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**From The Field**

By Eric Anderson

Since the start of the General Plan 2020 process (around 2000) a group of Harmony Grove residents began working with the County on the Village Development Pattern. This concept clusters an area of urban density in a Village and creates lower densities going out toward steep and environmentally constrained land. This group evolved into a town council subcommittee which for the past few years has worked countless hours with New Urban West, the community, neighbors and the County.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) alone was over 1,000 pages of information to review and comment. The subcommittee worked together on this and their input had a major impact on what this project will look like.

The committee forwarded their final recommendation to the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council Board prior to the project going before the Planning Commission. As Chair, I feel the community should know what the subcommittee recommended. I also want everyone to be clear that **this is not the official position of the EFHG TC**. At this point in the process the Board has not taken a position on the project.

We do support the Village Development Pattern and we strongly oppose the other projects which threaten to turn the Harmony Grove valley into urban sprawl.

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**Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> @7:30PM**

**At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station**

**Topics: Presentation on the proposed 500-acre University Heights Project**

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## From The Field (Continued)

In addition to the subcommittee's recommendation, this issue of the *chaparral* includes the EFHG TC letter to the Planning Commission expressing our issues. I look forward to your feedback and we need everyone to attend the meeting at the Board of Supervisors in February to give input on this project. Finally I would like to thank the subcommittee for all the work and staying with the project to this point. They deserve at least a pat on the back for all the work.

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## DSL Update

By Shelley Fontaine

I just want to let you know that the start of DSL installation will be delayed until after the holidays. Before A&T can begin installation, the easement paperwork needs to be finalized. Thanks to Cynthia and Tom Gibson for working out the details with AT&T on the utility easement and for granting this easement along their property providing DSL to all Elfin Forest residents! We'll keep you posted on the progress. We're hoping for DSL early next year (Feb/Mar timeframe).

Happy Holidays & all the best in the New Year!

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## Want to Pay More for Water?

By Evelyn Alemanni

OMWD has announced its intention to raise our water rates. A public hearing will be held on January 24 at 6:30 PM in the Olivenhain Board Room, 1966 Olivenhain Road in Encinitas. Plan to attend to voice your concerns or drop them a note at the above address. If you have questions regarding the proposed rate hike, call 760-753-6466.

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## Come Quilt With Us

By Shawn York

I have been teaching quilting in my home for a couple of years now and was wondering if anyone in the valley would like to join us Monday mornings from 10 AM – Noon.

I can teach beginning or intermediate levels. If you're interested, contact me for more information at 760-752-7784 or [shawn@rustycrow.com](mailto:shawn@rustycrow.com).

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## Crime Story

By Joe Alemanni

After hearing rumors about a rash of armed robberies in neighboring San Elijo Hills (SEH), I checked with Veronica Martinez who heads the Crime Prevention Unit for the City of San Marcos. The Crime Prevention Unit is the liaison between the City of San Marcos and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department which provides San Marcos law enforcement services.

Veronica said that a home invasion robbery occurred in SEH in the Westridge condos on Friday, October 27. The unarmed intruder was confronted by and chased from the premises by the home's resident. The chase was joined by an off-duty marshal who brandished a hand gun. A teacher from the nearby San Marcos elementary school observed the arrest and helped instigate a security lockdown at the school without consultation with the Sheriff's Department.

A little searching on the web resulted in the discovery of recent North County Times and Union Tribune stories describing armed robberies in SEH neighborhoods including an armed robbery in Springfield and the Westridge condos (again). Alarming, I also found an unconfirmed allegation on a SEH on-line community forum: "Since January, the San Marcos Sheriff's Department has confirmed that at least 200 criminal incidents have occurred in San Elijo Hills. This includes everything from vehicle break-ins to one man being tied up in his garage while criminals ransacked his home."

Clearly, something is afoot in SEH and the Crime Prevention Unit is probably the best way to sort fact from fiction. Contact Veronica Martinez at 760-744-1050 extension 3111, 760-744-7543, or [vmartinez@ci.san-marcos.ca.us](mailto:vmartinez@ci.san-marcos.ca.us).

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## Calendar For January

Date	Time	Event
Wed 1/3	7:30 PM	Town Council Meeting@Firehouse
Tue 1/2, 1/16	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Wed 1/10	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary
Mon 1/8	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Sat 1/27	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Sat 1/6, 1/20	10 AM	Bookmobile@Firehouse

## Join Your Town Council Board!

By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin

Tis the season... to be thinking about making a difference in the beautiful community we are all so lucky to call home, by throwing your name in the hat for Town Council Board Member. Each February elections take place where the community elects a portion of the nine-member Town Council Board. This year we have four board members whose seats are up for re-election: Eric Anderson, Mid Hoppenrath, Bill Wilgenburg, and Gordon Fines. In addition you can become a member at large even if not elected, so that you can stay abreast of what's happening in your backyard.

We would like to encourage any of the residents of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove who really feel strongly about the uniqueness of our valley to think about serving on the Board for a two-year term. This is a chance to get to know more of your neighbors and your community, and to use your talents and energy to support our mission, which is to "keep it rural". Each year brings new challenges to our quiet corner of paradise, and it is only through the dedication of those serving on the Town Council that we can influence the outcome of the many battles to "keep it rural", from developer encroachment to road reclassification and input into the County planning process.

You don't need experience in land use issues, although that would be great, there are other projects such as communications, community events, etc. which could all use your unique expertise and talents. If you are not sure about the commitment, think of it as taking your turn in preserving what you enjoy. You are not making a life long commitment, just two years of meetings twice a month and service on one of our subcommittees.

This year we are trying a new format, which is a board member application form (attached as the last page of this issue of the *chaparral* and also on our website at [www.efhgtc.org](http://www.efhgtc.org)). Fill one in and send it to me at [simshona@aol.com](mailto:simshona@aol.com) or Eric Anderson at [eric@seedcoseeds.com](mailto:eric@seedcoseeds.com). Alternately, if forms absolutely revolt you, send us an email advising us of your intent to stand for election and prepare and send a short candidate's statement for publication in February's newsletter to [alemanni@vicrp.com](mailto:alemanni@vicrp.com).

**Deadline for application is January 10, 2007.** We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

January 2007

## Subcommittee Final Report

**The Village Subcommittee Final Report to the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council Board of Directors — 12/06/06**

The goal of the Village Subcommittee is to ensure that the Village Development Pattern, a comprehensive plan designed to preserve our rural lifestyle that was proposed by the county and adopted by the community, is followed by any residential projects proposed for this area. Towards that end, the Village Subcommittee has been working with the developer, New Urban West, Inc., and the San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Public Works, for nearly 5 years on the Harmony Grove Village Project.

The Village Subcommittee recommends approval of the NUW Village project with the following conditions:

- 1) It is assumed that the Draft GP 2020 Land Use Map, which features the Village Development Pattern, will be adopted for this area. If instead the Board Alternative Map were to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, the NUW Village development would have to be significantly downsized to conform with long-standing community goals.
- 2) The existing character of the rural roads is preserved; i.e., Country Club Drive outside the project remains unchanged except to be downgraded to a residential road with a 25 mph speed limit, Village Road is to be extended to Citracado Parkway, and the portion of Harmony Grove Road from Village Road to Kauana Loa Drive remains unchanged. If the estimated average daily trips (ADTs) renders these designs impossible, the number of homes in the project must be reduced to a number that will allow attainment of these important traffic goals.

If these conditions are met, we believe that Harmony Grove Village will exemplify the Village Development Pattern as envisioned by the residents, and will serve as a model for smart growth through community-county collaboration in rural areas.

Respectfully,

The Village Subcommittee:

Mid Hoppenrath (chair), Kathy DaSilva,  
Carolyn Floyd, Bill Telesco

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## It's Tax-Deduction Time....

By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin

As the year draws to a close so do your opportunities to get a break on your taxes by donating to worthwhile charitable causes. And if you live in Elfin Forest, I would like to submit for your consideration the opportunity to get a tax deduction, and buy an insurance policy of sorts for your property value.

As you know we have enjoyed record appreciation on our homes and properties in the valley in this latest market surge. Part of the reason our home values are what they are is the fact they are built on large lots, zoned at two acres minimum; large properties are key to creating the tranquil atmosphere we enjoy, yet still being within close proximity of bustling shopping areas like Encinitas. But others are eyeing our unique location and trying to profit from changing life as we know it.

While we can't do much to shield Elfin Forest from an overall real estate market downturn, there is something we can do to protect our individual property values, and the rural atmosphere the recent survey showed we all treasure. We can fight any attempts to bring sewer connections into our valley, because with sewer comes higher densities, since there is no longer the need to have septic tanks with associated leach lines. Ask yourself how your home value and your quality of life would be affected if within a few streets of where you live, land owners decided to subdivide their lots and build either McMansions on postage stamp lots or attached housing? While today that seems impossible to imagine, it could become a reality if we let developers come into Elfin Forest with sewer connections.

The most imminent such danger is the Bridges Unit 7 project, which would bring sewer across Escondido Creek to the southern end of Elfin Forest, and which could from there extend into the rest of our community if other landowners requested annexation to the sewer district and attained the necessary changes in zoning. The project will be in front of the Planning Commission on January 26, and all indications are that the developer plans to try to push forward in spite of the County staff recommendation to deny the project. The Supervisors will be making the ultimate decision, but this battle is not won yet.

YOU can help in defeating this project, and the associated changes it could herald to your lifestyle, and possibly your property value, by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council, in whatever amount you are willing to spend to buy that small insurance policy. While there is no guarantee we will prevail, all signs so far point to a project in distress at the County. Our ultimate goal is to permanently protect this beautiful property as open space through acquisition. However the supervisors could decide to ignore the advice of the County staff and the Wildlife agencies and approve the project – not that builders' contribution to their re-election campaigns have ever been known in the past to sway public officials...

Please send your generous donations to the Town Council at 20223 Elfin Forest Road, Elfin Forest, CA 92029, so we can continue to pay the legal fees and run the public relations campaign that has proven so effective so far. It's our valley and together we can *keep it rural*.

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## Order Your Garden Festival Tickets

By Evelyn Alemanni

Garden festival tickets go fast – don't miss this year's event - "Hidden Treasures in the Valley of the Elves".

April 21 will be your chance to visit some of Elfin Forest's most inspirational gardens. Most of the gardens on the tour will be open to the public for the first time ever, and most of them are more than two acres in size. But you'll enjoy more than gardens. There will be experts giving free garden advice, lunch, a book signing featuring Steve Brigham and his "Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates", a garden marketplace, and much more.

Advance tickets are \$20. Lunch is \$10. Tickets on April 21 are \$30. Save money and order your tickets now. Bring your friends and family. Order tickets online at [www.elfinforestgardens.info](http://www.elfinforestgardens.info).

If you'd like to be a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer, please contact:

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Karen Gardner –  
760-744-9500 [karen@vintagematerialism.com](mailto:karen@vintagematerialism.com)

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## Community Service Awards

By Eric Anderson

The following community members were recognized at the December town council for their contributions in protecting and enhancing Elfin Forest /Harmony Grove in 2006 (in no particular order):

**Donn Grace** – Donn has served on the Fire Advisory Board for the past four years. Once elected, Donn jumped in as treasurer revamping the financials, hiring a bookkeeper, and figured out how the County manages our tax dollars. In general he has made the fire department's life much better.

**Joe Benson** – As the community webmaster, Joe has been very responsive to the needs of the community and can be counted on to post notices and revisions in a timely manner.

**Nichola Jakawich** – Nick elected to do his Eagle Scout service project in our community, a significant improvement to a problem area on the trail system. It involved over 250 hours of effort from planning to completion. Many scouts and adults from Troop 200 assisted along with community members. This enduring project enables hikers and equestrians to safely enjoy this trail.

**Frank & Pat McCulloch** – The McColluchs tirelessly keep Harmony Grove Road and the creek bed clean and free of trash. They truly make us look good.

**Michelle Roberts** – Thank you Michelle for leading the CERT effort.

**EF/HG Fire Department** – The fire department continues to be the community's anchor. This year we thank them for their role in training CERT members and for their four efforts at orchestrating the commemorative events in observance of the ten year anniversary of the Harmony Grove and 1997 Del Dios fires.

**Jeff Swenerton** – Jeff has done a terrific job on the town council, initiating and overseeing the review of our priorities, goals, and strategies. He has provided us with new means to achieve a new level of insight, organization, and efficiency. His always kind and diplomatic nature makes him a sincere pleasure to work with. Jeff masterly organized the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic...including trying to MC without a microphone.

**Nona Barker** – Nona did a great job in organizing and hosting the Fire of '96 remembrance, a four-night event in October doing much of the work herself. As our fire department maven she keeps us on our toes about fire safety. She helped oversee the first successful CERT training. Nona is a caring, compassionate and devoted long term volunteer in our community.

**Mickey Cross** – For her work in organizing and promoting the County bookmobile. She is very good about issuing alerts when the library visits.

**Rachel Barnes** – We thank Rachel Barnes for her work distributing Elf Alerts over the past year.

**Eric Anderson** – Eric has done a fine job in his tireless work and skillful diplomacy as town council chair, shepherding his flock towards actually getting things done.,

**Lori Vitale and Kelli Graham** – Lori and Kelli headed up the 2006 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Parade, the best on record yet.

**Tim Constanzo** – We honor Tim for keeping his cool as chief electrician the day of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic when the band's amplifier was blown out and there wasn't enough power to inflate both jumping castles.

**Peggy Petitmermet** - Peggy tended and enhanced the Firewise Garden. We also thank her for all of her efforts in helping keep our local landscaping fire safe.

**Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin** – For all her hard work on the Bridges Project. Her diligence and organizational efforts have (hopefully) put this project off --- forever? Thank you also for all your work on the 2007 Garden Festival. This fundraiser wouldn't be happening without you.

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## Elf Alerts – NOTE THE CHANGE

Elf alerts are periodic email messages regarding important local events and supplement the newsletter. To subscribe, contact Karen Gardner at [karen@vintagematerialism.com](mailto:karen@vintagematerialism.com). Your email info may be shared with the fire department but no one else. Have you changed your email address? Tell Karen. Thanks to Rachel Barnes for handling Elf Alerts since March of 2006.

## TECC Supports Enhancements To The Elfin Forest Reserve

By Jeff Swenerton

Did you know that the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve offers approximately 17 miles of hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails? From several points you can see views of Elfin Forest, the new Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir, Lake Hodges, and the ocean and mountains beyond. With our clear weather this time of year, the vistas are truly spectacular and only about a 45-minute walk away. Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) Ranger Joey Randall and his staff have provided several benches on the way up to sit and admire the view.

Working in collaboration with OMWD, The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) has embarked on an exciting project to build an Interpretive Center connected to the parking lot area. The Center is part of the mission of TECC is to support “educational programs and compatible outdoor recreation within the watershed.” Although we are short of our goal and need your help, we have raised nearly \$300,000 in the last six months and OMWD and TECC are committed to going ahead with the project.

As the year draws to a close, you may be considering a tax-deductible donation. Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove are very special places. As TECC continues its work to preserve and enhance open space, please consider a donation. If you wish to make a donation to the Interpretive Center, that may be done only until the end of the year. You will be truly leaving a legacy. Basic Memberships are \$50. Give \$100 and get a stylish baseball hat. Give \$300 and get an Eagle Creek day pack. Thank you to all of you who have recently joined.

Want to be involved? We are in the process of planning a number of events. Please reserve these dates (more information coming):

April 14 - Sixth Annual Earth Day in the Elfin Forest Reserve

May 5 - TECC Membership Celebration in the Reserve

Contact TECC at PO Box 460791, Escondido, CA 92029 or [www.escondidocreek.org](http://www.escondidocreek.org).

## January Garden Joys

By Evelyn Alemanni

Cool, wet weather usually characterizes January days in our valley, although last year we had temperatures in the 80s. Since the weather “guessers” are all over the map on their projections, let’s just assume “normal” January weather, which means that right around New Years day, you can start pruning your rose bushes.

Why prune? Roses need a rest, and they bloom best on new wood. So sharpen the pruners, take a deep breath, and get busy. Cut each plant back to 12” to 18”, leaving only three to five main stems. Cut back any wood less than ¼” in diameter, then remove all the leaves. If the leaves have mildew or black spot, put them in the trash, not the compost. Spray each plant with dormant spray – this is intended to kill any over-wintering insects and smother stuff like scale and other things your roses shouldn’t have.

Mulch each bush with 4” to 6” of compost then leave it alone until new leaves start to grow. At that time, you can start fertilizing.

Here’s my secret recipe: mix of 4 parts Milorganite, 2 parts cottonseed meal, 2 parts alfalfa meal, and 1 part bone meal. Apply about 1 cup of this mix to each plant and lightly scratch it into the soil. Water well if no rain is expected. If you share your garden with dogs, omit the bone meal as dogs like to find the source of the “bones” and will dig around the roses to find it. Or, put a wire cage about the rose bushes, which you might need to do anyway to keep rabbits from eating them.

My other favorite January job also involves roses, and that is exploring the nurseries for new varieties and purchasing bare root roses and fruit trees. When making your choices, check to be sure that the stems and roots have not dried out and soak them in a bucket of water for a few hours or overnight before planting.

Some of my favorite roses for Elfin Forest are Flutterbye, White Delight, The Fairy, Coral Meidiland, Ingrid Bergman, Moonstone, Climbing Iceberg, Climbing America, Angel Face, Fragrant Plum, and, oh yes, anything that’s blooming at the moment. Elfin Valley Nursery usually has a remarkable selection and excellent quality.

## What's Happening At The Fire Department – January 2007

By Battalion Chief Dawn Pettijohn



Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Our annual business meeting and Christmas Party went well and we had a great time. Good food, presents, promotions, awards and some well deserved teasing all

made for a wonderful evening. Congratulations to Firefighter Daniel Twohy for his selection as Firefighter of the Year. Nominated for his superior skills, dedication, motivation, professionalism and willingness to always help his fellow firefighters, a department wide vote went to this very deserving young man. Way to go Daniel, you are an inspiration to all of us.

We begin 2007 with some fantastic news! Award of our FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a \$66,652 diesel exhaust system. It ensures all diesel exhaust is immediately and effectively evacuated from the station, not lingering to cause long term negative health effects for our firefighters. Thanks, Chief Twohy, for making this happen!

We also received a \$25,000 award towards a new ambulance from the San Diego Fire and Emergency Services Foundation. For the last two years we have asked for funds towards our goal of replacing our old and aging Rescue Ambulance 2891...and we're gettin' there!

Secretary Rob Hill announces election results for the EF / HG Fire Advisory Board. We welcome both Ken Dubs, replacing Donn Grace, and Rosemarie Kerr as alternate. Officer election results: Nona Barker-Chairwoman, Bob Kephart-Vice Chairman, Byron MacFarlane-Treasurer, Rob Hill-Secretary, Mike Holmes-Director, Bob McGurk-Director, Ken Dubs-Director, Rosemarie Kerr-Alternate, and Chief Frank Twohy. A talented group prepared to lead us in the upcoming year.

So we hit the ground running in 2007. Right off the bat we'll refresh our swiftwater rescue skills in anticipation of winter rains and continue to refine structure fire skills. The North Zone Training Manual keeps us busy with regional standardization of training. We're working hard, and we're committed to be the best fire department we can possibly be for you.

## Get Your Community Guide

By Evelyn Alemanni



Our community guide is available at all town council meetings. This beautiful, keepsake edition has nearly 200 color photos showing our community's past and present. They make wonderful gifts and an indispensable marketing tool for realtors. It provides resources for rural living, a history of our community, and much, much more. The price is \$20.

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[www.andersonslacostanursery.com](http://www.andersonslacostanursery.com)

[www.efhgtc.org](http://www.efhgtc.org) (town council website)

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[www.coburntopiary.com](http://www.coburntopiary.com)

[www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org)

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## News From Questhaven Retreat



Sunday worship is at 10:45 AM.  
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760-744-1500  
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**Study groups** meet on weeknights. Please call the office for times and locations.

**Weekly Meditation** - Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Jan 7 - Life's Highest Potential - Transformation  
- *Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire*

Jan 14 - How Do You Envision Your Life?  
- *Rev. Elizabeth Wood*

Jan 21 - A Nine Year: Through Challenges to  
Initiation - *Rev. Blake Isaac*

Jan 28 - Fighting the Good Fight: Christ, the Goal  
and Christ, the Prize - *Paul Michalewicz*

## HG Spiritualist Church Services

The Harmony Grove Spiritualist Church services::

Saturday: Healing 1 PM – 2 PM  
Church Service 2 PM – 3 PM

Sunday: Healing 10 AM – 11 AM  
Church Service 11 AM – Noon

## Sheriff's Department Contacts

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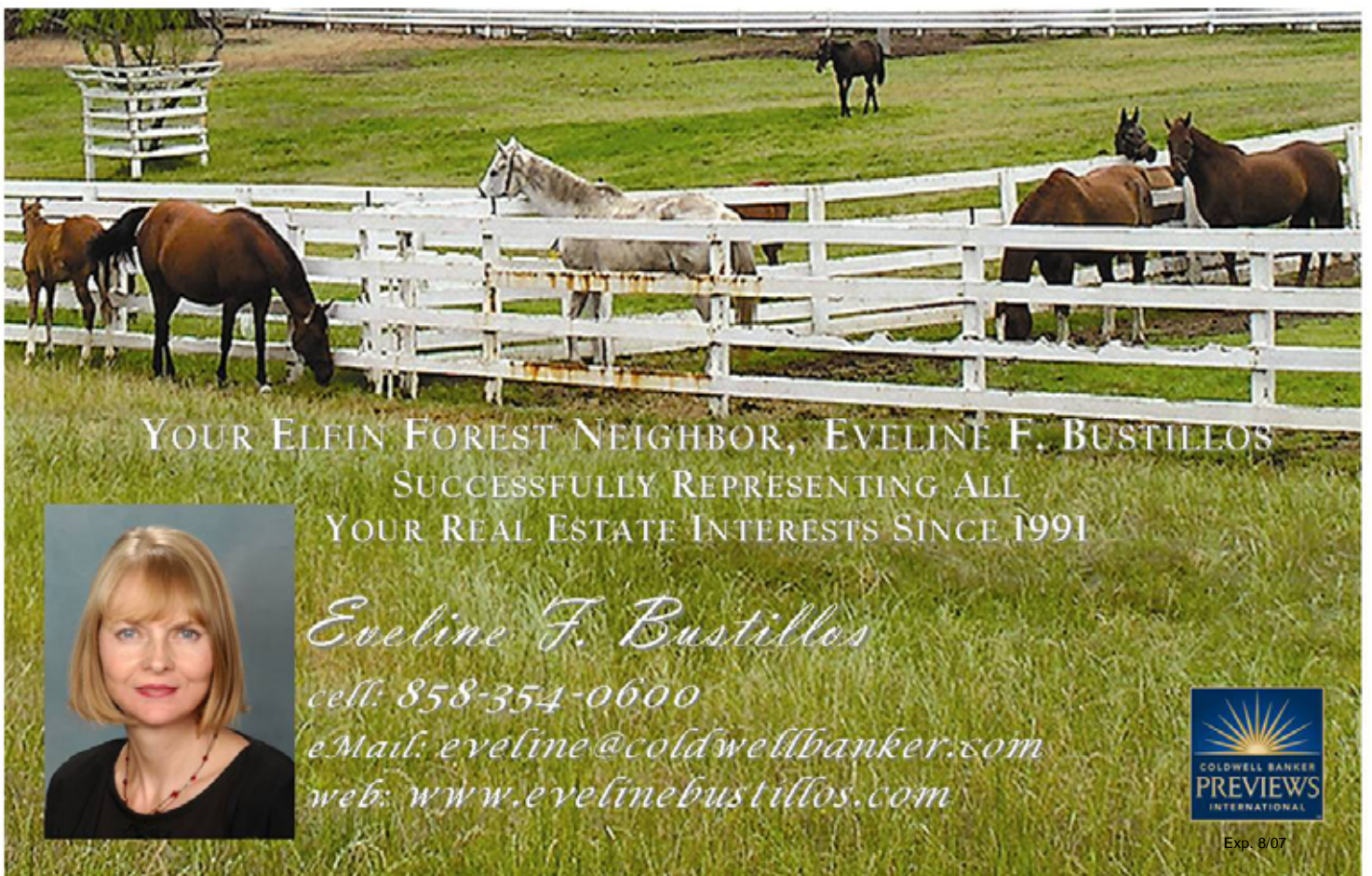
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December 15, 2006

The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove community has worked for many years with the County staff to create the Village Development Pattern, a comprehensive plan designed to preserve our rural lifestyle for Harmony Grove. This should be followed by any projects proposed for this area. Towards that we have been working with the developer, New Urban West, Inc., and the San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Public Works, for nearly 5 years on the Harmony Grove Village Project.

The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council asks that the Planning Commission examine, clarify, and support the community in helping resolve these remaining key issues.

- 1) Zoning in the community as it develops under the GP 2020 and other current development proposals. The community has assumed that the Draft GP 2020 Land Use Map, which features the Village Development Pattern, will be adopted for this area. If instead the Board Alternative Map were to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, the NUW Village development would have to be significantly downsized to conform to long-standing community goals.
- 2) Traffic Issues. The community adamantly request that the existing character of the rural roads is preserved; i.e., Country Club Drive outside the project remains unchanged except to be downgraded to a residential road with a 25 mph speed limit, Village Road is to be extended to Citracado Parkway, and the portion of Harmony Grove Road from Village Road to Kauana Loa Drive remains unchanged. If the estimated average daily trips (ADTs) render these designs impossible, the number of homes in the project must be reduced to a number that will allow attainment of these important traffic goals.
- 3) The Sewer must be sized to serve only the NUW Village Development. The community requests that the Major Use Permit P04-013 include language that specifies the appropriate sizing of the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. In addition the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council requests that the agency that will be operating the facility be clearly identified.
- 4) Environmental mitigation for the project should occur within the community.

The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council has submitted extensive comments on the EIR and during the development of the project as proposed. We request that we be continue to be notified of any changes as the project proceeds and that any changes that may occur follow the intent of the project as presented by New Urban West. We believe that Harmony Grove Village can exemplify the Village Development Pattern as envisioned by the residents, and can serve as a model for community-county collaboration in rural areas.

Respectfully  
Eric Anderson  
Chair- Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council

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