



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

March/April 2009

A Call For Gardening Volunteers

Spring is almost here and it's time to get out there and turn that dirt over for your summer garden. If you're like me, you're excitedly thumbing through those seed catalogs and imagining your abundant crop. I want to tap into that enthusiasm of our gardeners and ask you to join me in a project to help those in need during this troubling time in our economy. Here's my idea: everyone in Monte Nido who has fruit trees that produce more than your family can eat (I think that's probably everyone who has a fruit tree!) and everyone who has a vegetable garden and wouldn't mind planting a little extra this year could help hungry families who rarely get to enjoy fresh produce. If I can get enough volunteers I will organize a group (the Gardening Angels) to pick up produce from participating families on Sunday afternoons and then deliver it to the Valley Food Bank early Monday morning in time for their food distribution. I have spoken with a representative of the food bank and she is so excited about this idea. She said they have recently seen a decrease in donations and a marked increase in the number of people coming for food. She said it is very rare that they get fresh produce and these families would so appreciate it. So I hope you will join me in trying to give a little from our bountiful community. If you are interested in helping out either as a "grower" or as a pick up and/or delivery person please let me know.

Jo Powe
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Adopt-a-Highway

The road cleanup was successful, due to the hard work of a few dedicated volunteers. Thank you very much to the following neighbors who donated time and energy to keep our roads clean: Gary Bardovi, Dayne Sieling and 2 sons, Joan Slimocosky, Joan Bruhn, Heidi Stompe and Mary-Helen Young. Susan Bischoff and Lisa Lehman collected on their own and added it to the collection site. It is a lot to do for so few. Several volunteers worked for 3 hours! Thanks also to everyone who picks up trash throughout the year.

Cold Creek Lost Canyon Loop Trail

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

No one is doing more to preserve the enjoyment of the view and recreational use of our historical Cold Creek-Lost Canyon Loop Trail system than the Legal Defense Fund we have established to further these efforts.

Our goal is to maintain the access to well established trails and preserve the nexus trail system that melds the communities of Monte Nido and Cold Creek.

Presently we are working with all parties to try and find a mutually beneficial resolution.

Regards,
 Georgia Farinella and Rob Scapa

For further information contact: Georgia at: (818) 880-6139. Please make donations payable to Georgia Farinella / Legal Defense Fund. Mailing address: 25700 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, CA. 91302

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Prepares for Water Shortage Community Meeting May 5

Following two critically dry years, 2009 has the potential to be one of the most severe drought years in California's recorded history. Water supplies in major reservoirs and many groundwater basins are already well below average; court-ordered restrictions on water deliveries through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta have significantly reduced supplies from the State Water Project, our source of water for Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) customers; and snowpack in the northern Sierra Nevada, a primary water source for the Delta, continues to be below normal for the year.

With water uncertainties facing Southern California due to reduced deliveries and regional storage at all time lows, it is very likely MWD (LVMWD's sole supplier) will allocate limited water supplies to its member agencies beginning this summer.

LVMWD is hosting a community meeting to discuss the water shortage and impacts it will have for the service area. Please plan on attending this important meeting on **Tuesday, May 5, 2009, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army's Camp Crags in the Flick Meeting Hall. Entrance is through Tapia Park. If Tapia Park Gate is closed, the code is #1865 (Put #pound in first).**

LVMWD Enacts Mandatory Conservation Measures Effective March 4, 2009

Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and may not occur during periods of rain or in the 24 hours following rainfall of an inch or more.

Irrigation may not run off the property into streets, gutters or onto adjacent properties.

The washing down of sidewalks, parking areas and driveways is no longer permitted, unless an approved water broom is used.

A trigger nozzle is required on hoses used for home car washing.

Restaurants may only serve water upon request.

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Hotels & motels must give multi-night guests the option to retain towels and linens during their stay.

Violations of the adopted measures will escalate for repeat instances of non-compliance within a 12-month period.

First Violation – Warning letter

Second Violation - \$50

Third violation - \$100

Fourth violation - \$250

Fifth violation - Restriction or termination of water service

The public may also report violations by calling 818-251-2180.

Fourth of July – Second Request

No, plans are not yet actively underway for the parade and picnic but it's a topic we do need to address at this time. Sadly, we will lose long-time Coordinator In-Chief Suzanne Bailey next September when she moves away. She is looking for someone who would like to learn the ropes as she prepares for this year's event, with an eye to taking over next year. Suzanne reports the job really isn't that difficult and she has a binder with all the Need-To-Know already in it! Interested parties can call her at 818-222-7663 or email at Suzyb0904@aol.com.

Montenido.org

A reminder that our neighborhood organization has a website! It's www.montenido.org. Every month, this newsletter is posted on the site. Many thanks to Bob Fera for his dedicated efforts to maintain and update this site for all of us. Check it out!

MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting

A friendly reminder:

All neighbors are welcome

and encouraged to attend Board meetings.

We welcome your interest and involvement!

How to reach us:

Send your email address to Jill Reiss, the MNVCA secretary, at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com, 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: Nicole Brown, PO Box 423, Malibu, CA 90265

Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, Apr 14, 7PM
Location to be determined –
info will be emailed when available
*All neighbors are always welcome
and encouraged to attend!*

ETI Corral 36
Seminar & Board Meeting
Apr. 7, 6:30 pm
At the home of
Stephanie & Chuck Abronson
543 Cold Canyon Rd.
Monte Nido
818-222 PONY

**LVMWD
Water Shortage
Community Meeting**
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at the Salvation Army's Camp Crags
in the Flick Meeting Hall.

**Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation
Meeting**
Thursday, Mar 19, 7:30PM
Diamond X Ranch
(Off Mulholland)

A Course in Miracles Study Group.
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6362

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

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