

Rancho Tierra Grande Association (RTGA)
2022 Activity Update:

Chipping Program:

The 2022 Fall chipping program was very successful thanks to Mike Sherwood guiding our vendors as they safely and efficiently took care of each pile and left it clean. We tentatively plan to have two chipping programs each year, one in late Spring and another in late Fall. Late Fall is best for pruning trees and shrubs due to the onset of rains and lack of bird nests. Please remember to have your pile ready “prior” to the start of the chipping date.

Online Dues Payments:

Please note each resident can pay their tax-deductible dues online via Zelle by simply sending it from your bank via Zelle to our Gmail address: **rtgacv@gmail.com**

Drip Irrigation System:

We installed new drip irrigation on the north side of Tierra Grande Dr from Mercurio Rd. and up along the cyclone fence. The old system had many flaws and was wasting water and unsustainable. A new irrigation timer was also installed, and each plant is now getting adequate water which will be turned off during rain episodes. The plants should now survive our extended dry periods (May-October) in much better health while also saving us CalAm water usage expenses.

Dead Pine Trees:

The county removed the very dead pine tree opposite the cyclone fence after months of delays. Please note this is in what we call the CSA17 zone, thus governed by a separate part of the county. County Public Works is slated to remove 8 more trees soon in the county right of way along Tierra Grande Dr and they are marked with a red ribbon.

Culvert Cleaning:

The large culvert running underneath Via Cazador along Tierra Grande Dr. will be cleaned soon by the county using CSA17 funds. The culvert just uphill of Via Cazador is buried with dirt and brush that is ~ 6’ and presents a major hazard to water flow under the road.

Road Repair:

Mike Raydo and others have been imploring Public Works for years to “fix” our streets. The stars now seem aligned (new Public Works head and the county has access to more outside funds) and they have guaranteed Mike that all our roads (including side streets) will be chewed up and repaved (not just a cheap seal job) in early 2023. This would be a huge boost to each resident as well as our property values.

Fuel Mitigation:

Peter Stern and his fire safety team continue their excellent job of educating residents on how to make their home fire resistant while working with multiple county and state agencies. These efforts have led to RTGA being Firewise certified, which can lower your home fire insurance premiums (especially CA Fair Plan). Peter and the 26 fire captains gathered the forms and Tyson Holmes and Dave Wisherd helped Peter produce the Firewise documents to update our certification which we hope to hear back from soon. The Fire Safety team is also working with a Carmel Valley group that received a large grant for fuel mitigation that will include RTGA. More news on this exciting potential will come in 2023.

New RTGA Website:

An all-new rtghoa.org website was launched to provide timely information updates, fire safety, RTGA activities and general property reference information.