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RANCH RAMBLINGS FEBRUARY 2025 ISSUE

Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

This will be my final Message From the President, as somehow, almost four years has flown by. Stephanie Wilson, Mark Mosby and I will be concluding our second terms as Board Members at the Annual Meeting at the end of the month, and it has been our pleasure and privilege to serve you, our community, and the legacy of Hope Ranch.

We have enjoyed being members of the stewards of Hope Ranch, doing our best to protect the Ranch, its history, its values, and shepherding the Ranch into the future. While we knew that not everyone would be happy with every one of our decisions, because that will never happen, anywhere, and that goes back to the days of the earliest COAs..... Cave Owners Associations... we did our best to serve the Ranch, and I feel especially lucky to have been able to give back to the community where I was raised.

I would like to thank everyone who came to our meetings, everyone who met with Yolanda and myself at Starbuck's to discuss issues close to them, and all the friends I have made these past few years. I have been lucky enough to make friendships that I hope will last for years, and I look forward to seeing you all around the Ranch!

With great appreciation, thank you again.

Marco Del Chiaro
President, Board of Directors
Hope Ranch Park Homes Association



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

FEBRUARY 17TH
PRESIDENTS DAY
OFFICE & CREW
HOLIDAY
PATROL AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 25TH
ANNUAL MTG
5:00 PM
LA CUMBRE CC

MARCH 11TH
BOARD ABR MTG
3PM 3820 STATE ST.

MARCH 25TH
BOARD MEETING
3PM 3820 STATE ST.

Message from the General Manager

2025 certainly came in with a bang. Between the fires down south and the aviation tragedies back east, I know I was overcome with overwhelming sadness, and then immense gratitude for the safety and well-being of those closest to me. I am sure you felt the same way. As we move forward into the new year, crews are busy with seasonal maintenance and road work, beach prep for the spring and summer, and of course the social events that make this community so special. Volunteers will be needed this year for those social events as well as committee appointments. If you have any interest in serving on one of our many committees, drop me an email and you will be added to the list for consideration. The newly seated board will (hopefully) be selecting and approving those committees in March so our volunteers can start to work. The standing committees are Finance, Beautification, Beach Infrastructure, Welcome, and Social Committees (Home and Garden, Campout, Annual BBQ or Beach Festival).

ELECTRONIC VOTING-REMINDER

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. We hope to have the CCRs and Bylaws ready 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual meeting is set for Tuesday February 25th at 5pm at La Cumbre Country Club. The meeting will be available to join via Zoom. I have scheduled a few guest speakers to provide you information on two important topics; coyotes and the upcoming La Cumbre Water Infrastructure Upgrades. I hope you can join us in person or via Zoom.

FIRE PREVENTION - POOL PUMP

Member Ed Richards wanted to share this pool pump device he recently purchased for around \$800 for those that have pools but no pump- he sent me his video and the water volume is amazing!

<https://www.waterpumpsdirect.com/Honda-WPD-WB20-KIT-Water-Pump/p106718.html>

MULTI-USE PATH

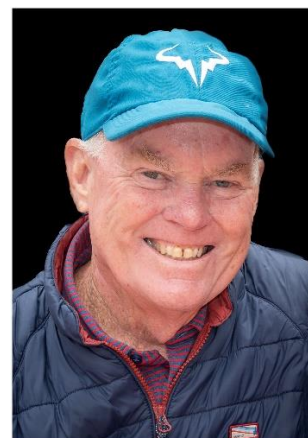
I know I have mentioned this a few times in my Friday eblast but just wanted to share that the work going on along Modoc to Via Senda and into the Ranch is all part of the Multi Use Path project that has been in the works for the last several years. Now that the project is right upon us, plans are being discussed on how to landscape, irrigate and maintain that area. The County has agreed to us providing a landscape design (courtesy of Marc Appleton), and are also listening to concerns about safety and security as the plan proceeds. The Via Senda corner is going to be a staging area for the path's construction so it will be an eyesore for several months. I am still bending the County's ear that we need a screened fence along our entrance, which they are trying to provide. I will continue to keep you apprised of the development of this area as it progresses.

LAGUNA BLANCA CUP – UPDATE

The appeal hearing with the County Board of Supervisors will be held on April 1st. The Board's position has not changed. They are working (through legal counsel) with the appeal group counsel and the schools legal counsel to put some traffic mitigation tools in place as part of the required HOA approval for the expansion.

A few other items you will find in this issue; a bird walk event being held by Patty Helberg in March and an (unsolicited) letter from Supervisor Capps thanking the outgoing Board members for their hard work these last 4 years.

I too want to offer my sincere appreciation to Marco, Stephanie and Mark for their tireless support and countless personal time to assist in the ginormous administration of the community for the last 4 years. Their leadership has been strong, purposeful and always in the best interest of all members of the Ranch. On behalf of my staff and myself we enjoyed working with you and wish you all a well-earned rest.



Jill Van Zeebroeck, General Manager

Greet the Morning with a Bird Walk!

You're invited to a morning of watching and listening for a variety of birds that call Hope Ranch their home and some that migrate to our region for the Winter. Join us for coffee & pastries at the Helberg-Smukowski residence before going on a group walk led by Scot Pipkin, director of education & engagement at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

Please RSVP to Patty Helberg at pattyhelberg53@gmail.com

**Limited to 30 people*

Date: Wednesday, March 19

Time: 8:30 - 10:00am

Location: 755 Via Airosa



Santa Barbara
Botanic Garden



Laura Capps
Second District Supervisor



County Administration Building
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

February 6th, 2025

Dear Hope Ranch Park Homeowners Association,

On behalf of the Second District, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Marco Del Chiaro, Stephanie Wilson, and Mark Mosby for their dedicated service on the Hope Ranch Park Homeowners Association Board. Their leadership and commitment to the community have played a vital role in fostering collaboration on important matters such as housing, fire safety, and community outreach.

I also want to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Suzanne Reuter, Tim Casey, Robert Coles, and Laurie Kurilla, whose continued service will help strengthen the foundation they have all worked to build. The relationships forged through their collective efforts will serve Hope Ranch well for years to come.

Additionally, I would like to recognize Jill Van Zeebroeck, whose capable leadership as General Manager has been invaluable to the Association. Her dedication and advocacy for Hope Ranch continue to make a lasting impact, ensuring the community's needs are met with care and professionalism.

It was an honor for our office to take part in Hope Ranch's 100-year celebration at the Lobero Theatre, a testament to the rich history and strong community spirit that defines this special place. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the years ahead.

With gratitude,

Supervisor Laura Capps
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors



HOPE RANCH PARK

Building Department 2024 Annual Report

Introduction:

As another year has been logged in the books for the Hope Ranch Building Department, we continue to do our utmost to ensure that every voice in our community is heard and supported regarding approved and proposed developments. Our role includes assisting and educating our Hope Ranch community regarding our Building Guidelines & Architectural process which helps us all enhance the wonderful community we live & build towards. We are committed to the Membership by focusing on efficiency, coordinating reviews and implementing decisions made by the Hope Ranch Board of Directors. We remain in constant communication with the community to address potential or necessary changes. Additionally, our department oversees Real Estate Sale Inspections for property transfers, compliance with our building guidelines, coordination of ABR/BOD review of projects in development, and schedule inspections/site-visits. Hope Ranch residents can trust that their neighborhood, homes, and roads are safe, free of hazards, and our efforts ensure to preserve all that makes the community uniquely Hope Ranch.

HOPE RANCH PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION ABR & BOD Y/E Summary 2024					
REVIEW LEVEL	VOTE	ABR	BOD	ABR PERCENTAGE	BOD PERCENTAGE
PRE-CONCEPTUAL	Cancelled/Continued	2	-	2.50%	-
	Approved	7	-	8.75%	-
CONCEPTUAL	Cancelled/Continued	8	3	10.00%	4.35%
	Approved	15	11	18.75%	15.94%
PRELIMINARY	Cancelled/Continued	8	0	10.00%	0.00%
	Approved	17	15	21.25%	21.74%
FINAL	Cancelled/Continued	3	0	3.75%	0.00%
	Approved	20	19	25.00%	27.54%
VARIANCE	Cancelled/Continued	-	7	-	10.14%
	Denied	-	2	-	2.90%
PERMIT EXT.	Approved	-	11	-	15.94%
	Denied	-	0	-	0.00%
TERMINATE/WITHDRAWN	Approved	-	1	-	1.45%
	6	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVIEWS		80	69		

*Due to the fluid nature of the ABR Approval and Permit Process, these numbers reflect a snapshot as of December 31, 2024.

HOPE RANCH PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION Total Y/E Permit Summary 2024		
PROJECT TYPE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
NEW RESIDENCE	3	2.19%
REMODEL/ADDITION	18	13.14%
GUESTHOUSE/ADU/JADU	9	6.57%
MINOR STRUCTURES	66	48.18%
ROAD ENCROACHMENT	31	22.63%
TERMINATE/WITHDRAWN	0	0.00%
TOTAL PERMITS	137	-

Fun Facts: Year 2023 had a total of 160 Permits issued & Years 2017-2024 had an average of 140 Permits issued

Conclusion:

The data above indicates that it has been less of an active year for both Boards of Review compared to 2023. The Pre-Conceptual Review process continues to be beneficial to all applicants, as the ABR leads projects in the right direction. The ABR/BOD process still provides functionality to our community. Our department issued 137 total Building Permits with approximately 25% of them derived from ABR/BOD Approvals. The Building Department is projecting that the amount of Building Permits issued in 2025 will be equal or less than 2024.

The Hope Ranch Park Homes Association diligently and effectively administers the Hope Ranch Building Guidelines all throughout the community. Ultimately, our goal is to enhance our community's safety, appearance, and preservation of the standards for quality of life that residents and potential home buyers expect.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (1.30.25)



CONCEPTUAL (12)

Lowe	4121Creciente Dr.
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila
Blat Family Trust	4110 Creciente Dr
Sorenson	4220 Mariposa Dr.
Halstad	895 Via Hierba
Roblata Holdings LLC	4629 Via Roblada

Thoman	700 V. Hierba
Excelsior LLC	4161 Creciente
Vernon	3990 Cuervo
Barbara Ray Tr	4689 V. Roblada

PRELIMINARY (15)

Arntz	1489 Cantera
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive
Flynn/Golde	1564 Cantera
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada
Artigas/Etchegaray	4131 Marina Drive
Newton	4343 Marina Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta Avenue
Katona	4375 Via Glorieta

Sher	4295 Mariposa
Stanton	585 Las Palmas
Anzalone/Brose	4191 Mariposa
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Lukaszewicz	4630 Via Vistosa
Blanc	4426 Via Alegre

FINAL (6)

Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca
Kopf	3981 Laguna Blanca
Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanza
Econn	1530 Roble Drive
Dukes	4035 Ramitas

PATROL REPORT
Frank Mendez, Post Commander

November 06 3:01PM – Patrol received a call from the HR maintenance supervisor who reported a motorcycle rider down on Las Palmas Dr. The initial report was that the rider was okay. Patrol was first on scene and requested emergency medical services to respond. Patrol assisted the rider with first aid as he had bleeding to his leg and minor cuts. AMR ambulance, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's and CHP responded to the scene. The motorcycle was towed and the 19-year-old non-HR rider from San Diego was transported from the scene.

November 07 9:29AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported an injured hawk in her back yard. Patrol advised the Resident to keep pets and kids away and provided her with the website link to the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (SBWCN) so she could report the matter directly. The Resident followed up with patrol and advised that 3 volunteers from the SBWCN responded and picked up the hawk. Note: The link to the SBWCN website is: <https://www.sbwcn.org>. The helpline # is: 805-681-1080, should you ever need it.

November 10 4:10PM – Patrol received a request by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's to assist with an alarm activation on the 4500-blk. of Via Bendita. Patrol responded and through the gate intercom the Resident said they were having issues with the alarm code. Patrol asked the Resident to open her gate to verify everything was okay, which it was. The Sheriff's response was cancelled, and Sheriff's dispatch was advised the alarm activation was accidental.

November 10 4:55AM – Patrol received a report of 2 loose white horses near Roble Dr. and Marina Dr. Patrol responded and located the horses on Mariposa Dr. and attempted to calm and secure one of the horses. Both horses ran away and entered an open gate on the 4200-blk. of Mariposa, where the horses were contained. At 8:25 am, patrol was contacted by a Resident on Via Huerto who reported her 2 horses lost in HR. The Resident responded to the location of the horses, and they were walked back to Via Huerto. Patrol learned that when the horses had escaped, they returned to the location where they had previously had a horse "play date" with other

horses. The owner of the horses said she would be adding an additional lock to the horses' corral gate.

November 12 1:46PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident near the Marina Dr. entrance who reported a homeless female with a rolled up sleeping bag making her way towards the Marina Dr. entrance. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with the female, asking if she needed directions. The female ignored patrol and continued walking westbound along the county road at a steady pace. No other call(s) were received, and the female made her way out of the Ranch.

November 14 11:20AM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident on the west-end of the Ranch who reported that she thought it was odd that an elderly male was standing by the mailboxes just watching her. Patrol responded and spoke to the male, a Ranch Resident, who was waiting for his Uber ride that arrived while patrol was on scene. Patrol followed up with the female Resident on the outcome.

November 16 12:26PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Via Rosita who had an active vacation form on file with patrol and had received a call that his house alarm was activated. Patrol and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's responded, and the responding Sergeant and patrol conducted an exterior check, then an interior check after being provided access by a neighbor. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary and the Resident was provided with the outcome.

November 16 7:46PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Corta Rd. who reported loud noises coming from a location below. Patrol responded and located a large birthday party on Mariposa. Patrol checked in with the party planner who advised patrol that all the neighbors had been notified of the party. The planner advised patrol they would be wrapping up the party at 9pm instead of 10pm. Patrol followed up with the Corta Resident and she advised it was now quiet.

November 22 1:36PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 900-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. who reported a dark plume of smoke to the east (over Monte Dr.). Both patrol units responded as the location of the smoke appeared to be over the Ranch. Patrol had a better vantage point on Monte and noticed the smoke was dissipating over the Hidden Valley neighborhood to the east of the Ranch. Patrol learned the smoke was from

an R.V. that had caught fire, and the fire department extinguished. There was no fire threat to the Ranch.

November 23 2:25PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported construction noise on the 4600-blk. of Via Cayente. The Saturday construction was unauthorized and consisted of hammering and other tools being used. Patrol contacted the Resident, and the work stopped.

November 27 8:50AM – While conducting a vacation check on Laguna Blanca Dr., patrol noticed a gold Honda SUV that was not listed on the vacation form parked on the property. A female came to the front door, saying she was the house sitter. Patrol noticed the female was not listed on the vacation form, which had another person listed as the house sitter. Patrol confirmed the information with the Resident who advised she forgot to inform patrol of the change to the house sitter listed. The female was authorized to be on the property. Note: Please contact patrol of any changes to your vacation form, thank you.

November 27 9:42AM – While conducting a vacation check on Via Fruteria, patrol found a rear window unlocked and slightly open, which provided direct access into the residence. Patrol closed the window and informed the Resident of the window and of the 2 vehicles (higher end makes) found on the property that were not listed on the vacation form. The Resident acknowledged the info and said they would be home in a couple of days. Otherwise, all appeared to be in order. Note: Prior to leaving on vacation, secure your residence by locking your doors and windows, thank you.

December 04 11:36AM – Patrol was advised by the HR office who received a report from a Resident on Cresta who reported that a coyote attacked her dog. Patrol followed up with the Resident who said that her dog was attacked by a coyote, who was with other coyotes, behind the back of her residence. The Resident yelled at the multiple coyotes who according to the Resident, stood their ground. Patrol provided the Resident with a coyote info pamphlet and learned she had already contacted the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and was waiting for a call back from a Game Warden. The Resident's camera captured the incident, which showed her dog fending off the attack.

December 07 2:10PM – While conducting a vacation check on Creciente Dr., patrol found a set of double-doors unlocked to the residence. Patrol

contacted the contact person listed on the vacation form who would respond to lock the doors. The contact person believed the housekeeper forgot to lock the doors.

December 09 8:15AM – While conducting a HR beach check, patrol noticed from the turnaround, a male, possibly homeless, walking west on the sand. The male was carrying a large duffle style bag. The male was last seen walking in the direction of More Mesa beach.

December 11 11:46AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person with a cart walking on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and made a casual car-to-ped contact with the male on Roble who was pushing a cart with a lot of items along the roadway. Patrol inquired if the male needed assistance, but the male seemed to know his way. Patrol provided the male directions along the county road. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen northbound on Las Palmas Dr. approaching the Las Palmas exit gate.

December 11 12:17PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male walking up the beach trail behind the cabana structures at HR beach. Patrol responded and made a casual car-to-ped contact with a male who was exiting out the HR beach gates. Patrol helped the male with directions to More Mesa Beach / Preserve. The male was last seen walking westbound on the sand heading towards More Mesa beach.

December 13 4:00PM – While patrolling Via Presada, patrol noticed a green Honda SUV parked near a fire hydrant. Patrol noticed the Honda was full of personal belongings and the roof rack was full of suitcases. Patrol noted an older female walking near the Honda, and it appeared the female was living out of the Honda. Patrol made a car-to-ped contact and advised the female she was parked in a no parking area. The female left towards Nogal without incident.

December 14 3:45PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male at HR beach by the restrooms. Patrol checked the beach facilities and checked in with some beach goers, but the reported male was not located. No other call(s) were received.

December 15 9:52AM – Patrol received an alarm activation call on the 4000-blk. of Lago Dr. Patrol responded and noticed the garage door was

open. Patrol contacted Santa Barbara County Sheriff's, and 2 deputies responded, who checked the residence. The residence was clear, and the garage door was secured. Patrol called the Resident with the outcome.

December 15 12:44PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Glorieta who reported her package was stolen the month prior (November 19th). The Resident advised her camera was not recording at the time. Patrol noted the info and provided the Resident with US Postal telephone numbers to report mail theft.

December 16 9:31AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4500-blk. of Via Huerto who reported a couple packages missing. Patrol offered package theft prevention tips, which were also published in the previous edition of the patrol newsletter. Note: For packages that are delivered to your address, monitor the tracking # to see when your packages are out for delivery and when they get delivered.

December 18 9:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 900-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. who report a possible person trespassing onto her property. Patrol responded and within minutes, the outer perimeter was checked. No unusual activity was observed, and no one was located. The backyard was clear. Patrol noted the Resident's caretaker was on site with the Resident.

December 20 2:42PM – Patrol received a report of a large Ford F-650 chipper truck with an attached brush chipper that rolled over on Roble Dr. near Llano. Both patrol units responded and patrol assisted with first aid to bleeding of the right arm of the passenger. Patrol contacted the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's dispatch and emergency services responded, including CHP. Patrol assisted with traffic control and the truck was removed by a tow truck co. CHP investigated the collision.

December 22 4:57AM – Patrol received a report from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's dispatch who reported a structure fire/possible electrical call on Marina Dr. Patrol responded and coordinated with the fire department to have all Residents out of the residence and in a safe area. The fire department found the heat source, which was extinguished.

December 24 AM/PM - While patrolling during the heavy windy conditions in the Ranch, palm fronds covered Las Palmas and Marina Dr. and other

trees and branches, came crashing down in the Ranch. Patrol and the HR maintenance supervisor Sergio Sr. worked together to clear the roads. Patrol assisted the Sheriff's with 3 house alarms that were triggered, likely from the winds. On Las Palmas, patrol provided transportation to a female who was on a jog/run who found herself unable to safely cross through the danger of falling limbs, etc. She was dropped off at her home on Las Palmas Dr. safe. Power outages were reported on La Ladera, Estrella & Monte and the 1100-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. SB County fire department responded to a report of a structure fire on Estrella, but there was no fire. Soon after, patrol heard on the Sheriff's radio frequency a report of a vegetation fire on Vieja Dr. Patrol located fire department personnel on Vieja Dr. and Via Tranquila dousing a tree that caught fire after it was energized by a powerline that came down. A witness reported seeing flames and a plume of smoke coming from the tree. The fire department remained on scene until SC Edison arrived to de-energize the power line. The evening continued to be a busy night with 3 alarm calls, 2 of them fire alarms at the same address – No actual fire was seen.

December 27 2:32PM –Patrol received a report of a homeless male on Las Palmas Dr. There were no sightings of the male during patrol's shift. No subsequent call(s) were received.

December 30 10:02AM –Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported a homeless encampment at the Modoc Preserve since the day before. Patrol was able to see what looked like a shopping cart with a blanket inside that was visible on the preserve from the 4100/4200-blk. of Vieja Dr. Patrol notified the La Cumbre Water co. who would handle the matter.

January 01 11:58AM –Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 3900-blk. of Via Laguna who reported an unoccupied strange car illegally parked outside the driveway. Patrol checked and located a gold Nissan Pathfinder directly parked on the downhill lane of Via Laguna. Patrol noticed a lone male sitting in the back seat behind the driver's seat. Patrol made a casual car-to-car contact, learning from the male that his car overheated. The male said he is a gardener that works by Arroyo Burro beach. Patrol advised the male he was blocking the lane and of the call patrol had received. The male left without incident and was last seen turning onto Modoc Rd. heading east.

January 04 1:14AM – Patrol received a report of a traffic collision on Marina Dr. and Llano Ave. Patrol responded and noted CHP was already on scene. CHP investigated the collision and patrol's assistance was not needed. Patrol noted the vehicle involved was a small Toyota coupe, the airbag(s) had deployed, and there was an injured person.

January 04 2:45AM – While scanning the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's radio frequency, patrol heard of a traffic collision on the 4300-blk. of Marina Dr. Patrol learned the driver was checked for DUI by CHP but no arrest was made. Patrol assisted CHP with traffic control while they conducted field sobriety tests on the driver. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department was on scene and checked out the driver who did not have any apparent injuries. The driver had a friend transport him to the hospital for observation. The vehicle involved was a black BMW.

January 09 9:40AM – Patrol received a report from the HR field maintenance supervisor who reported finding mail scattered on the ground at Via Tranquila and Via Esperanza. Patrol responded and picked up several pieces of mail, some of which were open envelopes. The mail was addressed to a single address on Via Esperanza, which patrol noted had a non-lockable mailbox that was found with the lid down. Patrol returned the mail to the Resident along with information for the USPS to report the mail theft / tampering. Patrol suggested a locking mailbox and provided info on safeguarding packages. No suspect(s) at this time.

January 13 12:50PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr. between Via Bendita and Via Cayente, patrol noticed a male in dark clothing carrying a cover/blanket crossing the street on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with the male who said he was going north towards the beach, which he was using to navigate. The male appeared to be a transient and patrol gave him directions along the county roadway. Patrol turned around to park and when driving along Las Palmas, the male was nowhere to be found. Patrol searched the area, but the male was not located. At 2:36pm, patrol received a call from a Resident on Via Glorieta who reported a male in her back yard who was seen with no shirt or shoes wearing long sweatpants and with tattoos. The Resident said the male was displaying odd behavior by standing on one foot and asked the Resident for a book. The Resident said she last saw the male entering the neighbor's back yard. Patrol responded to the neighbor's residence, and no one appeared to be home. Patrol conducted a perimeter check of the residence

and noted a back door standing open. Patrol contacted the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for assistance and while waiting, patrol received another call reporting a suspicious person laying down in front of the property just before Via Cayente and Via Esperanza, which was in close proximity to the patrol's location. Patrol changed locations and located the male (same person seen earlier on Las Palmas) who had a sleeping bag laid out on the bridle trail. Patrol made a casual contact on foot with the male, from Arizona, who confirmed he was the person that had been in the back yard on Via Glorieta with no shoes or shirt, explaining that he had been washing up in the sprinklers. A Sheriff's deputy responded to the scene and several Sheriff units responded to the residence with the open door and checked the interior but found nothing suspicious. The deputy conducted a pat-down of the subject who came back with a \$2000 non-extraditable warrant out of San Luis Obispo. The subject was advised by patrol that if he returned to HR he would be arrested for trespassing. Sheriff units cleared and to avoid the male from getting lost in the Ranch, he accepted a ride out of HR. The male was dropped off near the Las Palmas exit gate. Patrol followed up with the Resident on Via Glorieta and she suspected the male had mental health issues and said she was a little scared with the male's encounter. Patrol also followed up with the Resident where the open door was found, and according to the Resident, everything appeared to be fine inside the residence.

January 15 1:29PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cresta who reported finding evidence of someone sleeping along the Llano side of his property by an electrical transformer box. Cardboard and a blanket were found on the ground and had since been cleaned up. Patrol checked the area and nothing else was found. Note: Patrol has conducted extra patrols of the area, which has remained clear.

January 16 8:58PM – While patrolling the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with a male to see if he needed assistance as he walked along Las Palmas. The male said he started in Tijuana (Mexico) and was making his way to Alaska. Patrol provided directions to the male along the county road and declined providing him a ride. The male walked at a good pace and was last seen northbound on Las Palmas.

January 20 9:16AM – Patrol received a report from the property manager of a residence on the 3900-blk. of Laguna Blanca Dr. who reported a break-in

over the weekend in the upstairs section of the residence. The property manager said a couple tables had been stacked and used to gain access to the 2nd story, where a sliding glass door had been broken out. The property manager said nothing was taken but he estimated that about \$5,000 of damage was caused to the sliding glass door. The property manager reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department. NOTE: The prior Friday at 6:57pm, patrol responded to the address mentioned for an alarm activation reported by the alarm co.

---end of patrol report---

Frank's Safety Tip of the Month

UPDATING YOUR ALARM SYSTEM ACCOUNT / GATE CODES TO GAIN ACCESS

When was the last time you contacted your alarm company??? If you haven't for a while or you've had personnel changes at our home, it would be a good idea to contact your alarm co. regarding your account. Here are some tips regarding your alarm system:

- Provide your alarm company updated contact info – Like a new cell #, etc.
- Update your emergency contact list – This is the person(s) responsible for the property, like a property manager, personal security, trusted person.
- Update the call out list on record with your alarm co. – This is the list your alarm company has on file on who and in what order they will contact when your alarm is triggered. Usually it's your direct #, the Sheriff's, Hope Ranch patrol and possibly a person responsible who can respond if you are not available. Have both the sheriffs and patrol added to the call out list. Note: You pay for both services already and with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department not charging for false alarm call responses, like in other places, there should not be a concern that you will end up with a bill for a false alarm.

- Update your secret code word – Use something you can remember that you do not have to write down, that is not easy for anyone else to figure out. Do not share your secret code word with anyone aside from the people you trust and need the code.
- Update your alarm system's # password/alarm code, especially if you have people, like employees, that are no longer associated with your property. I recommend doing this at least every year and using something you can remember that you do not have to write down, that is not easy for anyone else to figure out. Do not share your password/alarm code with anyone aside from the people you trust and need the code.
- Have your alarm co. do a system test/check to make sure your system is functioning correctly. If faulty, etc. items are detected, have the system serviced. This is a good measure to keep your system running efficiently and can identify sensors, etc. that may need attention. This will greatly reduce false alarms and unnecessary responses by the Sheriff's and/or patrol.

Providing your gate code to HR patrol and the sheriff's department:

- Currently, patrol and the Sheriff's have a record of many gate codes to properties in the Ranch. To gain access onto a gated property, a gate code is ideal to gain access. Sometimes scaling a gate or fence may be an option, but it's not always the case or the safest way to gain access. Patrol and the Sheriffs have responded to alarm calls where the residence was not checked due to not being able to gain access due to no gate code being available.

Handy numbers to have:

- Hope Ranch patrol: Direct patrol cell phone #:805-800-9002 / Hope Ranch patrol dispatch #:805-967-8335
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Dispatch: # 805-683-2724 (This is the direct number to Sheriff's dispatch and the # to provide to your alarm co. when adding the Sheriff's to your call out list).