



## **LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE** **Newsletter – December 2016/January 2017**

### **Fire Safety Rebate Program Notice:**

***Current program ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. New program starts January 1<sup>st</sup>.***

The current fire safety rebate program is ending on December 31. If you are planning to apply for a rebate, please have the work done and your rebate request submitted to Deputy Fire Marshal Don Bullard [djbullard@woodsidefire.org](mailto:djbullard@woodsidefire.org) before the end of this year.

The current program will be replaced by a new rebate program effective January 1, 2017. The Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) inspections will remain the basis for the new program. If you've had an inspection done, you will not need to have a new inspection since the assessment portion will remain valid. If you have not had an inspection done, please consider scheduling one (see Fire Marshal Denise Enea's article below). The WFPD will provide information on the new program as soon as the details are finalized, including different rebate amounts.

Please contact any of the Los Trancos County Maintenance District Community Advisory Committee members if you have questions. They are: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee, Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer.

*Submitted by Amanda Lee*

### **Fire Safety Enhancement in Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde**

The long-awaited Los Trancos County Maintenance District has been established, taking over the revenue oversight duties of the previous Los Trancos County Water District. A portion of the funds is earmarked for fire safety enhancement projects within Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde. The Woodside Fire Protection District is overseeing the "Fire Safety Enhancement" activities, which are approved by the Los Trancos County Maintenance District's Community Advisory Committee. Each year a list of projects and homeowner incentives will be approved, with the goal being to diminish home ignitability, and reduce the potential intensity and rate of spread of a potential wildfire. In the current 2016/2017-year period, some of the home incentives and hazardous fuel projects include:

- *Non-Combustible Roofs & Skylights*
- *Non- Combustible Siding & Ember Resistant Vents*
- *Removing Dead & Hazardous Trees*
- *Clearing Flammable Vegetation Around Structures*
- *Maintaining Safe Evacuation Routes through Los Trancos Rd. & Alpine Rd.*

All homeowner incentive funds, for structure hardening and reducing hazardous fuels around your home, are initiated with an inspection by Woodside Fire Protection District. Deputy Fire Marshal Don Bullard will conduct a complete inspection of your property and identify potential fire safety issues which can be mitigated.

Please take advantage of this great program by contacting Don Bullard [djbullard@woodsidefire.org](mailto:djbullard@woodsidefire.org) to schedule your inspection. The work you do on your home and around your property to safeguard against fire not only benefits you it helps the entire community.

*Submitted by Denise Enea, Fire Marshal*

## **Who-o-o Came for Halloween?**

50 Trick-or-treaters came, that's who-o-o! The neighborhood once again produced a fabulous community event where everyone pitched in with a party beforehand and after, and groups of kids scampered through the neighborhood for treats, and let's not forget the unforgettable haunted house supplied by Joe Sabel and Jane Leibowitz. Many, many thanks go to: food and drinks courtesy of Julia Peters, Cam Smith and Martin Casado, games and activities courtesy of Julia, Eva and Julio Diez, Eiri Inenaga provided organizer extraordinaire, the set up, clean up, canopies, tables and chairs provided by many including Hayley Leinfelder, after party courtesy of David Smernoff and Cindy Russell. The neighbors on Los Trancos Rd. put up with having the road blocked off for the party. A multitude of houses opened up their homes to the troop of trick-or-treaters.

*Submitted by Eiri Inenaga and Linda Drey-Nightingale*

## **Los Trancos Woods Community Association**

Whatever you thought of the presidential election, very soon it will be time to vote again—but this time at the neighborhood level! At the start of next year, you will elect your LTWCA executive board members.

If you are **unhappy** about the presidential election, then now is your chance for a “do over”! If you are **happy** about the presidential election, then double your delight by voting for new community board members too! Either way, your neighborhood could really use your voter participation. Look for an invitation to vote in your email around New Years from Survey Monkey. **Please simply click on the vote button in that email to vote online** (only takes a couple minutes).

Residents who do not have an email will automatically receive a paper ballot. If you do not wish to vote through Survey Monkey, please email [lostrancos.communityassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:lostrancos.communityassociation@yahoo.com) for a paper ballot. However you choose to vote, your voting information will not be shared. The community election will close in mid January, exact date is forthcoming.

The present message is also a call for anyone who wishes to run for a seat on the LTWCA executive board. To throw in your hat, email: [lostrancos.communityassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:lostrancos.communityassociation@yahoo.com). Thanks for making this a great neighborhood, and please **do vote** when you get your ballot!  
*Submitted by Cam Smith, LTWCA Treasurer*

## **Neighborhood Notes**

- Our local **rainfall figures** are lookin' good. Local rainfall master, Gene Hunner reports: October -- 6.50", November -- 3.21", year-to-date (beginning 7/1/16) -- 9.71"
- **Wildland areas** are just that – meant for wildlife. When we put out poisons for unwanted pests, we are also poisoning the native wildlife and our own beloved pets. Recently I was told about a cat that ingested some poison, and after two excruciating days was lost to the poisoning. There are many options other than poisoning the pests. Try sunken beer bowls for slugs, cayenne or cinnamon for ants, snap traps for rats and mice, Rat Zapper, or live traps for raccoons. Let's all try to keep our pets and wildlife safe from poisonings!

## **2016 Community Resource Guide**

If you have any changes or additions to your 2016 listing please contact Linda, 851-1787 or [dreynight@aol.com](mailto:dreynight@aol.com).

### **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*