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RANCH RAMBLINGS DECEMBER 2022 ISSUE

Message from the President

On behalf of the Hope Ranch Board of Directors, the Office staff, the ABR staff, the Hope Ranch Patrol staff, our Ranch Maintenance Crew, and that one guy who always seems to be hanging around, we would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

This has been a busy year for the Ranch and your Board, with many items on every monthly agenda, a few of which I would like to tell you more about, below. The Board and the Office staff has enjoyed working for you this year and looks forward to another year of helping make the Ranch a more enjoyable place to live, accomplished in part by updating our procedures and programs as the changing times require. Please note that what is discussed and voted upon in open meetings, with Member input, is recorded in the Minutes of the Monthly Board of Directors Meetings and Monthly Board of Directors ABR Meetings, which can be found on the website. We encourage our Members to review them at their leisure and contact us if you have any questions.

Before I delve somewhat in-depth into the matters below, please also know that we are scheduling a Town Hall in early January with Laguna Blanca to discuss the traffic situation and Laguna Blanca's other upcoming plans for the future; we will keep you posted.

The following are synopses of several issues that have come to the forefront in the last year, which we would like to tell you about, and advise that more information will be provided as their details develop.

View and Vegetation Issues Some of the recurring issues in the Ranch are issues that arise between neighbors, from view issues to property fence encroachments. Most of these issues are addressed in our Building Guidelines, and some are not. If there is an issue that does not fall within the direct purview of the View Committee, what your current Board does is offer to get together with the Members, usually both, but sometimes just one, and see if we can find some kind of resolution, either by working together to

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DECEMBER 13TH

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3:30 PM 3820 STATE

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3820 STATE ST

DECEMBER 22-26

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2, 2023

Office Closed

JANUARY 3, 2023

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compromise, or by investigating the issue, checking our CC&Rs and Building Guidelines, and informing a Member when and if they are in fact incorrect about a position, and try to work towards a resolution. Many of you have taken part in these coffee get-togethers and we hope you have found them beneficial. If anyone has any issues or just something they would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the office to inquire. Also, this is a great way for me to get free coffee.

Of particular note for future action by the Board, and what is one of the most important long-existing issues in the Ranch, is view encroachment by existing vegetation and trees, and prospective encroachments by new planting and construction. There was a recent, albeit years-long view encroachment dispute that actually went to court, and as the Court ruled in the Tentative Decision (we do not have the Final Decision) that there was no 'prevailing party,' both sides were responsible for just over and under half a million dollars in legal fees. The unfortunate part is that the Court's decision for what to do with the trees and vegetation at issue, with a few variations, was essentially the same thing the Ranch's View Committee recommended the parties do.

Your current Board realized that the View and Vegetation Obstruction Procedures in the Ranch's Building Guidelines contain about 6 pages of procedures that.... really get you nowhere, and that resolutions can be accomplished in a much easier manner. So, we are working with counsel to streamline what the Ranch and the View Committee can help with, with much less verbiage, and I am telling you this as somebody who used to charge by the word! We will be sending the new drafts out to the Membership for a 28-day comment period, so please make your voice and opinions known, and reach out to us with any questions. While the Ranch does not currently have civil authority to compel the Members to act in the way the View Committee may decide, we are working with counsel to see if there are ways to enforce an agreement to negate the need to seek judicial relief.

Our new procedures will be easier, and we will do everything we can to help the parties reach a resolution, but if we are unsuccessful, the ultimate step would be to go to court, but you would have had less hoops to jump through. Of course, as was described in the preceding paragraphs, the courts will likely rule the same way the View Committee would normally suggest, so we hope you will avail yourself of the Committee's services if you have issues that you cannot resolve as neighbors.

Palm Trees We have noticed that the growth of palm trees has become a major issue lately. A lot of palm trees that were planted in the last 20-30 years have started to grow into neighboring view corridors, resulting in disputes between neighbors over the issues of trimming or removing palm trees. This issue can become more complicated when a new Member buys a property with a view impeded by a neighboring palm tree or palm trees, or a Member buys a property with an existing palm tree or trees that may be

impeding someone else's view and is immediately met with a request or a demand that the tree(s) be trimmed or removed. What is problematic here is the analysis of whose rights may be superior to whose, and also, the age-old issue of how do you trim a palm tree? While the underside of a palm tree may be trimmed or thinned out, and the top of a palm tree may be thinned out on the sides, it is problematic, if not impossible, to 'lower' a palm tree in the same way you can lower an oak or similar-type tree by reshaping it and trimming from the top down. The other issues concern new plans for homes that want to plant palm trees, which may lead to these issues arising again, 20-30 years after current plans are approved.

With all that in mind, the Ranch will be interviewing arborists to see about engaging them for their palm tree expertise in trimming, planning, and site line observations for new or existing landscaping plans, to hopefully resolve current issues and negate future sightline problems. Please note again that any new plans will be distributed to the Membership for a 28-day comment period, where everyone's thoughts, questions and comments will be taken into consideration before any new procedures are put in place. When the proposed procedures are distributed for comments and suggestions, please take advantage of your opportunity to make your voice heard in helping shape the way your Ranch preserves views and facilitates the enjoyment of new properties.

Radar Speed Signs. We are ordering the Radar Speed Signs we spoke about in the October Ranch Ramblings, which will flash the speed of the vehicles as they come into range of the signs. These signs have a track record of slowing traffic down when motorists see their speed posted, and the Patrol will be parking by the signs during high traffic periods. Hopefully, the legislation discussed in the October Ramblings will pass, and the Ranch may ultimately be included in the areas that can issue traffic citations through these signs, to keep our roads safer.

Office Relocation. Try as we might, sometimes the word just does not get out accurately, and misinformation takes root. When the Ranch informed the Membership that our current work load and the resulting paperwork, storage and manpower needs necessitated a larger work space, and that La Cumbre Mutual Water Company needed to expand their office space, and we put forth the issue of a vote to allow for a long term lease, some people commented and continued to do so by saying that instead of moving, the Ranch should work out its issues with La Cumbre Water. As we discussed with the Membership, there are no issues between our two organizations, we both simply need to expand our respective workspaces. While we did not receive enough ballots to obtain the necessary votes to authorize a lease term of greater than 12 months, the returned ballots were 304-88 authorizing a long-term lease, so if enough Member ballots had been returned, the pattern in favor would likely have been sufficient. Accordingly, the Ranch

signed a 12-month lease on a new, larger, and better equipped location, which it is allowed to do, and the Ranch will likely bring the matter before the Membership in the future to be able to secure more favorable lease terms, or perhaps consider the Boy Scout building in the future, should it become available. As it stands, the cost to each member for the new location will be approximately \$45.00 per year. We will be holding an open house in January, and the Office staff would love to see you there!

Well, this month's Message also contained a lot of verbiage, so old habits die hard, but I thank you again for reading. I wish you again a happy holiday season, and on behalf of the Board, we look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year!

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



**Happy
New Year!**

Message from the General Manager

It is hard to believe that we are already in December. It seems the years go by faster, the busier we are. It feels like I just started here a few months ago, not 18 months ago. In that short amount of time some things have changed (hopefully for the better). I hope you will agree.

Of course, the biggest change of 2022 was the relocation of the Ranch staff office. The physical move will take place after IT gets in and wires us up for computers and phones, furniture gets delivered, and historical boxes get catalogued. Patrol will move in on the 27th and the rest of the staff the 28th-30th. We will be officially open on January 2, 2023 but we will hold our December ABR and regular Board meeting at the new building conference room. I am planning to hold an open house to the members after the January 24, 2023, regular board meeting. Please save the date so you can join us and share a toast our new location. Please note the new address and phone number can be found on the bottom of the black margin on page 2 of this newsletter.

HOLIDAY FUND 2022

As a reminder, this is the time of year to show your appreciation to the 15 hardworking and loyal employees who make up the staff, maintenance crew, and patrol with a holiday donation. For those of you newer to the Ranch, you may be interested to know how the funds are distributed, who decides who gets what, and how much should one give? To answer those questions, the funds are distributed based on tenure, with amounts determined by the GM (who is excluded from the fund). The donation checks are mailed directly to Ross Morgan and remain anonymous, and the amount you give is a private decision. Perhaps knowing better how it works will give you a better feel for what to donate. **Please be sure to make your donation by December 16th.** We have envelopes to send them to Ross Morgan in our office if you need to pick one up.

2023 MAINTENANCE GOALS

I recently sat down with our field maintenance supervisor, Christian Rodriguez, to review the 2023 goals for the department. In addition to the annual road work, maintenance will start tackling the drains on Estrella, Tranquila and Via Bendita. These locations have drains that need repair/replacement based on the camera scoping we did in 2021. There is a line item in the reserves of \$100K for this project. We can do the work in-house and make a big dent in upgrading our infrastructure next year.

There is also work to be done down at the beach restrooms which includes upgrading some plumbing lines and replacing the septic tank (which has been delayed due to supply chain issues). We also need to come up with a more permanent solution for the safe passage from the ramp to the sand due to high tides. We are expecting more of the same for next year, so maintenance has been tasked with bringing me some ideas after the new year that we can brainstorm well before the spring and summer season. One idea we are looking at is expanding the pathway of the bridle trail to the sand to make it more readily accessible to members to get to the sand when the ramps are not an option. I have also asked the Board about adding a fob entry system to the restrooms. They take a beating during the summer months and are many times used and abused by non-members. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

BIKER RIDERS-JOGGERS-AND DOG WALKERS OH MY!

The office recently received a call about joggers on Las Palmas and the need for drivers to slow down and give them the right of way. I would add bikers and dog walkers to that list as well. As a newly minted dog owner, I am always concerned and aware when walking my dog on the County roads. I much prefer our feeder streets (or the beach) as they are less traveled. I know when I am driving around the Ranch, I see bike riders and joggers all the time. Navigating the road to give them enough room and slowing down while also making sure no one comes up too fast behind me can be quite a feat. The point is that as a driver you must be cautious and as a bike rider, jogger, or dog walker you must be aware of your surroundings. That's called "situational awareness." While I understand that on the County roads, the riders and joggers may not be our residents, it just means that we have to be more careful than they may be. Thank you.



Hope your holidays are Happy!

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (11.30.22)

CONCEPTUAL (15)

SSST Hold.	4691 Via Roblada
Arteaga	4235 Cresta Ave.
Cartagena	1060 Monte Dr.
Antonova	4403 Via Abrigada
Lowe	4121Creciente Dr.
Newton	4343 Marina Dr.
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Pasquinelli	4055 Mariposa Drive
Shefflin	4135 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Newcombe	14452 Via Esperanza
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta
Berar	4629 Via Roblada
Sorensen	4220 Mariposa

PRELIMINARY (6)

Wong	4512 Via Huerto
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Benz	4660 Via Huerto
Goldberg	1475 Cantera
Arntz	1489 Cantera
Sidhu	4101 Mariposa
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive

FINAL (7)

Cuttcliffe	410 Via Dichosa
Salvione	777 Via Airosa

La Cumbre CC	4015 Via Laguna
Barrett Properties	450 Via Dichosa
Miskulin	915 Camino Medio
Stewart	4045 Marina
Arena Property Hldgs	4045 Cuervo



PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Patrol Supervisor

September 05 10:45PM – While on routine patrol of Las Palmas Dr., Patrol noticed a white Toyota sedan parked with the lights off at the mailbox turnaround. Patrol contacted a couple who were sleeping inside the car. Patrol learned the couple were non-Ranch Residents who had no legitimate business in the Ranch. The couple left without incident.

September 06 12:32PM – While patrolling the 1400-blk. of Cantera Ave., patrol noticed several bridge trail parking violations involving 3 vehicles, including a large box truck. One of the vehicles was also blocking access to a fire hydrant. Patrol contacted landscapers at a property, which did have some available parking. The vehicles were relocated without incident. Note: Please do not allow parking of Landscaping or Construction vehicles/equipment on the bridge trails. Thank you.

September 07 10:52AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident reporting a homeless female with a bright red coat on Las Palmas. Patrol contacted the female along the S-curves on Las Palmas and gave her directions to the Mesa area in Santa Barbara. The female was last seen in the direction of the Marina exit gate. -See next entry

September 08 08:57AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a female in a red sweatshirt, possibly defecating on the side of the road along the 4400-blk. of Marina Dr. Patrol contacted the female on Marina & Alisa Ln. and recognized her from the contact the previous day. Patrol learned the female was making her way back to the La Cumbre area from the beach and she had stopped to urinate along the side of the road on Marina. Patrol monitored the female's progress along the county road and after stopping for a break, she was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit. The female has not been seen since.

September 08 10:30PM – While patrolling Las Palmas at Lago, patrol noticed a tote bag on the side of the road. Inside the tote were several personal belongings, including a wallet with credit cards, cash, a female's ID, and a Canon camera with a contact number on it. Patrol contacted the owner who was happy to collect her found items.

September 09 08:39AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person on Las Palmas by Lago. Patrol located a male, in soiled clothing, along the 400-blk. of Las Palmas who appeared to be getting ready to urinate on a hedge along the edge of the roadway. The male noticed the patrol car and continued walking. The male asked patrol for a ride, which was declined. The male exited out the Las Palmas exit and was last seen walking along the La Cumbre bridge.

September 10 4:04PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported the theft of a package from her front gate. Cameras on the driveway gates captured a white Nissan Maxima pull up and a male exit out, taking the package. The Resident provided a description of the vehicle and a partial plate number. Patrol checked the Flock license plate reader cameras and was able to locate imaged of the Nissan, including a plate #, which was shared with the Sheriff's department. The Resident filed a report with the Sheriff's. Disposition of the Sheriff's case is unkn.

September 12 10:00AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a white van with rust on it parked along the 800-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. Patrol located a white Dodge panel van, occupied by a lone male driver. Patrol contacted the driver and learned he used to be a Ranch Resident and had just pulled over to send an email before an appointment in the Ranch. The male soon left without incident.

September 13 2:12PM – While patrolling the county road from Roble to the 900-blk. of Las Palmas Dr.,

patrol noticed a considerable amount of county roadway signs that appeared to have been struck by paintballs. Patrol contacted the county public works department who handled the cleanup.

September 16 11:51AM – While at the patrol office, patrol heard a fire engine siren in the area. Patrol learned medical personnel were responding to the 4200-blk of Marina Dr. for a vehicle accident. On scene was a SB county fire engine and an AMR ambulance, with a single vehicle accident involving a white Ford Crown Victoria (Old police cruiser) vs. a palm tree. Medical personnel were treating the female driver of the Ford, who had sustained abrasions to her left arm and had to self-extricate out of the Ford's window. Patrol provided traffic control and 2 CHP units arrived soon after. CHP investigated the collision, which according to the female, was caused when a vehicle (No longer on scene) had crossed a bit into her lane on Marina from Estrella, while she traveled west on Marina. The female said she went around the vehicle to avoid a collision, but she ended up colliding into the palm tree, causing major front-end damage to the Ford and the airbags also deployed. The Ford was towed away and the private landscaping / irrigation by the palm tree was inspected for possible damage. Note: Patrol made CHP aware of previous incident(s) involving the Ford.

September 16 1:20PM – While at the HR office, patrol noticed a USPS mail carrier vehicle stationary at the driveway entrance. Office staff advised the mail carrier vehicle had collided with the automatic gate. Patrol deployed safety cones along Via Tranquila and checked in with the driver who declined medical attention. USPS management responded and the mail carrier vehicle was cleared soon after. It was noted the gate had some paint markings and the gate pillar appeared to have a slight bend inward.

September 17 2:00PM – Patrol received a report from an equestrian on Via Roblada who reported a male with a long beard, possibly a transient, was seen

earlier walking along the trail on Via Fruteria and Via Esperanza. Patrol checked the area and kept an eye out during the patrol shift, but the male was not located. No subsequent call(s)/sighting(s) were reported.

September 19 2:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Laguna Blanca Dr. about a Prowling incident that occurred the day before. A camera system on the property captured several subjects looking into the home and then leaving. The Resident discovered the video footage the next day and alerted patrol and the Sheriff's department. When the Resident returned home the following day, she discovered forced entry into her home had been made. Ransacking was discovered to a specific area of the home. The Sheriff's took a criminal report and based on the timeline from the surveillance footage, patrol was able to narrow down a FLOCK (License plate reader cameras) search to a possible suspect vehicle. Patrol shared the info with the Sheriff's department who further investigated the matter. No items of value appeared to have been stolen. However, the forced entry into the home caused damage that would have to be repaired. Safety note: A common pattern in cases involving force entry where jewelry is the target, is a focused search by the perpetrator(s) of master bedrooms and primary closets – A usual location where items of value, such as jewelry, etc., are kept. In some cases, other areas of the home have been left untouched. Keep this in mind....

September 19 11:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Fruteria who reported a suspicious vehicle in the nearby orchard. Patrol located a young couple laying in the back of a truck trying to have some "Alone time." Patrol learned the female was a Ranch Resident. The couple left the area without incident.

September 21 12:44PM – Patrol received a report from the HR office regarding a Resident on Cuervo who reported finding her upstairs patio French

doors open for the second time in a matter of days. An interior chain holding the doors together was not breached, so no entry was made. The Resident found the matter suspicious and would be installing cameras as a safety measure. No subsequent incident(s) have been reported.

September 22 1:23PM – While patrolling Via Bendita and Via Huerto (West end), patrol noticed a male with a backpack sitting on the ground along the shoulder of a private residence. Patrol contacted the male and learned he was part of a work crew working across the street. The male was waiting for his boss to pick him up.

September 22 9:45PM – While checking the fire gate by the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed a blue Mazda SUV back-in and blocking the fire gate. Patrol noticed a young couple, partially undressed, in the back seat who said they were, "Talking." Patrol advised them to leave the Ranch, which they did without incident.

September 22 22:35PM – While patrolling the 4100-blk. of Marina Dr., patrol noticed an opened box (Package) on the side of the road. The box was empty and had a Roble address on it. Patrol followed up with the Resident listed on the box and after checking surveillance footage, it was discovered a white Toyota Camry pulled up to the front gate, a male passenger exited out and take the package. Patrol followed up and checked the Flock (License plate reader cameras), which produced images of the Toyota, including the plate #. Flock information was shared with the Sheriff's department. Patrol suggested for the owner of the package to file a report with the Sheriff's.

September 25 11:55AM – Patrol received a report of a bicyclist down on the 1000-blk. of Estrella, with medics and the fire department on their way. Patrol checked the area and found a blue bike, a backpack on the ground, and blood scattered down the

driveway towards a residence. Patrol heard a male making agonizing sounds behind the brush and he came out limping, holding a blood-soaked shirt against his head. The male had difficulty breathing and he believed he had broken some ribs. The male had sustained road abrasions and some deep road rash cuts. Emergency personnel arrived and the male was stabilized. Patrol conducted traffic control and the male was transported to the hospital via AMR ambulance. Update: Subsequently, patrol received 2 separate calls about a male with a blue bike that had reportedly trespassed as he had been seen on surveillance cameras at 2 separate properties in the Ranch. Both locations had video footage of the male with a blue bike, which was the same one from the accident scene. Based on the timeline of the surveillance cameras and the time of the accident, it was determined the same male with the blue bike was first spotted by surveillance cameras on a property on Via Esperanza, where the male was seen trying to (unsuccessfully) gain access into a property through 2 locked walk-in gates. The male was then seen on video at a construction site on Monte, walking onto the site with his blue bike. Sometime later, patrol responded to the accident site on Estrella. Both property owners were made aware of the circumstances, and it was suggested to contact the Sheriff's to file a report. However, patrol contacted the Sheriff's department with the collected info, which was shared with station staff. Subsequently, the male was spoken to and his explanation for being in the Ranch was that he had been chased by gang members and was trying to hide. The male was advised not to return to HR without legitimate business or he would be subject to Trespassing. Note: It was noted the bike did not have brakes. The male reported having a concussion and 2 broken ribs as a result of the accident.

September 29 4:20PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Dichosa who reported and unknown male walking around his property, a construction site and a gray truck parked nearby.

Patrol responded and noted the truck had Michigan plates. Patrol contacted the male and learned he is a worker for the construction company working on the property and he was there to collect his tools. Patrol verified the male was in fact an employee with the construction company.

October 06 6:55PM – While patrolling Las Palmas and Via Bendita, patrol noticed a silver Toyota sedan parked in a posted No Parking area. Inside the Toyota was a young couple in the back seat area who said they were, “Talking.” Patrol advised the couple to relocate, and they left without incident

October 08 12:30PM – While patrolling the 4200-blk of Marina Dr., patrol noticed a vehicle parked with the hazards ON. Patrol contacted an occupant in the vehicle and learned a relative of the occupant was on foot in the Ranch soliciting for handyman work without a solicitor’s license. The occupant was also advised the Ranch was private property. The relative was advised of the violation and they left the Ranch without incident.

October 09 2:04PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported finding a lost elderly male in the Ranch. The male, a Ranch Resident, who suffers from dementia, was found staring into the bushes looking for his dogs. A tracking device was not operable due to male’s phone not being with him. The male’s wife responded to the scene and information for “Project Lifesaver,” a tracking system through the Sheriff’s department, was provided.

October 11 10:05PM – While patrolling the 1100-blk. of Las Palmas, patrol contacted a male carrying a hiking pack, wearing strapped sandals, as he walked north-bound along the edge of the road. Patrol gave the male directions north as he was enroute to Humboldt County. Further down, the male asked patrol if he could get a ride. Patrol declined but informed the male he was almost out the Ranch. The male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

October 11 9:30PM – While patrolling Lago near the golf course, patrol noticed a blue pickup truck parked along the course. Patrol contacted a young couple who were parked eating dinner. Patrol asked the non-Ranch couple to relocate outside of the Ranch, which they did without incident.

October 15 2:04PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported that a group of joggers were using the Via Roblada/Via Bendita “Loop” for their jogging group. The Resident approached the leaders of the group about the noise they created in the early morning and mentioned the Ranch was a private community. The Resident said her message was not welcomed by the lead person guiding the joggers. The Resident provided links to the running group’s website and footage she took of them. The HR GM followed up and sent an email to the running group organizers about the situation. Patrol has monitored the situation since and there has not been any subsequent complaint(s) about the same type of activity taking place along the Roblada/Bendita loop.

October 16 11:33AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who was reporting a female on foot with luggage trying to enter the beach. Patrol contacted the 68 yr. old female and learned she was from Tennessee and had recently been in L.A. The female was a transient who said she was looking for a Resident in the Ranch, which was not verifiable. The female said she had been robbed before and patrol noticed she was vulnerable as she had huge antique-looking ring, which appeared to have some value to it. Patrol contacted the Sheriff’s department (Critical Incident Team), and they assessed the female. The female was provided bus tokens and food vouchers as well as other resources. The female declined any shelter assistance. The female was ultimately transported to the Mesa area in the city of Santa Barbara by a Sr. Deputy Sheriff.

October 16 4:43PM – While on patrol of the 900-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol recognized a transient/homeless male from prior contacts in the Ranch.... (Orange Flip Flops). Patrol contacted the male who had baggy pants down below his buttocks, wearing regular shoes. The male had an unstable walk and was weaving in and out close the edge of the road. The male asked for a ride to the police station so they could give him a ride to Alaska. The male was constantly flattening down his hair and picking at his beard with half inch long nails. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's department and a Critical Incident Team responded to assess the male. Ultimately, the male was placed on a psychiatric hold as he was unable to care for himself and was a danger to others. The male was transported to the hospital via AMR ambulance.

October 17 9:40AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Bendita who reported that the previous evening, a female with glasses wearing lingerie, rang the Resident's gate intercom a few times for an unknown reason. The female was holding paperwork in her hand and a Toyota (Or similar) SUV was seen on the gate camera footage. The female was not granted access and ultimately left.

October 17 9:51AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported that he is giving a female Ranch Resident with dementia a ride back to the Ranch from the shopping center. Patrol was familiar with the Resident and met the Resident's at the female's home. Patrol followed up with the daughter of the female Resident and provided her contact info for the Sheriff's department who has Project Lifesaver that can help with tracking individuals with dementia.

October 18 12:11PM – While on patrol of the 1200-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male standing at a tree who appeared to be urinating. Patrol noted a pickup truck from a local business parked nearby. Patrol contacted the male and

admonished him for his activity. The male said he, "Really had to go." The male was understanding of the contact and left without incident.

October 19 6:50PM – While monitoring traffic on the 4100-blk. of Marina Dr., patrol contacted a female who appeared to be a transient as she entered the Ranch from Cliff Dr. The female appeared to be pregnant and was carrying a backpack and a pillow. The female declined any assistance. The female continued along the county road and exited out of the Ranch.

October 24 9:20AM – While on patrol of the 600-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male walking with a backpack, carrying a skateboard and some personal belongings. The male contacted patrol and asked for directions to the highway. Patrol gave the male directions and learned he was from San Diego and was heading north. The male exited out the Las Palmas exit.

October 25 3:54PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. who reported a male, associated with a white car, who was seen in the Resident's back yard. Patrol responded and checked the area. The white vehicle was gone, and no one was seen on the property. No other similar call(s) were reported.

November 01 6:16PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident at the HR beach who reported that while walking down from the parking lot to the turnaround with her leashed dogs, a female unleashed her 2 dogs, one possibly a German shepherd, which began attacking her dog. The Resident picked up her dog, resulting in the dogs biting her hand, breaking skin on her fingers. The female called for one of the dogs and left in a rush without providing any info. Patrol checked video footage at the gate cameras and the vehicle images were captured as the vehicle exited out the beach gate. Patrol suggested the Resident contact the SB county animal services and

file a report. Note: Please leash your dog. Thank you.

November 04 10:05PM – While on patrol on Cuervo at the “Y” in the road, patrol noticed the white wooden guard rail and roadway reflector had been damaged. It appeared the damage was caused by a vehicle. The Ranch maintenance crew was advised of the damage. At this time, a possible suspect vehicle is unkn.

November 06 4:35PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a possibly injured black cat. Patrol responded and searched for the cat, which was found unharmed. Patrol was able to guide the cat back home.

November 07 13:05PM – While patrolling the 1400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male on the side of the road digging in the ground with his hands. Patrol stopped to make contact and immediately noticed the male appeared to have mental health issues. The male was making erratic comments and would sporadically make a tongue-moving gesture. The male said he felt dizzy. At one point the male tried to open the door for the patrol car. Patrol pulled away and into Las Olas and contacted the Sheriff's department for assistance. Patrol monitored the male who sat down and was seen placing wooden sticks into the eyelets of his different shoes (Sneaker / boot). 2 Sheriff units arrived, and the male continued to make erratic statements. The male accepted transportation by the Sheriff's, but before doing so, the male emptied out woodchips from his pockets on his hoodie and shorts. The male was transported to the city of Santa Barbara by the Sheriff's.

November 12 8:00PM – While patrolling the 900-blk. of Monte, patrol noticed a person with a flashlight entering a construction site. Patrol contacted a male, who was the owner of the property. The owner was thankful for checking.

November 13 2:10PM – While patrolling Via Roblada, patrol noticed a loose horse galloping along the trail. The horse had a saddle, but no rider. Further down the road, patrol noticed a female waving her hands to get patrol's attention. Patrol picked up the female who had fallen off the horse while on a ride. The female was able to secure her horse without incident.

November 14 5:20PM – While patrolling the 1400-blk. of Estrella, a fire alarm/smoke detector was heard in the neighborhood. The sound was traced to an old smoke detector that had been discarded in a trashcan. Patrol disabled the smoke detector.

Frank's safety tip of the month

...Instead talk about NEW (Well, kinda new) patrol cell phone. We have definitely seen an increase in calls by Residents who call the patrol cell directly, instead of the patrol dispatch service. Patrol spoke with Crown Castle (Antenna booster people) to see what carrier works best in the Ranch with the current antenna infrastructure and we were told it was T-mobile - Although not 100%, the patrol cell signal is surprisingly good. The patrol cell phone is always with the patrol officer on duty. We will still have the dispatch service available, but with the patrol cell phone, it gives Residents a direct line to the patrol officer on duty.

For Residents with an Apple product, IMessage, Facetime, Audio Facetime are also cool features to use to get a hold of us. The patrol email is also tethered to the patrol cellphone, feel free to also email us. Next time you need to get a hold of patrol, consider contacting on the patrol cell phone.

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