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Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

This submission of my Letter From the President will have a different tone and is submitted by the entire Hope Ranch Park Homes Association Board of Directors.

Unfortunately, there is a small group of people who are circulating emails which contain rumors, misinformation, and falsehoods about our General Manager, Jill Van Zeebroeck, and this has created a difficult work environment for our Community Manager. Not only do these actions by a few interfere with our manager's ability to do her job, but also, these unfounded, false character attacks expose the Association to liability. It needs to end now.

The Board is aware of the source of these rumors. They come from a few members who are upset that they were denied property improvement permits because their proposed improvement was in violation of established Hope Ranch rules and regulations. Others are upset that neighboring projects were approved against their wishes, because our governing documents allowed the proposed project or improvement. They're angry, and they're taking it out on the General Manager. But this anger is misdirected. The General Manager does not act on her own. She acts at the direction of the

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

SEPT 24TH
BOARD MTG
3:00 PM
3820 State St.

OCTOBER 6TH
CENTENNIAL EVENT
LOBERO THEATRE
4PM

OCTOBER 8TH
ABR BOARD MEETING
3:00PM
3820 State St.

OCTOBER 22ND
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 State St.

NOVEMBER 12TH
ABR BOARD MTG
3PM

Board of Directors. The General Manager does not make independent decisions and has no authority to make decisions on permit applications.

Incredibly, the majority of the information being disseminated is information that was known to the Board of Directors who hired Jill in June of 2021, none of whom are current Board Members, and it was deemed inconsequential to the qualifications and ability of Jill to perform her duties. Not surprisingly, the people spreading this disinformation do not always reveal their names, and they use anonymous email addresses. Some of these people have done the same to prior Managers and staff, and for those of you who are new to the Ranch, our last General Manager decided that the abuse he was taking simply wasn't worth it. The conduct we are now observing is what brands a community as "toxic."

Ladies and gentlemen, Jill is doing an incredible job, and your Board of Directors has absolute faith in her talents and dedication. Jill's thirty-plus years of knowledge and experience enable her to accomplish many tasks in a single day, to balance multiple issues at a time, and her network of vendors and professional contacts provides for projects to be planned and completed swiftly, once the inevitable delays and hurdles have been cleared. The Association is a much-improved operation as a result of Jill's management.

In reality, Hope Ranch is similar to a small city, and running the day-to-day isn't easy, but Jill does it well and has a great supporting network, from the Office staff, to the ABR, to the Maintenance Crew. If you have any questions or you are forwarded or hear any of these rumors and falsehoods, please contact a Board Member to discuss. No one should have to work under these conditions, and we don't want to let a handful of people jeopardize the entire Ranch, monetarily or otherwise.

Thank you, on behalf of the Hope Ranch Park Homes Association Board of Directors.

Yana DelCima *Stephanie Wilson*

Shirley *Donna J. Colver*

Amothy P Casey *Lucinda J. Kurella*
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Message from the General Manager

I want to start by sharing with you that the Centennial Beach BBQ was a tremendous success with nothing but rave reviews from everyone for the efforts and time my staff and volunteers devoted to this event. I want to give a “HUGE THANKS” to Tony, Sergio, and Geno our master grill chefs; Liza, Donna, Frank, and Enrique for setting up and

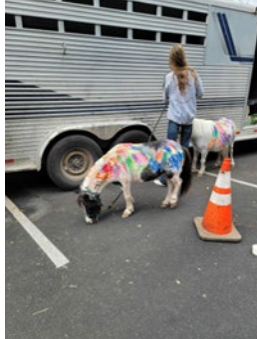


working the chow line; Suzanne Reuter for cooking up the side dishes, the Jordano family for donating the beverages; Jane Lodalas for her beautiful succulent table décor; our entertainers, the “old Dudes” headed up by Ranch member Richard Knowles providing great songs from the 60’s, 70’s & 80’s, and the open-mike Ranch talent of Mike Nicassio, Burleigh Skidmore, and Michael McDonald (yes, that Michael McDonald).



Some even said it

Hannah Boyd and her Rocking Horse Equestrian posse



entertained the kiddos with pony rides and painting activities; and to top it off, Mr. Softee provided us all the best ice cream treats in Santa Barbara.

I have received so many emails of appreciation for all the effort that went into this simple, down-home, community event. was the best event they ever attended.

You can see more photos in a future issue of Stroll Magazine. Not that I am keeping score but starting with the Garden Tour (another “best ever”) and ending on October 6th with the Lobero Centennial Celebration, if you have not yet confirmed your attendance, please contact Donna. Your Centennial Celebration year is almost over. I hope you make the most of what is left for you to enjoy with your community.

FALL MAINTENANCE

Now that Summer is officially over, our crews will be focusing on bridle trails and drains. Once the weather cools a bit more, they will be doing crack fill work on the roads in preparation for next years road work. Our roads are actually in very good shape, as evidenced by the fact we had no potholes after the rains the last few years. That is due to the strict preventative maintenance program the crew performs year-round on our roads.

2025 BUDGET

While some people enjoy the crunching of leaves in the fall, I myself will be crunching numbers in preparation for the 2025 budget. With the approval of the reserve study, we already have our annual reserve and road contribution numbers in place. It is now a matter of reviewing projected increases in insurance, legal, labor costs, and office

administration. I expect to have the draft budget to the Finance Committee by the end of October and for the Board's review and approval in November.

MEETING WITH AIRPORT GM

As previously mentioned, I met with Chris Hastert and Greg Goodsell (Airport Operations Supervisor) last week. I obtained some information regarding the airport noise issues. On January 17, 2023, a list of 13 items for the airport to address were sent to SBA and prioritized. It is the position of the airport that the commercial pilots pretty well understand the best approach into SB over More Mesa. The good news is that three of the five commercial airlines do follow the autopilot driven procedure over the ocean- PROGRESS!

I am happy to report that Ranch member, Gordon Feingold (a pilot) who is on the Noise Abatement task force, has agreed to work with me on the noise abatement issues. Gordon has been flying out of Santa Barbara Airport as a pilot for 50 years and he holds Airline Transport and Flight Instructor certificates. He has also been a resident of noise-impacted neighborhoods for 32 years (previously, More Mesa Shores, and now HR) and has participated in previous noise abatement committees and mitigation efforts and is an active member of new new SBA Abatement Committee. Clearly, we will be well represented! Keeping in mind the group just had their first meeting, I do encourage you to go to the website flysba.com., click on Aboutsba, then click on Aircraft Noise and you will see all documents (including the 13-item list letter) for your review. In closing, I would add that due to recent changes in airport leadership, this issue is finally getting much needed attention. Stay tuned!

E-BIKE INVASION

I know I sent out an email blast asking e-bike families in the Ranch to teach their children the rules of the road. I am not referring to our HR families.

I am now pivoting to the real nuisance, which are pre-teens (middle schoolers) from outside the community who ride in and damage private property. I placed a call to Supervisor Capps office, who in turn called law enforcement. They pledged to put more patrols in the Ranch due to this uptick in activity.

Here is Franks report on this subject:

Patrol has received various calls regarding a group of E-bikers, about 4-5 boys between the ages of 11-12 yrs., maybe but not older than 13 yrs. The E-bikes being used are very fast and to say the least, very dangerous. Although designed to capture license plate images, the FLOCK license plate reader cameras do capture images of bicycles and images without license plates when the system detects a specific object. In this case, FLOCK has captured not only the times of entry and/or exit, the location, but images of the E-bikers, including clear shots of their faces and other identifiers. The E-bikers in the images were not recognized as Ranch Residents, neither were their bikes as the usual E-bikes seen being used by Ranch Residents that age. The images show the E-bikers entering and leaving Las Palmas at specific times, which adds to the belief that they likely live outside of the Ranch.

The SB Sheriff's Department and CHP have also responded to calls in the Ranch about the E-bikers, but no contacts have been made so far. Patrol and some Ranch and/or Golf Club Members have had various encounters with the E-bikers, who have demonstrated a very disrespectful attitude that would make any parent cringe. Patrol has used great restraint during the encounters, which really demonstrates the level of

professionalism patrol uses when dealing with the public, even if it is a disrespectful 12-year-old kid with no qualms about his actions. The same disrespectful and dangerous behavior by the E-bikers has been witnessed outside the Ranch. Believe me, some kids nowadays would like nothing more than have their 15 seconds of fame by creating the next YouTube or TikTok video that captures an unexpected adult's reaction that goes viral on the internet. Be mindful of how easy it is to be recorded nowadays.

At this point, some property damage to private property within the Ranch has been reported and patrol has encouraged the affected property owners to file a criminal report with the Sheriff's Department. Patrol advised the property owners that patrol would support them by providing the FLOCK images to the Sheriff's Department. If ever needed, here are the dispatch numbers to the Sheriff's and CHP.

CHP Dispatch- (805) 477-4174. Traffic related incidents - Such as traffic accidents, roadway/traffic hazards, etc.

Sheriff's Dispatch - (805) 683-2724. Criminal - Such as trespassing, vandalism, etc.

In case of an emergency, call 911.

Let's all be vigilant to keep this nuisance out of our community.

See you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, General Manager



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (7.24.24)



CONCEPTUAL (9)

Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila
Blat Family Trust	4110 Creciente Dr.
Sorenson	4220 Mariposa Dr.
Flynn/Golde	1564 Cantera
Halstad	895 Via Hierba
Sher	4295 Mariposa Dr.

PRELIMINARY (15)

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	Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Artigas/Etchegaray	4131 Marina Drive		
Newton	4343 Marina Drive		
Heller	4210 Llano		
Fynn	4225 Cresta Avenue		
Katona	4375 Via Glorieta		

FINAL (10)

Goodall	700 Via Tranquila	Downing	725 Las Palmas Dr.
Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca		
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Esquenazi	4140 Marina		
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanza		
JVP Stud LLC	4365 Llano		
CL Bucketlist LLC	1435 Estrella		
Ferris	4157 Lago Dr.		
Graham	4662 Vi9a Roblada		

PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Post Commander

June 18 7:42AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4100-blk. of Cresta who reported her brown horse missing. Patrol responded to help find the horse but was advised by the Resident that her horse was found safe and sound, hiding in the bushes on her property.

June 19 4:10PM – While conducting a vacation check of a residence on the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita, patrol noticed a painter working on the property who was not listed on the vacation form. Patrol checked with the Resident who advised painters were allowed on the property, he just forgot to list them on the vacation form.

June 20 9:51AM – Patrol received a report from the Ranch's Maintenance field supervisor who relayed that several Residents reported a transient at HR beach. The transient was last seen 20 yards from HR beach. Patrol responded and at the HR beach parking lot, a Resident leaving the beach said the transient had left a sail on the beach. Patrol made a casual contact with the transient, who had a large knife hanging from a neck lanyard, at the beach parking lot. The transient was carrying some items, a backpack and what looked like a tarp. The transient was looking for the "Next port" and provided no info about the mentioned sail. Patrol advised the transient that it was private property and patrol declined to give a ride to the transient, who was last seen west on the beach walking towards More Mesa Beach.

June 20 12:57PM – Patrol was contacted by a Resident at the HR beach turnaround who reported a small 12.5 ft Puffer (AMF) sailboat, a bicycle, and other items, on the beach at the eastern point east of the cabana on the beach. The Resident provided pictures, which included the vessel # of the sailboat. Patrol contacted the SB Sheriff's Department to report the beached sailboat and provided info on the transient from earlier, who had been seen with a sail. A SB Sheriff's Senior Deputy responded and advised that the sailboat had been reported stolen out of the Santa Barbara Harbor and was last seen by the owner 3 days prior parked in a parking stall sitting on a boat dolly. The boat dolly had been found floating in the water. The owner, a non-Ranch Resident, arrived and with the help of the Senior Deputy and patrol, the sailboat was loaded on a dolly and rolled to the owner's vehicle at the HR beach turnaround. The owner of the boat filed a

stolen boat report and said the sail and rutter were missing. The bicycle did not belong to the sailboat owner, but it was removed from the beach.

June 23 3:15PM – While conducting a vacation check of a residence on the 4000-blk. of Lago Dr., patrol found an unlocked door. Soon after, the Resident came around the corner of the residence and was surprised to see patrol. The Resident forgot to inform patrol that the departure date had changed to the following day. The Resident was thankful for patrol checking. Note: Please contact patrol with any changes to your vacation form.

June 24 9:45PM – Patrol received a report from various Residents who reported kids on E-bikes riding on Las Palmas setting off fireworks. Patrol and the SB Sheriff's department checked the area, and no one was located.

June 25 1:20PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a car stuck in the gutter by the "turns" near the beach. Patrol responded and located a white BMW 3-Series sedan in the drainage ditch along the northbound shoulder along the 1500-blk. of Roble Dr. just south of Llano Ave. Several people were standing around and a white Sprinter van was parked backed-up near the BMW. Patrol conducted traffic control and learned the BMW had 4 occupants, 2 males and 2 female and the Sprinter van was not related to the accident. The occupants of the Sprinter van had stopped to help pull the BMW out of the ditch. Patrol checked with the occupants of the BMW for any injuries – No injuries were reported. The BMW was pulled out of the ditch and there was some minor damage to the front right fender and the paint on the rims was scuffed. The 17-year-old driver of the BMW advised that prior to running off the road, a navy-blue truck, possibly a Ford, had been traveling in the opposite direction and crossed over into his lane at an angle, causing him to drive into the ditch. At the scene, a 37-year-old family member of the BMW driver arrived, and no CHP report was desired. Patrol followed up with the Resident where some dislodged rocks were located and the Resident said she was not worried about the rocks. Video footage from the residence showed the BMW driving northbound in the opposite lane and crossing over the double yellow lines and back onto the northbound lane, then running off the road into the ditch. Footage showed a 2-tone SUV traveling south in the southbound lane, but at no time did it cross into the northbound lane, contradicting the BMW driver's account that a truck had crossed into this lane.

June 25 8:42PM – While patrolling along the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a silver Toyota Camry parked in the dirt turn-out area. Patrol noticed the Toyota's windows were covered with towels. Patrol contacted a young couple who were told to vacate the area. The couple left without incident.

June 27 12:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4500-blk. of Via Huerto to report that her mail had been stolen a couple of times, including an Amazon package. Patrol contacted the Resident and suggested a lockable mailbox and leaving a note for the package delivery companies to drop off packages at the main house. Patrol also suggested cameras to capture the activity. At this time, no suspect(s). Note: Having your deliveries, such as Amazon orders, delivered to an Amazon locker (Many locations in the area) will safeguard your deliveries until you pick them up.

June 27 4:24PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 1500-blk. of Roble who reported a homeless person who came to the gate asking for things. Both patrol units responded, and patrol located a male riding a bike and pulling a cart on Las Palmas. Patrol monitored the male and he was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit heading towards La Cumbre Rd.

June 29 5:05PM – While conducting a vacation check of a residence on the 4100-blk. of Creciente Dr., patrol noticed a white Honda truck parked at the Residence. The Honda truck was not listed on the vacation form. Patrol noticed several females inside the home and learned the truck belonged to one of the females who was the housekeeper at the Residence.

July 01 9:35PM – While patrolling along Las Olas, patrol noticed a black sedan parked on the shoulder. Patrol contacted a young couple who were in the back seat "talking". The couple left the Ranch without incident after being advised by patrol to do so.

July 03 10:51AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Fruteria who reported a break-in the night before and that his house had been "Robbed". The Resident advised that the burglary occurred the night before at 7:41pm and his cameras captured 3 people in their 20's running away. The Resident advised the alarm had not been working since a power

outage, but the alarm company would be heading out to fix it. The Resident said that forced entry was definitely used as his house was locked. The Resident said his house was ransacked and the master bedroom, master bath and master closets were targeted, and valuables were stolen. The Resident advised that during their absence, a nanny was there during the day to feed the animals. The Resident filed a report with the SB Sheriff's Department. UPDATE: Subsequently, patrol received an extra patrol request from the Resident as he advised that he fired his house sitter after discovering she was involved in the recent break-in at the Residence.

July 06 9:35AM – While patrolling along Via Roblada by the More Mesa trail head entrance, patrol made a casual contact with a male in his 20's, no shirt, star tattoo on his left stomach, and black sweatpants. Patrol asked the male if he needed assistance and the male said he was fine and was heading towards More Mesa beach. Patrol remained stationary in the area and monitored the individual until he crossed over into the More Mesa Preserve. UPDATE: Patrol received a separate call about a trespasser in the back yard of a Residence – Patrol advised the Resident to call 911 to report the incident. Patrol responded and learned the same male from the earlier contact, was arrested by SB Sheriff's Deputies after being found in the back yard of a Residence – Street name omitted at the request of the Resident.

July 06 7:28PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Mariposa who advised patrol that his son lost his keys in the ocean and his car would be kept parked at the HR beach parking lot for about 2 days. Patrol noted the info and passed it on to the patrol staff, who does keep track of any vehicles found left parked overnight in the parking lot.

July 09 12:53PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Marina Dr. who reported a male in dark clothing, possibly homeless, on Marina Dr. Both patrol units responded, and patrol made a casual contact on Las Palmas near Via Bendita. The male asked for a ride from patrol, but it was denied. Patrol provided a bottle of water and directions out of the Ranch to the male who was looking for highway 1 to Lompoc. During contact, patrol noticed the male appeared to have some mental health issue(s) and at some point said, "Don't shoot me". The male said he thought someone was following him to shoot him – Patrol noticed no one else was around. The

2nd patrol unit on duty monitored the male and he exited out the Ranch without incident.

July 10 11:16AM – While checking the Via Huerto fire gate, patrol noticed a white VW Jetta parked along the equestrian trail. Patrol made a casual contact with the male driver (Female in car) and learned he planned to park there and walk to More Mesa beach. Patrol provided the male directions to the public parking area for More Mesa beach located outside the Ranch. The couple left without incident.

July 11 12:40AM – While patrolling the 1500-blk. of Roble Dr., patrol noticed an attended white Tesla that appeared to have driven off the road. The vehicle appeared to have been traveling westbound on Marina and failed to negotiate the turn onto Roble Dr. Patrol noticed visible tire tracks leading into the bushes and there was damage to the Tesla's window and driver's side after it collided with a tree. Patrol contacted CHP and a tow truck was called to tow the Tesla away. The Resident/owner of the property where the vehicle collided said her camera captured what looked like a black BMW with fancy rims picking up person(s) associated with the Tesla. FLOCK was checked and info was provided to CHP. CHP investigated the collision and classified it as a Hit & Run – No injuries.

July 12 11:00AM – While on stationary patrol on Via Roblada at the More Mesa trail head, patrol was contacted by a driver of a green Jeep who was looking for More Mesa beach parking. Patrol provided directions to the public parking area for More Mesa beach located outside of the Ranch.

July 13 10:03AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr. between Las Olas and Llano, patrol noticed a black Toyota SUV that had partially run off the road towards the creek on the southbound side of the road. Patrol contacted CHP who responded to the scene. Patrol assisted with traffic control. Patrol spoke to the female driver who said the road was wet and she lost control. Patrol assisted the female in getting out of the Toyota and leashing her two dogs. A tow truck was used to remove the Toyota.

July 13 9:23PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4000-blk. of Cuervo who reported a suspicious person near his home. Patrol advised the Resident to also call the SB Sheriff's department, who responded to the scene. Patrol responded and multiple deputies were on scene with the Resident. The Resident advised patrol that earlier, when driving home, a

“Suspicious” male in shorts had been standing at and looking through the Resident’s gate. The Resident said his family felt threatened and fearful as the male looked at them in an aggressive manner and turned towards their vehicle in a threatening way. The Resident drove away and waited for a response. Deputies arrested the male for Prowling. The Resident advised patrol that he learned from the deputies that the male had a criminal record and is a Sex Offender for a crime involving a child out of Virginia. The Resident said he would follow up with the District Attorney’s office.

July 18 11:25AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male, possibly homeless, walking northbound on Las Palmas passed Via Bendita. Patrol checked and noticed a male with long hair in a green sweatshirt and black pants, carrying a couple bags, on Las Palmas. Patrol contacted the male to see if he needed assistance – The male said he did not. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

July 21 11:40AM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Cayente, patrol contacted a female, in her 30’s, wearing a cap, a dark jacket and yellow pants, who was seen at a private driveway. Patrol advised the female that she was trespassing. The female was last seen exiting out the Via Cayente fire gate and was seen on Vieja Dr. near Carriage Hill. UPDATE: On July 31st, a Campanil Hill HOA Member reached out to the HR HOA GM about a suspicious female, in a yellow top, in the Campanil Hill neighborhood who was reportedly acting suspiciously. It was reported the female appeared twice at a Campanil Hill Resident’s gate over a couple of weeks and there was a belief she was possibly “Squatting.” Several Campanil Hill Resident’s captured the female on camera. The Ranch patrol officer who contacted the female on June 21st recognized she was the same person captured on the Campanil Hill pictures. The female has not been seen since in the Ranch.

July 22 12:49PM – While patrolling Las Olas, patrol made a casual contact with a couple in their dark Chevy Tahoe who were parked facing the opposite direction on the bridle trail along the westbound shoulder of Las Olas near the beach gates. Patrol gave directions to the couple who were not from the area and were searching for the beach. The couple asked about access into HR beach, but no access was provided. Patrol gave the couple directions to Arroyo Burro beach. The couple were last seen on Roble Dr. passing Llano.

July 22 7:36PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Lago who reported a homeless male talking to himself at Lago and Las Palmas. Patrol checked and noticed a male, tall – about 6’-2”, balding, no shirt and tan shorts, walking on Las Palmas towards the exit gate. From a distance, patrol monitored the male and he was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit towards the La Cumbre bridge. Update: On 07/25 at 10:09am, patrol noticed a male walking eastbound on Las Olas with rolled up items (Blanket or similar). Patrol made a casual contact with the male and he advised he was trying to get back to “Civilization” and get to a gas station. Patrol provided the male directions along the county roadway. The male asked for a ride – Patrol declined providing a ride. Patrol made subsequent contacts with the male as he walked on Via Tranquila and advised him, he was on a private road. The male argued it was not a private road – Patrol advised the male that he needed to leave and may not return as signs were posted. Patrol monitored the male’s progress from a distance and at some point, out of view, the male was seen facing up the private driveway of a residence on Via Tranquila. Patrol continued to monitor, and the male was not pleased with patrol’s presence as the male became aggressive, using an aggressive tone and profanity at patrol. Patrol advised the male that the SB Sheriff’s would be called if he refused to leave – The male complied and continued walking northbound on Via Tranquila with clinched fists. Note: Patrol later checked the HR beach gates cameras and noticed the male was on the parking lot side of the beach gates. The Maintenance supervisor reported the male came walking up the beach from More Mesa. Update: On 07/27 at 1815 hrs., the same male was seen walking northbound on Las Palmas approaching the Las Palmas exit gate. See 08/09 entry....

July 26 2:27PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Monte who reported to the HR office that while walking her dog off leash at the HR beach, a male, 30’s, with an accent, appeared running out of the fog. The Resident said her dog bit the male’s ankles and the male responded by telling the Resident, “I’m going to kill your fu***ng dog” and by throwing rocks at her and her dog, hitting her dog. The Resident took a picture of the only vehicle in the parking lot, but it was not confirmed if the vehicle belonged to the male and/or if the male came and left from the beach. FLOCK was checked and the vehicle had been seen 18 days out of the last 30 days. There was no call(s) to patrol from the involved male.

July 27 3:57PM – Patrol received several reports about a loud party in the area of Via Tranquila and Vieja Dr. A Resident on Via Tranquila described the music level at the party as being “Crazy loud”. Patrol responded and spoke to the Resident where the party was being hosted and the music was turned down and the speakers were faced in a different direction. Patrol monitored and noticed the sound was greatly reduced.

August 02 4:16PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident at HR beach who reported a homeless-looking male at the beach area. Both patrol units responded, and a male, late 30’s, was located in an unlocked locker near the men’s restroom. Patrol contacted the male advising him that he was trespassing, and he needed to leave. The male left without incident and was last seen walking on the sand heading towards More Mesa beach.

August 06 1:17PM – While patrolling the 4400-blk. of Via Bendita, east of Via Huerto (East end), patrol came across 2 cyclists, a male and a female, late 40’s-to-50, and learned that the female had fallen off her E-bike. The female was sitting on the edge of the trail along the side of the road and 2 E-bikes were on the ground. The female declined any medical attention, saying she is from Texas. The female had a few small cuts on her face and cuts and/or sores on her legs. Patrol provided some water, and the male cleaned the female’s face. The male said that the female fell off her bike when she hit her front brake as she intentionally pulled off the road as she “Freaked out” about the upcoming downhill lane. Patrol was advised the female hit her face and based on the location, landed on the woodchipped trail. The couple, both non-Ranch Residents, left riding on their E-bikes enroute to Hendry’s beach. No safety helmets were seen.

August 07 12:50PM – Patrol received 3 separate reports from Residents who reported a suspicious person on Cuervo. One Resident described the male as 6’-3” with long hair with an “MMA” (Mixed Martial Arts) look. The same Resident said the male was not acting right, was unstable and acting in an aggressive manner. Patrol checked Cuervo and another Resident said the male was in the middle of the street and was “Stalking out” homes and walking through properties. Patrol located the long-haired male, some missing teeth, who was standing on top of a large boulder looking at the view along the outside of a property on the 4000-blk. of Cuervo. Patrol contacted the male who remained cooperative during the entire contact. The male acknowledged he was on a private road and patrol noticed he had no sense of direction (He was not familiar with nearby cities). The male

said he was from Alabama and patrol established he had no legitimate business in the Ranch. Patrol gave the male directions out of the Ranch. Patrol monitored and due to the male being lost and not familiar with the area, patrol guided him through the Ranch and out the coastal exit on Marina. The male was last seen exiting onto Cliff Dr. from Marina. During contact, patrol noticed the male appeared to have some mental health issues and along the way, the male would talk to himself.

August 09 10:28PM – Patrol received a call from the La Cumbre Country Club (LCCC) who reported a homeless male by the 5th hole who had been asked by both Members and staff to leave, but the male was not acknowledging them. A LCCC employee said the male was wearing gloves and carrying bags. Patrol met a LCCC employee and searched for the male in a golf cart. The LCCC employee said the male was being evasive and at one point, it looked like the male was pouring out what looked like ashes on the course. The male was described as balding with a green shirt and tan shorts – A description that sounded familiar to patrol. Patrol showed the LCCC employee a picture of the male from the contact on 7/22 and it was the same person. The male was located in the area of the 8th hole and patrol contacted the male, informing him he was on private property and if he refused to leave, he would be arrested for trespassing. Patrol provided directions along the way and monitored from a safe distance in a golf cart. At one point, the male was again aggressive with patrol when provided directions to Modoc, saying something about what would happen to patrol on the street as he did not need to be followed. Despite the male's aggressive behavior, patrol continued to monitor from a safe distance until the male exited private property and reached Modoc. The LCCC employee added that the male had been seen along the outer hedge of the course on Lago then changed directions onto the golf course. The male had been evasive, remained on the course, private property, despite being told to leave. The male has not been seen since.

August 10 8:15AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita who reported that the night before, around 10:05 pm, there had been an attempted break-in at his residence. The Resident said he and his wife were in bed and heard the Spanish tiles breaking and the Resident woke up and scared off the person(s) who were outside. In the morning, the Resident was able to see the location where the person(s) attempted to get on the roof. The Resident notified the Sheriff's Department and filed a report. Patrol checked the outside of the Residence and noticed

that a table had been moved and chair was placed on top of the table to access a bedroom balcony. Several Spanish tiles were found broken. At this time, no suspect(s) have been identified.

August 14 10:40AM – While patrolling the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza, patrol noticed a blue Mazda SUV parked on the equestrian trail. Patrol made a casual contact with 2 young males about the parking violation. The Mazda left without incident and the trail was clear.

August 18 11:00AM – Patrol received a request from the SB Sheriff's Department to assist with an alarm activation on the 4100-blk. of La Ladera. Patrol responded and the activation turned out to be a false alarm. Nothing of concern was observed.

August 18 12:32PM – Patrol received several calls from Residents who reported a fire along the cliffs below Alisa Ln. One caller reported seeing a pipe on fire. 911 was notified and the SB County Fire Department responded. Note: The location of the pipe on fire is at the same location where a natural geological phenomenon occurs on the bluff. The pipe ignited, sending off black smoke. Fire personnel accessed HR beach and a property on Alisa Ln. to extinguish the burning pipe.

August 18 3:50PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a man acting erratically and suspected of being "Drugged out" on Via Roblada by More Mesa. Both patrol and two SB Sheriff's Department units responded. Patrol advised the Sheriff's dispatch when on scene and noticed clothes and personal items scattered on the ground, including several doses of Narcan (Naloxone – Medication which reverses an opioid overdose). Patrol noticed no one was in sight. Soon after, a male came walking up from Via Roblada and patrol made contact. Patrol noticed the male was twitching, had exaggerated body motions and had a difficult time following along. The male sat down and when asked about being under the influence and/or drugs, the male mentioned having some health issues, including Tourette Syndrome. A Sheriff's Sergeant at the scene asked for the AMR ambulance to respond CODE 3 (Light and Sirens) as the male was exhibiting an increase in being out of control with his movements. The male was voluntarily transported by AMR ambulance and was cooperative.

August 19 2:55PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a motorcyclist down at Roble near Llano. Patrol responded and located the motorcycle rider on the 1500-blk. of Roble along the side of the road checking out his motorcycle. The male did not sustain any injuries and said he lost traction when his rear tire was on the yellow roadway stripes while making a left-hand turn. The rider said the tires loose grip while on the smooth surface.

August 20 5:27PM – Patrol received a report from the HR maintenance supervisor who reported a homeless male at HR beach. Patrol responded and located a male sitting near the drinking fountain. Patrol advised the male he was on private property and provided him directions towards Goleta. The male left without incident and was last seen on the sand towards More Mesa beach.

Frank's safety tip of the Month

As the Fall season is just a couple of weeks away, you will notice patrol's Summer in the Ranch was a busy one. The Patrol Report gives you an inside view of some of the types of calls patrol handled in the Ranch. Safety and security are a top priority and a topic everyone in the Ranch should be mindful of. Safety, safety, safety should be on everyone's mind. If you see something of concern, please report it immediately.

That being said, if there is an emergency, a crime, something suspicious, etc. and you do happen to call 911, if possible, also call (or text - IMessage for iPhone users) the Hope Ranch Patrol. By calling the patrol cell phone (805) 800-9002, you can get a hold of patrol directly, no more wait time. If you prefer a more traditional way to get a hold of patrol, you can call the patrol dispatch at 805-967-8335 and listen to some wait music while you wait, wait... for a live operator. Below are some basic and simple (some free) safety measures you can implement that can go a long way.

- Residential alarm system. Make sure both the Sheriff's and patrol are on your call out list that way both get the call to respond.
- Keep your front gates and other access gates closed/secure. You would be surprised how many gates are seen wide open at night (or even during the day).

- Live/recording cameras. This can be useful in conjunction with the license plate reader cameras at the gates that can be searched by make, model, color, or type of vehicle.
- Motion lighting.
- Interior house lights on timers
- Locking your house doors and windows, even if you run out on an errand. Including locking your vehicles on your property.
- Fill out a vacation form and turn it into patrol. Please contact patrol or the HR HOA office for a blank form. The form can also be found on the HOA website.
- Lock all doors and windows before you leave on vacation.
- Avoid letting everyone know on social media that you are beachside in Hawaii or skiing in Mammoth. Social media is a good way to advertise that you are not home if you post pics while on your trip.
- Dogs can be good deterrents.
- Do not let mail sit in mailboxes overnight. Track packages to prevent a Porch Pirate from taking them
- Don't leave out empty boxes (set out for recycling) of newly purchased items, such as TV's, etc. This advertises all the goodies you just purchased and now have in your home. Cut boxes down or crush them down to make them less obvious.

Note: In case of an emergency, call 911, then Hope Ranch patrol. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's direct dispatch # is 805-683-2724, if ever needed.