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RANCH RAMBLINGS OCTOBER 2023 ISSUE

Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

As we welcome in the fall, we hope you all enjoyed your summer. The crew worked mightily with our Beach Infrastructure committee's input to move sand over rocks for the best possible beach experience we could provide this year.

We have several items on Hope Ranch's Agenda for the fall, which includes a massive effort to clear up our creeks, upgrading drainage on some of our private roads, finalizing the Multi Use Path at our entrance, and of course approving a budget for next year. All of this takes tremendous coordination through management who then provides the Board the information for us to make informed decisions which are relayed to the members in the form of weekly emails.

Also occurring soon will be the County's decision on Laguna Blanca School's proposed Amendment to their Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to increase their student count to 385. This has been a source of concern to some Ranch residents, who feel that an increase in students will cause an increase in traffic entering and exiting the Ranch, with corresponding delays, and some are upset that the County did not schedule a Hearing to discuss the Amendment request.

A few things to know, Laguna Blanca's current CUP has been in place since 1969. The County does not hold public Hearings for proposed Amendments. However, if the Amendment is granted, then one can file an Appeal with the County, with a fee required to be paid. Only one fee is required and multiple people can attend the Appeal Hearing and voice their concerns. The Ranch and everyone on the Contact List will be notified if the Amendment is granted, and further details will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

OCTOBER 10TH
ABR BOARD MTG
3:00 PM
3820 State St.

OCTOBER 24, 2023
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 State St.

NOVEMBER 14TH
ABR BOARD MTG
3:30 PM
3820 State Street

NOVEMBER 23-24TH
OFFICE CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 28TH
BOARD MEETING
3:00PM
3820 State St.

DECEMBER 1ST
HOPE RANCH ANNUAL
HOLIDAY GATHERING
LA CUMBRE CC

While Laguna Blanca's current student count has not yet been calculated, since the new school year just started, it is confirmed to be below the current maximum.

We have been informed that the school has no plans to increase their student count to the maximum in the near future, and that if the student count increases to 350, the school will engage "flaggers" at the intersection of Las Palmas and Via Senda as you exit the Ranch, to facilitate ease of exit and decrease the morning delay. Further, the Ranch has engaged Stantec to do a traffic study that began Monday, October 1, and will last the full work week, so we will know what kind of traffic numbers we are dealing with. If you have questions about any of these topics and processes, please do not hesitate to contact the Hope Ranch Office.

On a more festive note, next year Hope Ranch turns... 100 years old! We are in the planning stages of several celebrations throughout the year. To that end, If you have any pictures, videos, or mementos that you would like to contribute or loan to the Ranch, please contact the Office!



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



Happy Fall!

Message from the General Manager

Happy Fall everyone! As we officially say goodbye to Summer, the happy memories of this years Beach Festival will not be forgotten. What a wonderful celebration of community and that which makes Hope Ranch so special. I hope you were able to get to the festival this year and share in the fun and festivities. That being said, the final community event of the year will be our holiday celebration at La Cumbre County Club on Friday, December 1st. Details will be forthcoming in emails and written invitations. Please mark your calendars to kick off your holidays with your friends and neighbors this season.

We are most grateful to La Cumbre Country Club for allowing us to hold our Holiday party and 2024 Annual Meeting at the club before their renovation starts next summer.

CALL FOR NOMINIATIONS

It's that time of year when we go out to the membership to solicit nominations for our February 27, 2024 Annual Election. The Annual Meeting will be the first event (of many) planned for next year to mark the 100- year anniversary of Hope Ranch. We have 4 open seats this year. Two termed out Board Members, Wendy Gronsky and David Zimmerman and two incumbent Board Members Suzanne Rueter and Tim Casey. Please look for my email solicitation in the coming weeks with all the information.

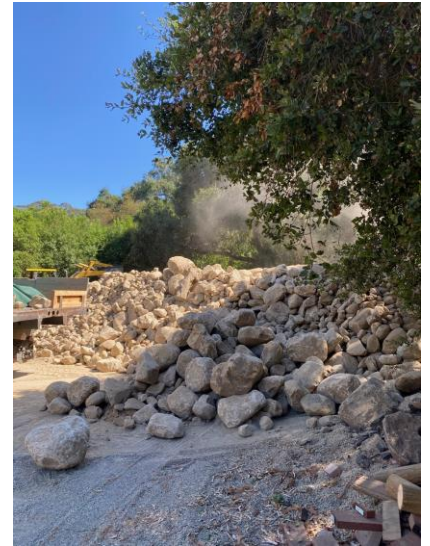
RESTATED CCR & BYLAW DOCUMENTS COMING SOON TO A MAILBOX NEAR YOU

The restated draft of the CCR's and By-Laws are ready for member review. The delay in getting them to you involved putting together a document showing you the changes between the current and new documents, which is no small task. This will make it easier for you to review them, noting those changes. Typically, when the draft document is ready, it is sent out to the membership for comment. The Board reviews those comments and another draft is provided. This draft usually coincides with a Townhall meeting in which legal counsel is available to answer questions about the document before proceeding to final draft and a ballot vote. I will send out an email blast advising you of our confirmed timeline for this process as it unfolds.

PREPARING FOR WINTER STORMS 2023-24

In preparation for the anticipated storms this winter, the crew is continuing to work on drainage issues and repairs around the Ranch. Because of our fostered relationships with Public Works,

we were given first look at a bunch of boulders and rocks, that will come in handy in these repairs.

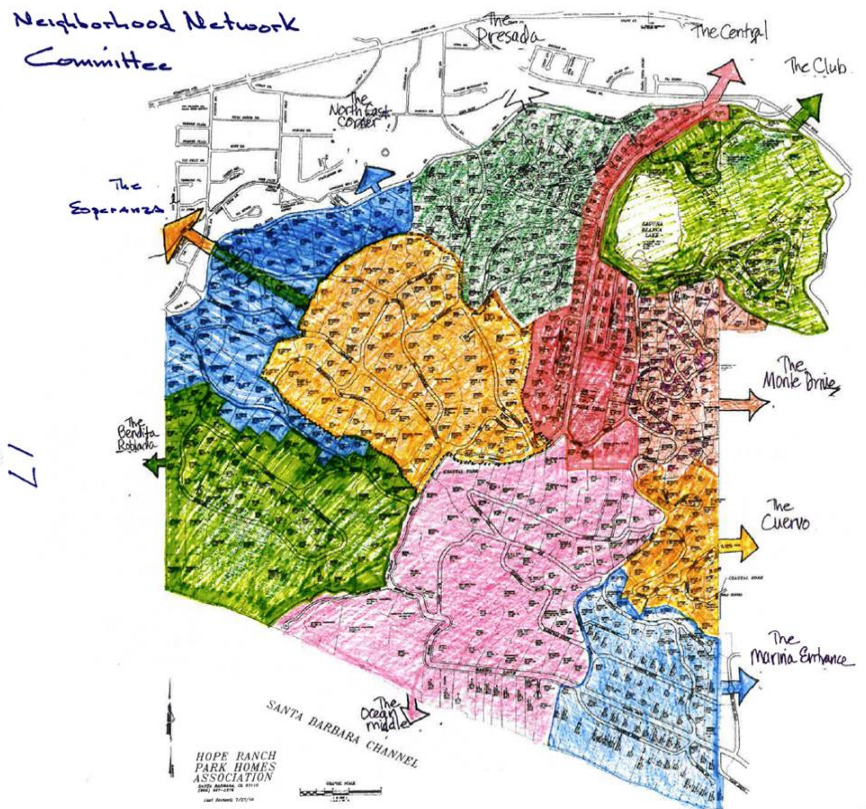


We estimate the value of these materials to be approximately \$30K.

In addition, we are working to remove trees and debris from the creek running along the west side of Las Palmas in partnership with those owners whose properties are affected by this potential threat. The tree removal will continue down the creek on Las Olas to the bridge. Thankfully, because of Executive Order N-10-23, signed by Governor Newsom, this creek work does not require permits from Fish and Wildlife or the Coastal Commission. It does require notification to the Central Coast Water Board, which we have filed. We anticipate this work to start very soon and be completed by month's end.

COMMITTEES STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for Hope Ranch residents to join the Neighborhood Network Committee. This is a committee that would consist of 6 – 10 residents per “neighborhood” (see map below) that would meet twice a year to discuss issues in their neighborhood that are of concern, or new ideas that could benefit their Hope Ranch district. These issues or ideas would then be brought to management and the Board for review. It is a great way to get involved in your community and meet your neighbors! Please contact Liza@Hoperanch.org if you are interested in getting involved.



The Playground committee is also seeking more members for input on a new structure to be installed in the picnic area. Please contact Liza@hoperanch.org if you want to join in the fun of researching equipment and making recommendations to the Board!

Again, I wish you a wonderful Fall season and Thanksgiving holiday.

See you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (9.19.23)

CONCEPTUAL (15)

Antonova	4403 Via Abrigada
Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Shefflin	4135 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta
Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Wansor	990 Laguna Blanca Drive
Reichard	4300 Via Presada
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila
Kopf	3981 Laguna Blanca
Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca
Danev	4178 Creciente
Skirball	4335 Marina

PRELIMINARY (10)

Arntz	1489 Cantera
Benz	4660 Via Huerto
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive
Danev	4178 Cresta
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada
Arteaga	4235 Cresta Avenue
Newton	4343 Marina Drive
Loncki	4480 Via Esperanza
Heller	4210 Llano

FINAL (5)

Sidhu	4101 Mariposa
Goodall	700 Via Tranquila
Cartagena	1060 Monte
McFeely	4395 Via Esperanza
McRee	1057 Monte Drive

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PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Post Commander

July 22 8:16AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported an accident on Las Palmas Dr. near Roble Dr. Patrol checked and found that a yellow Jeep went off the road, striking a road sign before getting stuck prior to falling into the creek. CHP responded to investigate the collision.

July 22 8:28AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Bithynia Rd. who reported a homeless person hiding behind her shed and a gold Toyota Camry parked at a neighbor's driveway. The Sheriff's Department was also notified, and deputies detained 2 males, both from the L.A. area. It was learned both males suffer from mental health issues and one of the county Critical Incident Team (CIT) deputies had both males transported to a local hospital for a mental health assessment.

July 26 4:15PM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Huerto, patrol noticed a work truck parked blocking the bridge trail. Patrol contacted the driver, and the truck was relocated on the property where the work was taking place.

July 27 8:14PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Estrella who reported hearing what sounded like children screaming on the doorbell Ring Camera. Patrol checked the area, and all appeared in order – Nothing of concern was found.

July 29 1:00PM – While patrolling the 1400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a female walking directly on the roadway while reading a book. An hour later, patrol noticed the same female walking in the roadway on Cuervo, still reading her book. Patrol contacted the female about her unsafe activity on the Ranch Roads, among traffic. Patrol learned the female was a non-Ranch Resident. Patrol advised the female that Hope Ranch was private property. The female left in a gray BMW SUV.

August 01 1:59PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Presada who wanted to report loud music coming from a residence on Via Hierba. Patrol contacted the Resident where the music was coming from. The Resident, who was out of town, turned off the music remotely and spoke to her son about the matter. The Resident's agreed to exchange contact #'s so they could manage any future matters among themselves.

August 02 1:44PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported that he was away and has not been able to get a hold of his wife since the previous evening around 8pm to 10pm. The Resident had some concerns and the last communication with the wife was through a smart watch, which was no longer working. The Resident said his wife's cellphone was lost. Patrol responded and found several packages in the driveway and mail inside the mailbox. Patrol accessed the property, and the family dog began to bark, and the wife appeared soon after. The wife was found

okay, and the patrol cell phone was used to connect the wife and husband. The wife's cell phone was eventually located.

August 03 11:28PM – Patrol received a report from a male working in the Ranch that he was following a dark colored horse with a saddle, but no rider, along the 4200-blk. of Cresta. Both patrol units responded and located the Rider who had been reunited with her horse. Patrol learned that 2 unleashed dogs attacked the horse, one from the front and one from the rear, while the equestrian was riding on the equestrian trail behind the school athletic field between Camino Medio and Paloma Dr. The rider said her horse was rearing and bucking and she was eventually ejected off her horse. The horse ran away towards Paloma Dr. and the rider was given a ride by the worker who helped search for the horse. Maintenance employees of the HOA were able to assist in containing the horse with the use of the Ranch HOA trucks. The owner of the dogs was identified a renter who has since moved out of the Ranch. The incident was investigated by the Santa Barbara County Animal Control.

August 05 4:00PM – While conducting a vacation check of a residence on the 800-blk. of Via Hierba, patrol noticed 2 females sitting on the porch. The form indicated no one should be on the property. Patrol checked and learned that the Resident got home earlier than listed on the form but did not notify patrol. The Resident was thankful for patrol checking on the residence. Note: Reminder to notify patrol if anything changes on your vacation form. Call or text the patrol cell# at 805-800-9002. Thank you.

August 07 10:00PM – While patrolling the 700-blk. of Via Tranquila, patrol noticed a young couple hiding behind a tree. Patrol made contact and learned the female was a Resident who lived nearby. The couple went home without incident.

August 08 1:54PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4200-blk. of Marina Dr. who wanted to report a couple of trespassing incidents on his vacant property over the last couple of days. The day prior at 2:41pm, 3 young teens were spotted on a camera walking on the property. The Resident did not recognize the teens, who eventually left. Today, at 1:15pm, a male with a yellow work vest and a stick object in his hand was seen on camera walking on the property. Patrol did not recognize the male from the image, who had since left.

August 08 2:04PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who called to report that he had driven down to the turnaround and a naked female had been taking a shower at the Hope Ranch beach shower, in plain view and exposing herself in public. Apparently, the female had advised beach goers sitting on the beach not to look as she was going to shower. The female got upset at a Resident who happened to look in her direction. Patrol located the female walking along Las Palmas in a black dress, carrying minimal items. Patrol made a casual contact and from the response received, the female believed her actions were okay. Patrol advised the female that being exposed in public was a criminal offense and the shower was on private property, with "No Trespassing Private Property" signs posted. From information learned during the contact, it was

possible the female was a transient. The female continued walking north along Las Palmas and when reaching the 2nd patrol unit on duty, she stopped in front of the patrol car, purposely exposing her buttocks as she bent over in front of the patrol car. Both patrol units on patrol monitored the female's departure out of the Ranch and she was last seen exiting out to La Cumbre and Via Senda.

August 09 10:14AM – Patrol received several reports from various motorists who reported low hanging branches on the 1400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. Patrol contacted the SB County Roads Dept. who cleared the branches without incident. Note: To report any issue related to the county roads in the Ranch, SB County Public works can be reached directly at 805-568-3000.

August 10 6:15PM – While patrolling Las Palmas, patrol contacted a homeless male near the map parcel on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol gave the male directions and he was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit, heading towards Modoc.

August 11 8:23AM – While patrolling the 4300-blk. of Marina Dr., patrol noticed a low hanging branch from a tree. Patrol contacted the SB County Roads Dept. who cleared the branch without incident.

August 11 8:37PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch HOA employee who reported a transient on Las Palmas by the school field. Patrol contacted the male who was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit without incident.

August 13 9:45AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4300-blk. of Llano who reported an on-going issue with a neighbor walking onto the property. The Resident said the camera on the property captured the event and wanted to call the Sheriff's to report the matter. The Resident called the Sheriff's to file a report.

August 13 5:17PM – Patrol received a report about a tree branch that fell on the road along the 1200-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. Patrol set out a cone and conducted traffic control to warn motorists. Patrol contacted the SB County Roads Dept. who cleared the branch without incident.

August 14 6:21PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Alegre who reported a male soliciting money for the disaster in Hawaii. The male was driving a dark vehicle and was last seen going down Via Alegre. Patrol checked the area and was unable to locate any vehicle or person matching the description provided.

August 14 9:30PM – While patrolling Roble and Llano during the dark, patrol was flagged down by a young male adult on Llano who was lost and needed assistance. The male was enroute to Isla Vista and his bike had no lighting. Patrol provided lighting from the patrol car without incident and the male was last seen exiting out Las Palmas, where he would take Modoc to Hollister.

August 15 7:50PM – While patrolling the 500-blk. of Via Hierba, patrol noticed a male in a green jumpsuit with a lunch bag sitting on the side of the road by a construction site. Patrol contacted the male who said he was eating his food. Patrol learned the male was not a Ranch Resident. Patrol advised the male to continue his dinner outside the Ranch and the male left without incident. The male was last seen heading toward the Las Palmas exit.

August 16 11:05AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person on Marina Dr., who looked disheveled and sunburned. Patrol contacted the male on Marina and gave him directions along the county road and a bottle of water. The male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

August 16 6:43PM – Patrol received a report from a female on Las Palmas Dr. who reported a male who had been recording her while she was in her back yard breastfeeding her baby. The male was described as a possibly tall and was last seen leaving in a rush towards Cliff Dr. in a black Kia hatchback or a small SUV-type vehicle. Patrol checked the area, and the vehicle was not located. Patrol checked the FLOCK license plate reader cameras and found a vehicle fitting the description around the same time frame of the call. The image of the vehicle, including a plate number, was provided to the Sheriff's department who investigated further.

August 17 9:17PM – While checking the Vieja Dr. fire gate along the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol located a parked blacked out gray Honda sedan. Patrol contacted the young couple inside the Honda, and they left the Ranch without incident, last seen exiting out to Nogal.

August 19 10:00AM – Patrol received a report from a female Ranch Resident who reported that she had been at HR beach with her 2 unleashed dogs that were swimming with sticks in the ocean. Then, while walking up the beach to the parking lot, a male, with a very thick muscular build and 3 unleashed dogs, approached the female and her 2 dogs. The dogs ran and barked at each other. The Resident said the male freaked out and attempted to kick one of her dogs and stomped up to the female, screaming in her face telling her he was going to kill her dog. The Resident said the male continued screaming at her to put her dogs on a leash and said that she was disrespecting him. The Resident said she was frightened, and she asked the male to back away from her because she was afraid. The Resident said she walked away down the beach. The Resident said the male was with a young son who witnessed the encounter.

August 19 11:35AM – While patrolling the 400-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a female cyclist that had fallen off her bike. The female was part of a bike race going through the Ranch. The female had sustained road rash on her shoulder and other abrasions. The female had been wearing a helmet and said she had hit her head. The female declined an ambulance. First aid was provided at the scene and there was a person enroute to pick her up – The bike race event vehicle arrived and picked up the female who said it was her own fault.

August 22 11:00AM – While driving on the La Cumbre bridge just outside the Ranch, patrol noticed a shopping cart with a lot of items, covered with a tarp, at the foot of the bridge by the Via Laguna hill side and a rear entrance to a property on Via Laguna. Patrol checked and contacted a transient in an area previously found with trash and evidence of a cooking fire (or similar). Patrol asked the male if he needed assistance – The male said he did not need any help. Patrol checked the area and there was some trash on the ground and a soiled spot on the ground. The male was last seen crossing the La Cumbre bridge towards the city of SB. The 2nd patrol unit was called for assistance and to check the area further.

August 22 1:41PM – While patrolling the s-curves on Las Palmas just up from Las Olas, patrol noticed a male who appeared to be a transient walking in the roadway. The one-eyed male had soiled-dirty pants and a backpack. Patrol declined transportation when asked but gave the male directions as he was lost and searching for a shopping center in SB. The 2nd patrol unit on duty monitored, and the male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

August 22 3:35PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident who reported a vehicle accident on Las Palmas Dr. at the entrance to the school gym/field. Patrol units responded and noted 2 vehicles were involved in the accident. Patrol learned that a Toyota Scion had been travelling north on Las Palmas when a Chevy Silverado truck made a left-hand turn into the gym/field parking lot, colliding into the Toyota. Both vehicles sustained front-end damage and there were no reported injuries. CHP responded and patrol units conducted traffic control. The Chevy was drivable, and the Toyota was towed from the scene. Both drivers were non-Ranch residents. CHP investigated the accident.

August 26 11:52AM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident who reported Saturday construction work on the 4600-blk. of Via Cayente. Patrol located workers chipping stone at a construction site that had not obtained prior authorization from the HR HOA for Saturday work. The work stopped and did not continue.

August 27 1:52PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident on the 4100-blk. of Creciente who reported that their security cameras detected an unknown female on the property. Patrol responded and learned that the housekeeper that works at the residence arrived on a non-scheduled day, and she was accompanied by another female. The Resident was advised of the outcome.

August 29 3:40AM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch Resident on the 4000-blk. of Lago Dr. who reported that her motion lights had gone off and would like patrol to check the property. Patrol responded and checked the property, but nothing of concern was found.

August 29 9:45PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr. at night, near the entrance gate, patrol noticed a vehicle parked for several hours. Patrol checked and contacted a male

sleeping inside the vehicle. The male said he was taking a nap before heading to work in Montecito. The vehicle departed without incident.

August 30 8:29AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported the beach exit gate was stuck in a ½ open position and there was a vehicle that could not get out. Patrol responded and the vehicle was gone. The gate was found stuck in the fully open position. Patrol reset the gate and after reviewing the gate camera footage, patrol noticed that the driver of a Ford SUV had swiped his beach card to leave and while the gate was still closing from that card swipe, an Audi sedan arrived and the driver swiped his beach card to leave, proceeding straight directly into the gate with the front-end of the Audi. The Audi sustained some damage to the front grille area. The owner of the Audi called the office to report the matter. Patrol noted the gate was not damaged.

August 31 9:30PM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr. and Via Bendita, patrol noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road. Patrol contacted 2 juveniles who were in the back seat who said they were “Just talking”. The juveniles left without incident.

September 01 2:06PM – Patrol was advised by the HOA office that a Resident on the 4100-blk. of Marina Dr. called to report mail theft from her mailbox on an unknown recent date. The Resident said a check she was mailing out was “Washed” (Cleared of original amount, new larger amount added) for an amount 60X more than the original amount. Note: The blue USPS mailbox on Las Palmas is a safer and much more secure option if you need to send mail out.

September 02 8:35PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4100-blk. of Cresta who reported a male sleeping in his vehicle. Patrol contacted a male who said he pulled over to take a nap. The male was advised the Ranch was private property and he left without incident.

September 08 7:40AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a vehicle parked on the equestrian trail on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and found an unoccupied silver Toyota Camry parked backed-in on the equestrian trail located on the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. Visible inside the Toyota was paperwork for the owner, a female out of Lompoc. There was no evidence the Toyota was driven anywhere else on the trail, but it was very close to a utility pole. Patrol checked the area, and no one was located. Patrol called CHP and the Toyota was towed due to expired registration. At 11:17am, patrol received a report of a “sketchy and disoriented” woman in flip flops wandering around on Estrella by the golf course. Patrol checked but the female was not located. At 12:59pm, patrol was advised of a female on Las Olas who was kicking her shoes off. Patrol responded and located a female who said she was looking for her car – The Toyota. Patrol connected with CHP and provided the female tow company info. The female did not offer an explanation as to what she was doing in the Ranch as the FLOCK license plate reader camera on Las Palmas capture the Toyota entering the Ranch the previous evening. The female said she did not have any family and she did not have a place to live. Patrol assisted the female with charging her cell phone and she

left walking on foot on Las Palmas Dr., where it appeared a passing vehicle picked her up.

September 09 7:20PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident reporting a transient female on Marina Dr. The female was wearing jeans, flip flops and had long dark hair. Patrol located the female walking along the county road and provided transportation out of the Ranch.

September 11 8:30AM – While monitoring HR beach, patrol noticed a male backpacker/traveler with no shoes walking west on the sand. The male carried a large walking stick and continued straight towards More Mesa beach. The male was not seen again.

September 13 10:09AM – Patrol received a report from a HOA Ranch employee who reported a homeless male on Las Palmas Dr. A 2nd call from a Resident reporting the same person was also received. Patrol located a male in blue sweats and a shirt walking on Las Palmas and Via Cayente. Patrol contacted the male and provided directions along the county road. The male was last seen exiting out the Las Palmas exit.

September 13 5:56AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Cresta who reported a possible trespasser on the property. Patrol responded and the Resident also called 911. Patrol arrived on scene and illuminated the area with the patrol car spotlight. Responding units were eventually called off as it was discovered that the person on the property was an unexpected personal trainer picking up some equipment early in the morning.

September 14 12:55PM – While patrolling Via Hierba, patrol noticed a male walking an unleashed dog on the roadway. Patrol contacted the male who leashed his dog with a leash the male had in his pocket. The male was cooperative.

September 15 10:13AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male backpacker/traveler walking northbound on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol contacted the male who said he did not need directions. The male was last seen in the direction of the Las Palmas exit gate.

September 15 4:30PM – While patrolling the Ranch patrol contacted a mountain biker who was seen riding on an equestrian trail. Patrol explained the danger involved and mentioned it was private property. The Rider left without incident.

September 17 2:03PM – Patrol received a report from the Sheriff's department that CHP, fire, and medics were responding to a vehicle accident on Marina & Roble. Both patrol units responded to the scene and determined it involved 2 vehicles, a green BMW station wagon and a gray Toyota Prius. Individuals were out of their vehicles, except the male passenger in the Toyota who was being monitored by a bystander to make sure he did not move. The driver and passenger from the BMW complained of chest discomfort

due to shock. The male passenger in the Toyota was stabilized and transported by AMR ambulance. The female driver of the Toyota was also transported by AMR and her dog was secured by CHP. Based on the evidence at the scene, it was determined that the BMW was traveling west on Marina towards Roble at an excessive speed and was not able to negotiate the Marina/Roble turn, crossing over onto oncoming traffic, colliding with the Toyota. Both vehicles sustained major damage and were disabled. Skid marks from the BMW leading to the collision were visible on the roadway. Patrol units conducted traffic control and the roadway was closed to traffic until the scene was clear. CHP investigated the collision.

September 19 4:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a transient male on Via Roblada and Via Bendita. Patrol located a male who was walking on a horse trail carrying a wool blanket, a backpack, and a skateboard. Patrol contacted the male who was last seen exiting out to the More Mesa Preserve off Roblada.

September 20 9:31AM – Patrol received a report from a female on a walk who reported a male transient pushing a shopping cart along Vieja Dr. Patrol responded and located the male pushing a shopping cart along the dirt path between the Vieja Dr. fire gates located on the 4100 and 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr. The male was last seen making his way to the bike path that is between Modoc and Nogal. Patrol noted the male looked familiar from a possible prior contact in that same area from months prior.

September 20 9:56AM – Patrol received a report from the La Cumbre Country Club of a reported transient in one of their exterior single stall bathrooms. Patrol responded and the Club employee said that a Member had spotted a transient with a skateboard go into the restroom. The Club employee had knocked on the bathroom door and did not receive a response. Due to the time lapse and the provided details, there was a safety concern for the person in the bathroom. Patrol knocked on the door to make sure the person did not need any assistance (Medical, etc.) and a male hesitantly answered, saying he was going to the bathroom. Patrol and Club employees stood by outside and sometime later, a male carrying a backpack, a bag, and a skateboard exited out. The male did not need medical attention, etc. It was learned the male was from Oxnard and had been dropped off by his mom on his way to a dental appt. The male was advised the Club was private property and not to come back as he would be trespassing. The male was last seen exiting out towards Modoc.

September 20 4:58PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a transient walking south on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and contacted a male with a very dirty and sloppy appearance and carrying a backpack. The male said he was heading to the L.A. area. Patrol monitored the male's progress as he walked slowly, took multiple breaks, ate a sandwich, and smoked out of his pipe. The male displayed some erratic behavior and was last seen exiting out the Marina exit gate.

September 21 9:14PM – Patrol received a report of a homeless person on the Modoc Preserve on a trail off Modoc. Patrol checked the area and noticed a bicycle with a pull-cart and other items on the ground near the narrow-east section of the Preserve by the

access road between Las Palmas and Vieja Dr. No one was seen by the items. Patrol took a photo and advised the La Cumbre water co. of the details so they could look further into the matter.

September 25 5:51PM – Patrol received a report of a Resident who reported a homeless male on Marina Dr. The Resident advised the male looked intoxicated and was drinking whisky or beer. Patrol checked and contacted a male with long hair, walking west on Marina carrying a bottle of juice. The male advised he was heading north, and he continued along the county road towards the Las Palmas exit gate.
-end of patrol report-

Frank's safety tip of the Month

Let's talk about a couple of topics: Burglary info and Package Thefts

Burglary info:

With daylight saving time (Sun. November 5th, 2023) just around the corner, it will start to get dark sooner in the evening. With that said, it is a great time to brush-up on some burglary stats that had previously been provided. The main takeaway is the average time of burglaries in the Ranch was at 7:35 pm – This is right around the time you would be out for dinner, attending an event, or just running out to the grocery store.

There have not been any recent reported break-ins, and this is a direct result of focused and increased patrols by HR patrol and the security measures Residents have taken, which play a big role in crime deterrence. For instance, there was an incident various months ago (which the Ranch Residents were made aware of) where several subjects, suspected of prowling, were spotted remotely on cameras at a property in the Ranch. Both patrol and the Sheriff's Department responded, and no actual break-in occurred. Subsequently, there was an arrest of some individuals in Montecito who possessed evidence linking them to this case. The cameras on the property worked and alerted the Resident, who was away from the home, in real-time. Do not get complacent and always stay alert and report anything suspicious. The stats below should be able to help you better safeguard your home and valuables while you are away.

Here are some reminder stats on breaks ins.

- 63% Did have alarms on – Note: At least one alarm was only set for 1st floor. Make sure you set your alarm for the entire house, not just 1st floor.
- 100% of the cases did NOT have a vacation form (Only 2 of Residents were on an actual vacation)
- Although break-ins can happen any day, 36% happened on a Friday, 18% happened on Thursday.
- Although break-ins can happen any time, the Average time: 7:35pm

- Target areas: Master Bedrooms / Closets
Items located away and well hidden from these areas will be less of a target.
- 2nd story windows off roofs or balconies have been access points used by thieves. NOTE: Patrol has found 2nd story windows/doors off balconies unlocked.
- Hide high value items in an area outside your bedroom/master closets. Items targeted: Jewelry, money, purses, safes.
- Wi-Fi Cameras around the property with real time reporting, especially in areas with openings to locations like the golf course, or an unprotected perimeter, offer an easy access point to thieves.
- Secure perimeters (fencing, gates) that have openings.
- During some previous prowling calls, the doorbell was rung, likely to see if there was a response (Checking to see if anyone is home or not.)

If you are away on vacation, fill out a vacation form and either email or text it to patrol.
Email: Hrpatrol@hoperanch.org Contact # 805-800-9002. The form can be found on the HR HOA website or either the HR office 805-892-1000 or patrol can get you a form to fill out.

Package thefts

As it will be getting dark sooner and with the Holidays approaching, this is when package thieves, a.k.a., “Porch Pirates” will be on the lookout for packages (And mail) left unattended. Tracking packages is the best way to know when a package is inbound and/or already delivered. For high-ticket items, having them delivered to an alternate and secure location like an Amazon Pick-Up station/locker around town (Isla Vista, etc.), where you can pick up your item(s) is a great choice. Cameras at your gate will also alert you in real-time when a package arrives and will allow you to monitor and record any nefarious activity.

