

RANCH RAMBLINGS

*Hope Ranch Park Homes
Association Newsletter*

Inside the Issue

Save the Date

General Session
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 6th, 2026
3:00 PM
3820 State Street, Ste. C.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
and via Zoom
(Open to All Members)

General Session
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th, 2026
3:00 PM
3820 State Street, Ste. C.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105
and via Zoom
(Open to All Members)

Playground Grand Re-Opening
Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
11:30 AM- 1:30 PM
Hope Ranch Beach
(Check email for RSVP)
Ribbon Cutting at Noon

Table Of Contents

- President's Letter - Pg. 2
- Message from the GM - Pg. 3
- HRRTA Happenings -Pg. 4
- Security Patrol Report - Pg. 5-9
- Safety Tip of the Month - Pg. 9
- Building Department Report - Pg. 10

PHOTOS
COURTESY
OF GM

CONTACT INFO

*The Hope Ranch Park Homes
Association Office is located at:
3820 State Street, Ste. C. Santa
Barbara, CA 93105*

Samantha Bankston
General Manager
805-892-1000
GM@hoperanch.org
www.hoperanch.org

Hope Ranch Security Patrol Vehicle Cell: 805-800-9002
Text and Emails for Dispatch after hours: 805-967-8335

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Spring Renewal & Community Stewardship

Spring has arrived in Hope Ranch, bringing longer days, vibrant landscapes, and, this year especially after all the rains an abundance of vegetation growth. With that beauty comes responsibility. Vegetation across the Ranch is flourishing, now is the ideal time to thoughtfully trim, clear, and maintain our properties. Proactive vegetation management not only preserves the character and views that define our community, but also plays a critical role in reducing fire risk.

I'm pleased to share an important milestone: thanks to the dedication of our Fire and Emergency Preparedness Committee, Hope Ranch is now a recognized Firewise USA Community. This designation reflects a collective commitment to safety and preparedness. I encourage every member to notify their insurance carrier of this status, many providers recognize Firewise participation. Certificates and supporting documentation are available on our website and at the Association office.

As part of the Board's ongoing commitment to resilience, work is underway to maintain and protect some of our iconic palm trees lining Las Palmas and Marina Drives which are being carefully trimmed, with dead fronds removed to reduce fire fuel and enhance safety. In addition, La Cumbre Country Club has undertaken significant hedge trimming, helping to reduce fuel loads while opening up beautiful views of the golf course and lake for all to enjoy.

These efforts reflect what can be accomplished when we work together with a shared purpose. I encourage each of you to take part, whether by maintaining your own property, collaborating with neighbors to address view and vegetation concerns, or simply staying informed and prepared. Small, thoughtful actions taken across the community add up to meaningful impact.

Together, we can preserve the natural beauty of Hope Ranch while strengthening its safety and resilience for years to come.

Warm regards,

Adrienne Schuele
President, Hope Ranch Park Homes Association



A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

April Update:

Spring is fully underway, and I am pleased to share that we are making excellent progress on our spring initiatives.

Community Playground Project Completion:

We look forward to seeing you at the ribbon-cutting celebration Saturday May 2nd, at 11:30 AM. I am thrilled to announce the official completion of the Hope Ranch Playground project. After months of careful planning, construction, and safety reviews, the new playground is now fully open for our community's families and children to enjoy. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support throughout this process—seeing the community come together to enjoy this new space will be truly rewarding. Special gratitude is extended to the generous donors who funded the structure itself, to the maintenance crew whose hands helped prepare the site and finish with plantings, the Family Network Committee and all those who have shared their time, energy and expertise, thank you. More will be shared from that event in May's newsletter.

A Heartfelt Thank you

Donors and Volunteers

OAK - \$25,000+
Anonymous
Hope Ranch Park Homes Association

SYCAMORE - \$10,000
Joyce Gordon

ARROYO - \$5,000
The Casas Family
Maria Levitt (Maria Lantz)
Stephen Rimmer and Leslie Decker
Elizabeth Gabler
Craig and Sabina Miller

PALM - \$2,500
The Myers Family
The Eubank Family
James and Denise Taylor
Adrienne Schuele
Rosalie Benitez

CREEK - \$1,000
The Babbush Family
Nancy and Russell Werner
Clare Stedman
Vicki Behl
Patty Palmer
Wendy and David Gronsky
Deborah Hall
David and Patty Smukowski
Maddie and Declan Stanton

VOLUNTEERS
Hope Ranch Family Committee
Kristen Franz Cantor
Jannise Babbush
Amanda Casas
Paul Casas
Emily Sunderland



Palm Tree Maintenance Plan:

As you can see, palm tree trimming along our primary County roadways are in progress as of April 27th. The crews pivoted from their initial plan to start at the Las Palmas entrance to work their way inward, and instead began near Laguna Blanca School and will be working toward the Las Palmas entrance to start. We will share specific road segment schedules and minor traffic control alerts along the way via our e-blasts as crews move through the neighborhood, so please keep an eye on your inbox. A reminder, this will take approximately 6 weeks.

As always, if you have questions, feedback, or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me and the team at the office, or stop by and see us at 3820 State Street, Suite C. where we are happy to serve you. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Sam Bankston, MPA
General Manager
gm@hoperanch.org
805-892-1000
(Liza Kirkbride – Exec. Asst.)

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GM



April 2026

BEFORE



AFTER

HRRTA HAPPENINGS



PHOTOS COURTESY OF
BRENDA DETRANA
HRRTA SOCIAL CHAIR



The HRRTA Beach Picnic held on April 12, 2026 was a great success with approximately 30 people were in attendance. Everyone brought their own picnic lunch with drinks and desserts provided by HRRTA volunteers. After lunch, several members took a beach walk while others enjoyed relaxing and visiting with one another.



Sunday, June 28th:
Trail Ride, Walk, and Lunch
10:00 AM

Thursday, August 13th:
Beach Wine and Cheese
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 19th:
Trail Ride, Walk, and Lunch
10:00 AM



If interested in joining
Hope Ranch Riding and Trails
Association please
Contact Membership Chair
Patty Helberg
pattyhelberg53@gmail.com
Or join on their new website

HRRTA.WILDAPRICOT.ORG

SECURITY REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Security Supervisor

SECURITY REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Security Supervisor

March 21 5:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cuervo who reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the street. Patrol responded and noticed a brown Toyota SUV with a young couple inside that left quickly when they noticed the patrol car arriving. The Toyota was not seen again.

March 21 10:30PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a black Ford van parked in the dark at the Map Parcel parking lot on Las Palmas. Patrol illuminated the van with the patrol car's spotlight to see if the Ford was occupied, which it was. The driver turned on the Ford and left the Ranch without incident.

March 22 9:58AM – Patrol received a call from an equestrian who reported a cable line down along the equestrian trail on Las Palmas & Paloma. Patrol responded and set up safety cones on both sides of the line and called the fire department dispatch for a fire engine to respond. The fire department determined the line was not an electrical line and contacted the utility company who responded to repair their utility line.

March 22 2:05PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Bendita who reported a weedwhacker being used for 2 hours at a neighboring property. Patrol responded and located the residence where the weedwhacker was being used and spoke to the Resident about the Ranch's General Maintenance rule which allows such work Mon-Sat., 8am-5pm only. The Resident had his gardener stop the work since it was Sunday.

March 22 6:48PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported an illegal bon fire on the beach. Patrol responded to HR beach and noticed an active bon fire on the sand near More Mesa beach. Patrol contacted the Santa Barbara County Fire Department who responded to the location. The bonfire was subsequently extinguished. Patrol was provided the names of the Residents who were responsible for the bonfire. Note: Please keep in mind that illegal bonfires anywhere on the beach are not allowed. If ever needed, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department non-emergency dispatch # is 805-347-3911

March 23 9:20PM – While patrolling the 4500-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed a blue Dodge truck parked in the dark across a property in the Ranch. Patrol made a casual car-to-car contact with an adult couple who were asked to move and the Dodge left without incident.

March 25 5:20PM – While patrolling the 4000-blk. of Corta Rd., patrol noticed a boulder in the roadway near the cul-de-sac. Patrol noted the boulder appeared to have rolled off a nearby property's landscaped hill side. Patrol cleared the boulder from the road without incident.

March 25 9:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cuervo who reported a suspicious gray Ford Mustang parked near the "Y" on Cuervo and an adult male standing outside the Ford smoking. Patrol responded and checked the area but was unable to locate the Ford that left the area. Patrol kept an eye-out during the shift and the Ford was not seen again.

March 27 12:31PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 1000-blk. of Monte who reported someone from a nearby construction site was cooking on a stove on the side of the road. Patrol responded to assess the possible fire hazard and made a casual contact with a male who had a small portable stove that was off and emitting no heat as he sat near the roadway with other workers eating lunch. Patrol explained the potential fire hazard, which was understood by the workers. The stove remained off and no subsequent call(s) were received.

March 28 9:27PM – Patrol received a report from a security employee on Via Roblada who reported fireworks at or near More Mesa beach. Patrol responded to HR beach and checked for any firework activity – No fireworks were seen and/or heard. Patrol conducted an extra patrol of the beach, and it was quiet upon departure. Note: If ever needed to report firework activity, the Sheriff's non-emergency dispatch # is 805-683-2724. Please also report the fireworks to patrol, thank you.

March 31 12:00PM – Patrol received a report of a sick elephant seal at HR beach. Patrol reported the sick seal to the Channel Islands Marine Wildlife Institute (CIMWI) rescue line. A CIMWI rescue team responded to HR beach and took the malnourished seal to the CIMWI center for treatment. Note: If ever needed, the CIMWI rescue line # is 805-567-1505.

April 01 10:30AM – Patrol received a call from the SB Sheriff's Department who requested assistance with an alarm activation on the 1400-blk. of Estrella Dr. A Senior Sheriff's Deputy and patrol responded and contacted a Spanish speaking housekeeper who was working in the home. The Deputy and patrol spoke to the Resident through the smart gate intercom system and verified the alarm was accidental and the housekeeper was supposed to be on the property. Units cleared without further.

April 01 7:08PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the beach who reported a heavily intoxicated male “chest bumping” him and pushing his finger into the Resident’s chest. Patrol responded and met the Resident at HR beach. The male, about 50 years old wearing a cap, shorts, no shirt or shoes, was seen walking to the HR beach turnaround and approached patrol and attempted to get very close. Patrol placed his hand and arm out between him and the male to maintain a safe distance and asked the male not to get any closer. The male maintained his distance and patrol asked the male where he was planning to go, which the male responded with, “I’m going to hell”. Patrol advised the male that the HR beach common area was private property and directed him back to the beach. The male was uncooperative and made his way to the HR beach gates and made obscene hand gestures (middle finger) at patrol. The male made his way to Las Palmas and was creating a traffic hazard by walking in the middle of the road. Patrol contacted the SB Sheriff’s for assistance and monitored the male, who soon made his way to the patrol car, knocking on the window and attempting to open the driver’s window while stating, “I am going to kill you”. Patrol provided this information to Sheriff’s dispatch and units expedited their response to “CODE 3” (Lights and Sirens). The male was unable to open the patrol car door and went back to walking in the roadway. Soon after, when noticing the Sheriff vehicle lights approaching, the male went to the shoulder along the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. to hide from deputies, causing him to fall straight down to the creek area. Due to the poison oak, deputies were unable to conduct a further search but asked to be called if the male is seen again. Update: The following day, patrol confirmed with Sheriff’s dispatch that the male was never contacted by deputies. Patrol conducted a visual search of the creek area from the horse trail and the roadway and there were no sightings of the male. Patrol conducted a review of camera footage from the HR beach cameras and noticed the male, still wearing no shirt or shoes, came walking down from the upper parking lot to the HR beach turnaround at 06:43am (almost 12 hours later since he was last seen falling into the creek). The male was last seen leaving down to the beach after taking a towel from the turnaround. The identity of the male remains unknown.

April 07 8:00AM – While checking HR beach, patrol was flagged down by a Resident who reported a nude male acting erratic by More Mesa beach. Patrol provided the Resident with the direct # to the SB Sheriff’s dispatch so the Resident can report and provide a firsthand account of what he witnessed as dispatch would follow up questions for him. The Resident called the Sheriff’s and several units, including the Critical Incident Team, responded to HR beach and walked towards More Mesa. Units were unable to locate the male on the beach. One female beachgoer believed the male was possibly the same “crazy” guy from another similar report.

April 07 1:35PM – While patrolling Roble near Llano, Patrol noticed a male with a black motorcycle on the edge of the road at the bend along the northbound lane on Roble. The male asked patrol for help pulling up his motorcycle back onto the roadway from the ditch. Patrol asked the male if he had any injuries and if he needed an ambulance. The male said he did not have any injuries and did not need an ambulance. Patrol used the patrol unit for traffic control and learned from the male that he had “fishtailed” and the motorcycle fell from under him. The male said some wetness on the road may have been the reason – The male believed it was oil. Patrol checked the fluid and it was not oil and was drying up. Patrol assisted the male and the motorcycle was relocated to a safer location on Llano. The male was identified as a 26 yr. old from the Bay who lives in Santa Barbara. The male did not require a CHP report and left riding on his motorcycle.

April 08 4:07PM – Patrol received several reports from Residents on Marina who reported a shirtless homeless male walking on Marina into the Ranch. Patrol responded and located the male resting with his back to traffic dangerously close the edge of the road on Las Palmas near Via Bendita. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact and learned the male was enroute to the La Cumbre shopping area. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen exiting the Ranch out Las Palmas Dr.

April 11 10:36PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a homeless male with a blue blanket/sleeping bag walking in the dark northbound on the edge of the roadway. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with the male to see if he needed any assistance, but he said he was fine. The male was enroute to the gas station. Patrol monitored and the male was last seen exiting out Las Palmas.

April 16 07:43AM – While patrolling the 1200-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a gold Nissan sedan with Washington plates parked on the shoulder. Patrol noticed the person in the driver’s seat appeared to be laying down and noted the Nissan had personal items inside. Patrol made a casual car-to-car contact with the female driver to see if any assistance was needed – The female advised she had spilled her coffee and was cleaning it up. The female left soon after.

April 16 5:27PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male on the ground next to the horse trail between the fire gates along Vieja Dr west of Via Hierba and east of Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and noticed a homeless male sleeping on the ground and patrol made a casual contact on foot. The male advised he was just taking a nap. Patrol advised the male he was on private property and needed to leave, which he did without incident. The male was last seen walking towards the Modoc Preserve area.

April 19 6:10PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male sleeping in a vegetated area next to the electrical box just outside and close to the Via Huerto fire gate. The Resident also called the Sheriff’s Department who responded and contacted the male who left the area, leaving his items behind. The following day a Resident reported a homeless male at HR beach playing with the water hose. Patrol checked the area remotely with the HR beach cameras and noticed the male had left the common area (private property), walking towards the beach. Patrol received a subsequent call about the male on the beach. While conducting a beach check, patrol noticed the male was rising himself with the hose in front of the women’s restroom. Patrol made casual contact on foot with a short haired male who was on the common area in front of the locker structure, but the male did respond as he walked back to the beach. Patrol advised the male it was private property and a sign is posted. The male gathered his belonging and left west on the sand towards More Mesa beach. Update: While patrol units were following up on the items left behind at the Via Huerto fire gate, the same male from the earlier call at HR beach arrived at the Via Huerto fire gate and it was determined the items were his. Patrol had assessed the area for any potential fire/cooking danger, scale of encampment etc. for a possible report to the appropriate agency – No flammables, etc. were present. Patrol advised the male it was private property and he gathered his belongings and cleared out. The following day at 08:07am, patrol was advised by a Resident that a homeless male was under the locker cabana structure awning. Patrol responded and noted it was the same homeless male from the past 2 days. The male had items scattered on the walkway under the awning. The male gathered his belongings when he noticed the patrol car pull up and left walking in the rain towards More Mesa beach. Patrol reviewed the beach camera footage and noted the male had earlier picked up some shoes from the lost & found box and had gone to the kayak area, returning with a blue foam surfboard. Note: The shoes and surfboard were left behind and not taken by the male when he left. Based on the frequent visits by the male, patrol conducted extra patrols of HR beach and checked activity remotely with the beach cameras. Ultimately, the male has not been seen back in the Ranch.

SECURITY REPORT CONTINUED...



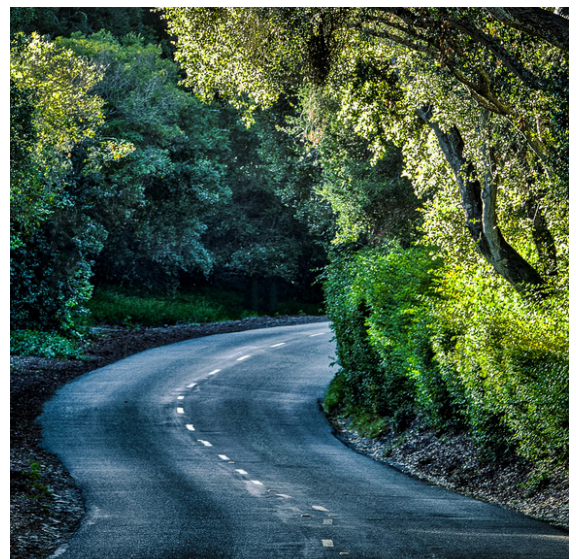
April 22 9:37AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Tranquila who reported someone laying down on the woodchipped bridle trail section of the traffic island on Via Tranquila & Via Esperanza. Patrol responded and noted a male laying down and sleeping on the bridle trail next to the roadway. Patrol made a casual contact on foot with the male who woke up, and patrol checked to see if he was okay – The male said he was just getting out of the sun. The male was enroute to Goleta from Santa Barbara and did not appear to be familiar with the area. Patrol gave the male directions out the Ranch and monitored until he exited out Via Tranquila. Update: The male has subsequently been seen by patrol on State Street with a blanket.

April 23 10:51AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported smoke from the bluff along Marina and fire personnel on scene. Patrol responded and assisted the fire department with access to a property on Alisa Ln. where heavy smoke was visible. Fire personnel from both Santa Barbara City and County Fire Departments responded to the bluff for a vegetation fire. It was determined that an underground PVC drainage pipe on the bluff caught fire in the natural solfatara, a unique geological phenomenon caused by vent(s) in the bluffs that release heat, steam and sulfurous gases due to the underlying rock formations. Patrol received photos of the burning pipe and shared them with fire personnel. The HR beach gates were opened for fire personnel for beach access and several fire crews staged at the beach parking lot. Both patrol and the HR office took several calls from concerned Residents, and the Ranch General Manager emailed the Ranch Members an update on the fire. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department drone was launched to assess the fire and by 2:00pm, fire crews had stopped the fire from spreading. No structures were threatened but the smell of the smoke was reported as far away as Via Esperanza. Note: Back on August 20th, 2024, a drainpipe also caught fire in the same general area, causing a fire department response.

April 25 11:17AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and noticed a male standing inside the fenced parking area of Laguna Blanca School along Las Palmas Dr. Patrol noticed the male was standing in place, waving his hands. Patrol requested the Sheriff's for assistance and made a casual contact on foot. Patrol learned from the male that he was meditating and was enroute to Cliff Dr. Ultimately, the male left the Ranch out Las Palmas without incident. Patrol cancelled the Sheriff's response.

April 25 11:30AM – Patrol received a couple reports from Residents reporting a black Dodge SUV with New York plates parked in front of the USPS mailbox on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and knocked on the window and woke up a sleeping young adult female who had her car filled with personal belongings. Patrol made a casual contact and learned the female was traveling from New York and was heading towards the Mesa in Santa Babara. Patrol checked if the female needed assistance and she said she did not. Patrol gave the female directions and she left without incident.

April 27 2:06PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male with a blanket setting up on Las Palmas Dr. and Via Bendita. Both patrol units responded and located a male with a shopping cart who had laid out a blanket and a pillow on the ground along the woodchipped bridle trail parallel to the roadway. Patrol noted the area is shaded, making it less visible and dangerous as emergency ingress and egress to and from the roadway was obstructed if needed for vehicular traffic. Patrol noted the shopping car had personal items including sticks and a golf club. Patrol also noticed a smoking device on the pillow that was on the blanket. Patrol made a casual contact on foot and learned the male was enroute to Stockton, where he is originally from. Patrol provided directions north and monitored the male's progress in the Ranch. Ultimately, the male exited out Las Palmas and was later seen by an off-duty patrol staff member crossing the street on upper State Street.



SECURITY REPORT CONTINUED...

April 27 4:50PM – Patrol received several reports from Residents reporting a vehicle accident on Las Palmas Dr. between Via Cayente and Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and located an unoccupied white Lexus sedan that was found on the hill side facing the wrong direction with the front passenger side corner partially obstructing the southbound lane. Patrol was advised the driver of the Lexus, a young male, was last seen running away from the scene. Patrol called CHP for assistance and soon after, an adult female (Mom) and a young male (Son - driver) arrived at the scene. 2 CHP units arrived to investigate further. CHP conducted field sobriety tests on the male driver, and he was found not to be under the influence. Patrol assisted CHP with traffic control and a tow truck arrived and towed the Lexus away. Based on the skid marks at the scene, it appeared the Lexus was traveling southbound on Las Palmas, then lost control, causing it to spin around and run off the road up the hill side in reverse. The roadway was reopened and patrol cleared from the scene.

April 22 9:37AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Tranquila who reported someone laying down on the woodchipped bridle trail section of the traffic island on Via Tranquila & Via Esperanza. Patrol responded and noted a male laying down and sleeping on the bridle trail next to the roadway. Patrol made a casual contact on foot with the male who woke up, and patrol checked to see if he was okay – The male said he was just getting out of the sun. The male was enroute to Goleta from Santa Barbara and did not appear to be familiar with the area. Patrol gave the male directions out the Ranch and monitored until he exited out Via Tranquila. Update: The male has subsequently been seen by patrol on State Street with a blanket.

April 23 10:51AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported smoke from the bluff along Marina and fire personnel on scene. Patrol responded and assisted the fire department with access to a property on Alisa Ln. where heavy smoke was visible. Fire personnel from both Santa Barbara City and County Fire Departments responded to the bluff for a vegetation fire. It was determined that an underground PVC drainage pipe on the bluff caught fire in the natural solfatara, a unique geological phenomenon caused by vent(s) in the bluffs that release heat, steam and sulfurous gases due to the underlying rock formations. Patrol received photos of the burning pipe and shared them with fire personnel. The HR beach gates were opened for fire personnel for beach access and several fire crews staged at the beach parking lot. Both patrol and the HR office took several calls from concerned Residents, and the Ranch General Manager emailed the Ranch Members an update on the fire. The Santa Barbara County Fire Department drone was launched to assess the fire and by 2:00pm, fire crews had stopped the fire from spreading. No structures were threatened but the smell of the smoke was reported as far away as Via Esperanza. Note: Back on August 20th, 2024, a drainpipe also caught fire in the same general area, causing a fire department response.

April 25 11:17AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and noticed a male standing inside the fenced parking area of Laguna Blanca School along Las Palmas Dr. Patrol noticed the male was standing in place, waving his hands. Patrol requested the Sheriff's for assistance and made a casual contact on foot. Patrol learned from the male that he was meditating and was enroute to Cliff Dr. Ultimately, the male left the Ranch out Las Palmas without incident. Patrol cancelled the Sheriff's response.

April 25 11:30AM – Patrol received a couple reports from Residents reporting a black Dodge SUV with New York plates parked in front of the USPS mailbox on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and knocked on the window and woke up a sleeping young adult female who had her car filled with personal belongings. Patrol made a casual contact and learned the female was traveling from New York and was heading towards the Mesa in Santa Babara. Patrol checked if the female needed assistance and she said she did not. Patrol gave the female directions and she left without incident.

April 27 2:06PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male with a blanket setting up on Las Palmas Dr. and Via Bendita. Both patrol units responded and located a male with a shopping cart who had laid out a blanket and a pillow on the ground along the woodchipped bridle trail parallel to the roadway. Patrol noted the area is shaded, making it less visible and dangerous as emergency ingress and egress to and from the roadway was obstructed if needed for vehicular traffic. Patrol noted the shopping car had personal items including sticks and a golf club. Patrol also noticed a smoking device on the pillow that was on the blanket. Patrol made a casual contact on foot and learned the male was enroute to Stockton, where he is originally from Patrol provided directions north and monitored the male's progress in the Ranch. Ultimately, the male exited out Las Palmas and was later seen by an off-duty patrol staff member crossing the street on upper State Street.

April 27 4:50PM – Patrol received several reports from Residents reporting a vehicle accident on Las Palmas Dr. between Via Cayente and Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and located an unoccupied white Lexus sedan that was found on the hill side facing the wrong direction with the front passenger side corner partially obstructing the southbound lane. Patrol was advised the driver of the Lexus, a young male, was last seen running away from the scene. Patrol called CHP for assistance and soon after, an adult female (Mom) and a young male (Son - driver) arrived at the scene. 2 CHP units arrived to investigate further. CHP conducted field sobriety tests on the male driver, and he was found not to be under the influence. Patrol assisted CHP with traffic control and a tow truck arrived and towed the Lexus away. Based on the skid marks at the scene, it appeared the Lexus was traveling southbound on Las Palmas, then lost control, causing it to spin around and run off the road up the hill side in reverse. The roadway was reopened and patrol cleared from the scene.

SECURITY REPORT CONTINUED...

April 28 8:06AM – While patrolling the HR beach parking lot, patrol noticed a male walking in the parking lot in the direction of the patrol car. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with the male who advised that he was injured, not feeling well and mentioned something about his back. The male looked uncomfortable and patrol asked if he wanted an ambulance – The male said he did. The male complained about abdominal pain and pain in the groin area, which he had felt before. Patrol requested an ambulance to the scene. Patrol learned the male had walked from the More Mesa steps. The male laid down on the ground, which seemed to help. The male had left several personal items (bag, backpack, sleeping bag) at the turnaround and a Ranch Resident offered to bring them up to the parking lot. The male advised he had a bad hernia and had struck by a vehicle at some point in the past. The 46 yr. old male was ultimately transported by AMR ambulance to the hospital.

April 28 7:48PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless male pushing a shopping cart on Roble towards Las Palmas. Patrol responded and located a male on Las Palmas near Las Olas. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact and learned the male was lost and needed directions. The patrol assisted the male who was last seen walking northbound on Las Palmas Dr. heading towards the Ranch exit.

---end of patrol report---

FRANK'S SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the 2026 Summer beach season just around the corner and more sand on the beach, we are anticipating an increase in visitors to Hope Ranch Beach than in recent years. You may remember that last year's 4th of July celebration came with some Residents using dangerous and illegal high-grade fireworks at the Hope Ranch Beach.

California has zero tolerance for the sale and use of illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks include: Skyrockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers, other fireworks that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner. As a reminder, fireworks of any kind, including "Safe and Sane" (Sparklers, fountains, etc.) are illegal in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County – this includes Hope Ranch and the beach.

Violating the California State Fireworks Law and possession or using dangerous fireworks is generally a misdemeanor, with some exceptions, and can face up to 1 year in jail and a fine up to \$1000 or both.

Possession of large amounts of fireworks increases the penalty. Supplying dangerous fireworks to minors is also a misdemeanor. Parents are also liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks. Remember, fireworks spark fires.

Patrol will be on high alert in the Ranch for any reports of fireworks. Please report any fireworks activity immediately. To make a report, please first call: 805-683-2724 - Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Dispatch, then 805-800-9002 – Hope Ranch Security Patrol. 911 in case of an emergency. Thank you and have a great Summer.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

First Quarter Report - Project Checklist

4030 Sonriente Rd. - Accessory Structures
4110 Creciente Dr. - Addition
880 Estrella Dr. - Remodel/Addition/Garage/ADU
980 Via Tranquila - ADU
4653 Via Huerto - New Residence
4400 Via Esperanza - Remodel/Addition/Garage/ADU
1530 Roble Dr. - Pickleball Court
4161 Crec. Dr. - Remodel
1011 Estrella Dr. - ADU
4475 Via Abrigada - New Residence
4343 Marina Dr. - New Residence/ADU
4609 Via Bendita - Tennis court/Landscape
4101 Mariposa Dr. - New Residence/Pool
4340 Via Glorieta - Remodel/Addition
4662 Via Roblada - Gate and Driveway
800 Carosam - Remodel/ADU
4210 Llano Ave. - Sports Court
4630 Via Vistosa - ADU
4630 Via Vistosa - Remodel
985 Las Palmas Dr. - Art Studio/Pool/Landscape
501 Via Sinuosa - ADU/Deck
4589 Vieja Dr. - Remodel/Addition
4212 Cresta Ave. - ADU/Garage

4683 Via Roblada - New Residence
4295 Mariposa Dr. - Gate
4220 Mariposa Dr. - Pool Cabana/ADU/Landscape
585 Las Palmas Dr. - New Residence/ADU/Pool
609 Via Tranquila - New Residence
700 Via Hierba - Remodel/Addition/Pool Cabana
4205 Mariposa Dr.- Remodel/Addtn./Cabana/Barn
4655 Via Huerto - New Residence/ADU
4665 Via Huerto - Landscape
4640 Via Bendita - Landscape
4625 Via Carretas - New Residence/Guest House/etc.

Sergio's Fun Facts:

- 43 Projects currently in the planning process.
- 38 Projects currently in the building/construction stages.
- 32 permits issued.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MISAEL REYES
HOPE RANCH PATROL