



LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE **Newsletter – June/July 2017**

Are You Ready for a Fire?

Some of us, but not all, take this question very seriously and prepare our properties the best we can. However are we preparing correctly? As the summer fire season quickly approaches we should all consider improving our homes ignition resistance. Take the quiz to see if you know how to prepare.

1. What part of homes have the biggest risk for ignition?

- a. Trees
- b. Wood roof
- c. Wood siding
- d. Front door

2. Fire brands during a wildfire are often blown ?

- a. Into windows
- b. Into chimneys
- c. Under wood decks
- d. Into outdoor light fixtures

3. Radiant Heat from a fire can?

- a. Crack non tempered windows
- b. Ignite vegetation next to homes
- c. Ignite combustible patio furniture
- d. All the above

4. What type of siding is the MOST ignition proof ?

- a. Treated cedar shingles
- b. Hardie board composite shingles
- c. Vinyl siding
- d. T1 -T11 Plywood

5. What house accessories assist with preventing embers from entering houses?

- a. Rain gutters
- b. Door mats.
- c. Specialized attic vents
- d. None of the above

Q1. B, Q2. C, Q3. D, Q4. B, Q5. C

Now that you have an academic overview of key components of structure ignitability you can get started preparing your home. Call today to get your free Woodside Fire home ignition resistance and fire safety inspection (650) 851-1594. Many of these fire safety improvements can be partially covered by the Los Trancos County Maintenance District incentive program.

Submitted by Denise Enea, Fire Marshall, Woodside Fire Protection District

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Over thirty people attended the community meeting hosted by Don and Amanda Lee and the Community Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee presented draft 3 year plans for spending the ~\$300,000 per year dedicated by the County for managing former Water District lands and for use in non-routine improvements to fire safety and storm water management. Your feedback was very supportive of the plans. But there was also useful additional input provided, especially about storm water management, based on participants' local knowledge and experience gained from last winter's deluges. The CAC has

followed up with meetings with both the County's Department of Public Works (DPW) and Woodside Fire Protection District. The DPW is also responding through local site inspections and subsequent meetings with some of our residents who expressed concerns.

A summary of the plans, their budgets and your input and responses to them can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/n5czc4l>. Please continue to provide your ideas and concerns to any one 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 Tom Thayer

Los Trancos Woods Community Association

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the LTWCA!

The 7 members are:

District 1 Board Member: Heidi Richards

District 2 Board Member: Emily Jagota

District 3 Board Member: Cameron Smith

District 4 Board Member: Martin Casado

Board Members "At-Large": Matt Julesgaard, Hayley Leinfelder, and Julio Cotorruelo

Editor's note: A big thank you goes to Cameron Smith who spearheaded this effort to hold elections.

Easter Bunny Visits Again!

The annual Los Trancos Woods Hunting of the Easter Eggs Event happened in lovely weather this year, with the lake so full that the Easter bunny was apparently only able to find space along the trail and at one edge of the lake. It was well attended by 25 children, and parents and grandparents. In groups divided roughly by age, children searched for and found plastic eggs filled with candy or tiny fluffy bunnies. Only minor candy taxes were paid by parents this year, at a rate estimated to be below 15%. Much fun was had by all, both young and old. Special thanks to Shivani Nautiyal and her helpers for organizing and aiding the Easter bunny in making this event possible. If anyone has plastic eggs left, please bring them to Prista's house for re-use.

Submitted by Emily Jagota and Prista Charuworn

Neighborhood Notes

- Allen Saltzman was one of those people who was simply always there. Like a sturdy old oak, he was deeply rooted in the earth of Los Trancos Woods. He was there when we moved into the house next to his in 1979, and he was still there until just a little while ago. When Alan retired from the U.S. Navy we saw him a great deal, and he and Larry enjoyed many a back-fence-style visit in our driveway. Alan enjoyed working on his vintage MG with a Giants game on the radio. Even though Alan has passed away the memory remains of our treasured friend and neighbor. And as for his beloved home, whatever becomes of it, for us it will always be "Allen's house", and he will always be there.

Submitted by Karen Olsen

- The final glorious **rainfall figures** from Gene Hunner are...not available at time of "publishing". Look for them in the next Newsletter.

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
VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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