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RANCH RAMBLINGS JULY 2024 ISSUE



Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Members,

Over the weekend, an email was sent to many members of the Ranch, regarding the Thru The Woods trail and relating to pedestrian access along with equestrian access, and the Ranch's General Manager and Board of Directors have received several responses to this email. While the Office will provide a detailed response to this issue soon, we want to provide the following information:

Unfortunately, the email sent this weekend omitted several pieces of information that are important to the issue of pedestrian access on what are called "inner" trails; those which are not located along Hope Ranch roadsides, and instead cross over or through individual members' private property. While the Ranch is still working with the owners of the properties the Thru the Woods trail traverses regarding repairs to the trail from the rainy season, the following is information that should be known by Ranch members:

The Thru The Woods trail exists in a different 'situation' than most of the other bridle paths in the Ranch, as it is an "inner" trail, located on the private property of seven members and it is not located adjacent to the road, thus there are no 'roadside easements,' which grant the Ranch certain access rights, as those exist where the majority of the Ranch's other trails are located, along the roadsides, approximately 17 miles worth, which are available for pedestrian use.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

JULY 9TH

ABR BOARD MTG

3:00 PM

3820 State St.

JULY 19- 21ST

ANNUAL CAMPOUT

PANCAKE BRKFST

8:30-11:00AM SAT 20TH

JULY 23rd BOARD

MEETING

3:00 PM

3820 State St.

AUGUST 13TH

ABR BOARD MTG

3PM

AUGUST 27TH

BOARD MTG

3:00 PM

3820 STATE STREET

Thus, without the consent of all seven property owners, the Ranch does not have the authority to declare the trail open to pedestrians. Further still, as the trail is on private property and there are no easements, the Ranch does not have the authority to enter, without permission, the properties and effect repairs to the portions that were damaged by the significant rains of the last rainy season, and at this point, such permission to affect those repairs has not been given by every owner.

These “inner” trails, ones that exist away from the roads and run between individual property owners’ properties, or ‘through’ those properties (i.e., the Thru the Woods trail), have always been ‘equestrian only’ trails out of privacy and safety concerns voiced by, and for, those property owners, and those property owners did not grant pedestrian access when those trails were created. Whether that is deemed a reasonable concern or not, that has always been the status of the “inner” trails. Please know that neither the Manager or the Board has a ‘scheme’ to obtain ‘equestrian only’ easements; the Ranch and the Board of Directors are simply maintaining the official position of the Ranch for the many years since the “inner” trails were created; there has been no ‘desire’ to deny pedestrians access to these “inner” trails.

Emphasis was given in the email to the cost of the Thru the Woods trail being borne by so many, while so few ride the trails. While the benefits of the trails to this community can certainly be discussed whether one rides or does not, a portion of each owner’s yearly assessment fees goes to trail maintenance for ALL trails, as does a portion for beach maintenance, whether one goes to the beach or does not, as does a portion for the tennis courts, whether one plays tennis or does not, as does a portion for all other maintenance costs.

Regarding the cost of said maintenance per member, it has already been reported to the members that the amount of each individual owners’ assessment fees allocated to bridle path maintenance amounts to \$6.82 per year. While the repairs to the creek walls in this area that were damaged by the last two rainy seasons is still at issue, please note that this damage needs to be repaired whether there is a bridle path near the creek sides or there isn’t, and at present, the Ranch is working with the several owners and engineers to decide on the best method to repair those creek walls. In the past, when bridle paths have required major repairs, they are typically, but not always, funded by the Hope Ranch Riding and Trails Association, which is a membership organization made up mostly of riders in the Ranch.

We realize from the responses the Office and the Board has received so far that this information is not commonly known, so it is being provided for your consideration. As mentioned, a more detailed communication from the Office will be forthcoming, but if

you have questions regarding the “inner” or roadside trails in the Ranch, and the equestrian/pedestrian issue, please feel free to contact the Office, we would be happy to discuss the issues and your thoughts on these and any other matters.

Thank you very much.



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

IT'S ALMOST HERE! HOPE RANCH ANNUAL CAMP OUT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST SOCIAL

**WHEN: FRIDAY JULY 19TH-21ST HAVE YOU MADE YOUR
RESERVATION YET? CONTACT DONNA IF YOU'RE COMING IN
AN RV FOR A PARKING SPOT. PICNIC GROUNDS FOR TENT
CAMPING ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY JULY 20TH FROM 8:30-
11:00**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A
HAPPY CAMPER TO JOIN THE BREAKFAST.**

NEW MEMBERS- THIS EVENT IS NOT TO BE MISSED!!



Message from the General Manager

In the interest of clarity and transparency I want to address a subject that is brought up from time to time regarding fees for beach cards and Building Department permits. The question seems to be that the HOA is charging high fees that do not conform to the Civil Code Section 5600 (b) which states that "An Association shall not impose or collect an assessment or fee that exceed the amount necessary to defray costs for which it is levied."

The fees for beach cards have not changed in over 10 years. The only thing that changed is limiting the cards to 3 per Member. That was imposed due to the number of beach cards given out to non-members because there was no limit as to how many a Member could have. Beach card income for 2023 was \$152,665 (GL43010)*.

The beach card fees offset expenses related to the maintenance of the Beach Park which includes the entry gate, internet service, the parking lot, power/water to the picnic area and cabana, restroom supplies, dog bags, and third-party access control service calls. In 2023 that number was \$35,004. When one adds in the labor of our maintenance crew, lifeguards, and administrative staff allotted to the Beach Park of \$114,638, you get \$149,642 which is \$3,023 in excess annual income collected (or \$3.87/ per lot for 2023). Based on these calculations, our beach card fees are in substantial compliance with the code.

*All of these numbers are taken from the December financials available on the website.

To address the issue of permit fees, I asked the Building Department to research how our fees compare to the County and other like and kind communities.

The vision of our Hope Ranch Founders established an incredibly unique and special place supported by the very Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR's) that guided us for the last 100 years. Article IX – Architectural Controls within the Building Guidelines are established as the interpretive tool to implement these provisions. Section 9.04 of the Article allows "The Association may impose and collect reasonable fees in connection with the processing of applications for architectural permits."

Our Hope Ranch Building Dept. uses a fixed fee schedule and not a full cost recovery billing method. Our members can review our fee structure sheet by accessing our Hope Ranch website in the Building module. A fixed fee cost is that each item on our Fee structure sheet has a singular cost per that item. A full cost recovery billing method secures fees for all costs involved pertaining to that project. Of note, our fees for the fixed fee schedule have not changed for over 10 years. A few new categories have been added along the way such as a "General Construction Road Use Fee." The road use fee (\$350.00) was added 2 years ago in consideration of the increased heavy truck

use of our privately maintained roads due to increased construction activities that create additional wear and tear on road and drain infrastructure.

Below you will find some case studies of fee costs in Hope Ranch for its permitting and what the County of Santa Barbara charges for its permitting of the same project in Hope Ranch.*

Permit Type	Hope Ranch	Santa Barbara County
Roofing Permit	\$50.00	\$270.00
Fence Permit	\$200.00	\$320.00
Solar Permit	\$150.00	\$468.00
Swim Pool Permit	\$500.00	\$680.00
Retaining wall Permit	\$200.00	\$1,131.00
ADU Permit (900 sq. ft.)	\$2,538.00	\$7,265.00 (not including \$5,500.00 additional for Planning LUP permit.)
Interior Home Remodel (1200 sq. ft.)	\$1,600.00	\$6,178.00
New Home Build (Demo old /Build new)	\$15,000.00	\$53,000.00

*These are actual Hope Ranch permit applications.

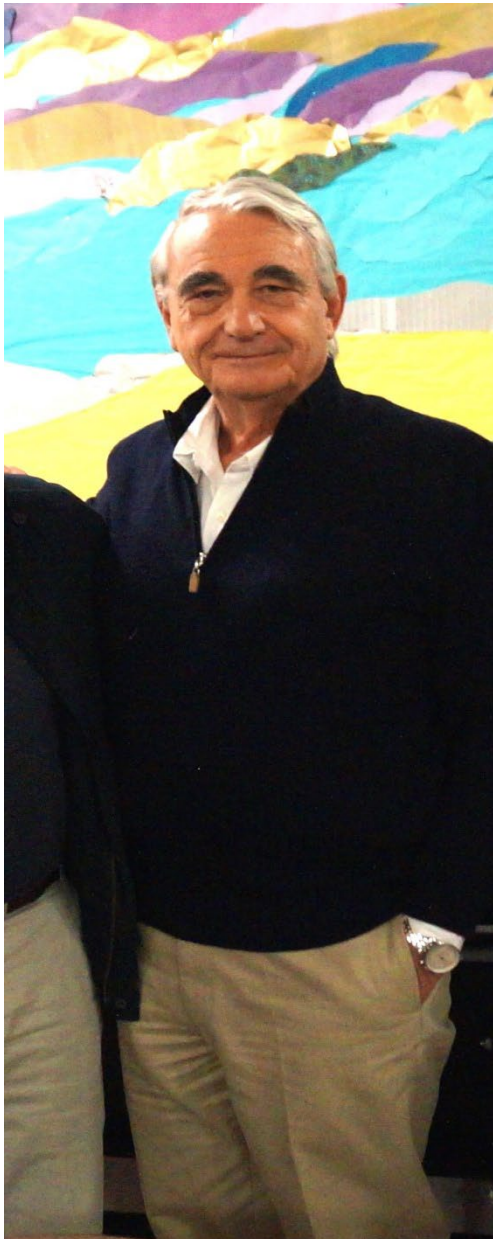
This year, to date, the Building Dept. has issued 68 permits. The overall average permit costs based on the above fees is \$1,100.00. This is consistent with our average permit costs of \$1,200.00 for the last 5 years (2019-2023).

As you can see, Hope Ranch permit fees are approximately 2/3 less than the County of Santa Barbara for the same Hope Ranch building application. Reviewing other districts fee schedules such as the City of Santa Barbara, City of Goleta and Carpinteria City we are well below what they also charge.

One hundred years ago, our Founders had the foresight, vision and knowledge to create a special place. Architectural controls as specified in Article IX are a large part of Hope Ranch's rich past and future. Permit fees generated from construction improvements by owners go towards the administration, plan review, processing, and architectural reviews of Conceptual, Preliminary and Final by our professional (paid) ABR panel. Once issued, there are many steps such as scheduling, inspections, guideline compliance, neighbor updates, project completion, file documentation and close out of the construction file. Additional development within the Ranch adds to the cost of maintaining our infrastructure. The single largest function of our maintenance

department involves the roads and drainage. Add to that the rising costs of labor, employee tax burden, and competitive salaries for the crew and supervisors. Therefore, having a process by which to offset those expenses with a fixed fee structure ensures that our operating costs can be met each year without the need for large increases to the annual assessment.

As always, if you have any questions about this issue, please contact me directly.



In closing, I would like to mention that Lee Gabler, a resident of Hope Ranch since 1996, passed away from a sudden brain injury on June 3, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter, Annalise, an alumnus of All Saints by the Sea, Crane Country Day School, and Laguna Blanca School.

Lee and his wife Elizabeth, a graduate of UCSB purchased Meadow Farm, in Hope Ranch in 1996 and moved permanently to Santa Barbara in 2007. Part of one of the original Hope Ranch estates, built in 1928, Meadow Farm is home to his beloved dogs, as well as horses, ponies, miniature horses, pigs, chickens and a rooster. Lee was very proud of the vineyard, avocado and coffee orchards, bee keeping, fruit trees, and organic vegetable gardens that supply the farm. Lee became a member of the Hope Ranch Board in 2018, becoming Vice President in 2019 and Board President for two years thereafter. He was a member of the View Committee, the Landscape Committee, and the Trails Committee as well as an active supporter of HRRTA for over 15 years. Lee was honored to host many events for HRRTA at the Farm, such as the annual Christmas ride and Fall Festival parties.

I met Lee 3 years ago when I interviewed for the GM position here at Hope Ranch. I immediately connected with his warmth, charm and the compassion he had for this community. Even after he retired from the Board, he was always available to provide input, perspective, historical knowledge and lend his assistance wherever needed. His no-nonsense approach to challenges made it possible

to get things done. I wish I had been blessed to know him longer. Many will deeply miss him.

Jill Van Zeebroeck, General Manager

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (6.27.24)



CONCEPTUAL (11)

Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.	Ferris	4157 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.	Graham	4662 Via Roblada
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive	Halstad	895 Via Hierba
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila		
Skirball	4335 Marina		
Blat Family Trust	4110 Creciente Dr.		
Sorenson	4220 Mariposa		
Flynn/Golde	1564 Cantera		

PRELIMINARY (17)

Arntz	1489 Cantera	Sher	4295 Mariposa
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive	Stanton	585 Las Palmas
Danev	4178 Cresta	White Fence Co.	4200 Marina
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna	Anzalone/Brose	4191 Mariposa
Pasquinnelli	4683 Via Roblada	CL Bucketlist LLC	1435 Estrella
Artigas/Etchegaray	4131 Marina Drive	Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Newton	4343 Marina Drive	Downing	725 Las Palmas
Heller	4210 Llano		
Fynn	4225 Cresta Avenue		
Katona	4375 Via Glorieta		

FINAL (7)

Goodall	700 Via Tranquila
Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca
Kopf	3981 Laguna Blanca
Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanza
JVP Stud LLC	4365 Llano
LCCC	4015 Via Laguna

PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Post Commander

April 24 3:26PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Monte who asked patrol to check his home as he could not remember if he locked the side door and set the alarm. The Resident had just left on vacation. Patrol assisted the Resident with setting the alarm and securing the home. A vacation form was on file with patrol.

April 25 6:04PM – Patrol received report from an anonymous caller who reported a homeless person east of Hope Ranch beach near the cabana structure on the sand. During a beach check, no homeless individuals were seen at Hope Ranch beach. During the evening lock up, the beach facilities were clear of anyone.

April 26 3:40PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Lago who reported that a truck was blocking his mailbox and affecting mail delivery. The Resident asked the worker associated with the truck to move and according to the Resident, the worker became verbally abusive towards him. Both patrol units responded and contacted the Spanish speaking worker who moved the truck without incident. The worker will pass on the info to the other company employees.

April 28 6:45PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Estrella who reported a hit & run that occurred on Lago and Las Palmas involving her car and she followed and recorded the suspect vehicle, which entered a Hope Ranch driveway. Footage from the Resident's cellphone captured a black Jeep and the plate # as it left the Monte driveway it had entered. The Jeep sped away, and the Resident called CHP for a report. Patrol followed up and checked the Hope Ranch FLOCK and Cliff Dr. cameras for images and video of the Jeep, which was provided to CHP.

April 30 12:24PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Via Tranquila who reported what sounded like a vehicle accident on Las Palmas and Via Tranquila. Both patrol units responded and on arrival, patrol found it was a 2-vehicle traffic collision, involving a blue Lexus sedan and a blue BMW sedan. The Lexus was partially blocking the northbound lane of Las Palmas and the BMW had run off the road, where it struck a cement culvert and a Hope Ranch street sign. It was noted the BMW had front/driver's side corner damage and the front left rim and tire had come off. BMW's airbags

were also deployed. The Lexus had damage to the rear driver's side. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's dispatch and requested CHP, the fire department and AMR ambulance to respond. Patrol checked with the involved parties who all said they did not sustain any injuries. Patrol and CHP conducted traffic control and the northbound lane of Las Palmas was shut down until it was clear to reopen. Southbound Las Palmas traffic was diverted onto Via Tranquila. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. The driver of the Lexus advised he was making a left-hand turn onto Las Palmas from Via Tranquila and checked in both directions prior to making the turn and while doing so, the BMW, southbound on Las Palmas, came around the corner, colliding into the Lexus. The BMW ran off the road into the cement culvert before colliding into the wooden Hope Ranch street sign located at the north-west corner of Las Palmas & Via Tranquila. CHP investigated the collision. Update: The Hope Ranch HOA was added to the CHP report for the damage to the cement culvert and the wooden street sign, which had to be repaired/replaced.

April 30 6:40PM – While patrolling Vieja Dr., patrol contacted a male who was walking with two loose dogs on Vieja Dr. One of the dogs, a white lab, ran in front of the patrol car twice, as the male was unable to control either one of the two dogs. Patrol reminded the male of the county leash law. Note: Please leash your dog, thank you.

May 1 10:49AM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Via Glorieta who advised that her alarm co. notified her that her alarm was going off and there was an open door. Patrol responded and found several doors unlocked, including a 3rd door that was slightly open. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's for assistance and the interior of the home was checked. No one was found inside the home, and all appeared in order. Patrol followed up with the Resident and it was suspected family members had left the house unsecured.

May 1 12:59PM – Patrol received a call from the Ranch's Maintenance supervisor who reported someone conducting an experiment on Las Palmas by the tennis courts. Both patrol units responded and on scene was 2 males conducting a test on how self-driving vehicles responded to a child-size mannequin crossing the street in a cross walk. The mannequin was on a rolling platform that would be activated to cross the road along the cross walk when prompted to do so and the test vehicle was a Tesla driven by one of the males. The males said they had a release of liability

from SB County and insurance. Patrol reported the activity to the SB County department of transportation who would look into the matter. The males conducting the experiment left soon after and have not been seen since.

May 5 3:42PM – While checking HR beach, patrol noticed a juvenile seal-pup that appeared disoriented. The mammal rescue team rescued the seal-pup, which had been separated from its mother and was underweight. The seal was contained and successfully transported away. Note: The Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute rescue hotline is 805-567-1505, if needed.

May 8 2:05PM – While conducting a vacation check of Ramitas Rd., patrol heard someone watering in the back yard. When checking, patrol found that the homeowners got back early from their vacation and did not inform patrol. Note: Please notify patrol of any changes to your vacation form, thank you.

May 10 10:30PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr. by the golf course, patrol noticed a car parked on the side of the road in the dark with the lights off. Patrol checked but could not see into the car due to the tinted windows. As patrol was gathering plate info, the lights turned on and patrol contacted the driver who advised they were about to leave. The car left the Ranch without incident.

May 11 3:02PM – Patrol received a call from a Ranch Resident who reported an accident on Roble by the curve near Llano involving a truck vs. a sedan. Patrol responded and on scene patrol noticed the accident involved a gray Honda Civic and truck hauling a long hauling trailer. It was reported the truck and trailer had been traveling northbound on Roble and made a sharp turn, crossing into the southbound lane into oncoming traffic, hitting the front left corner of the Honda, which was traveling in the opposite direction in the southbound lane. There was no damage to the trailer and neither driver wanted a CHP report, agreeing they would each settle the accident with their insurance company. Patrol checked the scene, and no private property damage was found. Patrol removed the broken parts in the roadway from the Honda, which was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

May 11 7:30PM – While scanning the Sheriff's frequency, patrol heard a call about auto burglaries on Via Esperanza in the Ranch. Patrol contacted the deputy that was assigned and learned there was 3 separate vehicles, parked on the side of the road, that had their windows broken and items were stolen from inside. Victims, who had been attending a graduation party, were directed to fill out online reports on the Sheriff's website. Among the items stolen was a wallet, a school backpack and a high value camera with all the victim's family photos. The timeline of the auto burglaries was between 5:10pm and 7:30pm, with no other leads (Camera footage, etc.). Patrol followed up and checked the HR FLOCK cameras, which captured a considerable amount of plate numbers, making it impossible to narrow down to a suspect vehicle. The Ranch office reached out to various neighbors in the area for any possible camera footage, but nothing was submitted. Note: As a reminder, do not leave any items of value inside your parked vehicles.

May 13 6:00PM – Patrol received a call from a Ranch Resident on Via Roblada who reported a homeless male walking on Via Roblada. Patrol checked and found the male who was lost, tired, and needed assistance out of the Ranch. The male was heading to the Santa Barbara pier area. Patrol assisted the male and provided him transportation to La Cumbre without incident.

May 14 8:30PM – While patrolling the Vieja Dr. fire gate east of Via Tranquila, patrol noticed a small silver sedan with an out of state license plate, blocking the fire gate. Patrol contacted a couple in their mid-20's who said they were "talking" in the back seat. Patrol advised the couple to relocate outside the Ranch and they left without incident.

May 15 8:39PM – While checking the Via Huerto fire gate, patrol noticed a sign on the fire gate had been vandalized with a bumper sticker with a particular message. Patrol was able to remove the sticker without damaging the sign. Patrol checked patrol logs and noticed this was the 6th incident of the same activity at the fire gate, with the first incident dating back to late last year. It is suspected the same suspect is responsible for all the incidents as similar bumper stickers with similar messages have been used. Note: Keep an eye out for the "Bumper sticker bandit" and report any suspicious activity to patrol, thank you. Update: The Bumper sticker bandit has struck 2 more times since this incident.

May 16 4:12PM – Patrol received a call from a Ranch Resident on Via Bendita who reported a suspicious couple parked at an empty parcel on the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita. Patrol located a young non-Ranch couple, 18 and 19 yrs. old, trespassing and smoking marijuana between a couple of walls located on the parcel. The couple were under the influence and the Sheriff's were called for assistance. Sheriffs conducted a background check for warrants, etc., but nothing was found. The Sheriffs asked the couple to contact a friend to pick them up and drive their vehicle. Soon after, a friend arrived and drove the couple out of the Ranch. The couple were cooperative.

May 18 1:35PM – While patrolling the 4200-blk. of Marina Dr., patrol heard hammering and a generator running. Patrol located several construction workers working on the roof. Patrol contacted the workers about the construction violation (Saturday work without prior approval from the HOA Bldg. Dept.). The work stopped and did not continue. Patrol cleared and it was quiet on departure. Note: Prior approval is needed from the HOA Bldg. Dept. for any Saturday construction work.

May 18 10:22PM – While patrolling the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza, patrol noticed a white Ford truck with 2 people sitting on the tailgate, parked on the equestrian trail. Patrol contacted the pair and learned they were not Ranch Residents and did not have any legitimate business in the Ranch. Additionally, there was what appeared to be a pool of urine on the ground by the truck. Patrol informed the pair they were trespassing and that they needed to leave the Ranch. The pair complied and left without incident.

May 22 12:25PM – Patrol received a call from a Ranch Resident on the eastern section of the Ranch who reported a suspicious male that came to her front door saying he was an investigator conducting a neighborhood canvas regarding a young male who lives in the neighborhood and had applied for a government job. The Resident reached out to a known neighbor with a young son, but he had not applied for a government job. The Resident reported the incident to the Sheriff's department, including RING doorbell photos of the male. Update: The next day, patrol was advised by the Resident that the male was in fact an investigator interviewing people in the neighborhood for a Ranch Resident's son that applied with a government agency. The son just happened to live further down from the Resident's house.

May 23 11:45AM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's department to assist with an alarm activation on the 700-blk. of Via Hierba. Patrol responded and on scene, found the front door was not properly secure (Slightly open). A deputy arrived soon after and the interior of the residence was cleared – No one was found inside and nothing suspicious was found during the check. Patrol followed up with the Resident who believed the door was not properly closed when she left.

May 24 9:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4400-blk. of Via Cayente who reported juveniles on e-bikes setting off fireworks at Las Palmas and Via Cayente. Patrol checked the area and was not able to locate the juveniles. Patrol kept an eye out during their shifts. No subsequent call(s) were received.

May 25 3:15PM – While conducting a vacation check on the 4000-blk. of Ramitas Rd., patrol noticed a vehicle that was not listed on the vacation form parked in the driveway. Patrol checked the property, and all the doors were locked, and the windows appeared secure. Patrol contacted the Resident who advised he had allowed his neighbor to park their car in the driveway while work was being done on the neighbor's front yard. The Resident was thankful for checking.

May 29 12:19PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male, possibly homeless, with a backpack on the 600-blk. of Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and contacted the male who was walking and approaching the Via Tranquila exit. The male was not lost and appeared to just be out for a walk.

May 31 12:16AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a suspicious person, likely homeless, laying down in the ditch on the 600-blk. of Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and located a male walking along Via Tranquila near the exit out to Vieja Dr. Patrol contacted the male and informed him he was trespassing and needed to leave, which he did without incident. Patrol assisted the male by providing lighting with the patrol unit since it was dark out.

June 2 1:46PM – Patrol received a report of a transient who exited out of Carriage Hill and was last seen walking east on Vieja Dr. towards the Via Tranquila exit. The male was described as young, tall, skinny and "High as a kite" (Under the influence). The caller had originally called the Sheriff's

who did not locate the male. Patrol checked the area and was not able to locate the male.

June 2 2:08PM – Patrol received 2 separate reports regarding a transient female in the Ranch. The first caller reported the female on the LC golf course at the 5th hole. The female had been asked to leave and was last seen walking towards Monte. She was described as a skinny female in her 30's with a flannel shirt and black leggings. Patrol checked and was not able to locate the female. At 3:53pm, patrol was contacted by a male who reported a female who was acting erratically and on the equestrian trail parallel to the LB School field. Patrol contacted the female who could not remain still and had uncontrolled erratic movements, especially with her arms. The female had a very unkept appearance. The female made a comment to patrol that she gets a violent reaction from electronics due to brain damage from an MRI machine malfunction when she did not remove a nose ring 20 years ago. Patrol monitored the female until she exited out the Ranch.

June 2 6:44PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male sprawled out, who looked like he was sleeping, in the middle of the golf course with a big poodle dog. Patrol contacted the LC Country Club security who was on their way to contact the male.

June 3 6:05PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a possible accident into the creek on Las Palmas between Llano and Las Olas due to new skid marks leading in the direction of the creek. Patrol checked and located skid marks that led to the edge of the road along the s-curves on Las Palmas, from a vehicle that appeared to have lost control while traveling northbound on Las Palmas, crossing over the double yellow lines and into the opposite lane of traffic. Patrol checked the creek, and it was clear of any vehicles. Patrol noted the vehicle that caused the skid marks came very close to colliding with a tree. The involved vehicle was not located.

June 7 8:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Estrella who reported that someone had rang her doorbell and ran away, The Resident provided a RING doorbell picture of one of the juveniles. Patrol checked the area and located 5 juveniles on Estrella near Sonriente and learned one of the juveniles is a Ranch Resident. Patrol provided the caller with the juveniles' info, as the Resident wanted a follow up.

June 12 7:41AM – Patrol received a report of someone sleeping in a white van on Vieja Dr. Patrol checked and contacted a male who woke up when patrol knocked on the window. Patrol advised the male he was on private property, and he left without incident.

June 12 12:35PM – While conducting a beach check of HR beach, patrol contacted a female who was sitting at the beach locker cabana structure with two unleashed dogs. Patrol learned the female was a non-Ranch Resident who had walked from Hendry's beach. Patrol advised the female of the leash law, and she leashed her dogs without incident. The female left without incident.

June 17 3:19PM – Patrol received a request from a Resident on the 900-blk. of Canon who asked patrol to check their home due to a fire alarm activation as a hallway smoke sensor activated. The Resident was concerned since she was not able to reach the cleaning crew who should be at the residence. Patrol responded and learned that the cleaning crew on site used a leaf blower and dust went inside the residence, setting off the alarm. Patrol called the Resident with the outcome.



Frank's safety tip of the Month

"Gardeners discover hidden camera in yard of another Southern California home" (foxla.com)....."Another hidden camera found outside SoCal home, prompting concern from authorities" (abc7.com), were just a couple news headlines from various news outlets covering incidents of hidden video cameras, known as "Camouflage cameras," that criminals plant in landscaped areas of homes. In one reported case in Alhambra, a hidden camera was found outside a home after a burglary attempt. The camouflage cameras are set up with a battery pack, a cord and memory card and have been found covered with camouflage tape and plants, offering concealment. Locally, on April 26th, 2024, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department investigated a report of a hidden camera found by gardeners in the front yard of a residence in Goleta, just a few miles away from Hope Ranch. Hope Ranch Residents should be aware of these incidents and if any similar devices are located

on your property, you are encouraged to call the Sheriff's department at 805-683-2724 (911 if it is an emergency) if a similar device is found on your property. Please also notify patrol at 805-800-9002 of any incidents.



Hidden camera found in Santa Barbara County (Photo: Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department) February 23 2:18PM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's Department to assist with an alarm activation at a residence on the 4500-blk. of Via Huerto. Initially, patrol was not able to gain access but was then able to do so when the Resident provided the updated gate code.

A perimeter check was conducted of the residence, which was found secure.

In closing, we wanted to advise you of a very recent break-in on July 2nd on Via Fruiteria at approximately 7:45pm where young subjects were spotted on cameras running from the scene. No vacation check form was submitted to patrol and the alarm system was not functioning.

REMINDER:

How do you get a blank vacation form?

- The HR HOA website
- Patrol can deliver you a form, text you a PDF copy, email it to you, or drop it off in your mailbox or in person.
- You can pick up a blank copy at the HR office.

Once you fill out our form, you can.

- Email it to – Hrpatrol@hoperanch.org
- Drop it off at the HR office
- Patrol can pick it up from you in person
- You can text a picture of it to the patrol direct cell phone at 805-800-9002