



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



A Dark Sky Community

E-NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Annual Membership Appeal

The annual membership drive is on! Won't you join us? Our association works hard to maintain the sense of community that is often lost in today's hectic world. We do it by organizing events, publishing this newsletter to keep you informed, and by staying in touch with our local officials and the happenings around us. Our community can and has made a difference. Appeal letters should have reached your mailboxes this month. 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.

Thank You Tony Procopio

The Board extends its most sincere thanks and appreciation to community member Tony Procopio, who generously donated his time and expertise to perform a routine audit of the association's financial records.

Traffic Safety Alert

In recent weeks there have been several fatal automobile accidents in our neighborhood. Drivers have lost control on Cold Canyon and Piuma Roads, and plunged into ravines and down steep cliffs. Please be reminded that speed and canyon roadways do not mix well. As reported in the April newsletter, the CHP study of our local traffic issues is ongoing. We can take an active role in improving local traffic safety by observing posted speed limits and by reporting violations. When you observe a traffic violation, you can note a description of

the vehicle, date, time, and location of the incident. Report this information as quickly as possible to the LA County CHP at 1-800-TELL CHP (1-800-835-5347). The weekend/after hours CHP phone is 323-906 3434.

Fourth of July Update

Planning for the July 4th picnic and parade has begun! Suzanne Bailey has once again graciously volunteered to act as Chairperson for the event, and several volunteers have stepped forward. We are still in need of a few more good men and women to lend a hand to assure the event's success. If you can help, please call Suzanne at 818-222-7663.

Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs

Reminder: Mountains Restoration Trust will present the fourth annual Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5, 6 from 8 AM - 5 PM at Headwaters Corner in Calabasas. Reservations are required. Phone 818-591-1701 x 189

MONTE NIDO KNOWS

Trivia question of the month:

Which came first?
Malibu Creek or the
Santa Monica Mountains?
(Answer on the next page)



MNVCA Board of Directors Meeting March 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the MNVCA was called to order at 7:20 pm in the home of Rosemary Alden. In attendance were Marianne Cilluffo, Les Hardie, Sheila Kalivas, Joan Kay, Lisa Lehman, Yehuda Netanel, Joan Slimocosky and Heidi Stompe along with several other members of the community.

Agenda: Agenda changes were made.

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Account balances reviewed. Membership solicitation letter to go out this month. Money Market account is earning only 0.5% interest. The account is to be moved.

Correspondence: Amendment review to the North Area Plan public hearing scheduled for March 28 in the Hall of Records in Los Angeles. Details available at http://planning.co.la.ca.us/doc/smmnap/sm_m_ord.pdf

Federation Report: Report delayed until the April meeting.

Old Business: Newsletter – New editor is Jill Reiss. Discussion regarding timing of the publishing of the Minutes from the monthly meetings to be tabled until next month.

Trails: The "Z Trail" is to be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting. There are several long-term neighbors concerned about the hiking and riding access of the trail. Johnson-Lama Trail – The current design and grading of the trail is not appropriate for hikers or equestrians. The owners are cooperatively working with trails council personnel to correct it. A local developer is planning to connect the utility roads that come in from Mulholland Hwy and bisect Lost Canyon all the way through to Cold Canyon Rd. Efforts are underway to modify these plans.

Triangle: The developer has acknowledged that the 2 new homes currently under construction will be completed in late summer. Once they are finished he will landscape the lot across from the Saddlepeak Lodge as outlined in the original agreement.

County LCP Update: Board of Supervisors to hear the draft in late summer.

New Business: Winter/Spring Banquet – Cynthia Hodes was this year's honored guest. She has given much of her time and energy to

Monte Nido. She is leaving the neighborhood and will be greatly missed.

ETI Support: The Board voted to donate \$150 to ETI to support their trails maintenance program. A notice will go in the upcoming Newsletter in support of their efforts.

4th of July Event: Many issues to be confirmed yet including Theme, Grand Marshall, Games Organizer, and Event Coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Lehman

Next Meeting to be held May 8 at 7PM at the home of Les Hardie, 471 Cold Canyon Rd., 222-5485

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

○ The Circle of Life ○

Beginning with the June newsletter, the Board would like to publish announcements of important neighborhood events such as births, deaths, newcomers moving in, graduations, communions, bar mitzvahs etc. If you have news to share please email the editor at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com.

MONTE NIDO KNOWS

Answer: Malibu Creek existed before the Santa Monica Mountain Range was formed. The creek cut Malibu Canyon as the mountains slowly arose!

(If you know other interesting facts or historical information about Monte Nido that we can share here, please alert the editor at mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com).

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<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SALE: TRACTOR MOWER 2003 Craftsman lawn/weed tractor mower. Like new, used only 3 times, a real bargain at \$500 (half price). Call Joan Kay 222-2977</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHIROPRACTOR FOR DOGS & CATS Veterinarian supervised, licensed. Strong references and affiliations. In home first visit: 1/2 off Ralph Winestock, D.C. 818-425-1654 or 805-496-4469</p>
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Contact Lynn Benjamin to place an ad
Phone: 222-2568 Email: lynnben@charter.net
Private Party Ads, \$5 per month. Business Ads, \$10 per month
Pay to: MNVCA. Mail to: Lynn Benjamin, P.O.Box 461, Malibu, CA 90265

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MNVCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 7PM
At the home of Les Hardie
471 Cold Canyon Road
818-222-5485

ETI Corral 36

Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM & Seminar @ 7:30 PM
Tuesday May 1st
at the home of
Art & Shawn Carvalho,
24639 Mulholland Hwy. Calabasas.
(818) 224-4775
Guest Speaker Richard Stevens, DVM,
from Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital

Las Virgenes Homeowner's Federation Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 7:30PM
Diamond X Ranch
(off Mulholland)

Zen Meditation

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

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
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