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RANCH RAMBLINGS DECEMBER 2024 ISSUE



Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

As we enter December, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season! I don't know about you, but I'm already behind on my holiday season chores. I wasn't sure whether I was or not, however Barbie told me I was, so that's that.

So here's how the first days of the season have gone for me; I'll write it down, for you to see:

'Twas the first week of the season, and all through the house,
my chores were laid out, even catching the mouse.

The towels to be hung, in the guest bathroom with care,
because cousins from somewhere soon would be there.

The sheets to be washed, and put on the beds,
and pillows to be fluffed, to lay down their heads.

With Barbie helping me clean, and getting rid of old ----,
I'm dreaming of us watching tv, with Yolanda asleep on my lap.

When from the back of the house there arose such a clatter,
I realized in a moment where I had forgotten the ladder.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

DECEMBER 10TH
BOARD MTG
3:00 PM
3820 State Street

DECEMBER 25-26TH
OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY 1, 2025
OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY 7, 2025
ABR BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 State Street

JANUARY 28, 2025
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 State St.

I raced to the yard, turning the corner in a flash,
and slipped in a puddle, landing with a huge splash.

Then what to my wondering eyes did appear,
some serious stars, and ringing in my ear.

I said to myself, as I struggled to rise,
'a whole season of this, will be my demise!'

So, I will say to you here, before I drive to the mall,
clean and shop early, and Happy Holidays to all!



*Marco Del Chiaro, President
Hope Ranch Park Homes Association*



Message from the General Manager

I write this message just before Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. My favorite time of year. I love the weather, the clothes, the smells of the season, and of course the food. It also signals to me that budget is put to bed and I can move forward with staff reviews and holiday celebrations with people we consider our second family. It is also a time where we transition in preparation for the new year. We meet to contemplate projects for 2025, how to finance them and where they fit in the schedule among the routine items. Of course, the best laid plans can go awry with a winter storm, bridle trail washout, beach turnaround flood and over run drains. Rest assured we are prepared for it all.

The holidays also offer a time of reflection. To think about the people (and pets) we are grateful for and miss. For some of us, it will be the first holiday without a loved one, making it especially hard. We will recall past holidays and better times but must also reinvent these celebrations without them. Not easy to be sure.

I have been thinking about this for a few weeks now, and with the Board's blessing, I present to you the Ranch Members who passed this year (that we know about). If your loved one is not on this list please forgive the omission. We mean no disrespect. Our thoughts are with all of you.



IN MEMORIAM

Fred Hayward. Clay Running, Lee Gabler, Ron Ely, Jose Fulco, and Ruth Birdt.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

By now you have already received the 2025 budget and associated disclosure documents addressing the reserve study, insurance coverage, and litigation. There is also a document in there for you to advise the office how you would like to be notified regarding HOA business. It is called "Owners preferred method of delivery." It is relative to the new law effective January 1st allowing for electronic voting in community associations. Unfortunately, we do not have enough time to exercise that option for the annual meeting in February. But we do have other items this year to be voted on so starting to create this database will be critical to the future success of electronic voting in Hope Ranch. If you want to receive information electronically, including balloting materials electronically, please complete that form and send it to the office by January 30, 2025. This information will go a long way to save the HOA postage and printing for

our next big vote on the restated CCRs and Bylaws. If you would still prefer getting this information in paper format, there is a place on the form to let us know that as well.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

By now you should have also received a call for nominations from Official HOA Elections who has been retained by the Board to conduct our Annual Meeting on February 28th. Self-nomination forms are due by December 19th to their office. Please do not email or send them to the Hope Ranch office. We have three openings on board. Marco, Stephanie and Mark are termed out (thank you for your 4 years of service!). Depending on the number of nominations we receive, we will schedule a Meet the Candidates forum in early February.

The Annual meeting will also include the ratification of standing and ad-hoc committees. If you are already on a committee and wish to continue, please let the office know. If you are interested in possibly joining a Committee, please let us know. The Board is considering adding a new committee called Hope Ranch Mediators whose purpose would be to try and solve neighbor to neighbor issues before they escalate into litigation. If you have a legal background and would like to donate your gift of time to help the Board cut down on legal fees, please let us know.

AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE

Here is an update from Ranch member Gordon Feingold from the October Task Force meeting: *"I participated in the Santa Barbara Airport Noise Working Group meeting held on October 30. Progress is being made on changing the assigned departure procedure for the early morning flights (before 6AM) to route aircraft immediately offshore. More germane to Hope Ranch, the Airport is looking into hiring an outside contractor to create an arrival procedure that would direct aircraft to remain offshore and then cross the shoreline over the More Mesa empty space. That procedure would then be submitted to the FAA for the approval and publication so all pilots would have access to it. This tactic would overcome the probability that the FAA would decline to create the procedure on their own and it would also accelerate the timeframe for making such a procedure available."*

I want to thank Gordon for his assistance in this matter. We will continue to keep you informed as things develop.

2024 FUN FACTS

17 ESCROWS THIS YEAR

13% OF PROPERTIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

127 permits were issued in 2024 at an average of \$1200 compared to 159 permits in 2023 but still with an average cost of \$1200. Our fees are not out of line and unchanged for several years

98 PROJECTS IN THE BUILDING/PLANNING PROCESS

27 ADU'S IN PROGRESS

14 ADU'S COMPLETED



In closing, I would like to thank your wonderful Board of Directors who, in the face of much adversity this year, proved themselves to be strong and dedicated to the spirit of Hope Ranch. I found their support unwavering and so appreciate their trust in me and my staff. They executed the demands of leadership with thoughtful discussion, grace, (and humor). Of course I can never say enough about my extraordinary staff, who have also been tremendously supportive of my efforts to make this 100th year truly special. Please remember them with your holiday fund donations, they are always so deserving but this year especially so.

I would imagine that by the time you read this the holiday lights should be installed at our entryways and the tree positioned in the lake. Traditions that the holidays are alive and well in Hope Ranch. I wish you and your family a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Jill Van Zeebroeck, General Manager



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (11.30.24)



CONCEPTUAL (13)

Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.	Thoman	700 V. Hierba
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.	Excelsior LLC	4161 Creciente
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive	Vernon	3990 Cuervo
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila	Lukaszewicz	4630 V. Vistosa
Blat Family Trust	4110 Creciente Dr.	Barbara Ray Tr	4689 V. Roblada
Sorenson	4220 Mariposa Dr.		
Halstad	895 Via Hierba		
Sher	4295 Mariposa Dr.		

PRELIMINARY (13)

Arntz	1489 Cantera	Sher	4295 Mariposa
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive	Stanton	585 Las Palmas
Flynn/Golde	1564 Cantera	Anzalone/Brose	4191 Mariposa
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna	Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada		
Artigas/Etchegaray	4131 Marina Drive		
Newton	4343 Marina Drive		
Flynn	4225 Cresta Avenue		
Katona	4375 Via Glorieta		

FINAL (5)

Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca
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Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanza
Econn	1530 Roble Drive

PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Post Commander

August 20 6:35PM – While patrolling Roble Dr. and Llano, patrol noticed a female walking a bicycle with a flat tire. Patrol offered assistance but the female advised she was okay and was walking to find cell reception to call her friends. No assistance was required.

August 21 12:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4400-blk. of Via Esperanza, who was on vacation, that reported his pool guy found someone in the backyard of the property. Patrol responded but the Resident did not want the Sheriff's to respond. For patrol's safety, patrol requested a deputy Sheriff for assistance. The deputy responded but cleared when advised by the Resident he did not want their response. Patrol then received a 2nd call from a Resident on the 4600-blk. of Via Cayente who reported a male trespasser on her property. The Resident called 911 and a deputy Sheriff responded and checked the property, but the male was not located. The Resident's Ring camera captured footage of a tall male with a full ginger beard carrying a backpack. Sometime later, patrol received a call about the same male now at Via Vistosa and Via Airosa. Both patrol units responded and located the male who was identified as a 31-year-old homeless male from Washington. The male was transported out of the Ranch and has not been seen in HR since.

August 22 4:33PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Canon Rd. who reported some homeless people washing their clothes by the lockers at HR beach. Both patrol units responded and contacted a male and a female who were washing their clothes by the beach lockers. Patrol advised the couple that they were trespassing. The couple gathered their belongings and were last seen walking on the sand heading towards More Mesa beach.

August 25 8:03AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Rosita who reported a male walking around, looking into the Resident's property. The male was wearing a red shirt and jeans. Patrol responded and was advised by the HR maintenance supervisor that the male was now on an equestrian trail. Patrol advised a female runner not to enter the trail because of the reported male. Patrol called the Sheriff's department for

assistance and 2 deputies responded to the scene. The male was transported out of the Ranch by the Sheriff's.

August 25 1:23PM – Patrol received a report from the HR beach lifeguard who reported a trespasser at the HR beach locker cabana area wearing only a thong and an ankle monitor. Patrol responded and located the male charging his ankle monitor at the cabana power outlet. The male advised patrol that he was headed to the "More Mesa Nude beach." Patrol advised the male that he was on private property and directed him towards the beach. Patrol monitored the male who was last seen walking west on the sand headed towards More Mesa beach. Patrol remained stationary in the area to assure the male did not return. The male has not been seen in HR since.

August 25 5:15PM – While patrolling the 800-blk. of Via Hierba, patrol noticed a male slouched over in the driver's seat of a Toyota parked on the side of the road. Patrol checked on the male's welfare and both hollered and knocked several times on the window before the male woke up. The male advised patrol that his boss, a nearby Resident, allowed him to stay in the house, which patrol noticed had a vacation form on file that did not list the male. Patrol checked with the Resident who confirmed the male does work for him and thanked patrol for checking.

August 25 5:31PM – Patrol received a report from security at the La Cumbre Country Club who reported a possible homeless man seen in the brush by the palm trees next to the golf course along the 4000-blk. of Via Laguna. Patrol responded and met security at the location, and it was determined the person seen in the brush was not a homeless male, but a Resident who lives in the nearby residence.

August 26 9:20AM – While patrolling Via Roblada patrol noticed a male on a bike, wearing shorts and carrying a backpack on the side of the road. Patrol made a casual contact and learned the male was looking for the beach. Patrol advised the male there was no beach access and provided him directions to Goleta out the Via Huerto fire gate. The male did not appear to know his way around the area.

August 26 9:59AM – While patrolling Las Palmas, patrol noticed a white Hyundai sedan with major front-end damage parked at the Map Parcel on Las Palmas. The Hyundai's windows were down with window covers

covering the windows. Patrol contacted the driver who was eating some food and had a dog with him inside the vehicle. Patrol advised the male he was parked on private property, and he could not remain parked there. Patrol learned the male lives out of the Hyundai and had stopped to wait as he was going on a school field trip with his daughter sometime later. The male was understanding and left without incident.

August 26 3:15PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident who reported that 2 loose rottweiler dogs had attacked him and two other companions on Las Olas by the horse trough near the bridge crossing. The Resident and companions yelled at the dogs' owner to control his dogs, but the owner replied that his dogs do not like to be on leash. It was reported the dog's owner made no effort to control his dogs. The Resident said the lead unleashed dog, thrust his bare fang onto his thigh but did not puncture his pants or skin. The Resident said the dog's owner was parked illegally on Las Olas. The Resident tried to call patrol but was not able to make the call due to his reception. Patrol checked the FLOCK system and found images of the dog owner's vehicle. Patrol provided the Resident the link to the SB County Animal Services and encouraged him to file a report. Patrol followed up and checked to see if the vehicle had entered HR beach at any time – Footage showed the vehicle did not access HR beach. The Resident contacted animal services and reported the incident.

August 28 9:04AM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch maintenance employee who reported a silver truck that run off the road on Las Palmas between Las Olas and Llano. Patrol responded and located a silver Dodge pick-up truck that had run off the road in the direction of the creek, along the southbound lane of Las Palmas just south of Las Olas. Patrol conducted traffic control and CHP arrived on scene. Patrol learned from a male at the scene that the driver of the truck had gone up the road to find cell reception and there were no reported injuries. Patrol briefed CHP and assisted by locating the male, advising him that CHP was on scene. CHP investigated and a tow truck was called to pull the Dodge out. Las Palmas was closed, and traffic was rerouted until the road was clear. No property damage was reported or observed.

August 31 8:54AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male dressed in all black carrying a duffle bag sitting on a rock wall at Las Palmas and Via Rosita. The Resident advised that about an hour before, the male was seen walking by the beach entrance. Patrol responded and

contacted the male on Lago Dr. and Estrella Dr. Patrol provided the male a bottle of water and assisted with directions out of the Ranch. The male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

August 31 3:15PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Marina who reported 2 young adults outside the HR beach gates with a disabled e-bike with 2 punctured tires. The Resident advised the couple had been riding on the e-bike and both tires got punctured when they proceeded to enter the HR beach parking lot in the wrong direction through the outbound side, running over the spike strips on the ground. Patrol responded, contacted the non- HR couple, and learned the female was the driver and the male was sitting behind her at the time the tires were punctured. Patrol advised the couple that HR was a private community. The couple were picked up by one of the parents. No property damage was noticed to HR property.

September 01 6:25PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident at HR beach who reported a naked male at HR beach. The Resident said the male had a bad sunburn. Patrol responded and checked the beach, which was busy at the time. Patrol talked to several family groups at the beach, but no one had seen the naked male. The Resident sent patrol a backside picture of the male walking on the beach and from the location on the picture, patrol noticed the male was somewhere east of the eastern point east of the beach cabana on the sand, well outside HR beach. The male appeared to be heading in the direction of Hendry's beach.

September 04 9:14AM – While patrolling Via Tranquila at Via Esperanza, patrol noticed a white VW sedan occupied and parked on the equestrian trail at the mentioned intersection. Patrol recognized VW from a report earlier in the month where the driver was parked on an equestrian trail on Mariposa. Patrol made a casual car-to-car contact with the male regarding the parking violation and learned he does not live in HR or has any legitimate business in HR. The male works in Goleta and said he was waiting for his wife to finish work, but based on the provided location, the address seemed to be in the Sea Ranch area, not HR. The male advised he travels through HR to take his wife to work. Patrol advised the male that he could not park in HR. The male left without incident.

September 10 5:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 1400-blk. of Cantera who reported a male flying a drone over her property.

Patrol provided the Resident the FAA online drone reporting link and responded to the scene. The Resident advised there was a white vehicle parked across her property flying a drone for a real estate shooting. The drone operator had advised the Resident that prior approval was obtained. Patrol checked the area, but the drone operator had already left the scene. The drone operator's plate # was obtained and placed on record.

September 11 4:55PM – While at the Map Parcel on LP, patrol received a report from a motorist who reported a female that seemed to be in medical distress in a white Lexus on Marina Dr. Both patrol units responded but were unable to locate the Lexus. No other similar call(s) about the female and/or the Lexus was received.

September 14 9:58PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a noise complaint (Party) at a residence on Via Vistosa. Patrol responded and located a large party with loud music and private security on site at a residence on Via Vistosa. Patrol spoke to the Resident and security and the music was turned off. The party was scheduled to end at 11:00pm.

September 15 11:05PM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Vistosa, patrol noticed a couple possibly engaged in lewd activities inside a parked black sedan. Patrol illuminated the vehicle, and the driver quickly turned on the vehicle and left the area.

September 16 12:38PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cresta who reported being “buzzed” by a large drone while out on a walk. The Resident was now home but had noticed the drone go over a hedge of a nearby property. The Resident and the person at the nearby property got into a confrontation over the drone. The confrontation was witnessed by another Ranch Resident. Patrol followed up at the residence where the drone was last seen going over the hedge and that Resident advised the drone did not come from his property. Patrol provided the Resident on Cresta links to the FAA and SB Airport regarding drones. The Cresta Resident filed an online report and also notified the SB Sheriff's.

September 18 1:34PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Fruteria who reported her 2 dogs missing. Both patrol units checked the area, and the 2nd patrol unit located the 2 dogs stuck behind the gate of a nearby residence. Both dogs were reunited with their owner.

September 18 9:00PM – While patrolling the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr, patrol noticed a gray sedan parked at the dirt turnout. Patrol illuminated the sedan and noticed a naked couple in the back seat. A male was then seen jumping over to the front seat and then drove away. The sedan was last seen east on Marina Dr. heading towards Cliff Dr.

September 20 3:48PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Monte who reported that a male had called him to advise that he did not report for jury duty and to meet him tomorrow at the courthouse. Suspecting the call was a scam, the Resident called the SB Sheriff's department who advised him that it was a scam and not to meet with anyone. Update: A similar missed jury duty scam call was received by another Resident on 10/28/2024 – Patrol advised the Resident not to respond. Note: You can visit <https://www.santabarbara.courts.ca.gov/online-services/check-jury-reporting-status> , which talks about a jury scam alert warning.

September 24 10:14AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a couple of suspicious people, a male and a female, to the rear of the HR beach locker/restroom structures by the surfboards. The Resident advised the vehicles in the parking lot were accounted for and were not associated with the couple. Patrol responded and while checking the area, found the non-HR couple inside an exterior locker that had the door closed with no lock. The male exited out the locker and patrol noticed his pants zipper was down. The female stayed inside the locker to get dressed as she was only wearing a see-through camisole dress. The male advised they had been making out inside the locker. The male said his aunt (patrol recognized the name) is a former Resident of the Ranch but had since passed away in another state. The male had not been in the Ranch in years. Now dressed in a hoodie sweatshirt and jeans, the female stepped out and the male cleared out several items from the locker he said were not theirs, which included a blanket, empty beer cans and a marijuana smoking device. Patrol determined the couple did not have any legitimate business in the Ranch and advised the couple they were on private property, trespassing and could not return or they would be subject to arrest for trespassing. While walking out, patrol pointed out the posted No Trespassing, Private Property sign, which is posted in plain view. The couple left and were last seen walking east on the sand. Note: The locker was then secured with a padlock.

September 25 11:33AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male, medium height, balding, carrying a backpack and a rolled up blanket walking on Las Palmas. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact to see if the male needed directions. Patrol provided directions to the male who was looking for State St. The male was last seen exiting out Las Palmas. Later in the shift, the HR maintenance supervisor advised patrol that the above-mentioned male had earlier tried to get into the back yard of the beach house, and he had walked up from the beach. The male appeared to be homeless. The male has not been seen since in HR.

September 28 11:40PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a black Nissan sedan parked by a private driveway. Patrol contacted the male driver who advised he was driving his friend home to Goleta. The friend, a male passenger, was vomiting at the mentioned driveway. Patrol learned the driver was the designated driver for the passenger. No signs the driver was under the influence or had been drinking. The Nissan left and was seen a 2nd time parked off the shoulder, obstructing traffic on Roble Dr. and Llano. The passenger was seen leaning out the vehicle continuing to vomit along the roadway. Patrol conducted traffic control, and the Nissan eventually left the Ranch.

October 02 07:57AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Estrella who reported a power outage and power lines down at the corner of Estrella and Bithynia. Patrol contacted SB County Sheriff's dispatch, and the SB County fire department responded. 2 powerlines were down across the road and found to be deenergized. SC Edison and Frontier responded to the scene. Patrol assisted with traffic control and cleared once the powerlines were removed from the roadway. Note: In the event of powerlines down, call 911 immediately.

October 04 08:12AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a black w/red rooster loose on Via Cayente near Las Palmas. Patrol checked the area and was not able to locate the rooster. Further up on the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza, patrol came across a younger coyote with a chicken in its mouth that appeared to have just been caught. The coyote went up a hillside and 1 more coyote, a smaller pup, was seen in the area. Patrol did not receive any missing chicken calls.

October 07 08:36AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Creciente who reported a homeless male walking up her driveway. Patrol responded and noticed the residence has front gates and the property backs up to the bluff. The Resident was not sure how the male made it onto the property, but the beach-access staircase gate was inspected. Patrol noticed fresh wet sand and evidence the chain link gate was scaled over into the property. Patrol checked the area and the male, in dark clothing and long hair, was not located. Patrol checked the FLOCK cameras and the Lookout cameras that face out to Cliff Dr. and the male was seen exiting out the Marina coastal exit. Patrol discussed security measures the Resident could implement on the property.

October 14 12:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the west-end of the Ranch (address intentionally omitted) who contacted patrol to see if there have been any reports of houses in the Ranch being egged. The Resident's house has been egged every weekend for the past 3 weeks and he had no idea why someone would target them. It was noted the Resident has a teenager at home. Patrol has been conducting extra patrols of the area. Note: Over the years, prior acts of malicious mischief and/or vandalism at some residences in the Ranch have involved juveniles who are known to the teenager(s) who live at the affected residence(s). Most common is being "T.P.'d" (Toilet Papering).

October 15 10:21PM – Patrol received a report from the daughter of a Resident on Via Rosita who called asking for patrol to assist in lifting her mother who had fallen. The daughter did not want a 911 response. For the safety of the patient (Resident), patrol advised the daughter that emergency personnel (Fire Department) were best equipped to handle the care of her mom as it would provide the best outcome due to any possible unknown injuries (or even a possible medical condition). Patrol provided the daughter with the direct # to SB County Dispatch to avoid having to call 911. Emergency personnel responded to the residence for a lift assist call. Note: SB County Dispatch # is: 805-683-2724, if needed.

October 15 5:59PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Lago who reported a homeless male on Las Palmas by the USPS mailbox area. Patrol checked and was not able to find the male. Sometime later, patrol received a call from the HR maintenance supervisor who reported a homeless male on Las Palmas Dr. near the exit. Patrol located the male,

greasy clothing, who advised he was enroute to the 7-11 convenient store. The male was last seen on the La Cumbre bridge.

October 15 8:24PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a loose horse on Via Bendita and Via Huerto. CHP also received a call about the loose white horse, which was located and followed to Llano, where the horse appeared to want to enter a corral. The Residents at the location came out and recognized the horse and said they would keep the horse overnight and will arrange for the owner to pick it up the following day.

October 16 2:01PM – While scanning the SB Sheriff's radio frequency, patrol heard a call about a suspicious male on Ramitas and Canon Rd. Patrol and Sheriff units responded but were unable to locate the male.

October 18 6:22PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported that the day prior, the Resident got into a "Little argument" with a couple walking an unleashed dog that ran in front of the Resident's vehicle. The Resident said that he found a bag of dog poop inside his mailbox. The Resident said he may have some pictures or video from his camera system. Patrol advised the Resident to report the incident to the SB Sheriff's and USPS Postmaster.

October 20 09:48AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male walking with a sleeping bag on Marina heading towards Roble Dr. Patrol located a male transient and made a casual contact. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

October 20 4:00PM – Patrol received a report from an anonymous caller who reported a naked male to the left at HR beach. Patrol responded and noticed there were several beach goers enjoying the beach. Patrol checked the beach and located a naked male, 40's, east of the beach cabana on the sand. Patrol asked the male to get dressed and he complied. Patrol warned he male that the Sheriff's would be called if there was a reoccurrence. The male acknowledged and understood.

October 23 10:20AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male who looks "Unhinged" standing on the driveway of a residence on the 700-blk. of Via Tranquila and throwing rocks. The Resident said the male had also been in the street and throwing stuff

around. Patrol checked the area and was not able to locate the male. The Resident advised patrol he believed the male was making his way out of the Ranch (out to Nogal), which was the case as the Resident said he saw the male outside the Ranch when he drove out.

October 23 3:47PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male on Vieja Dr. heading towards Modoc. Patrol responded and was not able to locate the male. No subsequent call(s) were received.

October 25 5:50PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a homeless male, dirty clothes, walking by the Las Palmas entrance then cut through the vegetation towards Modoc. Patrol monitored the area, and the male was not seen entering the Ranch.

October 26 09:53AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a “Random guy” sitting on the street on Via Alegre near Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and located the male on the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr. The male was carrying a backpack and what looked like a blanket. Patrol advised the male about trespassing, and he was last seen making his way out west on Vieja Dr.

October 28 11:48AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male on Las Palmas Dr. heading to Marina Dr. Patrol responded and made a casual car-to-ped contact with a male on Las Palmas and Via Bendita and asked if he needed directions – The male said no. The male then ignored patrol and kept walking along Las Palmas Dr. Patrol monitored and made a 2nd contact when the male started to walk on Via Cayente, a private road. Patrol gave the male directions along the county road. The male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

October 28 3:30PM – Patrol received a report that a Resident on Llano had contacted the HR office to report a male had stolen a package from the front gate and she had pictures of the suspect and his vehicle. Photos showed the male was wearing a green Ninja Turtles hat, sunglasses, mustache, tattoos on both shoulders, gray tank top, shorts and white shoes. The vehicle was a dark Honda Accord sedan with tinted windows. The Resident reported the theft to the SB Sheriff’s department and patrol checked the FLOCK license plate reader cameras. FLOCK captured the suspect vehicle image, including the plate #. Patrol advised the Resident to

have the Sheriff's deputy handling the case reach out to patrol to obtain the FLOCK info.

October 30 PM-shift – During the evening patrol shift, patrol responded to various animal (pets) related calls in the Ranch. They included: 3:54pm – Missing cat on Cuervo (Unkn. if found). 4:01pm – Loose dog on Camino Medio (No sightings). 5:17pm – Found small dog on Cuervo (Owner advised). 5:20pm – Missing large black dog on Estrella (Returned home).

October 31 10:24AM – Patrol received a report from an employee on Mariposa who reported a coyote on the property. Patrol responded and learned that one of two small dogs on the property had been missing since the morning. Patrol checked the property and noticed a young coyote in the vegetation leave the property out a culvert. Unfortunately, patrol discovered the missing dog deceased on the property and informed the employee. Note: See this link from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding information on coyotes: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/HWC/Coyotes>

November 06 10:41AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed 2 adult males, 60's, in full cycling attire next to some bicycles near the front doors of the Laguna Blanca School gym. Patrol checked and learned the males were not school staff and had stopped for a break. Patrol advised the males that the school was private property, school was in session, and children should be expected to be around. Patrol did not recognize the males as Ranch Residents. Both males were understanding and left without incident, last seen south on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol followed up with the school Director of Facilities who was thankful and affirmed it was against policy for the 2 cyclists to have been on campus.

Frank Safety Tip of the Month

With the final stretch of Fall among us and the holiday season just around the corner, this is a great time to talk about protecting your package deliveries from package thieves, aka "Porch Pirates." As we all know, packages don't always get delivered to your front door and it is not uncommon to see packages delivered to the side of the road next to, in, or on top of a mailbox or your front gate, making packages even more susceptible to theft. Tracking your packages is a great way to know if your package has been delivered, but as a reminder, there are many private

locations in town where you can safely have your packages delivered for pick up. You may want to consider this option, especially if you are ordering items of significant value. The most popular pick-up sites in town are the Amazon locker delivery/pickup sites located at:

- Ross Dress for Less at the 5 Points shopping center.
3965 State Street (877) 346-6244
- 7-Eleven – Amazon Locker
1936 State Street (Open 24 hours)
- 7-Eleven – Amazon Locker
3430 State Street (Open 24 hours)
- Amazon Store – Amazon Locker and shipping
6533 Trigo Rd. Isla Vista

The process is simple: When you order, enter one of these sites as the delivery location and when you are ready to pick up, use the Barcode or QR code given to you by Amazon when you order and scan the code at the locker location – The locker will open, and your item will be inside.

If it is other than an Amazon purchase, you can use a location like “The Mail Box,” private postal/shipping store located at 5142 Hollister where you pay a minimal fee (Website said \$5), which is nothing if you have ordered a high price item you do not want to end up in the hands of porch pirates.

The Mail Box (At the Magnolia Shopping Center)
5142 Hollister Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-2526
(805) 967-8037
Tuesday 10 AM–5 PM
Wednesday 10 AM–5 PM
Thursday 10 AM–5 PM
Friday 10 AM–5 PM
Saturday/Sunday Closed
Monday 10 AM–5 PM

On the same note, don't forget to check and pick up your mail daily. Mail theft is also quite common during the holidays as mail thieves are looking

for mailed holiday cards with money inside. Instead of a cash gift in the mail, consider sending a card/envelope with no money inside and then sending the money electronically via Venmo or Zelle (or similar) to the recipient, which is received instantly.

