

Sierra Vista Visions April 16, 2026

May Birthdays

Carol Goldsmith	5/6
Joseph Barnett	5/7
Adam Luechel	5/14
Brian Gallegos	5/15
Rick Berg	5/16
Yunaleska Kaminski	5/17
Ruben Montana	5/17
Charlotte Kaminski	5/21
Brian Hobbs	5/25

If you have birthdays or anniversaries you would like to have listed text Jan Montana at 714-724-6991.

Index of Pages

Birthdays & Anniversaries	1
Government Contacts	1
Obituary for Mike Sherard	2-4
Request for your current email and phone	5
All About Pets	6
Wildfire Committee	7
Volunteers Needed	8
Neighborhood Boards	9
Safety Concerns	10
Water Line Construction Updates	11
Milly's Meadow	12
March 2026 Weather	13
Business Cards	14
Neighborhood Contacts	15

Sierra Vista Visions is a publication of Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association. The newsletter is published every two months, monthly beginning March 2026. All material is the property of Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association and may not be copied, printed or distributed without the written permission of the association board of directors.

OBITUARY: Michael (Mike) Lee Sherard

There will be a neighborhood memorial service for Mike in Milly's Meadow on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 2 PM to 4 PM. All neighbors are invited to attend.



Michael Lee Sherard was born to Enid Patricia (Lamp) and Everett Edmund Sherard in Denver, Colorado on October 20, 1942. He died March 16, 2026, surrounded by family at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. Mike is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ellen (Searight), his daughter, April Michell Sherard, his sister, Elizabeth Sherard, Green Forest, Arkansas, granddaughters Jordan Michelle Tsoodle and Madison Nicole Tsoodle and great granddaughter, Avalon Celeste Martinez-Tsoodle expected in July 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents and Francis Sherard, sister.

In 1988, Mike, Phyllis and April moved to Sierra Vista Estates. Over the years, Mike became very involved in the water board. When Sierra Vista Mutual Domestic Association installed a new 8-inch water pipe for water distribution, Mike spent many hours overseeing the project. He spent days watching workers installing the pipe to ensure that it wasn't laid over rocks to prevent future damage to the pipe. He played an active role in upgrading the connections in the control room for the water towers. He served for several years as the SVMDA Vice President. He also managed the landscaper who cared for Milly's Meadow and the tank farm property. Mike lived most of his life in Southern California. During his Lapuente High School years (1960-1964) in Lapuente, California, he won 2nd place at the California science fair.

In 1973, he received his master's degree in Secondary Education from California State University in Los Angeles, California. He wrote his thesis on "Outstanding Secondary Education Teachers of America."

Mike spent years working in California building yachts and as a teacher in industrial arts. In 1988, Mike accepted a job in Belen, New Mexico with Avonite, which manufactures a solid surface material used in countertops.

In the early 1990s, he became an industrial arts teacher at Valley High School in Albuquerque. The industrial arts program was sadly lacking, so Mike began to work with New Mexico State Senator Tito Chavez to appropriate \$1.2 million dollars to improve the school's industrial arts program. This money enabled the school to upgrade their shop equipment. He also developed a new Safety Protocol Program to keep all students safe when using tools in shop class. For his efforts, he was awarded the prestigious 1998-1999 Crystal Apple Award.

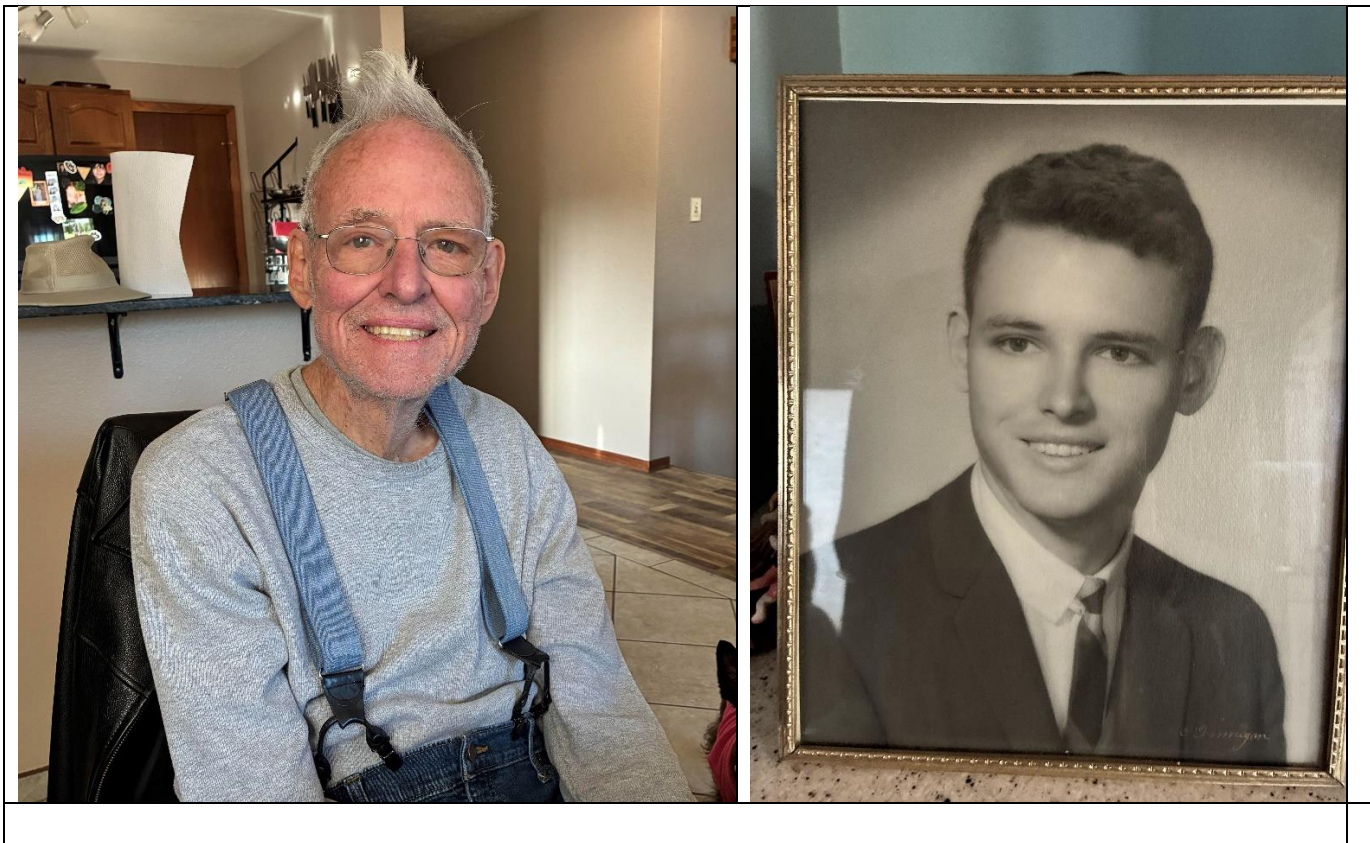
After his retirement, Mike gave back to the community by volunteering his time with the Albuquerque Woodworkers Association. He was president for one year. Each year the AWA produces over 1,400 wooden toys for local children who are traumatized and for gifts during the Christmas holiday season.



Friday Night Dinner Group at Greenside Restaurant around 2015

Sitting from left to right: Mike Sherard, Carol Upham, Julie Hall, Greta Hazlewood, Kay Peterson and Madison Tsoodle

Standing from left to right: Dale Hall, Eric Hazlewood, Phil Upham, and Phyllis Sherard



Request for your current contact information

To ensure that the newsletter and any emergency notifications from SVENA and SVMDA get to you, please let us know any time your email or phone number changes. The two groups have separate email and phone lists, so please notify both groups of your latest email and phone numbers.

For SVENA (Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association)

If there has been any change in your mailing address, phone number, or email address, please email us at svena.nm@gmail.com to let us know. Also put us in your phone's contact list so that our emails don't go to spam.

For SVMDA: (Sierra Vista Mutual Domestic Association)

Please notify us of your current email address at svmda.water@gmail.com (water board)

Also, please put both the SVMDA email and Rhonda's new email svmdaadmin@svmda.onmicrosoft.com in your cell phone's address book to be sure our emails don't go to spam. This will be important as work progresses on the new water lines.

All About Pets

Please keep dogs on leash when you take them for walks in the neighborhood.

Milly’s Meadow has water for dogs in the summer. Water is turned off in winter.

Complaints about loose or barking dogs are a matter of Bernalillo County regulations. Call them at Animal Control (Complaints) 505-468-PETS. Please, talk to your neighbor and try to resolve the issue between yourselves before resorting to calling county enforcement.

Quicky let neighbors know if your pet is missing or if you found a lost pet

Contact your neighbors via Sierra Vista Estates Help Chat. Join the neighborhood chat for quick, informal help—report lost pets, ask for recommendations, or discuss shared concerns like pine bark beetles or whether the hairpin curve on Sangre de Cristo is passable with ice and snow.

To subscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+subscribe@groups.io and follow the instructions

To unsubscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+unsubscribe@groups.io

For questions or support, contact marcus.albonico@gmail.com

Once subscribed, email your lost or found pet notice to Sierra-Vista-Chat@groups.io

Pet Sitters in the Neighborhood!

Ari and Isla Campbell: both attend East Mountain High School

Ari (520) 270-3165. Isla (505) 430-9298

Haven McKean: Haven attends East Mountain High. She walks dogs and can pet sit in the neighborhood. Her phone number is: 505-977-2643.

For references for both students call Spring Hill Edwards 505-615-2643 and Fae Torres 404-247-4600.

If you find a lost pet - non-neighborhood help for finding its owners

Below is a post found on Facebook which contains contact information for a kind woman providing a very important service to the East Mountains.

“Hello East Mountain Neighbors. My name is Denise Simon, and I own a microchip reader. I live very close to the Cedar Crest Post Office. If you have found a pet and need it checked for a chip, you can come to me, or I can come to you. The best way to reach me is to text me at (505) 450-8692 or message me. There is no charge. I am retired and with all the postings regarding found pets, it seemed like a good idea to get a chip reader and volunteer to help get pets home.

If you have a pet and you have not updated the microchip information recently, please update it. When I read a chip, I go online and look up the number then have the registry try to contact the owner so the pet can be returned. Vets can get more information than a non-vet so if the owner does not respond to the registry contact, a vet can be contacted to try and find and contact the owner. Either way, please keep your chip information up to date so your animal can be returned to you if lost.

**SVENA
WILDFIRE PREVENTION/PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

To report a fire call 911

Ruben Montana chairs this SVENA committee. He can always use volunteers. If you are interested in joining this committee, please call Ruben Montana. at 714-402-5952.



Fire embers travel one to three miles depending on wind conditions.

Keep all combustible material at least 5 feet away from your house.

Install 1/8-inch metal screening on all vents. Embers go through wider mesh.

Keep gutters free from leaves and needles.

Remove debris from roofs.

Use metal gutters. Plastic melts.

Put a flap on the outside of your clothes dryer vent opening. Clean dryer vents of built up lint.

For current fire restrictions in New Mexico, follow this link

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/new-mexico/fire-restrictions>

We need help with some projects

Sierra Vista Estates is so fortunate to have had so many volunteers to help on our Water Board (SVMMDA) and our Neighborhood Association (SVENA) down through the years. We appreciate them all so much! We also have had many volunteers who have helped on just one special project or event when time allows. Thanks so much to them, too!

Please email SVENA at svena.nm@gmail.com if you would like to help with any or all :):) of these ideas listed below. If more than one person volunteers for the same one, we'll put you in touch so that you can get together and collaborate.

Any expenses incurred (paint, nails, etc.) will be reimbursed by SVMMDA or SVENA. Large project expenses, like the rain gutters, might need approval before purchasing.

Here are some specific ways for you to volunteer in the coming months:

1. Help with prep work for one or more of our Social Events
2. Attend a SVENA meeting and/or an SVMMDA meeting and see what we do, meet neighbors
3. Weed Whack the grass around our Fire Sign at the entrance to our neighborhood, as needed
4. Paint the School Bus Stop Shelter at the corner of Sangre de Cristo Circle and Sierra Blanca Road
5. Add rain gutters to the Gazebo in Milly's Meadow
6. Clean the SVMMDA Meeting Room and bathroom, as needed
7. Anything else you feel needs help In the neighborhood

Also, if you have any other suggestions for upkeep or improving our beautiful neighborhood, let us know.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Matlack, SVENA President

We have two neighborhood boards, SVENA and SVMDA

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the board meetings. All neighbors are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting for Board members and alternates. Board members then vote at the next monthly meeting for their president, vice-president, etc. Often it comes down to who volunteers or is persuaded to accept the responsibility. Length of office varies for President and Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, members and alternates.

1 SVENA (Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association).

SVENA does social events, neighborhood newsletter & other communications. It is not a homeowner's association, we don't bite. We're just neighbors with a sense of community. There is never a charge for any events. All residents, both homeowners and renters, are automatically invited to all events.

Regular SVENA Board meetings are held the Monday before the second Wednesday of odd numbered months at the SVMDA Office by the water towers (unless otherwise announced) from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Next SVENA Meeting: May 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Email Priscilla Matlack at svena.nm@gmail.com if you have issues you would like to have addressed at the meeting. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

2 SVMDA (Sierra Vista Mutual Domestic Association)

SVMDA operates our water system.

Regular SVMDA board meetings are held every month on the 2nd Wednesday in the SVMDA Office by the water towers (unless otherwise announced) starting at 7:00 pm. Zoom is available. You will get an email notice with the Zoom link provided. Email the board at svmدا.water@gmail.com if you have issues you would like to have addressed at the meeting. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

Next SVMDA meeting is May 13, 2026 at 7pm at the SVMDA office by the water towers.

Safety Concerns

Our speed limit everywhere in the neighborhood is 15 mph. It might seem a little slow if you have to be somewhere at a certain time and are leaving a bit late (please don't leave late), but we have lots of blind spots on our roads. We have both adults and children walking on the road during the day and even after dark. Safety first. Please slow down to avoid accidents.

Beware of traffic from roofers and water line contractors who are not familiar with our road conditions and how many people here walk for exercise. We will have contractors driving around with heavy equipment. Let your children know what to expect and how to watch out for danger.

We may need to socialize contract employees to follow the 15-mph speed limit. Please slow them down, but politely and in a friendly way. Use the neighborhood email chat (Sierra Vista Chat - see the last page of this newsletter for instructions on how to join) to warn people of problems. Or you may choose to notify anyone on the SVENA or SVMMDA board if necessary.

Wildlife

We do see wildlife during the day occasionally, but they tend to stay away during daylight hours. Be alert. Keep an eye on your pets. We usually think of coyote, bear, bobcat, and mountain lion, but small pets may be prey for owls.

Wildfire:

We only have one way in and out of the neighborhood. Traffic on it will be heavy if a fire approaches. As a last resort it may be possible to shelter on foot in Milly's Meadow. Check the Wildfire Preparedness page for links to information about preparing your home to withstand a wildfire, and information about packing a go bag and having it ready to grab at a moment's notice.

SVMDA Water Line Construction Update

Construction of the Water System Improvements is scheduled to begin in late May or possibly in June of 2026. This project may take two years to complete because we have extensive rock underground. The schedule has built in off days for weather delays and holidays.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Work hours, by contract, are Monday-Friday 7 a.m. until either 7 p.m. or Civil Twilight.

Much of the new water system will be installed in the existing road right-of-way, sometimes in the center of existing lanes, sometimes on the shoulders. There will be lane closures, road closures, work in intersections, detours, traffic control barriers and noise. The contractor will work to keep driveway access open. Sometimes that may mean traffic-rated steel plates over open trenches. All trenches must be secured at the close of work each day.

DO WE HAVE YOUR LATEST EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER?

SVMDA will be keeping you up to date about driving conditions. They will be sending out emails frequently to let everybody know about road detours and short duration water service cutoffs. If you want to know about these in a timely manner, please send us your latest email address. We may have old information for you that isn't accurate anymore. Please send your current email address to Rhonda at svmdaadmin@svmda.onmicrosoft.com. Also please put both svmda.water@gmail.com and Rhonda's new email svmdaadmin@svmda.onmicrosoft.com in your cell phone address book to be sure our emails don't go to spam.

PREPARE FOR WATER LINE HOOKUPS

If you have landscaping, rock scaping, decorative items, or other features or improvements around your water meter, in the road right-of-way (fifteen feet on either side from the middle of the road) or in your driveway, you may want to proactively move these and safeguard them until the conclusion of the project. This will ensure that your decorative enhancements won't be damaged by the machinery and operations.

Connecting the new water lines to your water meter can't take place until the whole project is ready to go live. Until then you'll stay connected to the old water lines. Connections to existing meters will be the last thing to take place in the project, after the new system has been tested and disinfected and approved. Meter connections will only be allowed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (unless there is an emergency), to minimize disruption to homes and families. Notices will be provided by the contractor in advance of this work.



Milly's Meadow



Milly's Meadow is private property owned by the Sierra Vista Estates neighborhood and is for the use of our homeowners and renters only. It's a great place to walk, to sit and read or talk, to bring the kids and dogs, or just enjoy any time. It is open sunrise to sundown. We have two covered tables with benches, and several other benches are scattered around the meadow. In the summer there is water for your dogs. We have a bulletin board in the meadow that has upcoming events and flyers, notices, and a little library for finding and sharing books.

Scheduled SVENA Events: Most SVENA social events are held at Milly's Meadow. There is never a charge for any of the events. In case of bad weather events are moved to the SVMDA office or rescheduled. Scheduled events are advertised in advance in the neighborhood newsletter Sierra Vista Visions. The newsletter is emailed to all residents, and events are also posted on the bulletin board in the meadow. All residents, both homeowners and renters, are welcome at scheduled events and are encouraged to attend to relax, meet neighbors in casual conversation and enjoy our community.

Didn't know an event was happening? If you are walking by Milly's Meadow and see an event happening that you didn't know about, you are welcome to walk in on the spur of the moment and find out what is going on. You will be welcomed into the event. If you didn't get the newsletter with notice of the event, please email svena.nm@gmail.com and put "Newsletter" in the subject line. Give us your name and email address and we will make sure you get the current and subsequent newsletters.

Reserve Milly's Meadow for private events: Neighbors can reserve Milly's Meadow for events such as weddings, birthday parties, or certain types of community events. There is no charge. Whoever is holding the event becomes the responsible person and must be there for the duration of the event and cleanup.

To reserve, email svena.nm@gmail.com and put "Milly's Meadow Event" in the subject line. Give the date and time of your event, the type of event it is, which part of Milly's Meadow you would like to reserve, and your name, address, and phone number. Priscilla will get back to you to confirm. For more details see the SVENA Welcome Packet you received when you moved in.

The other parts of Milly's Meadow remain open during private events for the routine use of our residents. Just be considerate and respect the private activity going on in one part of Milly's Meadow.

March 2026. Weather

Compiled by Martin Matlack

DATE	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	RAIN	RAIN RATE	HIGH WIND			
3/1/2026	66	39	0		26			
3/2/2026	65.9	41.5	0		35			
3/3/2026	60.3	40.1	0		31			
3/4/2026	57.9	30.4	0		23			
3/5/2026	55	34.9	0		30			
3/6/2026	43.6	27.6	0		31			
3/7/2026	49.5	21.4	0		24			
3/8/2026	55.9	29.6	0		23			
3/9/2026	62.4	38.8	0		24			
3/10/2026	59.4	43.6	0		43			
3/11/2026	58.5	31.9	0		39			
3/12/2026	59	26.5	0		39			
3/13/2026	62.3	42	0		37			
3/14/2026	65.8	40.9	0		42			
3/15/2026	53.2	23.5	0		58			
3/16/2026	52	13.3	0		37			
3/17/2026	64.9	36.6	0		41			
3/18/2026	73.8	46.4	0		28			
3/19/2026	77.7	45.3	0		27			
3/20/2026	80.2	50.8	0		28			
3/21/2026	80.6	52.2	0		29			
3/22/2026	75	44	0		28			
3/23/2026	69.6	32.8	0		26			
3/24/2026	76.2	48.8	0		31			
3/25/2026	80.9	51.6	0		24			
3/26/2026	75.7	52.7	0		34			
3/27/2026	57.9	34.1	0		32			
3/28/2026	57.1	25.7	0		28			
3/29/2026	70.1	44	0		30			
3/30/2026	70.3	50.9	0		28			
3/31/2026	63.6	44.9	0.05	0.96	36			
	HIGH 809	LOW 13.3	TOTAL 0.05		HIGH 58			
TOTAL PRECIPITATION YTD 2.05"								

Weather Links

Main web page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/>
 Fire weather page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/forecasts-fireweather>
 Red Flag Data page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/forecasts-fireweather-dss>
 Weather Planner page: <https://forecast.weather.gov/wxplanner.php?site=abq>



SVENA Member Business Cards

Please remember to keep your business card updated. Please email new or updated business cards to karenlarison@yahoo.com.



K
Embroidery

Kelly Aldrich can do machine embroidery from simple to elaborate, including digitizing. Consider embroidery for a company logo or personalized gift (baby blankets, shirts, and much more).

<http://kellyaldrichembroidery.shutterfly.com> (505) 286-0692



K
Photography

Kelly Aldrich Photography

Products: Greeting cards, matted/framed prints, calendars, magnets, bookmarks, and more!

Services: Senior photos, family portraits, horses, dogs, real estate, and more!

www.KellyAldrichPhotography.com (505) 286-0692



Angelic Healing

Healing begins with an Angel's Touch

Aroma Therapy Educator
Reflexology
Master Channel
Reiki Master

Annette Grace

(505) 321-6635

GraceAngelicHealing@gmail.com

graceangelichealin.wixsite.com/undermomswings



Natalie Frost

Health Insurance and Medicare Broker

(505) 808-7377

natalie@waypatheb.com

TEL 505 267-5946
rberg@unm.edu
www.datawizards.org

**free consultation for
Excel spreadsheets
Access databases**

Rick Berg, Senior Partner COMPUTER CONSULTING, LLC



Holistic Therapy

Healing and thriving of the body, mind, and spirit.

Dr. Kelly Albonico

Psychologist, Yoga Therapist

www.desertthriving.com

kelly@desertthriving.com

505-633-5992



The Perfect Gift

Nick Matlack

Division Manager

Vector Marketing



Cell: 505.507.4700

cutcorockz@msn.com

GUARANTEED FOREVER

Since 1949



Fire Goat Ranch Grazing Service

505-281-5069

<https://www.firegoatranch.com/>

Business card of Jessica White
Email: goatlady@firegoatranch.com

Neighborhood Contacts – Water Related

SVMMDA, Sierra Vista Mutual Domestic Association

<p>SVMMDA Administrative Assistant Rhonda Loewenstein 505-573-1797 or email her at svmdaadmin@svmda.onmicrosoft.com</p> <p>(This is her new email address. Please update it in your phones and email contact list to be sure you get urgent updates)</p> <p>Contact Rhonda for administrative matters such as billing issues.</p>	<p>If you pay for water by check, send it to Rhonda at</p> <p>Sierra Vista Mutual Domestic Association PO Box 111 Cedar Crest, NM 87008</p> <p>If you would like to sign up for an e-bill at no charge, the sign-up information is on your paper bill. You still have the option to pay (for a fee) online or with a phone payment via Softpay.</p> <p>No matter how you choose to pay your bill you can download the free Eye on Water app to detect leaks and track water usage by the day/week/month.</p>
<p>Operator Mike Butler 505-228-6233</p>	<p>Contact Mike for leaks, water line breaks, and other emergencies.</p>
<p>SVMMDA President, Hickory Adams Hickory@waneidesigns.com</p>	<p>Contact Hickory for other questions about SVMMDA</p>

Neighborhood Contacts – Non-Water Related

SVENA, Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association

<p>Email SVENA at svena.nm@gmail.com, The President, Priscilla Matlack, handles most neighborhood community business at this address. Some specific committee contacts are listed below.</p>
<p>Wildfire Preparedness Committee call Ruben Montana at 714-402-5952.</p>
<p>Milly’s Meadow message board. If you want to post flyers/notices on the message board in Milly’s Meadow contact Jan Montana at 714-724-6991 or Ruben Montana at 714-402-5952</p>
<p>Newsletter email svena.nm@gmail.com with subject line “Newsletter”</p>
<p>Get quick help or help others by using the Sierra Vista Estates Email Chat List Join the neighborhood chat for quick, informal help—report lost pets, ask for recommendations, or discuss shared concerns like pine bark beetles or whether the hairpin curve on Sangre de Cristo is passable with ice and snow.. To subscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+subscribe@groups.io and follow the instructions To unsubscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+unsubscribe@groups.io For questions or support, contact marcus.albonico@gmail.com</p>