



Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde **Newsletter – October & November 2022**

Becoming A Firewise Community

Most of us feel lucky to live in this beautiful corner of California. Except for fire danger. Now there is something we can do about that.

If most of the 275+ households that live in Vista Verde-Los Trancos Woods do some fuel reduction and home hardening, and document it, we can qualify as a Firewise USA Site. Woodside Fire Marshal Don Bullard is helping a neighborhood committee to organize this effort. The first step is to assess our overall wildfire risk by asking each household to fill out a questionnaire about their property. Soon you will receive an email with step-

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

David, Jan and Amanda will be meeting on site with Khoa Vo from the County to look at drainage issues on parts of Los Trancos Road soon. We hope to make some forward progress with needed storm water mitigation and will keep you posted.

The popular and well-used **Fire Safety Incentive Program** will see some revisions for 2023 based on feedback from the community and Woodside Fire. Look for an email from Don Bullard regarding details in the next month. If you haven't yet participated in this program, check it out! <https://>

Neighborhood Notes

- Here is a wonderful opportunity to **be inspired** and to think ahead to the future of life with our changing climate. <https://guildtheatre.com/events/whats-your-2040-climate-movie-and-community-conversation-10-9-2022/>
- **Chipping Day** is Monday, October 24th, the last one until spring of 2023. Get your piles at the roadside up to 2 weeks prior, starting Monday, October 10th. Thank you, Woodside Fire!

by-step instructions for accessing and filling out the questionnaire. It should not take long to fill out, and committee members can be contacted with questions.

Our hope is that becoming a Firewise community will make us safer and more secure about keeping fire insurance coverage. (USAA and State Farm both give discounts for Firewise residents.) Also, as is already true, some of the expenses of fuel reduction and home hardening can be reimbursed by Woodside Fire (<https://www.woodsidetown.org/community/defensible-space-and-home-hardening-matching-fund-program>).

Submitted by Ellen Rice and Firewise Committee

www.woodsidefire.org/prevention/los-trancos-vista-verde-defensible-space

Happy Halloween! Feel free to contact any of us on the CAC: Jan Avilla, Peter Blum, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair). Email addresses and phone numbers are listed in the Community Resource Guide. 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.

Submitted by Amanda Lee, Co-Chair of CAC

- A little-known **fault system under Silicon Valley** could generate an earthquake as strong as Loma Prieta. Are we ready - household plan, emergency supplies, connected with neighbors? See the San Francisco Chronicle article, <https://apple.news/AK-ymeJMT02S9ccGAieIwA>.

Submitted by Tom Bleier

- Rain, rain, come again! **Rainfall data** thanks to Amanda Lee, Aug.-0", Sept.-.8", season to date-.8"



Way to Go Local Clean Up Crew!

Jimmy Inenaga always worries when trees fall down, especially when they block streets or trails. There was a large oak that fell along Lake Trail near Alpine Road. After a few days of waiting for it to be cleared, Jimmy rounded up some friends and off they

went to take care of it themselves. They cleared the path with teamwork and perseverance!

Submitted by Eiri Inenaga

Editor's note: Neighborhood thanks go out to Jimmy and his crew.

RSVP for Annual Halloween Block Party

It is that time of year when the "wild things" come out of hiding to roam the neighborhood in search of companionship, nourishment and treats! Please join us for our annual Halloween Block Party, October 31 from 4-6pm. A Mexican dinner and drinks will be served with trick or treating after dinner. We are still looking for someone to help with the costume and pumpkin carving contest. If you are interested, please contact one of the organizers.

You can also sign up to help out or bring things to share in the same link. RSVP in the Google link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dGszFZ8UD5enX7qnuna_zOQu8-iksRM8xBvCwAQZRQ0/edit?usp=sharing

Our Gofundme page has been set up to collect the needed money for the party. A suggested donation is \$15 per person attending. Thank you to all for your generous donations. Link in next column.



https://www.gofundme.com/f/lw-vv-community-halloween-party-2022?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

We hope to see you there! Keep in mind that part of Los Trancos Rd. is closed off during this community event.

Submitted by Eiri Inenaga, Julia Peters, Laurie Latham, Jessica Koehne

2022-23 Community Resource Guide

If you have any changes to the listings please contact Linda at dreynight@aol.com.

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.

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