



Los Trancos Woods & Vista Verde **Newsletter – August & September 2022**

Community Meeting Wrap Up

Los Trancos County Maintenance District, CAC

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) hosted a community meeting on the evening of July 20th, attended by over 25 people via Zoom, in order to share updated information and get community input on activities and future plans of the Los Trancos Community Maintenance District (LTCMD). Don Bullard, Woodside Fire Protection District (WFPD) Fire Marshal, provided a comprehensive overview of fire-related regulations, risk reduction initiatives being pursued by the District, and the community fire safety incentive program, and other risk mitigation activities sponsored by the LTCMD. Don outlined ways in which our incentive program can be even more effective based in part on a Stanford study of our program. David Smernoff followed with updates on managing the two parcels of land on Lake Rd. (which were previously owned by the now defunct Los Trancos Water District) and the possible future direction of stormwater management improvements. In the near future, we hope to make available an online recording of the meeting and copies of the slides that were used.

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: Jan Avilla, Peter Blum, 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

Let Our Fire Marshal Know

Don Bullard, our WFPD Fire Marshal, is open to our feedback about how to make the fire safety incentive program even better. He is also hoping that he has

500 eyes and ears up here that will let him know if we see any fire safety hazards. You can contact him at djbullard@woodsidefire.org, or 650-851-6206

Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale

Downed Limbs, Downed Trunks, Oh My!



It looks like the persistent efforts of our Fire Marshal Don Bullard, working with the City of Palo Alto, has paid off. They have removed the downed branches and trunks that have been lying dangerously close to the edge of Los Trancos Road. Also, Tracy Sherman has been working tirelessly to get Palo Alto and the Town of Portola Valley to trim vegetation along Los Trancos Road in case of fire evacuation. Contact Don and Tracy to tell them that we appreciate their efforts.

Submitted by Ken Kormanak

Alpine Road Decor No More

Joan Barksdale captured Amanda Lee cheering the mighty big equipment that hoisted this ~6 ton concrete culvert from the bottom of Corte Madera Creek, below Alpine Road at Joaquin, where it slid over 8 years ago. The culvert went out over time due to erosion and storms, eventually sliding into the creek along with a 30-40 foot long chute. The raw outlet is due to be repaired once permitting is finalized. This is a County of San Mateo Dept. of Public Works (DPW) project.

Submitted by Amanda Lee



Neighborhood Notes

- **Waterwise tip** - Think washing hands is just the basic turn on water, soap up, scrub and rinse. Many times we are not aware of how high we turn on the water for this basic job. It is surprising how little a stream of water we need coming out of the faucet to do a decent, no great, job of washing dirty hands! Try it.

Community Associations' Web Sites

Web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdepv.org>

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

- Climbing trees is fun, but not when it is **ivy climbing our trees!** Ivy holds in moisture at the bark, causing rot, and smothers tree foliage. Check out your trees to see if you need to cut the ivy away. This will help keep them healthy and save you from a big arborist bill.

Green Tip

Don't get burned by freezer burn! When you put cooked black beans, leftovers, fish, or chicken in the freezer for later, take a piece of masking tape, write the current date and what is in the container on it and label the food. That way you can be sure to use up the oldest first. I've puzzled over a frozen mystery container, haven't you?

Since I missed getting you this tip, I thought I would sneak it into the Newsletter. Hope nobody notices my sneaky behavior - LDN



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

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