



Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde

Newsletter – April/May 2019

Are We Prepared? Are You Prepared?

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Service - as part of the countywide Emergency Preparedness Drill - sent out several TEST alerts about a “possible” evacuation. **What if you did not receive these alerts!?** In a REAL emergency, this could mean that you would not receive potentially life saving information about evacuation orders and which evacuation route to take. We are all in this together, and it would be heartbreaking to leave anyone behind. It could also endanger those who get these alerts, who might then delay their departure to warn neighbors that they need to evacuate. We may only get a 5 minute warning.

Think back to Saturday, March 23rd. If you did not get a notification by text, phone, and email, you can remedy that. For text and email, register with SMCAAlert.info. It only takes about 5 minutes which may be all the time you get to evacuate. If you did not get a phone call, email Chris at cmpaprcka@gmail.com and let him know with your name, address and phone number.

We are prepared, if you are prepared.

Submitted by LTW Emergency Preparedness Team

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

25 neighbors participated in the annual community meeting on March 14th. Two key areas of the CAC’s focus, stormwater management and fire prevention and safety, were discussed. The meeting’s slideshow, with program information and budgets, and the compilation of questions and feedback from participants was shared via groups.io list serve and is posted on the LosTrancosWoods.org website “LTCMD/Community Advisory Committee” link. We will soon have responses to questions posed to the Department of Public Works regarding stormwater management, and Woodside Fire regarding fire safety/prevention and will share answers via groups.io and website posting.

In advance of the upcoming fire season, we hope everyone will take advantage of the excellent Fire Safety Program, with incentives to harden your homes (roofs, vents, dual paned windows, siding, etc.), remove dead trees and more. To participate, contact Don Bullard, WFPD Deputy Fire Marshal, djbullard@woodsidefire.org

The Los Trancos County Maintenance District (LTCMD) CAC exists to advise and offer feedback to DPW and Woodside Fire and to inform the community about LTCMD sponsored programs. Feel free to contact any of us on the CAC: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair)

Submitted by Amanda Lee, Co-Chair of CAC

LTWCA Board Election

Here are the results of the recent LTWCA election for its executive board members. About 45% of the total number of households in the community participated. We encourage all community members to participate in the next election cycle, which is slated for September 2020.

Last fall, the community referendum changed the number of board seats from 7 to 5, and those five seats will be filled by the following individuals until the next election in 2020:

Heidi Richards
Emily Jagoda
Martin Casado
Hayley Lienfelder
Cameron Smith

Thank you, Los Trancos Woods, for your community spirit and involvement!

Submitted by Kim Acker, Independent Verifier

Wildflowers Are Coming and Coming

If they are not here yet, they are certainly on their way. Splashes of red, white, and blue already abound. Will they look nice in a vase? Unfortunately, no. Many wildflowers wilt quickly, and if picked they are no longer available to seed in the woods for next year. So take photos, not flowers. Here are a few that are already out:



Common Star Lily



Milkmaids



Buttercup



Shooting Star



Hound's Tongue

Unfortunately there was no good photo I could download of Indian Warrior which is still abundant now.

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

Neighborhood Notes

- Did you know that we have our very own **Little Free Library**, <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>, in the neighborhood courtesy of John, Ariana and Benjamin Vorhies? Check it out at 135 Los Trancos Circle. Bring a book to add and take a book to read.
- Here is the absolute **latest in rainfall data** from Gene Hunner. We are lookin' good and we aren't done yet. February - 16.5", March - 8.4", rainfall season to date (since July 1st) - 44.6"
- Long time resident (1975) **Norm Hardy** passed away recently. He will be remembered for his involvement with his computers, gadgets, & projects about the house.

Community Associations' Web Sites

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

The group e-mail list is:
vvltw+subscribe@groups.io
VVCA+subscribe@groups.io.

Thank you, Jerry Jensen & Rob Kalman for maintaining web sites