1940 – August 20, 2019

Alan Burns passed away at home on August 20. For several years, he had been battling a rare form of Parkinsonism, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. He was 79, born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and lived at 108 Ramona Road for 47 years. He once ran for our local Water Board (no longer in existence). Alan earned a BS, MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering at Stanford and a MBA from Santa Clara. He could fix anything. He worked at SRI International for 17 years, then for small R&D firms for 15 years. He held over 10 patents, one as a principal inventor of Fox's "glowing" hockey puck. He was a pilot and flew our own plane for 30 years. He also loved to hike, invent, travel, drive his '56 silver Porsche and cook. Besides his wife, Patti, who has been with him for 42 years, he leaves 2 children and 4 grandchildren. If desired, donations in his memory to the Peninsula Open Space Trust would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Patti Burns

Green Tip

That time of year - for catalogs and more catalogs! Act now before your mailbox is inundated for holiday shopping. 1) **CatalogChoice.org** can get your name off of 10,000 different lists. You tell them which ones you want to get off of. 2) For **PaperKarma** app you take a photo of the company logo and submit that and your contact info to them. They do the rest for only \$20/yr. Someone tested it out and it worked with 95% accuracy for the one year they subscribed.

Note: Are you, folks, interested in getting a Green Tip once a week? They are short like this and I can post them on the io.group. I am publishing these weekly for another group and can include us. Reply to the Newsletter email to let me know your thoughts.

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

Neighborhood Notes

- Reporting blocked roads, downed trees, or other public access issues: After hours issues can be reported to **County Dispatch** at 650-363-4100 or at 650-363-4951.
- Our smidgeon of **rainfall reported** by Gene Hunner was: August - 0", September - .2"

Updating the Community Resource Guide

That time again! Yes, we are an active community with lots of changes happening and we need YOUR input. Please check the directory portion of the CRG and make sure each item is correct. Then email all correct or your changes to leaders: VV - Bea Garsh, or LTW - Linda D-N. Thank you for helping with this gargantuan project!

Community Associations' Web Sites

Web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

To subscribe to group e-mail lists:

vvltw+subscribe@groups.io

VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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