



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2006

From the President's Desk

Wishing to encourage new or renewed participation in the Monte Nido Valley Community Association, I have been looking back at old newsletters and minutes of the organization. What a trip down memory lane!

Newcomers, please indulge me. Old timers (you know who you are), your names are right there in black and white. A kaleidoscope of names and memories: Lincoln/Currey Riach, Chicken Jim Wrigley, Church Universal and Triumphant (aka SOKA aka King Gillette Ranch), Shirley and Jerry Duryee, Installation Dinner (aka winter banquet) at Saddle Peak -\$6.50/person, emergency preparedness meetings at Salvation Army Camp, SOKA lawsuit, Girardi's design of Monte Nido letterhead and t-shirts, L.A. County LCP forums, the interminable Triangle issue and its origins; the list is lengthy but nostalgic. Minutes from January, 1980 even note some of the very issues we are addressing today.

As an old timer, I have to tell you how rewarding it is to be part of these issues. The struggle to preserve this unique community and the surrounding parklands goes on; we learn from both our wins and losses.

A recent exchange with a new resident made me aware of the lack of understanding of the Monte Nido Valley Community Association in the community. Yes, Malibu Oaks, Edenwild, Malibu Meadows, Dark Canyon, Cold Creek Canyon, Old Monte Nido are all part of Monte Nido Valley, some with individual homeowners associations, interests, fees, representation. But, the MNVCA is an overarching umbrella organization with minimal dues but extraordinary influence in the immediate

community, within the County, even extending to the State level.

Why is that? Because so many of your neighbors have participated on a voluntary basis over so many years to make this happen. We have tried to promote community spirit (examples, July 4th Parade/Picnic, Autumn Square Dance, Winter Banquet, newsletter with want ads, fire preparation seminars).

We have worked to preserve the rural atmosphere that attracted you here (acquisition of parklands for present and future generations, Dark Skies, extended and assessable network of trails for equestrian and hikers, a backdrop of mountainsides not scarred with "big boxes", to name just a few but significant efforts).

So, here's the pitch. We need you to get involved to carry on these efforts. Newcomers, come to a meeting just once. Second Tuesday of the month, location printed in monthly newsletter. 7-9pm, no later, we promise! Maybe just one issue or area will interest you for even a limited period. No long term commitment; just a helping pair of hands on the 4th or with the mailing of the newsletter. Old timers, remember how busy you were with family, jobs, etc? Yet, you still helped those many years ago. Now that you are retired and have a little more time, would you consider a limited, maybe just one job, commitment? Or how about joining the Board again? New residents need your historical perspective and mentoring. I look forward to seeing you at all the community functions and hopefully a meeting or two.

-Joan Slimocosky, President

Successful Adopt-A-Highway Road Cleanup

Many thanks and accolades for a job well done go to this month's volunteer Adopt-A-Highway crew for helping keep our canyon beautiful. It looks great and has saved our oceans too! Thanks to:

Nancy, Gary and Melinda Pope
Matthew, Danielle, Michael and Ken LeCorte
(They did a great job along Piuma!)
Joan and Bob Bruhn Mary Ellen Young
Hilarie Roope Davis Benz
Rodger and Jill Reiss Marianne Cilluffo
Yehuda Netanel Joan Slimocosky
Heidi Stomp

For information about becoming a volunteer please call Rosemary Alden 818-222-2936

General Membership Meeting and Board Elections

Each year we hold a general membership meeting in December to elect members to the MNVCA Board. The board consists of 11 members of the community. Approximately half of the board (five one year, six the next) are elected each year for a two year term. Five board members are to be elected this year. The current nominees (all current Board members) are:

Les Hardie Heidi Stompe
Yehuda Netanel Rosemary Alden

Nominees will be accepted at the December meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board, please attend. Only paid members of the community association may serve on the board and vote in the election. Proxy votes are accepted from paid members.

The meeting will take place at the home of Lisa Lehman, on December 14 at 7 pm. (See the Calendar of Events for address.)

MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting October 10, 2006

The regular meeting of the MNVCA was called to order at 7:10 pm in the home of Rosemary Alden. In attendance were Rosemary Alden, Marianne Cilluffo, Joan Kay, Lisa Lehman, Jocelyn Mackay, Joan Slimocosky and Heidi Stompe.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer unable to attend.

Correspondence: None to report.

Federation Report: Report postponed to next meeting.

Old Business: COPS Program – Deputy Tom Hill for the Community Oriented Policing Service provided a program overview and details on how and when to contact them when needed.

County LCP Committee – The committee has been unable to meet formerly although Jocelyn Mackay provided a summary of the recent public hearing. Further hearings are scheduled and expected to be well attended.

Square Dance 2006 – Announcements to go up soon for the event on 10/21.

New Business: Emergency Preparedness Event – The local fire station will host the event either 10/23 or 10/24. This event targets new neighbors and those that need to be reminded of how best to respond in case of fire/flood/earthquake, etc.

Adopt A Highway – The community supported trash collection day will be scheduled for either November 4th or 11th depending on weather.

Directory of Services – An announcement will go out in the upcoming Newsletter asking neighbors for referrals to local service providers such as Electricians, Gardeners, Babysitters, etc. A Directory will be then be compiled and posted on the website: montenido.org.

-Lisa Lehman

Thanks for a fun filled evening!

Many thanks to those of you who helped make this year's Square Dance a fun filled event for all. Our terrific caller led many families and friends in a great evening of dancing. We'd specifically like to thank the Fleeman's for the use of their field once again, Les and Evan Hardie for set up (keeping us from tripping in the dark) and the electricity to light the event, Heidi Stompe for helping with the posters, Marianne Cilluffo for putting up some of the lights, Rob Szilagyi for putting up the cables and power (great job as usual, on short notice no less!), Nancy, Catherine, Rachel and Robert Rex for helping with the clean-up and lastly, Cynthia Hodes and Joan Slimocosky for organizing the event. Thanks for all your efforts!

More Newsletter News

Last month I asked for your input on whether we should continue to mail the newsletter to our homes each month. I suggested that we end postal delivery of the newsletter and instead send it by email, make it available at the MNVCA bulletin board by the Fire Station, or download it off the MNVCA website (www.montenido.org).

Well, it wasn't the overwhelming response I had hoped for but I did hear from a few of you. The vast majority of the emailed responses voted to eliminate the postal delivery of the newsletter. However, the matter isn't settled yet. It seems that some people like the print version.

So we need to hear from you. You can contact one of the Board members with your opinion.; you can contact Heidi Stompe at 222-8711 or Joan Slimocosky at 591-1082; you can email me at mnvcanews@charter.net or send me a note to 856 Wonder View Dr.

We will try to get a clear opinion from the community before we make any final decisions. So if it matters to you, please let us know. Thanks.

-Marianne Cilluffo, editor

Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36

Remember it is always Fire & Earthquake Season in Southern California. Be prepared, have a plan! Good advice for all can be found in: "What Do I Do With My Horse in Fire Flood and/or Earthquake?" It is available to anyone online through the ETI national website at <http://www.etinational.com>. Tell all your friends where to find this treasured tool. It's FREE! You are also welcome to add this item to be downloaded on other club or equestrian organization's websites. Or you can print as many copies as you wish for yourself and your friends.

-reprinted from the ETI newsletter

How to reach us:

President: Joan Slimocosky 591-1082

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Treasurer: Cynthia Hodes 591-1026

Secretary: Lisa Lehman 837-7600

Send your email address to Lisa Lehman, the devoted MNVCA secretary at mnvca@charter.net, to receive announcements of meetings, community activities and the time and location of our Board meetings.

Contributions to the newsletter including nonprofit events to be listed in the calendar can be made by the 5th of the month to me (the editor) at 856 Wonder View Dr. or by email to mnvcanews@charter.net. *-Marianne Cilluffo*

Directory of Services

Do you have a favorite handyman, gardener, electrician? Would you like to let everyone know about them? We would like to publish a directory of these local service providers, recommended by your neighbors. Once I receive enough recommendations, I will publish a listing for all to use. It will be like Monte Nido's own yellow pages!

Please send your recommendations to me at 856 Wonder View Dr. or by email to mnvcanews@charter.net.

-Marianne Cilluffo

Calendar of Events

MNVCA General Membership Meeting and Board Elections

Tuesday, December 14, 7 PM
in the home of Lisa Lehman
805 Malibu Meadows
591-1569

As always, the meeting is open to all!

ETI Corral 36 Annual General Meeting, Elections and Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 14, 7 PM,
at the home of Stephanie & Chuck Abronson
543 Cold Canyon Road
Please RSVP to Stephanie
222-7669

Zen Meditation

Thursday evenings at 7:30pm
Rosemary Taylor Alden
222-2936

Universal Worship Service:

First Sunday of each month, 10:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6363

A Course in Miracles Study Group.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6362



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