



## **LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE** **Newsletter – April/May 2018**

### **Emergency In Our Neighborhood**

The residents of Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde are well aware of the tragic wildfires in the North County last year, where those multiple fires resulted in many fatalities and tremendous loss of property. Our neighborhood exists in this beautiful wooded setting, but it is somewhat isolated and is also vulnerable to the same type of “midnight wildfire” scenario.

Our Emergency Planning committees are working with the Woodside Fire District, San Mateo Sheriff’s Office, and San Mateo Office of Emergency Services to consider many options to notify each and every resident during a local wildfire, especially in case we need to evacuate or take shelter in a safe place. We will be sending out periodic updates on this issue and hope to have a viable solution in place by this summer’s fire season. For questions, please contact Tom Bleier.

*Submitted by Tom Bleier, VV Emergency Preparedness*

*Editor’s Note: We all owe great appreciation to Tom Bleier who has spent many hours researching and meeting about this critical issue.*

### **Thank you to Districts and Groups**

A shout out to all those Los Trancos Woods residents who are part of our LTW Emergency Preparedness Team. Our wonderful group of volunteers attends at least one Emergency Preparedness Training each year (sometimes 2 trainings per year) and then disseminates important information from the trainings to LTW residents.

In the event of a major emergency, District Leaders & Group Leaders have been instructed to first and foremost get their families to a safe place. If time and circumstances allow, Group Leaders will check in with neighbors in their respective groups and coordinate with District Leaders. The Team has been trained on radio communications. The Emergency Preparedness Team also recently helped in distributing the new 2018/2019 Community Resource Guides along with the Association Dues Notification. NOTE: Please see page 15 of the Guide for information on Emergency Response & Communication.

Thank you to our wonderful Emergency Preparedness volunteers:

Susan Jensen, Gale Smith, Charlie Adams, Rachel Sink, Scott Gamel, Markus Jakobsson, Stephen Dunne, Peter Tapscott, Prista Charuworn, Cynthia Dorrell, Karen Olsen, Bill Scharninghausen, Matt Juelsgaard, Marc Levaggi, Jan Avila, Matt Gebhart, Chris Tripoli, Dudley Kenworthy, Hayley Leinfelder, Hilary Duwe, Linda-Drey Nightingale, Cate Glenn, Cathy Brewster, Ronny Crawford, Linda Carlson, Trudy Day and Cameron Fulton.

*Submitted by Tracy Sherman, LTW Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair*

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

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) hosted a community meeting on March 7th. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain feedback from Vista Verde and Los Trancos Woods residents on work performed during the past year by the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) and the San Mateo County Department of Public Works (DPW), and on their plans

for the coming year. WFPD activities were positively viewed, while a number of suggestions were made for improving the work by DPW on Los Trancos Road.

Since the meeting, the CAC has communicated the input provided during the meeting to both WFPD and DPW. Both organizations have provided a least a preliminary response to the comments.

Specific feedback on each point raised during the meeting will be finalized during the next few weeks. The CAC will distribute this information when it becomes available. The CAC is working with Joe Loco at DPW to schedule a date and a location within our community, when he could be available to discuss individual homeowner's storm water runoff concerns and opportunities. In addition, Joe has committed to on-site meetings prior to future projects along with project plans, mock-ups, and road markings, as appropriate, to better obtain community feedback before the project is begun.

As a reminder, the CAC was established by the County Supervisors to provide a communications conduit between our community, the DPW, and the WFPD, as property tax revenues dedicated to community improvements by means of the Community Maintenance District (successor to the now defunct Water District) are spent.

*Submitted by Tom Thayer, Co-Chair*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- **Dogs** on leash, not wildlife on leash. I know that it makes our hearts sing when we see a happy dog romping along, however it makes wildlife hearts beat furiously with the fight or flight instinct. Remember that on the trails, we are the visitors and the wildlife are the residents. Let's be good visitors and follow their rules, not ours.
- LTW residents' reminder – get your 2 year dues to your District Rep. or Cam Smith.
- There are no **current rainfall figures**, since the editor did not get the request to Gene Hunner in time.

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

**It's here, it's here!** By now you should have your new, always improved, fabulous CRG in your hot little hands. It is great bedtime reading, especially the sections on emergency preparedness. If you find any changes that need to be made, let me know and I will publish them in the next newsletter. Please send them to Linda, 851-1787 or [dreynight@aol.com](mailto:dreynight@aol.com). Make sure you give the diligent, hard-working, ever persistent CRG crew a BIG thank you if you meet them: Wen Gong, John Barksdale, Cindy Rowe, Linda Drey-Nightingale, Tom Bleier, Tracy Sherman and Steve Friedman.

### **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*