



# MONTE NIDO VALLEY



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*A Dark Sky Community*

E-NEWSLETTER

December 2008

### Happy Holidays!

Holiday Greetings to all! May your celebrations be filled with love and joy, and the coming year bring us all health and peace, happiness and contentment. Let there be lots of rain and no fires, mudslides, or earthquakes. May the world economy recover quickly and the Obama administration find early success in addressing our most pressing national challenges. Happy, Merry, Safe season to us all.

### FINAL NOTICE!!!

#### Neighborhood Directory Update

The neighborhood Directory is in the process of being updated and reprinted. In order to be included in this new directory, you must submit a new form with current information. You will not be included in this directory just because you were listed previously. Even if there are no changes to your information, you must send in a new form for this directory. If you have not yet submitted your information, please do so immediately! Mail info to Marianne Cilluffo at MNVCA, PO Box 8054, Calabasas, CA 91372. Or, email [MNVCADirectory@charter.net](mailto:MNVCADirectory@charter.net).

#### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

At the November meeting, the Board was informed about a very simple emergency notification system that the Malibu Oaks tract neighbors have organized for themselves. The Board decided to make the system available to the whole community. In February, when the next membership appeal letters are mailed, all residents will have the option to purchase walkie-talkies. Frequencies have been assigned to each neighborhood "subdivision/tract". Neighbors can easily communicate with each other and remain informed about what is happening around Monte Nido at large by tuning in to the various frequencies. Yehuda Netanel and Heidi Stompe volunteered to develop this effort and will inform us all of the details and how to participate as information becomes available. Watch subsequent newsletters for articles and more information in the coming months.

#### Fall Road Cleanup

It's almost winter! Last month we published this request for someone to step forward to take charge of our annual road cleanup event, but we still do not have a volunteer. We have pledged as a community to take this responsibility. It really should be done before more rain washes all the trash and debris into the creek and

straight to the ocean. So, please, won't you step up to coordinate this act of neighborhood environmental responsibility? It doesn't take a lot of time or effort, but it does require someone to be the point person. And think how good it will make you feel! Contact Joan Slimocosky to volunteer to do a good deed - 818-591-1082.

### Piuma Road Development Approved

On Thursday, Nov. 13, representatives from your Association went before the California Coastal Commission to request denial or at least a moratorium on approval of the development before them (25617 Piuma Road, Lot 7, up from Saddle Peak Restaurant).

By way of some history, in 1983 (yes, 25 years ago) this Quaker-Ross tract of 24 homes was approved by the CCC. After questionable testimony by the Executive Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and no opportunity to rebut, the CCC approved this tract. This tract is not part of small lot Monte Nido with its densities of up to 7 homes/acre. The application was for 1 home/5 acres. Quaker-Ross promptly cleared and graded the pads. Because of percolation problems and financial realities, the lots remained undeveloped, with the resulting environmental and visual blight all these years. Recently the lots have been for sale to individuals for development one at a time. As the Local Coastal Plan, approved in draft form in October 2007, looms on the horizon (hopefully by early 2009), owners of these lots are trying to get approved before the more restrictive requirements of this new plan are in force.

Opposition to Lot 7 was based not on this specific very large development, but on the precedent it sets as these tract lots are sold and developed. The CCC approved the project with 11 conditions. One of the conditions is that grading shall take place only during the dry season (April 1-October 31) and can only be extended with approval of the Executive Director. The applicant's representative before the CCC was put on notice that all 11 conditions will be strictly monitored for compliance, with special emphasis on ESHA protection. A blue line creek traverses the property.

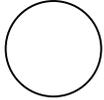
On a personal note, the McMansionization of Monte Nido continues, even in these times of limited environmental and financial resources. If you care, I urge you, get involved with the MNVCA. Together we CAN make a difference in this "mountain nest" we love and work to protect. Joan Slimocosky - President, MNVCA Board of Directors

## LVUSD SOLICITS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

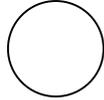
Thank you to those of you who weighed in with comments on the request for a donation from Las Virgenes Unified School District. The responses were approximately 60:40 in favor of making a donation. After much deliberation, the board voted to donate \$1000 to the technology initiative.

### Another Cougar Sighting

Phew! No reports of cougars in the neighborhood this month...



### Circle of Life



**It's a GIRL!!!!**

We are happy to announce that on November 17th we welcomed into our lives a beautiful baby girl, Medeina. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Very healthy and very beautiful. She is a gift from above.

Happy parents, Aukse and Martynas Jackunaite

### In Memoriam

Paul Rowan, long-time resident of Malibu and Monte Nido, died Nov. 8 at the age of 85. Rowan was a Dean and Prof. of Sociology at Cal State L.A. He was well known and well loved for his wonderful sense of humor, his love of learning, and his chess skills. Condolences to his wife, Jo, daughters Leslie and Joanna, and granddaughters Victoria and Bailey.

## Board Nominations & Elections

A new slate of officers was elected to the MNVCA Board of Directors at the general meeting in November. Georgia Farinella, Lois and Dick Love, and Carrie and Brent Baltin will replace outgoing board members Yehuda Netanel, Rosemary Alden, and Les Hardie. Heidi Stompe, and Jill Reiss were re-elected to the board for another new two-year term. Installation ceremonies will be held at the next board meeting in January 2009.

## MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from October 13, 2008. Meeting called to order at 7:15 at the home of Joan Slimocosky. Board members present included Joan Slimocosky, Rosemary Alden, Suzanne Bailey, Marianne Cilluffo, John Low, Jocelyn Mackay and Joan Kay. Community members Carrie and Brent Baltin, Stephanie Abronson, and Georgia Farinella attended. Treasurer report: The October newsletter had an additional page requesting updated information for the community directory, which was an additional postage expense. The board voted to replenish the MNVCA checking account with \$500 to cover about 6 months worth of postal expenses. Also, only 4 checks for membership dues have been received so far. Federation report: Calabasas continues to discuss possible locations

for mandated low and moderate-income housing. A vote is pending. The LA County LCP is still at the Board of Supervisors and has not yet been submitted to the Coastal Commission for certification. Square Dance: MRCA has waived the cost of insurance for the event. The Board approved a \$300 payment to MRCA for their Onsite Monitor, cost to be divided proportionately by the MNVCA and the Cold Creek Community Association (who is the other entity sponsoring the event). A total of 142 people have purchased tickets as of this date. The board approved a deposit payment of \$700 to the caterer (JV's BBQ). LVUSD fund request: no responses to the notice in the most recent newsletter, which asked the community for input. The board voted to run the info again and wait for another newsletter cycle before taking a final vote, so that more people might see the paragraph and share their opinions. Directory: very few responses. In the next newsletter the notice will inform people that they need to respond even if they have no changes to their current directory information or they will be deleted from the new directory. Dues: Marianne Cilluffo will coordinate a SASE envelope in the November newsletter to make it easier for people to send in their membership dues. E-banking: Marianne Cilluffo requested, and the board approved, that MNVCA do its banking electronically. Fall Road Clean Up: the newsletter will ask for a volunteer to organize this year's event. Board Nominations: The nominating committee brought to the Board several new people interested in running for the 2009-2010 term: Georgia Farinella, Lois and Dick Love, Carrie and Brent Baltin. This year, board members up for re-election include: Yehuda Netanel, Les Hardie, Rosemary Alden, Heidi Stompe, and Jill Reiss. John Low, Joan Kay, Suzanne Bailey, Jocelyn Mackay, and Joan Slimocosky were elected last year for a 2-year term. Rosemary Alden has decided not to run for the board this year. Board elections will be held at the November 11 meeting, 7pm at Stephanie Abronson's home. This is a general election and all Monte Nido residents are welcome. Paid members will be able to vote for the candidate slate. Per the by-laws, you must pay your dues (\$50) prior to the November 11 meeting. Mail to Monte Nido Valley Community Assoc., P.O. Box 8054, Calabasas, CA 91372.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Bailey

### How to reach us:

Send your email address to Jill Reiss, the MNVCA secretary, at [mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com), to receive announcements of meetings, community activities, and the time and location of our Board meetings.

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<p align="center"><b>BY POPULAR DEMAND,</b> Longtime Monte Nido resident Carol Hernandez-Girardi has added clothing and gifts for purchase on her website <a href="http://ArtistCarol.com">ArtistCarol.com</a> in addition to her fine art. She has created a special piece titled "Monte Nido Landscape" just for local residents. Carol designed the original MNVCA logo for the property owners group in 1986. To view her fine art or to order clothing, gifts or decorative items please go to <a href="http://ArtistCarol.com">ArtistCarol.com</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>REAL ESTATE</b> Specializing in Monte Nido Properties. Top Coldwell Banker Agent representing Buyers and Sellers in our community for more than 20 years. How much is your house worth? Call for a complimentary market analysis. <b>Tracy Bunetta 222-2272</b> <a href="http://MonteNidoRealEstate.com">MonteNidoRealEstate.com</a></p>
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## **MNVCA Board Meeting**

Tuesday, Jan 13, 7PM  
At the home of Joan Slimocosky  
25632 Buckhorn Dr.  
818-591-1082

## **ETI Corral 36**

Next Board Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan 6, 7PM  
at the home of Aretha Crout  
19323 Lavy Court, Tarzana  
818-323-2274  
Please carpool. Parking is limited.

## **Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation Meeting**

Thursday, Dec 18, 7:30PM  
Diamond X Ranch  
(Off Mulholland)

## **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

## **Zen Meditation**

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

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