



Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde **Newsletter – June & July 2021**

Sprinklers for Wildfire? Effective or Not?

Many homeowners ask Woodside Fire for recommendations on exterior foam, gel, and sprinkler systems. Although many seem to believe these are a "common sense" solution, their potential use cases are limited, and there are many considerations that must be balanced before installing such a system. First and foremost: home hardening, using ignition resistant and non-combustible materials, design, and construction is likely to be more effective, less expensive, and will increase the value and longevity of your home. **See the full document attached to the email.**

Submitted by Don Bullard

Note: The above text is only a teaser to get you interested in the entire, very informative article.

Ready, Set, Go - Emergency Trainings

Woodside Fire Prevention District through WPV-Ready offers some very valuable classes for being prepared in an emergency. Check out these resources. You can even attend classes on your own time, since many are recorded. Cannot get much better than sitting in your home and learning how to save it and yourself. They post all their previous trainings on YouTube Channels.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxXXYmcGuwi1SX8Et6iTDVA> - WPV-Ready

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXp-4ewCw3Ztkrs8mzaTajQ> - WPV-CERT

Cars, Trucks, Vans, Oh My!

We are coming into the fire season, and we all are very aware of the risks of wildland fires after last summer. So there are some simple things we can do to make our neighborhood safer for the firefighters with their trucks. Did you know that you have to have 12' minimum width on a roadway for the fire truck to have clearance? Plus vertical clearance needs to be 13.5'. Get out those measuring tapes and see if your driveway conforms. However, a much more important issue is public roadway access!! If you park your car, truck or van on the roadway, please go measure to make sure that you have left at least **12' clearance of paved road, 14' is better**. If you live on a dead end street then the turn around must be kept clear of all vehicles. Remember, we are all in this together!

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

A Tribute to Claudia Mazzetti

Claudia Mazzetti, resident since 1992, passed away suddenly on May 15th from a pulmonary embolism. Many know her through her years of tireless community volunteerism and activism. Claudia was Board President of the Los Trancos County Water District, when she led the successful transition to the Los Trancos County Maintenance District (LTCMD). She helped get the County committed to spending the District's substantial tax revenues on local projects advised by residents and avoiding the costs of attempting to duplicate existing County services. Claudia has served on the LTCMD Community Advisory Committee since this transition, with special attention to fire safety programs. Do you remember Save Alpine and Ramona Road (SARR)? Claudia was the major force behind efforts resulting in the timely and substantial repair of Ramona Road after a major slide. The community signs were Claudia's vision, which Vista Verde chose to adopt and enjoys decorating on occasion. Claudia has been co-Treasurer of the VVCA, oversaw the VVCA group.io, and much, much more. Claudia was a force for life and community and will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Amanda Lee



During Covid lockdown neighbors decorated the entrance sign and left chalk to encourage others – a true sign of community!

Neighborhood Notes

- Gene Hunner graciously supplies our **rainfall data**: April - .1”, May - .1”, season-to-date - 16.1”
- May was **Wildfire Awareness Month**. Remember P.L.E.A.S.E - Please Leave Early And Save Everyone. The alerts are: **Evacuation WARNING** - warns of potential threat to life and/or property. Leave now if you require additional time to evacuate, or have pets and livestock. **Evacuation ORDER** - states that there is an immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave NOW. **Shelter In Place** - is an order to go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self- sustain until further notice or are contacted by emergency personnel.

2020-21 Community Resource Guide (CRG)

If you have any changes to the CRG listings please contact Linda at dreynight@aol.com.

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

VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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