



LOS TRANCOS WOODS & VISTA VERDE **Newsletter – August/September 2017**

Another “Fantabulous” Community Picnic

Mark your calendars for the next community wide picnic. Thanks to all residents of Las Piedras Court for providing permission. We have several entertainment options including the "Los Trancolizers" and a teenage band led by our own: Isaac Hewitt. We are also planning fun activities for the kids.

What: Picnic - Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, desserts (ice cream) and drinks provided by our Community Associations.

Bring: Potluck for Salads/Appetizers for 8

When: Saturday, Sept 16, 2017, 1 - 4pm

Where: Las Piedras Court (off of Old Spanish Trail)

Volunteers needed: Please use following signup:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ba4a62fa6fc1-signup>

Questions: Please contact: Joan Barksdale - President VVCA

Submitted by Nancy Freire

Living a Life That Goes On – Wendi Haskell

Wendi Haskell was the quintessence of what it means to be a “community” member. She organized activities, she worked on innumerable committees, and she partook of many, many meetings and events. And she did all this with aplomb and an inspiring “can do” attitude. Her bright spirit lives on in this community.

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

This June we lost a longtime friend who for over 45 years contributed continually to this community. She was a devoted mother, teacher, coach and a tireless neighborhood volunteer. Over the years she worked in many capacities, contributing her positive energy to whatever tasks were at hand. One of her special interests was in physical fitness, and as an organizer and coach, she helped enrich the lives of many Portola Valley youngsters.

As a next door neighbor, she always took time from a busy schedule to stop and chat. Even during her long illness she remained interested in the lives of others and was able to look on the brighter side of things. Indeed, her inquiring gaze and cheerful smile have left me with an indelible memory of a cherished friend.

Submitted by Gloria Rosenthal

For many years I had the pleasure of working with Wendi on the board of the Friends of the Portola Valley Library. She was an active contributor to our storied history. She was also quite the tennis jock in her salad days, touring and enjoying her many friends on and off the court. She and her family are an institution in the neighborhood and town, having been part of every communal service & activity -- schools, library, town committees, etc.

Our hearts go out to the family during this time of loss! Wendi’s family was as devoted as any family can be -- Mimi, the daughter, local and available for whatever was needed to help Wendi in continuing to live as normally as possible. With sympathy to the Haskell Family & to all who share in this loss.

Submitted by Lenora Ferro & Tom Brignand

Wendi Haskell's Memorial Service is Saturday, August 19 from 2-6 p.m. at the Portola Valley Town Center. She was a consummate professional volunteer in our community, serving on the PV School Board, PV Parks & Recreation, and Friends of the Library. She organized and taught youth indoor soccer, Zots to Tots, and youth water ballet in Portola Valley.

Submitted by Joan Barksdale

Los Trancos County Water Maintenance District

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is pleased to report that the three-year budgets, that were discussed in the community meeting in May,β were reviewed and approved by the County Board of Supervisors in July. Since the County, including the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD), work on a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30, this means that they now have the funds they need to pursue the planned projects. It also means that funds available for home hardening and fire protection rebates have now been replenished. Please note, however, that the rebate maxima are determined on a calendar year basis.

As a reminder, the CAC was formed to serve as a communications conduit between the community and DPW and WFPD in order to determine the best use of the portion of property tax revenue that used to be allocated to the now dissolved Los Trancos County Water District. Members of the CAC are: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee, Claudia Mazzetti, David Smernoff, Bill Tagg, and Tom Thayer. Please feel free to get in touch with any of us with your comments, questions or concerns.

Submitted by Tom Thayer, Co-Chair

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Falling leaves and it is not even fall time! Yep, those leaves are already starting to fall and that means we need to be vigilant. Fire season is far from over, and fallen leaves catch fire easily.

1. Look for areas where leaves gather, and you gather them up and away.
2. Check for leaves on roofs, in gutters, under decks, near the base of the house, behind sheds, near wooden fences, between structures, and wherever your eagle eyes spot a build up.
3. Do not forget those dead branches that also fall and are the next ignition point after leaves.

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale, Co-chair LTW Emergency Preparedness

Neighborhood Notes

- **Dog walkers and dog lovers**, we are in need of poop pickup bags at the containers on the triangle on Los Trancos Circle and at the trailhead on Old Spanish Trail. It is now time for us to take over for the elves that supplied those containers for so many years. Thank you, elves!

2016-17 Community Resource Guide Updates

Folks, get ready, as it is time to update and republish our Resource Guide. You will be contacted before the end of the year to get in your corrections/additions/deletions. In the mean time, here are the current changes that have been shuffled my way.

If you have any changes or additions to your 2016 listing 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