



## **Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde** **Newsletter – June/July 2019**

### **Did You Get the Evacuation Notice?!**

Now that I have your attention, read below to see how you can be in the loop in case of a critical emergency.

Thanks to all who participated in the March 24 Emergency Alert Drill. The objective was to test several methods of alerting our residents in case of Wildfires (especially at night and especially fast moving fires).

1. **SMC Alerts** are the county's primary way of alerting us. The Alert can include email, SMS text, and reverse 911 phone calls. NOTE: It is very important for you to sign up to this alert system if you want to get this alert when a wildfire occurs. Go to: <https://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert>
2. **VV/LTW telephone tree system** (One Call) can also be used by emergency personnel. You are automatically included if you are listed in the Community Resource Guide with your phone numbers and email addresses. This system is initiated locally to supplement the SMC Alert. Several of the local emergency prep leaders have the initiation code to put out a message.
3. **NOAA weather radios** may be the last source of timely warning, if the power, Internet, and cell coverage go out (which happened in the Tubbs and Paradise fires).

For those who have the radios, but have marginal signal strength on Channel 1 (Mt. Pise), I recommend that you change to Channel 5 (Marin Big Rock) which has better signal strength in our area. Email [tbleier@quakefinder.com](mailto:tbleier@quakefinder.com) if you need help doing this. If you have not already bought your NOAA radio, Midland WR120EZ, it is on sale on Amazon for only \$30 right now. Let's avoid a tragedy and get one.

It is highly recommend that all residents have a "Grab & Go Bag" with important papers, pictures, medicines, food, clothing, etc) to expedite our evacuation timeline.

*Submitted by Tom Bleier, VV Emergency Prep Leader & Linda Drey-Nightingale, LTW E. P. Co-Leader*

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

After meeting with Joe LoCoco, Department of Public Works (DPW) Deputy Director, and Denise Enea, WFPD Fire Marshall, to discuss drainage and fire safety questions posed at the March 14<sup>th</sup> community meeting, Joe and Denise responded. Please go to the [LosTrancosWoods.org](http://LosTrancosWoods.org) website and see this link under "LTCMD/Community Advisory Committee": [Meeting Q&A March 14,2019](#)

Replacement of the high curbs that were recently installed on Los Trancos Road with a lower rolled-style curb within inches of the road edge will be happening. The DPW schedule is very impacted, so no date has been set yet; we will keep you posted.

If you have not already, be sure to take advantage of the excellent Fire Safety Program with incentives to harden your homes (roofs, vents, dual paned windows, siding, wood deck replacement, etc.), harden your landscape, limb up and cut back trees, remove dead trees, and more. You can receive up to \$5000 incentive annually per household for properties within the LTCMD. To find out more and to participate, contact Don Bullard, WFPD Deputy Fire Marshal: [djbullard@woodsidefire.org](mailto:djbullard@woodsidefire.org).

The 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: 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*

## **What Did We Learn From the 24 March Drill?**

After the drill a survey was put out to record how people received the information. Here is what we found out.

- **40%** of the households responded (thank you to all those who responded and those who worked hard to get the responses)

Of those 40%:

- **70%** indicated that they received an SMC Alert either by phone, text, or email
- **45%** got the LTW/VV One Call by phone
- **40%** have a Grab & Go Bag
- **over 80%** know the 2 evacuation routes

Great going knowing the evacuation routes! For those that are not sure, check out page 3 in your Community Resource Guide and make note of the arrows marking the routes. We definitely could do better with our "Grab & Go Bags", so how about a summer promise to get that together. We will be checking on the One Call to see if it can be improved. And let's **ALL** try and register for the SMC Alert, see web site in first article.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale with fabulous data crunching by Chris Paprcka & Susan Lee*

## **Eric Lefholz, June 8, 1949 - May 6, 2019**

Eric Lefholz peacefully passed away from cancer on May 6th. He had his own construction business for about 43 years during which time he also raced his 1965 Mustang. He lived in Vista Verde for almost 35 years. Eric was known to neighbors as a generous man who would lend out his equipment, his time and a helping hand. If something around the house went awry and needed fixing, Eric was there to help. He loved using his equipment to move dirt, and one recent rainy winter when a slide completely covered a section of Alpine Rd., he cleared the road. Eric will be missed by Anna, his wife, and his friends. If you would like to contribute to his memory, please plant a tree.

## **New Officers for Vista Verde Community Association Board**

Congratulations to the new officers that have been elected for the next two years for Vista Verde! They are:

Suzanne Rufflo-Greenleaf, President

Corey Rae Shaw, Vice President

Bea Garsh, Secretary

Frank Perlroth, Treasurer

We are planning on having the VV/LTW picnic in September.

*Submitted by Joan Barksdale, past president VVCA*

## **Neighborhood Notes**

- Our intrepid rain recorder, Gene Hunner, has been recording since 1992. Can you believe it?! The latest numbers are: April -1.0, May - 3.9", rainfall year-to-date (beginning 7/1/18) - 49.5".

## **Community Associations' Web Sites**

Web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

To subscribe to group e-mail lists:

[vltw+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:vltw+subscribe@groups.io)

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

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