



# MONTE NIDO VALLEY



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*A Dark Sky Community*

E-NEWSLETTER

December 2010

### **MONTE NIDO FIRESAFE COUNCIL Street Captains Meeting**

The street captains met on October 20 at the home of Carrie and Brent Baltin. We now have twelve volunteers but could use someone at the Meadows and the areas of Reith, Monte Nido Dr., and Gayer.

Yehuda Netanel gave an overview of fire emergencies and how Crater Oak handles them. They present a model, which I hope the rest of us will follow. Yehuda will help us with C. B. radio advice.

Many thanks to Brent and Carrie Baltin for hosting us and to our volunteers.

Questions? Want to volunteer to be a street captain? Call Joan Kay at 222-2977.

### **Trails Report**

To support our Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Program please send your contribution to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. For information call (818) 222-2560.

### **Ad Executive Still Needed!!**

You can do this! We are still in need of a new volunteer to take on this assignment. Approximately once every one to two months, the ads for this newsletter must be organized into printable format, and fees must be collected and forwarded to the MNVCA treasurer. Although it does not require a great deal of time or effort, it is a very important and valuable assignment, as the ads fund the printing and distribution of this newsletter! Please consider helping the community in this capacity. If interested, contact Joan Slimocosky at 818-591-1082.

### **BBQ/Square Dance a Big Success!**

Many members of our community enjoyed another wonderful evening at this year's BBQ/Square Dance at King Gillette Ranch. The weather was delightful, food was delicious, and our friendly caller once again got everyone correctly promenading. Many heartfelt thanks to Lois Love for her tireless efforts to coordinate all the arrangements! Several other community members also volunteered their time and energy in arranging and staffing this event. Much appreciation to Chris Kelly and Lynn Benjamin for helping with set up, John and Deborah Low who manned the check in station, and all four of them for helping clean up. Thank you, Linda Ynette, for getting the dumpster and Georgia Farinella, for organizing the catering. Everyone did a great job of helping with tables and chairs at the end. Thanks for pitching in! This year there was a drawing for two tickets to the 2011 Square Dance and BBQ. Numbers were written on the bottom of the dinner plates so everyone was included and the winning number was drawn from a pot. Congratulations to the Hirsch family, the lucky winner!

### **Board of Directors Meeting October 12, 2010**

Call to order at 7:05 at the home of Heidi Stompe. Present are Joan Slimocosky, Joan Kay, Carrie and Brent Baltin, Heidi Stompe, Dick Love, Judy Goldin, Marianne Cilluffo, Georgia Farinella, John Low and 2 members of the community. Changes to agenda made and minutes approved without changes. Treasurer's report: Funds reviewed. CD coming to maturity. Suggestion was made to find a better place to invest a portion of CD funds, and

member of the community volunteered/was asked to investigate further. Re-imbusement to Tracy Bunetta for 4<sup>th</sup> of July expenses approved. Reimbursement to Pony Club approved, pending receipts /documentation from Pony Club. Cilluffo had emailed Bunetta asking for Pony Club contact but she did not reply with information. Correspondence: Letters received from community thanking board for their efforts. Update from Post Office superintendent, that we will need to cover 90% of area to continue with bulk mail rate. Notice from PO received in regard to “intelligent mail barcode” required for mass mailing. Stompe stated she asked, and was told it would not be required for us, but she will inquire. Federation report: Presentation by Fire department and other agencies, similar to that presented to MNVCA. Discussion of treatment of Stokes canyon residents, and similar cases in Old Topanga, by City of Calabasas: 4 articles appeared in the L.A. Times about it; properties were raided, utilities cutoff, City is denying certificate of occupancy if requested repairs are not made. Owner is hospitalized and has no place to go once released; cannot afford repairs. Houses complied with building codes when constructed. Possible reasons for the City’s action were discussed (Extension of City limits recently discussed by Calabasas City council, etc.) Motion made to make indefinite \$50 per month contributions to Smith family legal fund and those of Old Topanga was denied on a 5 to 2 vote with 2 abstention. Topic is open for further discussion. Request was made to ask Reiss to forward the Federation minutes. BBQ/Square Dance: Committee has no chair, but Lois Love has been handling most of the arrangements with Farinella. Farinella handling arrangements for food with J.V.’s BBQ. J.V.’s will also provide dessert. Marcia at King Gillette has sent paperwork, same area to be rented for hourly fee. Cold Creek has secured the caller. Some items still needed: 600’ electrical cord, lights. Setup and cleanup help needed. Not enough people have reserved/paid. Suggestion was made to call previous attendees and neighbors to get greater participation. Reiss will be asked to send e-blast.

Fire Preparedness: Joan Kay reported street captains meeting to be held on 10/20. Gail Lowe, who lost her house, described details of how it happened (windy night, caused by candle). Could not reach 911; delayed action by fire department resulted in total loss. Actions of her insurance company were deplorable, very uncooperative. She had huge paperwork burden to prove her loss. Made recommendations that all: video contents of entire house, have as much documentation as possible, anything more than \$1000 needs to be appraised. Keep everything off site!! Know your agent. Even with complete coverage, her out of pocket expenses exceeded \$200,000. She has recently changed insurance companies to State Farm. Remind community that they should keep the local fire department number at hand (222-1099) and that 911 cell phone calls go to CHP that will delay fire department response. Booklets: Booklets were printed and available for distribution. Treasurer will provide updated list of members once completed (hopefully within next week.) Street captains will distribute them as they go around neighborhood for fire survey. Include homeowner’s letter. Old business: Long time Monte Nido residents Jim and Sydney Wringley have sold home and are moving. Cards were distributed to sign and wish them well. David Pevsner contacted Joan Slimocosky regarding “letter of understanding” with Saddle Peak Lodge. Asked if Escrow provisions have been met- Gail Lowe volunteered to check with title company to see if agreement was recorded. Motorcycle noise ordinance was passed on 10/11/10- (see Fran Pavley’s newsletter for more information). Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marianne Cilluffo

*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](mailto:mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com), to receive announcements of meetings, community activities, and the time and location of our Board meetings.  
President: Joan Slimocosky 818-591-1082  
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<p><b>HELP WANTED</b> Young person needed to clean room of elderly gentleman. No experience needed. \$20 per hour. <b>Call Joan Kay 222-2977</b></p>	<p><b>REAL ESTATE</b> Residential real estate specialist for Monte Nido, Malibu and Malibu Lake. Respectful and professional negotiations for purchase/sale/property management. It is my pleasure to reside and complete competent business in our community. <b>Gail A. Lowe 310-317-8363 office, 310-938-3984 cell</b> Coldwell Banker Colony, DRE# 01115332 gailalowe@gmail.com</p>
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<p><b>REAL ESTATE</b> Specializing in Monte Nido Properties. Top Coldwell Banker Agent representing Buyers and Sellers in our community for more than 20 yrs. How much is your house worth? Call for a complementary market analysis. <b>Tracy Bunetta 222-2272</b> <a href="http://MonteNidoRealEstate.com">MonteNidoRealEstate.com</a></p>	<p><b>New from the</b> <b>SADDLE PEAK LODGE</b> <b>“We Love Our Neighbors”</b> Happy Hour on the patio every Wed/Thur/Fri from 4 to 6pm Half price on handcrafted cocktails, daily wine tastings, plus a variety of small plates from Chef Adam. DINNER WED–THURS 6-9, FRI 5:30 10, SAT 5-10, SUN 5-9 SUNDAY BRUNCH 10:30-2 See our website <a href="http://www.saddlepeaklodge.com">www.saddlepeaklodge.com</a> click on Menu, Happy Hour. <b>222 388 8</b></p>

*NOTE: NEW PROCEDURES FOR CLASSIFIED ADS*

*Private Party Ads, \$5 per month. Business Ads, \$10 per month  
Monte Nido residents only.*

*To place an ad:*

- 1. Send payment to MNVCA at P.O.Box 8054, Calabasas, CA 91372*
- 2. Email ad copy to [lynnben@charter.net](mailto:lynnben@charter.net) (Lynn Benjamin)*  
*Please include your residence address for our records.*

*Payment must be received by MNVCA Treasurer prior to ad publication.  
Any questions please call Lynn Benjamin, 818-222-2568 or email as above.*

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## Calendar of Events

### **MNVCA Board Meeting**

Tues, Dec 14, 7PM  
at the home of  
Joan Slimocosky  
25632 Buckhorn Dr.  
818-591-1082

### **ETI Corral**

Corral 36  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
7:00 to 10:00 PM  
Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
at the home of Stephanie & Chuck Abronson  
543 Cold Canyon Rd., Monte Nido  
(818) 222 PONY

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

Thursday Dec 16, 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