



## **LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE** **Newsletter – December '17/January '18**

### **A “Santa Rosa” or “Ventura” Holiday Gift**

What better gift can you give to your family than a “Go Bag”! The recent fires bring home the life-saving importance of being ready. The Go Bag gift will bring peace of mind, a sense of caring, and be absolutely invaluable in an emergency evacuation when you grab and go. Can't get much better than that. What this gift will not be is: holiday frenzied shopping, endless head-scratching to get the *right* gift, or can my budget really afford this. This priceless gift for the whole family takes about 30 min. to put together at any time that is convenient for you. We have even made the list for you:

1. Day pack or small duffel
2. Small first aid kit
3. Extra set of clothes, including for rain, cold, hat, work gloves, bandana, and old sturdy shoes
4. Water and food (high energy snack bars are always good)
5. Flashlight
6. Copy of important papers in Ziploc bag, e.g., driver's license, bank cards and accounts
7. Cash in smaller bills
8. Extra medications
9. Eyeglasses
10. Extra phone charger
11. If you have a pet, pet food

On your way out the door – grab your Go Bag, keys and cell phone.

When the emergency hits, it is too late to think of putting your bag together. Why not now for a “Santa Rosa” gift?

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

### **Harrowing Halloween**

Out of the dark of night came not 1, not 2, but 50 Halloween trick-or-treaters (see photos below) in all manner of dress and character. They had started their revelry hours before at a yearly grub event on the Circle, then they moved on to rap on doors, shout their demands, grab the booty, and run off into the blackness of night. Later they cackled over what they had managed to acquire in their nighttime “raids” and ate more grub at another gathering. There were coincidentally many sightings of a crashed alien aircraft along Los Trancos Road. Some reports even mentioned an alien's body (perhaps only napping?) on the floor of the spacecraft, along with strange lights and sounds. What is this neighborhood coming to? It looks like a yearly event to be enjoyed and cherished by all who partake, whether 2 years old or 80 years old.

Many neighborhood accomplices are to be blamed for this joyous evening: Martin Casado, Cam Smith, Julia Peters, JoAnn Loulan, Ronnie Crawford, Jessica Koehne, Jennifer Trzepacz, Rebecca Reynolds, Jan Avilla, Joe Sabel, Jane Leibowitz, and lastly David Smernoff and Cindy Russell. A bounty of thanks goes to you all!

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale, Emily Jagoda, and Hayley Leinfelder*

## **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**Fire Safety Program:** Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) reports that roughly 10 households have taken advantage of the program through mid-October resulting in incentive reimbursements of over \$37,000. This is a great program that keeps our whole community safer with incentives for home hardening (fire safe vents, roofs, exteriors, double paned windows & skylights, etc.) and defensible space. Qualifying projects by individual homeowners are eligible for 50% rebates of the project costs, up to a maximum \$5,000 rebate.

We need your help! **Please participate in a study to identify POTENTIALLY hazardous trees that are OVERHANGING POWER LINES by reporting any that are NEAR or ON your property.** Send to Denise Enea, WFPD Fire Marshall, [denea@woodsidefire.org](mailto:denea@woodsidefire.org) . We will keep you posted with findings.

**Stormwater Management Program:** The San Mateo County Department of Public Works (DPW) reports that the Carmel Way drainage project remains in the decision-making phase. Ramona/Los Trancos Circle projects have been permitted and approved; work will proceed as soon as an alternate sub-contractor is identified after the first one became unavailable.

As a reminder, the CAC serves as a communications conduit between the community and DPW and WFPD to help determine the best use of the property tax revenue that used to be allocated to the now dissolved water district. Members of the CAC are: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee, Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer. Please feel free to get in touch with any of us with your comments.

*Submitted by Amanda Lee, CAC Co-Chair*

## **Neighborhood Notes**

- **Dog walkers and dog lovers**, we owe thanks to some elves whom are starting to stock the dog poop pick up bag containers on Los Trancos Circle and at the entrance to the trail on Old Spanish Road. Our beautiful neighborhood benefits from you. Thank you!
- **Susan Lee** earned her Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Medicine, specializing in cancer immunology, from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD. She looks forward to returning to California! *Editor's note: Congratulations from the neighborhood!*

*Submitted by Amanda Lee*

- **Thanks to Woodside Fire** for removing the eucalyptus trees (also called torch trees by fire departments) along Lake Rd. We also benefitted from 2 days of their chipper work this year.
- From the gauges of Gene Hunner we have our latest **rainfall data:** Oct - .4", Nov - 5.1", season to date (starting 7/1/17) - 5.53". Off to a good start.

## **2016-17 Community Resource Guide Updates**

Folks, get ready, as it is time to update and republish our Resource Guide. We are almost done with updating the directory section. If you are in Vista Verde and have not submitted your information, please let John Barksdale know what your current information is. If you are in LTW contact Linda, 851-1787 or [dreynight@aol.com](mailto:dreynight@aol.com). You can expect to see the latest and greatest CRG sometime in January/February.

## **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