



## **Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde** **Newsletter – October & November '23**

Here's a timely message that came from an Oct./Nov. 2018 Newsletter.

### **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)**

#### ***Community Meeting, Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.!***

Hoping to see you at the the first live meeting since Covid! Your Los Trancos County Maintenance District has a dedicated budget of over \$300,000 per year for our neighborhood for fire safety, stormwater control, community land maintenance. The district Community Advisory Committee wants your input and feedback on programs.

Meet incoming Fire Marshall Kim Giuliacci and Inspector Michael Tamez. They will address district programs, new defensible space requirements, and demonstrate Woodside Fire's nifty new online homeowner reporting interface. Fire Marshall Don Bullard will also attend, if he is able.

The meeting will be held at the Lee's garage at 40 Ciervos Road. Handicap parking will be reserved near the entrance. Please RSVP if you think you might attend – a rough headcount would be helpful. We do not want to run out of cookies and libations or have you sitting on the floor!

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 Board: Jan Avilla, Peter Blum, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair). Our email addresses and phone numbers are listed in the Community Resource Guide.

*Submitted by Amanda Lee, Co-Chair of CAC*

### **What Do I Do With THIS?!**

We have all heard of spring cleaning, but what about fall cleaning. I bet the bug bites just as many of us then too. AARP Newsletter provided some great hints on what to do with all those hidden treasures, or not such treasures. Here is a list of ideas for where to go with some of the larger items.

*Bicycles* - International Bicycle Fund ([ibike.org](http://ibike.org)), or <https://bikex.org/> in Palo Alto

*Boats* - Boats With Causes (<https://www.boatswithcauses.org/donate-boat-california/>), or San Francisco Baykeeper ([baykeeper.org](http://baykeeper.org))

*Building Supplies* - Habitat for Humanity ReStore (<https://restore.habitatetsv.org/>) in San Jose

*Car Seats* - if expired Target does a yearly collection, if not expired list on your local email group

*Computer Equipment* - for reuse Computers with Causes (<https://www.computerswithcauses.org/computer-donation-california/>), or Green Citizen in Burlingame (<https://greencitizen.com/>)

*Crutches* - less than 48" Crutches 4 Kids (<http://www.crutches4kids.org/>) ship for \$20

*Luggage* - if in good condition Opportunity Center in Palo Alto (<https://abode.org/opportunity-center>), or Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto (<https://www.ehpcares.org/>)

*Paint* - if can is in good condition most paint stores, or Paint Care (<https://www.paintcare.org/>) for big quantities

*Power Tools* - Habitat for Humanity ReStore (<https://restore.habitatbsv.org/>), or Vietnam Veterans of American (<https://vva.org/pickup-locations/california/>)

*Sports Equipment* - Ravenswood Youth Athletic Association (<http://www.ryaa.org/public/donate.php>) in East Palo Alto, or soccer gear Peace Passers ([peacepassers.org](http://peacepassers.org)), or baseball & softball equipment Pitch in For Baseball & Softball ([pifbs.org](http://pifbs.org)), or tennis gear Kids Serving Kids ([kidsservingkids.com](http://kidsservingkids.com)) in Santa Clara

*Vacuum Cleaners* - if in working order Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto (<https://www.ehpcares.org/>)

Best Buy accepts many nonworking items for recycling - vacuums, fans, VCRs, cables, headphones, DVD/blue-ray players, computers, desktops, hard drives, printers, scanners, tablets, mobile phones, landline phones, chargers, two-way radios, radios, alarm clocks, speakers, turntables, shredders, hair dryers, calculators, video game consoles, portable gaming, binoculars, cameras, camcorders, ink cartridges, and for more info go to <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/>

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

Web site addresses are:  
<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>  
<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

### **O-o-o-o, Halloween Is in Your Future**

Spooky times are coming to your neighborhood! Let's make those spooks last longer by reusing our decorations, or you can trade with neighbors to get a new look. Tired of candies wrapped in plastic. How about not-wrapped fancy pencils, fun-shaped erasers, or glitter pens, or.., or.. as good alternatives? Let's have Halloween ooze out our creative juices for a better earth!

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale*

Please join in for a **Halloween potluck** at the lake (intersection of Lake Road and Old Spanish Trail) on **October 31st at 5 PM**. Trick or treaters will wander from there down to Lake Road and around the circle, but the more ambitious of them may venture as far as Bonita, El Rey, Los Trancos Road, and Foxwood. Please bring a dish and/or drinks to share. Please BYOPCU (Bring Your Own Plates, Cups and Utensils). No trash(y) Halloween in our neighborhood!

*Submitted by Shivani Nautiyal*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- Monday, **October 23rd, is the third chipper day** of the year, which is sponsored by our Los Trancos County Maintenance District.
- **Battery check** your smoke and CO (carbon monoxide) alarms and NOAA radio before you get busy with planning your holidays. If you want information about the NOAA emergency radio, and why you should have one, contact Tom Bleier.

### **2022-23 Community Resource Guide**

Please put the following changes in your 2022-23 CRG.

If you have any changes to the listings please contact Linda at [dreynight@aol.com](mailto:dreynight@aol.com).

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