



# Sandia Ranchos Property Owners Association

## Newsletter

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2019-2020

*Bill McElhaney – President      Jacquelyne Neff – Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Alfred Visco – Vice President      Heather Petersen - Member*  
*John Cornell – Member*

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Board Meeting and Membership Meeting:  
March 28, 2020 at 9:00 am at the office of Ralston Management. Meetings are open and all members are invited to attend.

### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE- 2019-2020

*Randy Neff                                      Bill McElhaney                                      Alfred Visco*  
*Jacquelyne Neff                                      Heather Petersen*

**Fire Safety:** SCE will be implementing the PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff). If you wish to receive personal notifications you may contact SCE at (800) 250-7339 and provide your phone number, or visit [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/psps) and click on "Update Your Contact Info."

**Fire Safe Council & Community Wildfire Protection Plan:** Need volunteers for the newly formed Sandia Ranchos Chapter of the Southwest Riverside County FireSafe Council ("FSC") and to form Chapters in the rest of the De Luz Community Service District, geographical areas including but not limited to the four other Property Owners Associations located therein. The chapters will have one or more representatives on the Board of the FSC.

The Chapters will, among other things, determine the scope of voluntary projects to reduce fire risk which will be incorporated into a Community Wildfire Protection Plan being developed by the FSC. Grants will be sought to fund part or all of the projects.

Contact Alfred Visco via e-mail: [visco@linkline.com](mailto:visco@linkline.com)

**Submittal of Plans to the Architectural Committee:** If you are planning an improvement on your property, i.e. fencing, gates, building a house, garage or barn, you are required to submit plans for review and approval by the Architectural Control Committee before you start. Plans are to be submitted to the Ralston Management office.

### HELPFUL REMINDERS

Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to the Sheriff. If it looks suspicious, it probably is.

Dead vegetation poses a health and public safety risk and should be removed promptly. Please do not simply have your water turned off and let your trees / vegetation die. **Do not become another Paradise.**

**Road Concerns:** Please contact the De Luz Community Service District at [info@deluzcsd.org](mailto:info@deluzcsd.org) or call 951-696-0060; 41606 Date Street, Suite 205, Murrieta, CA 92562-7090

Planting only avocado trees that have been registered and certified helps protect against avocado root rot and sunblotch viroid. Planting grape vines that have been registered and certified helps protect against virus diseases. It only benefits you the grower to do so. For more information concerning the foregoing as well as issues concerning the planting of citrus please go to the Calif. Dept of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) web site to access their plant health, nursery stock registration and certification programs. The main CDFA web site is [www.cdfa.ca.gov](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov). Also UC Davis has pertinent information concerning these issues under its Foundation Plant Services program. The main UC Davis web site is [www.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ucdavis.edu).

The Association's CC&Rs require that prior to the planting of any Avocado Tree or Grape Vine that documentation be submitted to the Association that the trees or vines are certified.

**DID YOU KNOW THE ASSOCIATION HAS A WEBSITE ? SANDIARANCHOS.HOMESTEAD.COM**

### DO YOU HAVE CITRUS TREES ON YOUR PARCEL

Save California from the deadly disease Huanglongbing (HLB) also known as Citrus Greening. The HLB kills citrus trees, has no cure, is present in Southern California and is spread by the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) as it feeds. Register your citrus trees with Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner (RCAC) <https://rivcoawm.org/> to stay current with laws and regulations. Any property that contains 25 or more citrus trees is considered commercial property and is subject to commercial citrus protocols.

Treat your citrus trees for ACP. University of California Website <https://ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/> has monitoring and treatment recommendations. Follow quarantine rules when transporting citrus plants, fruits, leaves or cuttings. View quarantine information and maps at <https://citrusinsider.org/maps-and-quarantines/>. Remove citrus trees that you no longer want or are not going to treat for ACP so they do not become a host for ACP and HLB. Report abandoned or neglected citrus trees to RCAC.

### HIGH FIRE HAZARD PLANTS

The following are high fire hazard plants: Acacia (Shrub), Eucalyptus, Juniper, Palm, Pine, and Pampas Grass. In order to protect not only your own property but your neighbors, the Board highly recommends that you remove all of said plants from your property.

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