



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

July 2007

Welcome to Monte Nido?

Local resident and landscaper, Nick Williams, has proposed installation of several carved stone monuments to identify and unify the neighborhood, and welcome visitors. Suggested locations are on Puma and Cold Canyon roads. There was considerable disagreement at the June board meeting about whether we want to welcome visitors and those passing through Monte Nido, or whether we prefer a low profile community? Before further discussion and action, the board would like to solicit input from residents. Are you in favor of these monuments or opposed? If you have thoughts and opinions to share or would like further information, please contact one of the board members.

Annual Membership Appeal

Reminder! The annual membership drive is still on! Won't you join us? Our association is staffed by local neighborhood volunteers who work hard organizing events, publishing this newsletter to keep you informed, and staying in touch with our local officials and the happenings around us. If you'd like to get more involved, your participation is encouraged and appreciated! Appeal letters should have reached your mailboxes in May. If you didn't receive one, and would like to join, annual dues are only \$50 per family and \$25 for new members. Send your check payable to MNVCA to PO Box 8054, Calabasas, 91372. Or give your dues to one of the volunteers at the July 4th festivities.

Tips for Being Green

One easy way we can all be "green" is to replace old incandescent light bulbs with new low energy bulbs. According to the website, environmentaldefense.org, "...Energy-saving compact fluorescents (CFs) now rival the cozy, warm light of traditional bulbs. They use a fraction of the electricity, which means lower electricity bills and millions of tons less global warming pollution. ..., because they don't burn as hot as incandescent bulbs, they'll lower your cooling bills. If every household replaced just three 60-watt incandescent bulbs with CF bulbs, the pollution savings would be like taking 3.5 million cars off the road! ... (CFs) can be used just about anywhere...All are cheaper and more attractive than earlier models. It's easy to start saving money and electricity today."

Independence Day

"It's Not Easy Being Green"

The annual parade will form up at 10 at the intersection of Huckleberry and Thornhill, and begin promptly at 10:30. The theme, "It's Not Easy Being Green", is open for your creative interpretation. Please remember that all equestrians must fill out and return the forms printed in the June newsletter in order to participate. If you need additional forms, contact Vallerie Coleman or Lorraine Rose at 818-222 7512. Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to organize a raffle or hot foods, therefore only cold sandwiches and watermelon will be available for purchase at the picnic. The board suggests that you bring your own picnic lunch instead. If you can organize a raffle, contact Suzanne Bailey at Suzyb0904@aol.com.

○ The Circle of Life ○

Peter and Amy Pulitzer congratulate Charlotte for completing her senior high school year in Beijing, China with SYA, School Year Abroad. She is planning to return for college!

If you have news to share, please email the editor at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com.

Local Trail Maps

There have been several requests for maps of our local trails. They are available from the National Park Service at 818-597-9192 or <http://www.nps.gov/samo/parkmgmt/trail-planning-conceptual-trail-policy-alternatives.htm>. Map#2 is the area which includes Monte Nido.

"An Afternoon of Enchantment"

California Wildlife Center Event

The Wildlife Center is hosting its premier fundraiser, An Afternoon of Enchantment: Wing Ding at Gull's Way Estate in Malibu, featuring "... fabulous food, family fun, unique silent auction shopping and lively entertainment while strolling a 12-acre private estate overlooking the ocean at Latigo Point." Sunday, August 19 from noon – 4PM. For information and to purchase tickets visit www.californiawildlifecenter.org.

ETI Corral Requests Your Support

Do you like using our local trail system? You can help keep the trails safe and clear by contributing to the ETI Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Fund. They hire, supervise, and pay crews with your donations. Call Corral 36 if you encounter a washout, encroaching shrubs, etc. Send your checks to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 N. Cold Cyn. Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302. For information or to report problems, call (818) 222-2560.

MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting

The regular meeting of the MNVCA was called to order at 7:15 pm in the home of Les Hardie. In attendance were Rosemary Alden, Marianne Cilluffo, Les Hardie, Joan Kay, Lisa Lehman, Sheila Kalivas, Jocelyn Mackay, Joan Slimocosky and Heidi Stompe along with other members of the community. **Agenda** changes were made. **Minutes** from the April meeting will be forwarded to Board members for electronic approval prior to the publication of the next Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report Account balances were reviewed. There are currently 83 paid members in the MNVCA for 2007. Outdated account signatures need to be removed & updated to allow access to the Washington Mutual Account. **Correspondence:** A letter from neighbor Paul Crowder, of Dark Creek Rd., was received which included a generous check from some young performers who put on a play, earned the \$25 and subsequently donated it to the MNVCA. A Thank You note was received from Jeanne Wallace for the donation by the Board to the ETI Trails maintenance fund. **Federation Report** Annual Federation Dinner was held at last the Federation meeting. Report to be given next month. **Old Business** County Local Coastal Plan – The review process continues. The Plan is hoped to be finalized and presented to the County Board of Supervisors this summer. **Newsletter:** Special Mailings: additional community members would like to receive the Newsletter that don't use e-mail and are not on our rural mailing route. For those that would like the special mailing they will be asked provide self-addressed stamped envelopes. **July 4th Festivities:** Suzanne Bailey has volunteered to chair the event. Theme: "It's Not Easy Being Green." **Z-Trail** – Several neighbors have voiced concern with the restricted access. A meeting is to be set for a review of the trail and the surrounding areas to consider any possible alternatives. **New Business:** None. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:40 pm. Respectfully submitted, Lisa Lehman

The next meeting will be held Tues., July 10 at 7PM at the home of Sheila Kalivas. 25610 Maynard Dr. 818-222-8683

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

Vice Pres: John Low 224-8062

Treasurer: Marianne Cilluffo 876-3019

Secretary: Lisa Lehman 837-7600

Illegal Grading Alert

The day after the June board meeting, reports surfaced of illegal trail grading by a local developer. According to one local resident, "In the wee hours of (June 13), someone brought in a large DC9 or DC10 type tractor and is in the process of bulldozing a roadway through the middle trail from the last building pad that was cut...at the end of the illegally paved utility easement road that begins off Mulholland Highway next to the home at 25700 Mulholland Highway...just east of the Lost Canyon Trail... just north of the "double dip" creek crossing." Calls to action resounded through the Internet; community members are urged to file official complaints! The more of us who file complaints and demand to be notified of follow-up, the more it will hold them accountable. To File a complaint:

- Go to the office of Building and Safety: at 26600 Agoura Road, Suite 110, Calabasas 91302-1954. Phone: (818) 880-4150 Fax: (818) 880-6279 (Between Lost Hills Rd. and Las Virgenes Rd.) It says L.A. County Supervisors on the outside. Open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tell them you want to file a complaint against a neighbor who is doing illegal grading in an ESHA and that you want the inspector to follow up and contact you/call you with the results. You will need to give the parcel number: APN 04455-017-015 Owner: Satterlee/ Kasco LP & Turcios (orig. owner Calder, who's name they may still have on the docs).
- Do the same with the Coastal Commission. Contact Pat Veasart at (805)585-1800.

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's office has been contacted and reports that they have "...referred the original constituent complaint on this matter to Building & Safety and they are investigating. It is the Supervisor's policy to respond to all complaints equally by asking the appropriate agency to investigate, take the appropriate actions in keeping with all applicable codes, and report back the results of their investigation. When we have the results of the investigation, we will share those with you."

Lost Dog Needs Good Home

The Gobli family recently found a dog on Meadows End Dr. and they are desperately looking for someone to adopt her. She has a beautiful, loving character, likes people, and plays wonderfully with other dogs. If you are interested, contact Dalit 818-222-7615.

Contributions to the newsletter can be sent to Jill Reiss at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com

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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, July 10, 7PM
At the home of Sheila Kalivas.
25610 Maynard Dr.
818-222-8683

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

California Wildlife Center
Wing Ding at Gull's Way Estate
Sunday, August 19, Noon - 4PM
For information and to purchase tickets visit
www.californiawildlifecenter.org
or call 818-222-2658

ETI Corral 36
Board Meeting Tuesday July 3, 7PM
at the home of Vallerie Coleman & Lorraine Rose,
25622 Huckleberry Dr., Monte Nido.
(818) 222-7512.
Planning for October 13th 'Phantasy' Trail Ride and BBQ.
Corral 36 Board will be on hiatus for August.

Universal Worship Service:
First Sunday of each month, 10:00AM
Marilyn Browning
222-6363

Montgomery Arts House for Music and Architecture
Gala Festival Opening - Gourmet Desserts
August 25, 7:30 PM
www.montgomeryartshouse.org
(310) 589-0295

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

Zen Meditation
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Rosemary Taylor Alden
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