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RANCH RAMBLINGS JUNE 2025 ISSUE

Message from the President

Your new Board has adopted many changes to how the Association operates. Most fundamentally, the Board wishes to solicit and consider member input on the many issues it faces. To that end, the Board has done the following:

1. We revised the Board meeting format to permit and encourage member comment on each issue as it is deliberated by the Board. Our Board meetings will be conducted much like the public agency meetings with an open forum for comment on matters not on the agenda and then permitting member comment on each agenda issue following an introduction of the issue by staff and Board member questions and prior to the vote on the issue.

2. We have established ten committees to enlist member involvement in many pressing issues such as finance, security and safety, the beach, fire safety, mediation, landscape, Laguna Blanca School, and others to assist the Board in a whole range of issues. We feel that these committees can leverage the Board's operation by helping develop information and proposing solutions thereby enabling the Board to accomplish much more than it could by itself.

We have a broad and extremely competent membership, and we feel that we are all better served by listening to and benefitting from diverse opinions of that membership. We welcome and look forward to your participation.

The Beach is a very significant issue. It has essentially turned into a rock beach with sand only at very low tides. This appears to be the result of a combination of factors primarily sea level rise and interruption of sediment flow from creeks and rivers. This is a statewide problem, but it seems to be hitting us especially hard. We are participating in a County wide project to discuss this problem and look for solutions.

We are also beginning to consider what to do if the condition continues to worsen, and that will essentially be retreating into the canyon as the beach becomes increasingly unusable.

We continue to be plagued by litigation, and we formed a Mediation Committee whose charge is to intervene early in neighboring disputes to bring the parties together and attempt to reach a solution for the issues between them. Meanwhile, we are

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

JUNE 10TH (ABR)
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 STATE ST.

JUNE 24TH
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 STATE ST.

JULY 8TH (ABR)
BOARD MEETING
3:00PM
3820 STATE ST.

JULY 22ND
BOARD MEETING
3:00PM
3820 STATE ST.

AUGUST 12TH (ABR)
BOARD MEETING
3:00PM
3820 STATE ST.

working to bring the two pending lawsuits to a conclusion to reduce the ongoing legal expenses.

We are also working to bring the long simmering Laguna Blanca School issue to a conclusion. The School obtained an amendment to its Conditional Use Permit to enable an increase of fifty-five additional students and twelve additional staff. However, our Association has an agreement with the School to limit its enrollment to 330 students, and that agreement must be amended in order for the School to implement the increase. We have formed a committee of three Board members and two residents to negotiate a resolution of this issue. The main issue, of course, is the traffic the School generates at eight in the morning and three in the afternoon. That must be resolved in a clearly defined way and not left to future negotiation.

We are seeking volunteers to join our IT Committee and Elections Committee. The IT Committee requires members experienced in IT matters. The Elections Committee does not have any prequalification's, but it is important to populate since we will have an election at the end of the year, and there is significant planning which must be done between now and then.

Lastly, we are determined to resolve the long-standing problem of cell phone reception in Hope Ranch. This is a very serious safety issue, and our Security and Safety Committee is working on a solution to bring to the Board.

All of this seems a bit daunting, but with the significant help of the various committees we will work hard to resolve these and other issues.

Regards,
Kim Kimbell, President.

Message from the General Manager

Recently the Board held an “Employee Appreciation and Get to Know You” lunch down at the picnic grounds. It was well attended by maintenance, patrol and the office staff who enjoyed Santa Barbara Chicken Ranch chicken and tri tip with all the fixings. Salad and cookies provided by Suzanne Reuter and Laurie Kurilla rounded out the meal which was enjoyed by all.



SUMMER PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The Kayak storage facility project has begun. There will be 24 kayak spaces and 20 paddleboard spaces which will be available via lottery. The kayak and paddleboards that were not removed prior to the project beginning have been relocated to the area just to the left of the entry gate for owner pick up. Please do not assume you can leave them until the new stands are built. The new system will be by lottery and will have 11 less

spaces than before, so moving them to your residence now will avoid them being discarded from their temporary location.

The 2025 Road project is scheduled for July 28th-August 1st. Overhead trimming will begin in preparation for this annual project. We will get you a phasing schedule when we get closer to the date.

At the May 27, 2025, the Board approved new playground equipment at a cost of \$80,000. The Family Network Committee is starting to set up fund raising events in order to meet the financial obligation for this long overdue improvement to the picnic ground area. Hope Ranch has \$25k earmarked in reserves for this project and another \$5,000 has been pledged from the Hope Ranch Community Fund through the Santa Barbara Foundation. Stay tuned for more information on how you can donate to this very worthy project or you can contact the office to see how you can help.

2025 SOCIAL CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

The Board approved the following SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2025:

SEPTEMBER 14TH BEACH BBQ with music by "Sage City Band."

(Same band as last year- new name!)

SEPTEMBER 20TH – BEACH CLEAN UP mid -day event with hot dogs and burgers

DECEMBER 5, 2025, HOLIDAY PARTY AT LA CUMBRE COUNTRY CLUB

La Cumbre Mutual Water Company Annual Meeting June 10, 2025

By now you should have received your ballot for the annual meeting which also includes a vote to amend the Bylaws to increase borrowing capacity from the existing \$4M to \$20M (this is a limit not a commitment to spend). HRPHA President, Kim Kimbell asks that you vote YES on this very important issue in order to better secure the future of water delivery in Hope Ranch.

See you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

Strengthening Our Defenses: Hope Ranch and the Power of Ember Hardening

Dear Hope Ranch Homeowners,

Hope Ranch: Working Towards Firewise Community Status!

We are thrilled to announce that the Hope Ranch Park Homes Association is actively working towards becoming a certified Firewise USA® Community! This nationally recognized program provides a framework for communities to organize and take action to reduce wildfire risks. Achieving Firewise status demonstrates our collective commitment to safety and can even lead to benefits such as increased homeowner awareness and potentially favorable insurance considerations.

As residents of our beautiful, unique community, we are acutely aware of the wildfire risks inherent in our stunning natural landscape. While large, wind-driven flames are a terrifying prospect, the truth is that most homes lost in wildfires are ignited not by direct flame contact, but by **embers**. These tiny, glowing fragments can travel miles ahead of a fire, silently landing on vulnerable spots around our homes and igniting them.

This is why **home hardening against ember stray** is one of the most critical steps we can take individually and collectively to protect our properties and our cherished Hope Ranch. It's about making your home resistant to these airborne invaders.

What Does Ember Hardening Look Like?

Ember hardening focuses on addressing the small vulnerabilities where embers can accumulate and ignite. Key areas include:

- **Roofs:** The most common point of entry for embers. Ensure your roof covering is fire-resistant (Class A rated, e.g., tile, metal, composition shingles). **Keep it free of leaves, pine needles, and other debris.**
- **Vents:** Eaves, foundation, and attic vents are common entry points. Cover all openings with 1/8-inch metal mesh to prevent ember entry while allowing airflow.
- **Eaves and Soffits:** Enclosed eaves and soffits (the underside of eaves) are more ember-resistant than open ones.
- **Windows:** Multi-pane or tempered glass windows are more resistant to breaking from heat and embers than single-pane windows.
- **Exterior Walls:** Choose fire-resistant siding materials like stucco, fiber cement, or treated wood.
- **Decks:** The area beneath and around decks is a major ember trap. Remove all combustible materials, ensure decking materials are ignition-resistant, and consider enclosing the underside with non-combustible materials.
- **Gutters:** Clean gutters regularly, especially during fire season, as they can become fuel for embers.
- **Fencing:** Replace or modify fences directly attached to your home with non-combustible materials for the first 5 feet.

Coming this Summer – Workshops on Home Hardening

We are currently setting up a series of workshops to help you in your efforts to harden your home and make our community more resilient to a wildfire disaster. Stay tuned to the Friday E-Blast for more information.

Your Contribution Matters: Document Your Efforts!

A vital component of our Firewise certification application and ongoing maintenance is documenting the collective efforts of our homeowners in fire resiliency. To help us achieve and maintain this important status, we kindly ask that you **document any expenses and time you spend on fire-resilient activities around your home.**

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Purchases of 1/8-inch mesh for vents.
- Costs associated with upgrading roofing, siding, or windows for fire resistance.
- Time spent clearing vegetation in your defensible space (Zone 0, Zone 1, Zone 2).
- Expenses for replacing combustible fences near your home.
- Labor costs for any professional work related to home hardening.

Please copy and paste this link in your browser to submit this information <https://forms.gle/m1rsNJacdenxZykc7> so we can accurately track our community's incredible efforts.

By proactively hardening our homes against ember intrusion and working together to achieve Firewise status, we significantly enhance the safety and resilience of Hope Ranch for everyone. Your participation is invaluable!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Schuele, Board Liaison and Chair of the Firewise Committee

WHAT MAKES HOPE RANCH UNIQUE



Horses have been an integral part of the Hope Ranch community for over 100 years. Hope Ranch is one of the last places in the country that offers riding trails and access to riding on the beach to its members and as a result, many ranch residents end up interacting with horses in some way during their time here. Knowledge of the nature of horses can help make these interactions safe for both the horses and riders and people on the ground.

It is apparent from cave drawings from thousands of years ago that horses and humans have always had a special bond. There are also many common sayings that refer to horses, such as “horse sense” or “on a tight rein”, and of course the famous quote attributed to Winston Churchill - “there is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man”.

Horses have lived on the earth for over 55 million years with a complex social structure and methods of communication that have allowed them to survive despite having no real weapons such as claws or tearing teeth. As prey animals, they rely heavily on their supercharged senses. They have 55 times as many olfactory receptors as humans. This allows them to smell predators, know which plants are safe to eat, and even to smell which stress hormones are circulating in other horses or humans near them. Their ears are funnel-shaped and can move in many different directions, allowing them to pick up amplified sound from any direction that draws their attention. When we are near a horse, they can hear our heartbeat and know when our heart rate increases or slows. They also have a heightened sense of touch as the skin covering their whole body is as sensitive as the skin on the tips of our fingers. Horses’ vision is also different from ours. When relaxed, each eye can see almost 180 degrees from the front of their body almost to their tail which gives them a nearly 360-degree view of the world around them. They can also focus their eyes, using both at the same time to focus on something that draws their interest. This is how human eyes always function.

Given that their sense of safety depends on them being able to flee, should they see something they have not seen before, or hear or smell something, but cannot see it, or feel that the health of their legs is in danger, their initial reaction might be to “turn tail” and run. They are strong, 1,000 pound plus beings, so for the rider on their back, that kind of motion can be challenging. As prey animals, aggression is not their natural reaction to fear. They are social animals and like to interact with other beings when they feel safe, but will run away when they don’t.

On occasion, when I meet people while on horseback, they will move into the bushes thinking that the horse will not see them and be less likely to spook. On the contrary, that behavior mimics what a land-based predator would do. They will smell you and hear you, but being unable to see you might make them nervous. So, the safest way to interact when you meet a horse is to remain where they can see you. Should you wish to interact with the horse, just as with dogs, it is best to check with their owner to see what is safest for that particular horse.



I have loved getting to know ranch residents from the back of my horse. My favorite question so far was from a young boy on Camino Medio who asked me if my horse was my only means of transportation! Keep your eyes open for an upcoming Family Network event that will give members an opportunity to learn more about horses and interact with some of the ranch’s equine residents.

Jane Nicolais, Neighbor

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (5.30.25)



CONCEPTUAL (15)

Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.	Thoman	700 V. Hierba
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.	Excelsior LLC	4161 Creciente
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive	Vernon	3990 Cuervo
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila	Barbara Ray Tr	4689 V. Roblada
Blat Family Trust	4110 Creciente Dr	Funk	4609 V. Bendita
Sorenson	4220 Mariposa Dr.	Ferris	4175 Lago
Halstad	895 Via Hierba	Wilson	4625 V. Carretas
Von Wiesenberger	46265 Via Huerto		

PRELIMINARY (15)

Arntz	1489 Cantera	Stanton	585 Las Palmas
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive	Vernon	3990 Cuervo
Anzalone/Brose	4191 Mariposa	Lukaszewicz	4630 Via Vistosa
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna	Lukaszewicz	4630 Via Vistosa
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada	Barnick	4321 Marina Dr.
Artigas/Etchegaray	4131 Marina Drive	Zimmerman	1475 Cantera
Newton	4343 Marina Drive	Scales	785 Carosam
Flynn	4225 Cresta Avenue		

FINAL (11)

Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca	Tatman	609 V. Tranquila
Kopf	3981 Laguna Blanca	Sher	4295 V. Mariposa
Esquenazi	4140 Marina	Vernon	4655 V. Huerta
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanzav	McFeely	4395 V. Esperanza
Econn	1530 Roble Drive	Flynn/Golde	1564 Cantera
Roblata Holdings	4629 V. Roblada		

PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Patrol Post Commander

March 25 12:01PM – While patrolling the 500-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a bundle of oak tree branches on the southbound lane and traffic having to go around into the opposite lane of traffic. Patrol cleared the branches from the roadway without incident.

March 25 7:33PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Laguna who reported a suspicious male that walked onto her driveway and asked her son for money. The male was not known to the Resident, or her son and the male left the area in a blue Honda SUV. Patrol responded and was not able to locate the vehicle. The cameras on the property captured the male's movements and the Resident shared the surveillance footage with patrol who used the information to locate the Honda in the HR FLOCK license plate reader camera system. It was noted that the Honda had been spotted 6 times in the previous 30 days in the Ranch and patrol retained the Honda images and plate info, should Law Enforcement need it. Patrol followed up with the Resident who advised the male has not returned to the residence.

March 27 7:17AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a construction hours violation at a construction site on Lago Dr. The Resident advised that the work started at 7:00am. Patrol responded and verified the violation as hammering and grinding was heard coming from the construction site. Patrol contacted a construction worker on site regarding the violation and the work was stopped. Patrol followed up with the HR Bldg. Dept.

March 27 4:58PM – While conducting a vacation check at a residence on Las Palmas Dr., patrol relocated 3 packages to a less visible location on the property, making the packages less susceptible to theft. Note: With the summer vacations coming up, filling out a vacation form is a good idea while you are away.

March 27 7:45PM – While checking the Via Huerto fire gate, patrol found a ripped box with a Via Esperanza address on it. Patrol contacted the Resident who advised his packages were stolen. Patrol recommended the Resident set up shipping notifications to be alerted when packages are delivered to help minimize the risk of future packages being left unattended

and susceptible to theft. The Resident was referred to the Postal Inspection Service to file a report.

March 28 01:50AM – While patrolling the 4400-blk. of Via Cayente, patrol noticed a white Range Rover SUV with Washington plates parked along the equestrian trail. Patrol checked and found a lone male sleeping inside the Range Rover, which was full of personal items. The male woke up and was advised the Ranch was private property and that he had to leave. The male did not believe the Ranch was private property and was being difficult with patrol. Patrol advised the male that the Sheriff's would be contacted and the male left without further incident.

March 29 2:49PM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's Department to assist with a residential burglar alarm on the 4200-blk. of Cresta Ave. Two Sheriff units responded, and an interior check of the home was conducted. Nothing suspicious was found during the check and units cleared without incident. Note: Please keep your home locked when you are away, thank you.

March 30 11:42AM – While scanning the Sheriff's Department radio frequency, patrol heard a call on the radio regarding a female that was suicidal and driving near Paloma and Las Palmas Dr. The female was on the phone with a person who notified Law Enforcement of her location. A check of the area was conducted, and the female was not located in the Ranch. Patrol assisted the Sheriff's and checked the

FLOCK cameras that captured the female's vehicle exiting out the Ranch a short time later. From the FLOCK timeline, it appeared the female just drove through the Ranch. The female's location was ultimately tracked to a location in the city of Santa Barbara.

March 31 6:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who sent a text to the patrol cell phone to report a red Toyota Prius parked at Via Vistosa and Via Esperanza with a man's feet out the window. Both patrol units responded and located the Toyota and the male who was laying across the front seats with his feet propped outside the driver's window. Patrol contacted the male who only spoke Chinese, and patrol used a language translator app. to communicate with him. Patrol learned the male was a delivery driver, his vehicle broke down, and he was waiting for assistance from a person who was responding but was in traffic. Patrol

verified the male was a courier and before clearing, had the male pick up his cigarette butts he had thrown on the ground. Patrol monitored the Toyota during their shift and noted the Toyota was later gone.

April 01 6:00PM – While checking the Cuervo fire gate, patrol found a gray Audi SUV parked blocking the fire gate. Patrol contacted a college-aged male from Isla Vista who was taking a nap inside the Audi. Patrol advised the male of the violation, and he was apologetic and left without incident. The fire gate was free and clear again.

April 01 7:01PM – Patrol received a report from a realtor at a residence on Via Vistosa who reported a tree branch that was partially blocking the exit/entrance gate of the property where the realtor was. Patrol responded and noted a tree had fallen at the adjacent property. Patrol assisted by clearing a low hanging tree branch with a handsaw without incident.

April 5 6:09PM – Patrol received a report from Resident on the 800-blk. of Estrella Dr. who report her mailbox, and two other neighbors' mailboxes were all open and empty. The Resident spoke to her neighbor who advised that the mail theft had occurred at about 4:54pm. Patrol provided the Residents with the US Postal Service website to report the mail theft. Note: Lockable mailboxes make it harder for mail theft to occur.

April 06 4:34PM – While conducting a vacation check on the 4000-blk. of Laguna Blanca Dr., patrol noticed a blue vehicle that was not listed on the vacation form parked on the ungated property. Patrol checked and learned that the vehicle was the pet sitter's, who was listed on the vacation form and on site. Patrol added the vehicle to the vacation form.

April 7 4:17PM – Patrol received a report from the HR office that the daughter of a Resident on Via Esperanza reported that between the previous Friday and Monday morning, all of the avocados from her mother's property were picked (stolen). No camera or video footage was available, and no one was seen on the property. At this time, the suspect(s) are unknown.

April 8 8:04PM – Patrol received two reports from Residents who reported a vehicle accident at the Las Palmas and Via Cayente intersection. Patrol responded and on scene, patrol noticed the vehicle involved was a white Mercedes Benz C-Class sedan that had run off the road and was resting on

the equestrian trail. On scene was a mom and 2 juveniles who stated that their mom had lost control of the Mercedes while driving north on Las Palmas Dr. No injuries were reported. Santa Barbara County fire personnel responded, and CHP arrived shortly thereafter. Patrol noticed the Mercedes' airbags had deployed. CHP investigated the collision and upon further investigation, it appeared one of the sons - underaged and unlicensed, not the mom, had been driving the Mercedes when it crashed. The Mercedes was towed from the scene about 2 hours later. It was determined the Mercedes had been traveling northbound on the 1100/1200-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. when it failed to negotiate the bend at the mentioned intersection, crossing over the double yellow lines and into the opposite lane of traffic, then running off the road and up the embankment where it came to rest at an angle on the equestrian trail along the southbound shoulder. Patrol learned the mom was a 44-yr. old non-Ranch Resident from Santa Barbara.

April 08 9:04PM – While patrolling Las Olas, patrol noticed a vehicle parked hidden along the equestrian trail near the bridge crossing. Patrol checked and noticed 2 semi-naked people in the back seat. Soon after, an adult male came out advising he was making out with his girlfriend and that his relatives live in the Ranch. Patrol advised the male to take their activity out of the Ranch. The couple left without incident.

April 09 7:31PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Roble Dr. who reported a suspicious male and a vehicle at her gates. The Resident provided a photo of the adult male, heavy-set who parked his dark colored Honda Civic sedan (plate # visible) outside the Resident's gates and was seen walking around. Patrol responded and the vehicle was gone on arrival. Patrol checked the area and kept an eye out for the vehicle during the patrol shift, but the Honda was not seen again.

April 11 8:22AM – While patrolling Las Olas, patrol was contacted by a male with a French accent in exercise clothes who inquired about access into HR beach through the private gates. No access was provided through the private gate entrance, but patrol provided the male directions to Hendry's beach for beach access. The male was last seen on Las Palmas Dr.

April 11 10:20AM – While conducting a vacation check on the 1400-blk. of Cantera Ave., patrol found a walk-in garage door unlocked, causing the

alarm system to activate. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's Department about the accidental alarm and patrol assisted the Resident by securing the garage door prior to leaving. The Resident reset the alarm and patrol cleared without incident. Note: Please check all your doors and windows to make sure they are locked before leaving on vacation.

April 12 08:59AM – While patrolling on Marina Dr., patrol observed construction (roofing work) taking place at a residence on Marina Dr. Patrol noted the residence had not obtained prior approval from the HR Bldg. Dept. for the Saturday construction work. Patrol contacted a worker at the site and heard hammering and buzzing coming from inside the residence. Patrol issued a construction violation notice for the construction work, which was stopped. Patrol followed up with the HR Bldg. Dept.

April 12 10:50PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a loud party on Via Rosita. Patrol responded and noticed vehicles parked on both sides of the road and heard loud party noises coming from a residence on Via Rosita. Patrol spoke to the Resident hosting the party regarding the complaint and he advised patrol that the party was ending, and guests were leaving. No subsequent calls were received by patrol.

April 14 5:55PM – Patrol received a report from a resident on Via Fruteria who reported a loose chicken on the equestrian trail behind her home. It is unknown if the chicken ever made it home, but during the past month patrol received a variety of found animal calls which included a turtle (Cresta), a bearded dragon (Via Esperanza), and the usual loose/found dog calls in the Ranch. Note: With the coyote activity in the Ranch, it would be a great time to check your pet's enclosures.

April 16 8:20AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas Dr. who reported that the prior Monday at 8:30pm, she had some intruders on her property as it appeared more than one person was on her property, which was believed to have been accessed by a front gate that had been left open for a service person. The Resident advised that someone opened the door to her home and the Sheriff's Department responded and apprehended a male, who turned out to be a person the Resident was familiar with. The Resident said the male was arrested and taken to jail. Five days later, the Resident called patrol about an e-bike that had been along the front of the Resident's property for several days.

Patrol checked and found the bike, backpack and helmet on the ground. Patrol advised the Resident of the additional items, and the Resident followed up with the Sheriff's Detective that was handling the case as the bike and items may be related. Note: Security measures were discussed with the Resident to better safeguard the property.

April 20 2:06PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cuervo Ave. who reported that for the past 3 days, the neighbor had been playing loud music. Patrol followed up with the neighbor who was out of

town, but said he would call his brother-in-law, who was at home, regarding the complaint. Patrol followed up with the Resident and it was confirmed the music stopped.

April 21 10:16AM – While patrolling the 4400-blk. of Via Cayente, patrol noticed a male shoveling a large pile of gravel that spilled on the roadway from the back of a private company landscaping company truck that was parked by the pile. Patrol documented the information and alerted the HR maintenance supervisor of the spill affecting the Ranch roadway. It was reported the spill was caused by equipment malfunction on the truck. Safety cones had been deployed and the private company brought in heavy machinery to clean up the spill. The traffic lane was opened sometime later.

April 22 11:29AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Carosam Rd. who reported that she had been involved in a vehicle accident on Las Palmas Dr. and Via Laguna and inquired if the Ranch's FLOCK cameras might have recorded the accident, which could possibly be helpful to CHP who was investigating the accident. Patrol advised the Resident that unfortunately, the FLOCK cameras did not capture any images of the accident. However, patrol did assist the Resident by providing CHP with FLOCK images of the vehicle, a black Cadillac Escalade, that was involved in the accident when it entered the Ranch just before the collision. Patrol learned the Resident had made a left-hand turn from Lago onto the southbound lane of Las Palmas and the Cadillac was traveling southbound on Las Palmas when the collision took place. Both parties remained at the scene and multiple CHP units responded.

April 22 1:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Camino Medio who reported that a male was on the street pretending to be a delivery person. Patrol responded and spoke to the person, a male with a Russian accent, and confirmed he was a legitimate delivery person who had just completed his delivery.

April 25 7:47AM – While patrolling the Ranch, patrol noticed a couple of large signs staked on the ground advertising an estate sale in Campanil Hill. The signs were placed on private property and/or in an area blocking ingress and egress for roadway traffic. The signs were in place to provide a guide for shoppers heading to the sale. Patrol removed the signs and relocated them by dropping them off at the site of the sale. Patrol noted additional signs just outside Las Palmas and Marina Dr.

April 26 4:18PM – While conducting a vacation check on Lago Dr., patrol found an unlocked door leading into a room of a structure on the property. Patrol contacted the Resident who asked patrol to lock the door. Patrol returned to the home and locked the door without incident.

April 27 3:24PM – While patrolling the 900-blk. of Via Rosita, patrol found evidence of a vehicle accident as fresh skid marks were leading off the road directly into the private landscaping/vegetation. It appeared the mystery vehicle failed to negotiate the turn and veered off the road, skidding with enough force to uproot a tree stump. Based on the evidence, it appeared the vehicle would have sustained some noticeable front-end damage. The vehicle and/or the driver were never identified.

April 27 7:52PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Monte who reported passing a black Mercedes Benz parked halfway up on Estrella possibly with several people possibly smoking marijuana. Patrol checked Estrella and the Mercedes was not located. Patrol kept an eye out for the Mercedes, but it was not seen again.

May 02 10:45PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a yellow box truck parked at the Map Parcel. Patrol checked and found two males sleeping inside the truck. Patrol contacted the males, advising them they were parked on private property, and they needed to leave. The males left without incident.

May 03 8:45AM – While conducting a vacation check on Via Esperanza, patrol found an unlocked door leading into the residence, which patrol noted did not have an alarm. Patrol also noted other vulnerabilities that would make it easy to access the property. Patrol was able to reach the emergency

contact listed on the vacation form and that person responded to lock up the residence. Note: It was noted patrol has found the same residence unlocked during previous vacation checks.

May 04 12:51PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4000-blk. of Marina Dr. who reported a male on the beach not feeling well as it appeared he was overdosing. The location provided by the Resident was on the beach below the 4000-blk. of Marina, which is located along the section of county beach between HR beach and Hendry's beach. The Resident called 911 and patrol monitored the call on the Sheriff's frequency. Sheriff's units, including the Critical Incident Team (CIT) and Medics were dispatched to assist the male, who ran away after noticing the CIT deputy and other units.

May 04 1:56PM – Patrol received a report of a medical emergency call involving an equestrian who fell off their horse at the More Mesa Preserve. Sometime later, patrol received a call about two loose horses that were found on Via Roblada and under control by a Ranch Resident who is an experienced equestrian. The horses were returned to their owners who live on Via Esperanza. The condition of the Rider was unknown.

May 05 2:45PM – Patrol received a report from a realtor who reported that at one of her listings on Las Palmas Dr., someone had made entry into the residence and had gone through the closets. The realtor said nothing appeared to be missing and the "staged" items in the house were still there. The realtor said there was no forced entry found, but a hidden key, which had been left close to the front door, appeared to have been used to gain entry into the residence. It was suspected the front door was used to enter and the exit was out the back door. Patrol learned the key was the same key that came with the house, but the locks have since been re-keyed. The realtor reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department. The timeline provided by the realtor of the incident was sometime over a 3-day period. Note: Patrol discussed security measures with the realtor to better safeguard the property as several existing measures were non-

operational. Patrol provided the realtor with a vacation form, which the realtor used as an absence form while the property is on the market.

May 06 9:55AM – While conducting an absence check (vacation check) of a residence listed for sale in the Ranch (location intentionally omitted – easy to figure out), patrol found an unlocked door leading into the home, which did not have an alarm. Patrol contacted the realtor who would be there later in the day to lock the door.

May 08 2:59PM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's Department to respond to a personal panic alarm button activation at a residence in the Ranch. Patrol responded and noted there was no gate code on file to gain access onto the property. Fortunately, patrol was able to contact the Resident via the gate intercom and was advised the activation was accidental and no additional response was needed. Patrol advised the Sheriff's Dispatch of the outcome, and the call was cleared without further. Note: This a good time to remind Residents to please call patrol (805) 800-9002 and provide your front gate codes (if you have one) so patrol can gain access onto your property, should it be needed.

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Frank's Safety Tip of the Month

You may have noticed patrol was very busy during this period with a variety of calls. Safety, safety, safety should be on everyone's mind. Below are some basic /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).
- Provide HR patrol with your gate code to your property.
- 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 in to patrol. This can be done on the HR HOA website or simply call patrol, and we can get you a form. Text a picture of the form to the patrol cell phone or you can email it back to hrrpatrol@hoperanch.org.
- 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 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 avoid Porch Pirate from taking it.
- 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 you have in your home. Cut boxes down or crush them down to make them less obvious.

Important to have

- Patrol cell – 805-800-9002
- Sheriff's Dispatch – 805-683-2724
- CHP Dispatch – 805-477-4174
- 911 – In case of an emergency