



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

April 2007

Mountains Restoration Trust Fuel Modification Workshop

Mountains Restoration Trust, Cornell Preservation Organization, and Triunfo Lobo Canyon Community Assoc. are jointly sponsoring the 5th Annual Vegetation Management Garden Tour and Fuel Modification Workshop on Sunday, April 15th. Ron Durbin of LA County Fire Dept. and hosts Linda Yannety and Chris Willig will answer questions about creating a gracious and sustainable landscape using water-wise plants while maintaining defensible space. See the Calendar of Events for time, place, and RSVP contact info. MRT is also sponsoring several additional community events. A Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for dogs will be held May 4, 5, 6. Call 818-591-1701 x 189 for info. The 4th Annual Art Exhibit & Sale will be held on March 31 - info at 818-591-1701 x 188. And the Stream to Sea Family Fun Day will be April 28 - contact Hyla Douglas at 818-591-1701 x 202 or hdouglas@mountaintrust.org for info.

LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

We have been advised by Supervising Regional Planner, Gina Natoli, that the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission recently approved the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) on a 5-0 vote, without discussion. As you may recall, this long-in-progress LCP will apply to the unincorporated coastal zone in the Santa Monica Mountains (that's us!!). Many of your Board believe this represents a logical extension of the North Area Plan. Concerned members of the MNVCA Board and the greater Santa Monica Mountains community have reviewed the LCP and addressed comments both written and oral to County staff regarding this program that will affect all of us for the foreseeable future. Issues like preservation of ridgelines, designation of Significant Woodlands and Watershed (including the addition of the Dark Creek watershed to the Cold Creek Significant Watershed),

protection of our network of trails, safe horse keeping practices are just some of the areas we labored over. The LCP will now go to the Board of Supervisors. A public hearing will be scheduled, probably not before early summer. If the Board adopts the LCP, the program goes to the Coastal Commission for approval. It is not a perfect program. And we need to be vigilant that it is not subject to special interest pressures, exceptions that so dilute it as to make it worthless. Stay tuned.

Operation Safe Canyons

On March 15th, the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation held a meeting with the CHP and the Lost Hills Sheriff station deputies, to discuss progress of the Nuisance Abatement Fund. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Deputy, Susan Nissman, led the overview. Jurisdiction in all unincorporated LA County roadways in the mountains falls to the CHP. In the cities of Calabasas and Malibu, it falls to the Sheriff Dept. Therefore, Las Virgenes Road south to Mulholland Highway falls to the Sheriff Dept., as does Malibu Canyon Road within the City of Malibu. Las Virgenes Road/Malibu Canyon from Mulholland to Malibu City Line falls to the CHP. The temporary Nuisance Abatement Fund permits the Sheriff Dept. to patrol the roads in Monte Nido and the Las Virgenes valley through Dec. 2008. The Motor Vehicle Code for the State of California will not allow our Monte Nido neighborhood to be a "residential zone", which would bring the speed limit in the neighborhood down to 25 MPH. CHP and Sheriff Deputies have made their presence known to the racers using the canyon roads. If any racers are caught, their cars are forfeited. When you observe a traffic violation, you can note a description of the vehicle, date, time, and location of the incident. Report this information as quickly as possible to the LA County CHP at 1-800-TELL CHP (1-800-835-5347). The weekend/after hours CHP phone is 323-906 3434. Tell the dispatcher you are in the West Valley Area and relay the information about the violator. Leland Tang, Public Information Officer with the CHP, has programs for high school students on driving safety. Tang can be reached at the West Valley Area CHP office at 818-888 0980; email: ltang@chp.ca.gov

Fourth of July Festivities

Although it seems as though spring has just sprung and summer is a full 3 months away, it is time to begin planning the annual community Independence Day celebration! This event is always well attended and appreciated, but it doesn't happen without the dedicated efforts of some energetic neighbors. We need volunteers to select the theme, and organize the parade and picnic. If you are interested in donating some time to this worthy effort, please contact Joan Slimocosky at 591-1082.

Local Road Safety Reminder

Please slow down (i.e. 5 MPH) and keep a safe distance as you drive past horses and pedestrians on our local roads. Many horses are terrified by fast moving and noisy objects such as cars, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, and skateboards. Quickly passing a rider and horse endangers both you and the horse and rider. Please help to avoid a terrible accident by slowing down. Let's keep our roads safe and enjoy our beautiful environment together!

MNVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 14

The regular meeting of the MNVCA was called to order at 7:15 PM in the home of Joan Slimocosky. In attendance were Marianne Cilluffo, Sheila Kalivas, Joan Kay, Lisa Lehman, John Low, and Joan Slimocosky along with several other members of the community. Agenda changes were made. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Signature Card is pending. Account balances were reviewed. Minor expenses were submitted for payment. The annual membership renewal letter to go out by end of March.

Correspondence: Notice of meeting on 2/28/07 at the Calabasas Community Center regarding development of property at intersection of 101 Fwy. and Lost Hills Rd. known as "The Summit at Calabasas." Letter from the LVMWD highlighting conservation programs & related information. Announcement of City of Calabasas General Plan Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 2/28/07.

Federation Report: Local Coastal Plan was discussed in detail at the January meeting. A Candidates Forum for City of Calabasas council candidates is scheduled for the upcoming February meeting. At the March 15th meeting Operation Safe Canyon will provide a presentation to include representatives from L.A. County Supervisors, the Sheriff's Dept. and the CHP.

Old Business: *Newsletter* – Though she was not able to attend this meeting, a volunteer has come forward to

continue producing the Newsletter. Discussion moved toward combining the Cold Creek and MNVCA Newsletters. A paperless format of the MNVCA letter with a limited number of hard copies available monthly at the Fire Station is still under consideration. A further evaluation of all options is still needed. *Local Coastal Plan* – Specified changes to local area designations were requested by several community members at the recent January hearing. LCP now to go before the L.A. County Supervisors. Continued close observation of this process to follow. *Operation Safe Canyon* – The March Federation meeting will cover this issue in detail. Representatives from the County and law enforcement will provide details of the program and plans for improvements. *Vandalism* – A car on Thornhill Rd. had its windshield broken by a water balloon thrown from a nearby home on Cold Canyon. The damage was in excess of \$500.

New Business: Cold Canyon-Lost Canyon Trails Update – Georgia Farinella presented: The Johnson connector trail has been successfully re-routed as part of the Cold Canyon-Lost Canyon loop. A trail portion that was the subject of a recent injury and subsequent criminal charges has now been resolved with the sale of the property to local neighbors supportive of community trail use. MRT has allowed the re-routing of a connector trail over its land resulting in the by-pass of another contentious area. A local developer continues to buy up parcels that include existing easements on local trails; continued close observation of this process to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Lisa Lehman

Note from the Editor: In response to community requests, at the March meeting, the Board began discussing alternatives for publishing the minutes in a more timely manner. The matter remains under consideration.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, April 10 at the home of Heidi Stompe. 871 Malibu Meadows Dr., Tel: 222-8711

How to reach us:

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.

President: Joan Slimocosky 591-1082

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Pay to: MNVCA. Mail to: Lynn Benjamin, P.O.Box 461, Malibu, CA 90265

Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 7PM
at the home of Heidi Stompe
871 Malibu Meadows Dr.,
818-222-8711

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Board Meeting
(Note Change of Date)
April 4, 7 PM—at the home of
Deborah Collins and Joe Provenzano
24232 Dry Canyon/ Cold Creek
(818) 225-1480
Seminar & Board Meeting
May 1, 7 PM - at the home of
Art & Shawn Carvalho,
24639 Mulholland Hwy.
(818) 224-4775

Mountains Restoration Trust
Fuel Modification Workshop
April 15 – 10AM
2188 Cold Canyon Road
RSVP & info Susan Haugland
818-591-1701 x 212

Zen Meditation
Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM
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
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