



## LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE Newsletter – February/March 2019

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



**Storm Water Removal** - Joe LoCoco, Deputy Director of San Mateo Roads and Transportation, had his crew out this week on Lake Road to do some preventive maintenance. During the recent heavy rains, they noticed water runoff from the street was undercutting the edge of the road. They were concerned that, left unattended, the road edge would begin to crumble under traffic. They brought out two dump trucks of fill dirt and compacted it down to reinforce the adjacent edge. They then dug a channel to direct any new water away from the road edge and lead it safely into the reservoir area away from Lake Road. Thanks to Joe and his team for taking this proactive action and avoiding a potential costly resurfacing job in the future.

**Christmas Tree Removal** - Unless you have made special arrangements to pay for removal of your Christmas trees, the local waste removal company will not take them. I have noticed at least six or more trees alongside resident's curbs since the holiday season has passed. There are no scheduled chipper program services for our area until May 6, when the Woodside Fire Protection District's Chipper Program will dispose of your trees. The only other suggested alternative is to cut off the tree's branches and trunk and

put them in your regular weekly trash bin, or yard waste bin, if you are paying for yard waste service.

Please feel free to call one of the CAC Board members with your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. They are: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee, Claudia Mazetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg, Tom Thayer  
*Submitted by Ken Kormanak, Member of CAC*

### VV/LTW Group Email Change

We have changed group service providers as of January 29. Yahoo Groups was continuing to be troublesome. The new provider is named groups.io. No ads, no tracking, less spam. No trouble with attaching pictures. No hassling the listmom for address changes, etc.

The migration is mostly automated, and brings over all our members and the existing group archives (all the old messages, no attachments). Now that the migration is over, I will stop accepting posts to the old group and reply to the sender with a request to please re-post to the new address. The new address will be [vvltw@groups.io](mailto:vvltw@groups.io). The only thing that will change for users will be the new address for posting. If you want

to be added to the new group and have not already gotten an email from me at the new address, see the bottom of the Newsletter for the subscribe email address.

*Submitted by Jerry "listmom" Jensen*

*Editors note: A BIG thank you to Jerry for researching this and coming up with a solution!*

### **Farewell to a Long Time Resident**

Autumn Stanley, who died of cancer on Sept. 20, 2018, had lived in Los Trancos Woods since 1958, and had been an active member of our community from beginning to end. Only Bert Chabot, who was born here, has lived here longer. Autumn raised her four children here, which still feels like home to them.

At various times, Autumn served as a District Rep on the Woods Association Board. I first met her in 1966 or so, when she spoke eloquently at a Board of Supervisors hearing about Ramona Road, which had not yet been built. Our own attorney leaned over and asked us, "Who is that woman? She's brilliant!" And so she was. She wrote a variety of books, especially children's books, but also an asparagus cookbook, and two scholarly books on women inventors. While researching these subjects, she hired local kids, such as my son Eric, and Thomas Mazawa, to help her file information, and they received an education as well as pocket money. JoAnn Loulan recalls, Autumn was a feminist before there were feminists.

Autumn was one of the original founders of Book Club, and she read avidly all of her life. Having worked as an editor at the Stanford Press, she could never resist correcting grammatical errors in modern, computer-edited books. She was also a wonderful photographer and knew a lot about wildflowers. She was a wonderful neighbor, and I miss my morning walks with her, which to me epitomized what I love about life in Los Trancos Woods.

*Submitted by Anne Baldwin*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- The **LTWCA Board election** was delayed due to overwhelming circumstances. Look for an email on the election in the coming weeks.
- January really delivered a water punch to us according to **Gene Hunner's rain gauge**: December - 3.5", January (until 29th) - 9.5", rainfall season to date - 19.1"
- Go **back in time** 15 years - Remember those dog droppings strewn about Los Trancos Woods and on either side of the trails. Now come to the **present** - Breathe easy and walk easy, knowing that those piles are few and far between. A BIG thank you from the neighborhood to all those dog owners and walkers who whisk away those piles. And thank you to those elves who fill our 3 dog poop bag dispensers.

### **2018-19 Community Resource Guide**

Please make the following changes to your 2018-19 CRG.

**Add: Becky Richards, Josh Allen, Oliver Allen (3/2014), & our newest member Willa Allen (born 12/11/2018), 115 Foxwood Rd., 330-606-6395(c) Becky, 202-285-1944(c) Josh Brad & Grace Graw, 143 Lake Rd., 415-706-2425(c) Brad, [Bradley.graw@gmail.com](mailto:Bradley.graw@gmail.com), [gracejanegraw@gmail.com](mailto:gracejanegraw@gmail.com)**

**Delete: Lisa Sandusky, 115 Foxwood Rd.  
Paul and Kristi Skrabo, 60 Joaquin  
Edys Quellmalz & Bill Bethard, 143 Lake Rd.**

If you have any changes to the listings please contact Linda at 851-1787 or [dreynight@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:vvltw+subscribe@groups.io)

[VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).