



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

June/July 2011

July 4th Parade and Picnic Parade at 10:30AM

**Picnic Immediately Following
In Fleeman's Meadow**

Grand Marshals –

Jane & John Cudworth

**Junior Grand Marshall(s) to be
the winner of the theme
contest!**

**Games, Prizes, Raffles,
Food & Friends**

Notice to July 4 Equestrians

All equestrians participating in the MNVCA 4th of July Parade with a horse, pony, mule or donkey are covered by insurance provided to MNVCA by Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36. No equestrian may participate in the parade with an animal without first signing the **WAIVER & RELEASE FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES**, found in this newsletter. Please print, complete, and return this waiver release to Stephanie Abronson prior to July 4th. If you cannot print this waiver yourself, you can get a printed copy by contacting Heidi Stompe at 818-222-8711. Reach Stephanie via email: Stephanie@abronson.com or leave a telephone message at 818.222.7669.

Parents of children participating with a horse, pony, mule, or donkey in the parade must sign the waiver & release form before their children can participate in the parade. Members of the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) are exempt from purchasing a one-day single event membership for Equestrian Trails, Inc. but must provide a copy of their current membership card. If you are not a current member of Equestrian Trails, Inc., or the USEF, you must purchase ahead of time a one-day single event membership at a cost of \$5.00 per adult or child or \$7.00 for a family up to 4 persons.

We will greatly appreciate your forethought to getting this paperwork done before July 4th. It's really tough to tell a child that they may not participate in our wonderful parade because mommy or daddy didn't get the paperwork done!

Adopt A Highway "Trash Talk With Your Dad" Saturday, June 25, 2011

Give your dad a belated Father's Day Gift!
Spend a couple of community service hours together cleaning up our local streets.
It's good for you - it's good for the planet
It's good for Monte Nido!

Watch for signs with time and meeting place info.

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.

MONTE NIDO FIRESAFE COUNCIL

Monte Nido Firesafe Council has written a letter to the citizen's committee considering redistricting of our Fifth Supervisorial District. Our letter supported Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky's position, which keeps the Santa Monica Mountains and environs intact. We stated, "As a Fire Safe Council we are focused upon the welfare of the residents of Monte Nido. However, our over-riding, unifying purpose is to protect the entire range of the Santa Monica Mountains: its flora, fauna, watersheds and air quality. We live within this extraordinary hub of nature, much of it public lands. It is our duty to protect it for future generations." Ten of our wonderful Monte Nido street captains signed off on this letter. Many thanks to all!

We have begun efforts to identify overgrown areas of major ingress/egress roads. If you have special observations regarding overgrowth on Piuma or Cold Canyon please contact Lynn at lynnben@charter.net or me. Thanks. Joan Kay (818) 222-2977

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting of May 10, 2011 was called to order at 7:05PM at the home of Les Hardie. Present from the board were Judy Goldin, Les Hardie, Yehuda Netanel, John Low, Carrie and Brent Baltin, Dick and Lois Love, Joan Slimocosky and Jill Reiss. Present from the community were Reva Smithstein, Georgia Farinella, Susan Hardie. *Treasurer's Report* – 2 new members have sent their dues. Reiss has to go to the bank (B of A in Malibu) to sign new signature cards. One new check has been returned. Newsletter printing charges have been paid. Goldin will find out how many signatures are required for Treasurer to write checks. Goldin reported that Marianne Cilluffo has been extremely kind and helpful in assisting her transition to this new board position. *Redistricting* – Recently enacted legislation, from an approved proposition, provides for redistricting of various electoral districts to take boundary decisions from politicians and give that power to unelected committee officials. The process is ongoing right now to redistrict the state senate district of Fran Pavley, and the county supervisorial district of Zev Yaroslavsky. The commission's mandate is to create districts with commonalities. There's a movement to redraw the boundaries to revert to the 1991 lines. The Board can decide if we wish to comment to the commission in the form of a letter, which is due by the end of May. The Board decided we do not have enough information at this time to draft a considered letter taking any position. John Low will gather any information he can and share it with the board via email in the next couple of weeks. *Adopt a Highway cleanup* – We need to schedule a trash pickup day. Motion to schedule it for Sat, June 25, and call it "Trash Talk with your Dad" passed. *Historical Archive* – Slimocosky suggests we develop a neighborhood historical archive to document the history of Monte Nido. To be discussed at next meeting. Abronson's son has a wine bar, Portal, in Santa Monica. He has offered to host a fundraiser. Joan Slimocosky will get more info on that for the next meeting. The Edge mansions above Sweetwater – Steve Lopez wrote a column in LA Times last Sunday about this controversial project. Lopez spoke to Joe Edmiston of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which was previously opposed to the project. Edmiston has agreed that the Conservancy will take a neutral stance in return for the Conservancy receiving considerable monetary donations (\$750,000) and a trail dedication from The Edge. The Federation, Serra Retreat and other community associations are strongly opposed to the project. Motion to write a letter to Coastal Commission

agreeing with the Federation in opposition to this project was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

Planning meeting for July 4 event called to order at 7:27 PM. Tracy Bunetta has the notebook/manual with all the info on how to coordinate the event. Les Hardie will contact her to see if she will be the chairperson again. Lois Love volunteers to help out. Yehuda Netanel will be the parade launcher. Dayne Seiling will coordinate the games. Reiss must coordinate with Stephanie and ETI for newsletter announcements and insurance forms. *Theme* – Last year neighborhood kids under 18 years of age submitted ideas for theme. We can do that again. Winner will be Junior Grand Marshall, ride on the fire truck, and get a plaque. Anyone who submits an entry will receive 20 raffle tickets. *Grand Marshals* – Jane and John Cudworth will be invited. Reva Smithstein will organize the raffle. Judy Goldin will be in charge of food and drink. Carrie Baltin will find out if Pony Club wants to sell food again and have them contact the event chair if they do. Motion for Board to establish a committee of 3 people to organize and make decisions passed. Those people are Lois Love, Les Hardie, and Yehuda Netanel: Judy Goldin will be first alternate. Committee has the right to approve expenditures. Adjourned at 8:14PM.

*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: Les Hardie 818-222-0661

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WAIVER & RELEASE
FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, INC., ACTIVITIES
This Is A Waiver of Your Legal Rights, And An Agreement Not To Sue
Serious Injury Or Death May Result From Riding Or Being Near Horses



1. **Participant's Name** (print): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Telephone: (____) _____ **ETI Member** _____ **If Yes, Corral #:** _____

2. **Liability Release.**

In consideration for Equestrian Trails, Inc. ("ETI") allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in its activities, I agree as follows:

- a. This agreement, waiver and release applies to ETI and to ETI's affiliated Corrals, committees, employees, predecessors, successors, attorneys, insurers, members and volunteers who are working in the course and scope of their duties on behalf of ETI, including its affiliated Corrals, at the time of occurrence of any act or omission which is later alleged to be a cause or contribution to a claim for injury, damages or death ("Released Parties");
- b. I forever release, hold harmless and indemnify Released Parties from liability for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, injuries or death to me, my minor children, my horse and my property, and legal liability of every nature, including the negligent acts or omissions of any Released Parties, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, direct or indirect, arising out of participation in the past, present or future ETI activities (including equestrian activities, such as the riding, use of, or being near, horses, whether at an arena, stable or on a trail ride in association with ETI) and I assume all risks of injury or death as set forth in this release;
- c. I shall not bring any lawsuit, action or proceeding against any Released Parties, even if they engage in negligent conduct; and
- d. I make this agreement, waiver and release for and on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child and/or ward, heirs, administrators, successors, representatives and assigns.

3. **Activity Risk.**

I understand that some ETI activities take place in isolated or wilderness areas over rough terrain, and/or trails of unknown condition, and others take place on land or in facilities owned and managed by others from whom such land or facilities are borrowed or rented. I understand that the organizers, workers and members involved in ETI activities are not professionals in the horse industry, or in the planning or conducting of trips or camping events, or in other areas of expertise involved in ETI activities. I also understand that horseback riding is a rugged adventure, recreational sport activity. I am aware that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks of serious injury or death, or property damage, to me or my horse, which are always present in ETI activities, on or near horses. I understand that pregnant women are specifically advised not to ride horses. I understand that ETI is a non-profit club of private individuals who have come together to support and enjoy recreation-oriented activities.

4. **Nature of Horses.**

I understand that no horse is completely safe, and the Released Parties make no representations or guarantees regarding the safety, training or suitability of any horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If I fall from a horse to the ground, it will generally be at a distance of 4 to 6 feet, and the impact will injure me. A horse may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts and may abruptly change directions or speed, trip, slip, fall, stop short, shift its weight, buck, rear, kick, bite, spook, or run from what it perceives to be danger if it is frightened or provoked, or for no reason whatsoever.

5. Conditions of Nature & Locations.

I agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for acts, occurrences or elements of nature or a particular location that can injure a person or scare a horse, cause it to trip, fall or react in some other manner. These elements include thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, other people and horses, and reptiles which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, irregular footing on groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change according to weather, temperature, natural and man-made objects. The Released Parties have not inspected, and make no representations or warranties concerning the safety or condition of, any trail, camping site, arena and/or other location of ETI events.

6. Helmet Warning.

I am aware that protective head gear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI certified and ASTM standard F1163 equestrian helmet, should be purchased and worn by me and/or my child while riding and being near horses, and the wearing of such helmet may reduce the severity of some head injuries and may prevent my serious injury or death as a result of a fall or other occurrence. If my minor child or I do not wear a helmet, it is because we so choose.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO THIS TWO-PAGE WAIVER & RELEASE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT NO ORAL STATEMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO OBTAIN MY CONSENT.

Dated: _____

Participant's Signature: _____



(Printed Name)

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS ALSO REQUIRED, AND SUCH PERSON FURTHER AGREES, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 2, ABOVE, TO RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY INJURY OR DEATH TO, OR ANY CLAIM BY OR ON BEHALF OF, SUCH MINOR:

Minor's Birth Date: _____

Dated: _____

Signature: _____



Relationship to Minor: _____

(Printed Name of Signor)

ETI Witness (print name) Stephanie Abronson Corral # 36

Description of Event Where Signed Monte Nido Valley Community Association 2010 4th of July Parade, Monte Nido, CA

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ART GALLERY OPENING

Monte Nido Neighbors are invited to a special reception at the New Sahara Gallery Sunday, March 6. Our inaugural exhibition "Azimuth-Ascension" brings more than 50 works by renowned Tunisian artists Nja Mahdaoui and Khaled Ben Slimane for their first major exhibition in the US. The Gallery's mission is to introduce the highest quality North African and Middle Eastern Art to the LA area. Please see our web site or contact curator Owen Doonan for more information: <http://www.newsaharagallery.com>; email owen@newsaharagallery.com; also on Facebook

or Call: (818) 772-5700/428-7870(eves.)
18860 Nordhoff St., 2nd floor,
Northridge, CA 91324 by appointment.

SADDLE PEAK LODGE

"We Love Our Neighbors"

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 www.saddlepeaklodge.com click on Menu, Happy Hour.

(818) 222 3888

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Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting

Tues, July 12, 7PM
at the home of
Heidi Stompe
871 Malibu Meadows Dr.
Calabasas CA 91302
818-222-8711

ETI Corral

Board Meeting & Seminar
Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 PM
At the home of
Tonya & Jim Hull
5900 Cavalleri Road, Malibu
(310) 589-5890

**Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation
Meeting**

Thursday July 21, 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