



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

Adopt-A-Highway Road Cleanup

October is usually the beginning of our rainy season. This means we need to clean up Malibu Canyon Road before the rains wash all the trash along the road into the creek and ocean. Monte Nido is responsible for cleaning up trash on Malibu Canyon Road from the tunnel to Mulholland Highway. It is our responsibility, as part of the adopt-a-highway program and it affects our quality of life as we drive into and out of our neighborhood.

The next road cleanup is scheduled for November 4 with a rain date of November 11. Please plan on helping! This is a long stretch of road and we are all responsible for doing it. Students can earn much needed community service credit. It's a good experience for all of us. Perhaps some will become more sensitive to our environment and think twice about throwing something from their vehicle. Meet at 9 am at the corner of Piuma and Malibu Canyon Road. Bring work gloves. Bags and vests will be provided.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! PLEASE COME!!

Newsletter News

I often get mail from residents how much they enjoy receiving the newsletter. We distribute it by bulk mail and e-mail. It is also available on the Monte Nido website- www.montenido.org. Many of you don't read the print version, since you get it by email.

The newsletter is expensive to print and mail and we've had many difficulties with delivery. It is

time consuming for someone to pick up the newsletter and take it to the post office for delivery. So we are considering ending the mail delivery of the print version of the newsletter. Since some of you don't use computers, we would like to place a "newsstand" style box by the fire station where a print copy could be picked up if wanted.

I need some feedback on this issue. Would you like to keep receiving the newsletter by mail? Could you pick up a print version at the MNVCA Bulletin Board by the Fire Station? Please send me your opinion at mnvcanews@charter.net or by mail to 856 Wonder View Dr. Thanks for you input.

-Marianne Cilluffo, editor

Quality of Life

Almost everyone would agree that Monte Nido is a wonderful place to live. We should all feel fortunate to be in such a beautiful environment, surrounded by peace and quiet. Unfortunately, many activities in the area can have a significant impact on our quality of life. What may seem like an innocuous activity to some is anything but to others.

Lately several dirt bikes and 4 wheelers have been riding on the undeveloped lots owned by Quaker-Ross (along Piuma above Woodbluff). They have been riding there for hours at a time, disturbing many of the neighbors in the area. It is not only a noise issue but a safety one as well. No trespassing signs have recently been posted by the owner and he has sent a letter to the Sheriff, asking for enforcement. If you notice someone riding on the lots, please call the Sheriff at their non-emergency number (878-1808). They will come out and issue a citation to the offending party.

MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2006

The regular meeting of the MNVCA was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the home of Joan Slimocosky. In attendance were Board members: Marianne Cilluffo, Les Hardie, Cynthia Hodes, Lisa Lehman, John Low, Jocelyn Mackay, Yehuda Netanel, and Joan Slimocosky, along with other members of the community. Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The bank accounts were reviewed; 3 new memberships have been received. The Domain Name montenido.org has been paid up for 5 years.

Correspondence: The Tapia Effluent Alternative Study has been completed and reviewed. Changes in the reclamation facility are probable based on the findings of the study.

Federation Report: An overview of the Local Coastal Plan was provided. Many aspects warrant careful review. This plan is going to replace the 1986 L.A. County plan and will require approval by the Coastal Commission. Areas of discussion include the concept of the "rural village" to define areas such as Monte Nido, Topanga Canyon and Malibou Lake. There is a provision to define private horse-keeping. There are possible allowances for Bed & Breakfast facilities and there is further input on the Ridgeline Ordinance. A subcommittee, composed of MNVCA Board Members, Marianne Cilluffo, Jocelyn Mackay, Joan Slimocosky and John Low, will jointly review the Plan prior to authoring a letter stating the position of the MNVCA on the various components of the Plan.

Old Business: Triangle/Lot 7 – The developer of the area has yet to complete the required improvements to corner Lot 7. Native landscaping and fencing are still pending. A response letter from the developer was not conclusive as to a date when this may be completed. Quality of Life Issues – A representative from COPS of the Sheriff's Department will speak at our October meeting regarding local Graffiti, Noise, Traffic, Unlawful Vehicles on Private Property and other similar issues. The community will be encouraged to attend. Emergency Preparedness – A

community meeting will be organized to enhance awareness and preparedness for the upcoming brush fire season and other potential emergencies. It is hoped that the local fire station will host an evening program. Yehuda Netanel will help coordinate the event. National Parks Management – Due to an overwhelming response, over 40,000 pieces of correspondence, the basic philosophy that has governed the parks management and service for many decades will continue.

New Business: Square Dance – This year's event will take place on either Oct. 14 or Oct. 21. Last year's format will be used. A dessert and coffee service will be provided. There is another fallen tree in Fleeman's meadow that will need to be cleared prior to the Dance. The Board agreed to use MNVCA funds to have it removed. Community Directory – The Directory will be offered for sale for \$5 for those who are not members but would like to purchase one. A supplement to the Directory will likely be printed early next year. Arson Watch – Lynn Benjamin is the new local coordinator. More volunteers are still needed. Refuse Collection – A new trash collection service will be coming into our area. Further details to follow as they become available.

-Lisa Lehman



More on Mail...

We've all had it happen. A piece of someone else's mail gets delivered to your address. Most people either deliver it to their neighbor themselves or put it back in their mailbox for the postal delivery person. It is a courteous thing to do but also required by law. It is illegal to keep mail which should have gone to another address. According to the post office, you should write on the envelope "not at this address" and put it back in your mailbox with your flag up. Our postman/woman will make sure it gets to the right address. Thanks!

-J. Kay

Water System Maintenance

Monte Nido's water system was built in the 40's by a private water company and became part of the Las Virgenes Water District in 1958. The piping appears to be in good shape but over the years many of the valves in the system have become inoperable, some frozen shut, others open. Closed valves block alternate flow paths, increase pressure fluctuations and create stagnant regions which could become unhealthy. Valves stuck open, on the other hand, prevent localization of shut off areas during repairs.

The District has already replaced about 20 valves and is now negotiating a contract to replace another 28, thereby completing the repairs. Once work begins in a few months, the job should take a month and will probably be done in three stages. In each stage some of the valves will be excavated and then service to that area will be briefly shut off while those valves are cut out and new ones welded in. Notice will be given to the affected homes before the interruptions occur.

By performing this preventive maintenance the District limits long term costs and ensures your water supply.

-Lee Renger

How to reach us:

President: Joan Slimocosky 591-1082

Vice Pres. John Low 224-8062

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*

A Rider is a Driver too!

It has come to my attention from several community parents that are driving slowly on our mountain roads that there are several horseback riders that may not be aware of the rules of the road for riding on public and private roads in California. This is from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Rules of the Road chapter. Basically it means that riders or handlers of animals need to travel on the right side of the road and obey stop signs, yield signs, etc all that is possibly applicable to regular vehicles.

-Deborah Davies

Riding or Driving of Animal

21050. Every person riding or driving an animal upon a highway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this division and Division 10 (commencing with Section 20000), except those provisions which by their very nature can have no application.

Amended Ch 586, Stats. 1967. Effective November 8, 1967

Local Coastal Plan Public Hearing

The next public hearing for the Santa Monica Mountains LCP will be held on Monday, November 6 at Alice Stelle Middle School. The school is located at 22450 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas (between Old Topanga Cyn. Rd. & Mulholland Drive). The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m.

The County will be covering important information about horsekeeping in the Santa Monica Mountains and they want to hear your opinions before they finalize the plan.

If you would like to see more information and maps about the current LCP go to:

<http://planning.co.la.ca.us/spSmmCoastSch.htm>

If you have any questions you may also call Julian Watkins at 310.702.5655.

-Stephanie Abronson

Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14 7 PM
in the home of Heidi Stompe
871 Malibu Meadows Dr.
222-8711

ETI Corral 36 Seminar & Board Meeting,

Tuesday, November 14 7 PM,
at the office of Mia & Brian
Boudreau. 26885 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas,
(818) 880-5139.

Zen Meditation

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

Local Coastal Plan Public Hearing

Monday, November 6, 6:30 pm
at Alice Stelle Middle School
22450 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas

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

Lost and Found:

Found: In my yard, a black furry puppy probably gone missing for several weeks. He's had a bath and looks very decent. Doesn't bark or poop, so he must belong to some child in the neighborhood. If he belongs to your child, please call Stephanie Abronson at 222 PONY.