



LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE **Newsletter – June/July 2018**

Fire Season Is Roaring In

Here is a brief reminder that fire season is around the corner and there are a few simple things everyone can do around their property to help make them and their neighbors safer:

- Blow dead leaves off roof.
- Clean out gutters of leaves and accumulated debris.
- Cut back tall grasses around property.
- Pull broom.
- Remove any dead material and/or limb up trees.
- Have your “GO” bag ready. (see the Dec. '17/Jan. '18 issue for suggested contents)
- Keep your new NOAA Alert Radios on at night in your bedroom.

Be safe!

Submitted by Tracy Sherman

Wildland Fire Alert Radios

Thanks to all, and especially Fire Chief Dan Ghiorso and NOAA Weather Alert group, for helping develop a workable way to alert our neighbors within a few minutes, if there is an impending wildfire approaching our neighborhood. Over 200 radios were ordered and distributed to 153 residences in Vista Verde, Los Trancos Woods and Blue Oaks. These radios receive San Mateo County-specific alerts using the existing NOAA radio transmitter near San Francisco. If you decide that you want to order one of these radios, you can easily get a Midland WR120EZ radio on Amazon.com for \$29.95 + cost of 3 AA batteries.

https://www.amazon.com/Midland-WR120EZ-Weather-Certified-Trilingual/dp/B00176T9OY/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1526959312&sr=8-1&keywords=midland+wr120ez+radio.”

Submitted by Tom Bleier

Editor's Note: We all thank Tom for his research and coordination to order these radios. He even added batteries, programmed and hand delivered the radios. Now we need to do our job. Install them!

Weed Management Training – 26 May, P.V. Town Center

(A few notes from the training – more info will come later)

“Noxious weeds crowd out native plants, harm animal habitats, create a fire danger and are a costly problem for farmers, ranchers, and landowners.” “Typically, they steal precious moisture, nutrients and sunlight from surrounding plants, thus impacting native plant and animal communities.”

What can you do? Learn to distinguish native plants from non-native, invasive plants. Here are some web sites to help you with identification and with control.

www.calflora.org

www.cal-ipc.org

<http://wric.ucdavis.edu/>

<http://www.nrdp.org/?Tab=1>

or call San Mateo County Weed Management Area, 650-363-4700

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

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

At our March 28th meeting we reviewed membership of the Fire Safety and Storm Water Management subcommittees that have interfaced with Woodside Fire and the Department of Public Works (DPW) respectively since September 2016. Going forward, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer will remain on the Fire Safety subcommittee while Amanda Lee and Claudia Mazzetti will switch over to the Storm Water Management (SWM) subcommittee, joining ongoing members Jerry Hearn and David Smernoff. Tom will no longer serve on the SWM subcommittee to concentrate on Fire Safety. Subcommittee needs and membership will be reviewed in another year.

Fire Safety programs, including chipper day, broom pulling, hazardous tree work and incentive program inspections and mitigation, have been proceeding well with timely reporting by Fire Marshall Denise Enea via the VV/LTW list serve. The Storm Water Management project on Los Trancos Road that included some problematic curbing has been fixed by DPW and the major drainage project on lower Ramona Road has been completed.

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. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the CAC members with concerns.

Submitted by Amanda Lee, Co-Chair of CAC

Easter Bunny Leaves Surprises

On April 1st, ~16 neighborhood children came together for the annual LTW/VV Easter egg hunt on a lovely, clear morning. A lot of fun was had by all. After searching high and low, the golden egg was not to be found (or maybe that was the April's Fool joke!).

Submitted by Prista Charuworn

Neighborhood Notes

- **Adam Smith** will graduate June 15th from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Master of Science Degree in Quantitative Economics. Using the Econometric Data Analytic skills he has mastered, Adam will solve problems facing our society. He is particularly interested in finding ways to improve transportation issues in California and beyond. He is currently interviewing for jobs in the Bay Area while finishing his thesis research project. He always was a math whiz, so it's amazing to see him apply his gift to help others in a meaningful way.

Submitted by Gale Smith

- Well the **rainy season** was not gang busters like last year, but it looks like March saved us from a devastating drought classification. Thanks to Gene Hunner, here are our current rainfall figures: February - .5", March - 7.6", April - 3.4", May - 0.0, season to date - 23.5".

2018-19 Community Resource Guide

If you have any changes to the listings please contact Linda, 851-1787 or dreynight@aol.com.

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