



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

March 2011

MONTE NIDO FIRESAFE COUNCIL

The first goal of our Firesafe Council is to reduce the fuel load within Monte Nido. Each one of us should go beyond the County's mandated brush clearance and remove any useless flammables including old sheds, woodpiles, fencing, etc. MNVCA is a Firesafe Council. Call us if you are aware of a hazardous situation and we will add it to our list. Many thanks to our guest volunteers.

Joan Kay (818) 222-2977

Circle of Life

Jim Wrigley, longtime Stokes Cyn resident, MNVCA past president, Federation delegate, and community activist has died. "Chicken Jim" worked tirelessly for this association and the Santa Monica Mts. He was the 'head chef' for many BBQ's in the days when we actually purchased, washed and cleaned, pre-cooked and BBQ'd so many chickens (and steaks). Jim and his wife, Sydney, gave countless hours to make those events both a financial and social success. Jim loved politics and cared deeply for the mountains and open space, testifying before the CCC and LA Regional Planning, and was a longtime member of SOS. He was directly impacted by SOKA and worked to make the dream of King Gillette as parkland come true. His dry, English wit and grasp of the politics of this area were always fun to witness. He was a fabulous gardener as those of us lucky enough to taste some of those fruits can testify. Jim died this month in Northern California where the Wrigleys moved last Oct. to be near their daughter and her family. He will remain fondly in the memory of those of us privileged to have known and worked along side him. Rest in peace, Jim,

Joan Slimocosky.

Herbie Erpel of Monte Nido passed away Feb. 21 after a long illness, leaving his wife, Ilse.

Ad Executive

The Board wishes to extend its gratitude and appreciation to Lynn Benjamin for assembling the want ads for the past several months. Lisa Lehman has taken over this responsibility as of 2011. Thank you, Lisa! Ms. Lehman immediately made some welcome improvements in order to provide a better service to both the advertisers and the community. Ads are now being published and distributed online every month. If you are on the email distribution list you should already have received several issues of the Bulletin Board directly from Lehman. Ads will also be published in this newsletter, both online and in print. We encourage all interested parties to place ads to market goods and services to the community and to support the publication of this newsletter.

U-Verse is Coming to Monte Nido!

AT&T crews adding new services for Monte Nido

By Julian Watkins

Some of you may remember in early 2009, AT&T was doing a lot of work on their equipment along Cold Canyon. At that time, I inquired whether they were upgrading our services. I was told they were installing all the gear to get our area ready for AT&T U-Verse, a service that provides for Digital TV, High Speed Internet, and Phone Service. All that remained was to string fiber optic cable from the central office to our neighborhood. Fast forward to 2011: the cable has finally been installed in the past couple of months and crews have been working toward tying in the equipment installed in 2009 to that new fiber optic line. I have been told the line runs along Mulholland Hwy, turns down Cold Canyon, then down Piuma, ending up at the YMCA camp, or somewhere around Tapia Park.

So we are closer to having an alternative service to Charter Cable once everything has been installed and tested. I'm sure you'll see offers from AT&T in your mailbox once U-Verse is here.

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.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs

Presented by Mountains Restoration Trust

April 16 & 17

8AM – 5PM

at Headwaters Corner

May 14 & 15, June 11 & 12

at Tapia Park

Space Limited: Reservations Required

Register at www.mountainstrust.org

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:14PM at the home of Carrie and Brent Baltin. Present from the community were Sheila Rosenthal, Stephanie Abronson, Les Hardy. From the board; Heidi Stompe, Judy Goldin, Carrie and Brent Baltin, Yehuda Netanel, Joan Kay, Joan Slimocosky, Jill Reiss, Marianne Cilluffo. *Agenda changes/additions:* Addition to Old Business: Smith Fund. To New Business: City of Calabasas/Letter to Acorn *Minutes:* no comments on minutes from last Board meeting *Treasurer's Report:* Cilluffo reported 2 membership checks bounced so we had some fees in checking account. Motion to pay Postal permit and Federation membership expenses passed. All payments for July 4 and Square Dance have been arranged. *No correspondence* this month.

Federation Report: Slimocosky went to the Federation meeting. The guest was a current Calabasas City Councilman, Bozajian. City of Calabasas is having an election in March. At Federation meeting there was lots of dissension because the Calabasas City Council unanimously endorsed 2 people who were running. Bozajian replied that he was a friend of Fred Gaines since college and while he felt in the past he would have endorsed him but declined to do so, he decided to do so now because the current members were stepping down so the position is vacant. Lucy Martin is running against Gaines. Discussion ensued as to whether the MNVCA Board should consider endorsing Martin's candidacy. The Board declined to do so. The Fed had a speaker, Steve Williams, from Keep Your Green, which offers help, for a fee, in designing an ecosystem landscape. They discussed the Healthy Oak Ordinance. *Old Business:* Fire Safe Council has about half of the street captains organized and another half to consolidate and organize. Kay got info from Fire Capt. Cox that she thinks everyone should have available about where there are safe places to collect if we are trapped here by fire. One is on

Piuma leg of triangle where there is a big house. Other is on Merrit's lot on Dark Creek.

Community Safety Issue: Joan Slimocosky received email from a neighbor, Doug Dilg, regarding Mitrice Richardson. He wants a community rep from Sheriff Dept to address the neighborhood about the response time, about how safe our community is. Board recalled that we recently did this and don't need to do it again. Motion to have another Sheriff's Community Safety Issue was defeated. *Malibu Valley Farms:* Someone from Federation wrote a history of MVF. MVF is going before Coastal Commission again in April in San Luis Obispo to have a hearing on the revocation of their permit. Federation members were asked if they wanted to send a letter to Coastal requesting that the permit be reviewed again in light of revised/corrected information. Discussion ensued and the Board declined to send a letter requesting Coastal to revoke MVF's permit and require them to start over again. *Want Ads:* Newsletter to include thank you to Lynn Benjamin for handling the ads in the past and to Lisa Lehman for stepping up to take over the responsibility. *Safe Canyons:* Zev Yaroslavsky's office has assembled funds for rumble strips to be installed on the Piuma/Stunt racing loop to discourage motorcycle speeding.

Smith Fund: Discussion was again raised about donating to the fund and/or writing a letter to City of Calabasas stating our objections to their heavy handed dealing in this issue. Board agreed again to table the discussion. *Future Board Meetings:* Judy Goldin will host April 12 meeting at 1101 Cold Canyon Road. Les Hardie will host June. Marianne Cilluffo will host July or September meeting. *Meeting Adjourned* at 8:30PM. Respectfully submitted, Jill Reiss

General Election Meeting called to order at 8:30PM. Five positions were open for election. Six candidates for office were Georgia Farinella, Dick and Lois Love, Carrie and Brent Baltin, Heidi Stompe, Les Hardie, Jill Reiss. Elected were Dick and Lois Love, Carrie and Brent Baltin, Heidi Stompe, Les Hardie and Jill Reiss. Meeting adjourned at 8:50. Respectfully submitted, Jill Reiss

*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 818-591-1082

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Treasurer: Marianne Cilluffo 818-876-3019

Secretary: Jill Reiss 818-222-1995

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

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Residential remodel and new construction
All under one roof:
Design, Construction, Interiors.
Licensed General Contractor
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All questions welcomed
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Gary Bardovi (818) 222-0313

REAL ESTATE

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.

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Coldwell Banker Colony, DRE# 01115332
gailalowe@gmail.com

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

MNVCA Bulletin Board will now be E-Published Monthly at montenido.org and via e-mail list

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 mnvca@charter.net

Please include your residence address for our records.

Payment must be received by MNVCA Treasurer prior to ad publication.

Any questions please e-mail Lisa Lehman at mnvca@charter.net or call (818) 266-3055.

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PO Box 8054
Calabasas, CA 91372

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CALABASAS, CA 91302

Calendar of Events

MNVCA Board Meeting

Tues, April 12, 7PM
at the home of
Judy Goldin
1101 Cold Canyon Road

ETI Corral

Corral 36
April 5
at the home of Rochelle & Craig Dick
23410 Collins St., Woodland Hills
818.887 8504

**Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation
Meeting**

Thursday April 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