



Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde **Newsletter – August & September 2021**

Road Work, Tree Work, Water Work! What's going on?

CalWater will be installing a new high pressure water main from El Rey Rd. to Vista Verde Way. The work has already started in terms of marking up the roadway. It appears there is some tree work going on in conjunction with what CalWater is doing, always a good idea in fire-prone areas to clear tree limbs above roadways.

Here are some excerpts from a notice posted by CalWater:

“an upcoming water infrastructure upgrade...will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in your area. On July 21, 2021 we will begin a project to install 1,540 feet of new 8-inch ductile iron pipe water main...The water main installation will take place on Bonita Road from El Rey Road to Vista Verde Way from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will make every effort to minimize traffic delays during construction...Construction is estimated to take approximately four weeks, after which we must flush the water lines and take water quality samples...Please be aware that temporary asphalt will be applied until permanent paving is completed approximately 30 days after the project completion...If you have any questions, please contact me at 650-854-5454.”

“Sincerely,

William N. Torsch
Manager of Operations
California Water Service”

Thanks to Ken Kormanak who supplied the information to me.

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

Ready, Set, Go!

We hope the “go” does not mean to leave the neighborhood in an evacuation, but it could! Want to be prepared for this event, just in case? Well, tune in on:

VV/LTW Radio Test Day, Tuesday, August 17th, 7:30-7:45 p.m.

Everyone will turn on their FRS or GMRS Radio (i.e. Walkie Talkies) to their associated District/Neighborhood Channel for a quick 15 minute test. You will learn how to listen to, and talk from, your radio. You may very well need to use it in an emergency. Details on what channel to listen to is based on your address. Look in your Community Resource Guide pg. 12 for VV, and pgs. 14-15 for LTW.

Why is it so important? We are in an extraordinary fire danger season due to 2 years of extreme drought. The FedEx Truck fire a few weeks ago was frightening incident that could have easily caused a major fire in our area. Our normal communications infrastructure fails very easily, especially during power outages. Learn how having your radio on in times of power outages and emergencies can help you! If you don't have a radio, we recommend the following Motorola radio. Purchase now and you will have it in time for the Radio Test Day: https://www.amazon.com/Motorola-Talkabout-T402-Rechargeable-Two-Way/dp/B01D6OAH6I/ref=pd_lpo_3?pd_rd_i=B01D6OAH6I&psc=1. Be sure to test your radio beforehand to make sure the batteries are fresh and in good working order! If the instructions are cryptic, contact your Communications person for help: VV - Mike Ward, LTW - Marc Levaggi.

When do you have your radio turned on? We recommend that you leave your radios on during power outages and wildfire alerts. How do we contact all the residents of LTW and VV if the power is out and cell towers are down? We do this with FRS or GMRS walkie talkie radios. And don't forget to register your family with SMC Alert, smcalert.info.

Submitted by Chris Paprcka, LTW Emergency Prep Chair

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

Improve Your Fire Safety - From July 1 2021 through July 1, 2022 San Mateo County is no longer requiring permits for removing certain highly flammable large trees in unincorporated areas like Los Trancos Woods and Vista Verde. This typically saves a \$350 permitting fee and eliminates the 2+ months needed to get a permit. Trees that can now be removed without permits are eucalyptus, pines, acacia, tan oak, and bay that are within 100 ft of homes or 30 ft of an escape route on public and private property.

When considered in light of the high fire danger this summer and the 50% rebate available from the Los Trancos County Maintenance District (see <http://woodsidefire.org/prevention/los-trancos-vista-verde-defensible-space> for details), NOW is the time to remove these highly flammable trees to help protect your home and our community.

We hope all stay healthy and happy. The Los Trancos County Maintenance District (LTCMD) CAC exists to advise and offer feedback to DPW and WFPD and to inform the community about LTCMD sponsored programs. Feel free to contact any of us on the CAC: Jerry Hearn, Ken Kormanak, Amanda Lee (Co-Chair), David Smernoff, Bill Tagg and Tom Thayer (Co-Chair). Our email addresses and phone numbers are listed in the Community Resource Guide.

Submitted by Tom Thayer, Co-Chair of CAC

Neighborhood Notes

- **Thanks go out to the physicians** in our community that are keeping us informed as COVID-19 morphs and creates new challenges. We appreciate you!
- **For water-wise gardening** see <https://www.cnps.org/gardening> or <https://www.laspilitas.com>. Think drought!

2020-21 Community Resource Guide

If you have any changes to the 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:

vvltw+subscribe@groups.io

VistaVerdeCommunityAssoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

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