



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From the Vice-Chair

By Bill Telesco

This past month we held elections for the Elfin Forest Community Foundation board and also had various meetings about developments in our area. The Fire Department held its Pancake breakfast on April 20th at the Fire House. Thanks to everyone involved for a great event and to the community for a big and enthusiastic turnout.

There is now a vacant seat on the EF/HG Town Council and we need someone who cares about the direction of the community to fill that seat for the next year. Participating on the Town Council is a great way to exercise your influence on the events in our community.

The landscape project is moving forward and looks very nice along Elfin Forest Road. I would like to see some additional signs on Harmony Grove Road. Safety is still a big issue on our roads, so continue to watch your speed and for those large trucks each day.

Be safe and happy and have a great month.

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May Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, May, 7:30 p.m.
Important topics will be presented.

We have a very full agenda for this meeting. Invited guests include Supervisor Bill Horn (don't hold your breath), the County of San Diego to talk about the landfill closure plan and traffic impacts to our community, San Elijo Hills to give an update on blasting and other issues, an update from Michael Garrison about his 14 lot subdivision along Elfin Forest Road, a presentation from the Harmony Grove/Eden Valley Citizens' Group on the Derbas project and their referendum initiative, and lots of other interesting topics that affect your life and lifestyle. Mark your calendar and be sure to come.

New Town Council Board Member is Needed

Are you ready, willing, and able to serve your community? Do you have at least two nights a month available to attend meetings? Are you a good communicator and leader? We need you to fill an opening on the town council board. Board members take a leadership role in various projects that affect our community, but it is not necessary for you to do all the work yourself. Please contact any board member if you're interested in participating.

New Members Elected to Community Foundation

At last month's community meeting, Patti Newton, Betsy Keithley, and Martha Blane were elected to serve on the board of directors of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation. The foundation was created from the funds set aside from the tipping fees of the now closed San Marcos Landfill. Twice a year, the foundation makes grants for projects that benefit the community. We hope that the new members of the board will be instrumental in improving the level of communication of the foundation with the community, and at a minimum, keep us informed of when grant applications are due and what grants were awarded and for what purposes.

The San Marcos Growth Management and Neighborhood Protection Act By Cynthia Skovgard

Why should you care? Because San Marcos keeps encroaching closer to Elfin Forest and we get to host their traffic. This initiative is ready for signature collecting. We need 2,500 San Marcos Registered Voter signatures to qualify this citizen's petition for the November 5th election.

This initiative is similar to Escondido's "Prop S" petition that was approved by Escondido voters in 1998. The initiative allows the citizens of San Marcos the right to vote on the amount of growth and development over and above what the General Plan now allows. Included in this initiative is help for protecting our "sphere of influence". It requires that **"proposed redesignation/rezones, density or intensity increases for properties outside the City limits and within its sphere of influence, proposed as part of a pre-annexation process or application**

shall, to the extent permitted by law, be subject to the voter approval requirements".

The City General Plan is the Constitution for land use planning and is designed to avoid over-building the City and to foster a healthy balance between residential quality of life and a sustainable local economy. However, in recent years, the San Marcos City Council has pursued development goals that, if implemented, will degrade both the quality of life and the long-term viability of local businesses.

San Marcos has a General Plan that will permit up to 98,000 people and the commercial and industrial development to serve them. Our current population is 54,000. This initiative says if you want to increase San Marcos's holding capacity beyond this level, then the people of San Marcos must be allowed to vote on the specific proposal.

Currently, all it takes is a simple majority vote of our city council members, who might be influenced by special interest groups, to get approval for higher density and intensity of use changes to our General Plan. Historically, these changes have been approved in spite of our ever-increasing traffic congestion, overcrowded schools, and growing deficiencies in open space, creek preservation, parkland, and playing fields.

The **"San Marcos Chamber of Citizens"** needs your help. You need not be a registered voter in San Marcos to help collect signatures. New state law requires that you only have to be "qualified" to be a registered voter. Yes, this means you do not even have to be a registered voter. "Qualified" means that you must be 18 on or before the November 5th election; a U.S. Citizen; not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction, and not declared mentally incompetent by court action.

Please contact Cynthia Skovgard; President, "San Marcos Chamber of Citizens", to volunteer (760) 744-8380 or ChamberCitizens@aol.com.

Town Council Website

The Elfin Forest Website is up and running, and being improved every week. Check it out at: www.efhgtc.org.

You can list your business in the Links section for only \$10 per year!

MINUTES OF ELFIN FOREST/HARMONY GROVE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 3, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Telesco, Evelyn Alemanni, Patti Newton, Mid Hoppenrath, Eric Anderson, Janet McGurk

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

ITEM #1: David Kellum, Ph.D., entomologist for the County of San Diego, spoke to residents about problems associated with indigenous and imported pests and how they are affecting our way of life here. Due to time constraints, Mr. Kellum gave us a verbal “Whitman’s Sampler” and inundated us with beautiful and helpful brochures on everything from the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter to Africanized Honeybees.

Eucalyptus trees are currently suffering from fifteen different pests (some with no natural predators). Some of these problems have resulted from natural and expected events; however, some have been maliciously unleashed in an effort to eradicate the trees.

Swarming bees are not aggressive; they are aggressive when producing honey and young. You cannot physically tell the difference between the Africanized variety and the European honeybees so exercise caution. If you would like some brochures contact a town council member for information.

ITEM #2: Janet Fairbanks, AICP, Senior Regional Planner, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), talked to residents about the Multiple Habitat Conservation Plan (MHCP) that covers county unincorporated areas (like Elfin Forest). It represents a countywide program based on an ecosystem approach to conservation (Orange and Riverside Counties are doing the same).

It helps to think of it as a “green infrastructure” for habitat; it is every bit as important as road or sewer infrastructure; and equally deserving of funding. The idea is to create a system for survival of indigenous species of plants and animals without human interference. It incorporates a proactive approach as opposed to a reactive one like the Endangered Species Act.

There are jurisdictional and land use issues that make the creation and implementation of such plans problematic but not impossible. San Diego County is trying to create local jurisdictions for authority. In the Multiple Habitats Conservation Plan (MHCP) (managed by Fairbanks), seven North County cities are involved from Solana Beach to Oceanside and San Marcos to Escondido. Eleven years ago these cities all signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and, due to a lack of staff, requested SANDAG manage it.

The area identified in the MSCP (from Solana Beach east to the Mexican border) is still being identified. The area of the Cleveland National Forest and east is incorporated into yet another program. All these programs are working with willing sellers with sensitive species on their properties.

The deadline for public input is April 29, 2002. Three major issues include private property rights, elected leaders’ mandate to not use the power of eminent domain to acquire property, and funding. Updated information can be found on SANDAG’s web site at: www.sandag.org.

ITEM #3: Elfin Forest Community Foundation election results. The three newly elected board members are **Betsey Keithly**, **Martha Blane**, and **Patti Newton**.

ITEM #4: Because **David Cronshaw** is ill, Joe Alemanni is undertaking the duties associated with publishing *The Chaparral*.

ITEM #5: Janet McGurk, July Fourth Picnic chairperson, called for volunteers to help during the event scheduled for June 30, 2002.

ITEM #6: Nona Barker reminded residents the annual Pancake Breakfast is April 20th.

ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.

Chaparral by e-mail?

If you’re not already receiving a full color, PDF format copy of the chaparral by email, in addition to the regular hard copy, send an email note to alemanni@allea.com to be added to the list.

Thank You! No, Thank You! Etcetera.

Thanks for Helping!

By Lynda Clerke

The Landscape Foundation thanks Joe Alemanni, Bob Voorhees and Nancy Reed for taking time out of their busy schedules to help spread mulch on the new horse trails on April 16. We had a lot of fun and their participation made the job so much easier.

If you would like to help out in any way, please feel free to contact Lynda Clerke at (decl@cts.net).

A Big Thank You

By Marty Benowitz

I have lived in the Elfin Forest for 18 years now and have watched the changes just like the rest of the long time residents. The changes going on now along the trails and the street markers are wonderful improvements and every day on my drive in or out I think about how pleasant the results are. I know how much hard work has gone into those improvements and just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to each person that has had a hand in the process. Your efforts are appreciated.

TECC SAYS "THANK YOU!"

By Deb Lelevier

For those of you who have answered TECC's plea with their annual membership renewal and/or extra donation both last year and this year: **THANK YOU! MERCI! THANK YOU! GRACIAS! THANK YOU! DANK U! GRAZIE! THANK YOU! DANKA! THANK YOU! MARURU!**

Join this list of neighbors, friends, and watershed supporters who gave in the first third of 2002: Ed Hall, Wallace & Karen Tucker, Bob & Cynthia Golich, Dennis & Dave Stillinger, Lali Mitchell, Suzi & Arie Franken, Jay & Carla Zilka, Robert & Gervais Pimentel, Rick & Mary Moore, Jack & Sarah Paxton, Frank Bruno, Linda Sorenson, Leonard Wittwer & Martha Blane, Dennis & Viola Cummins, Joan Chitica, Art Henning, Ann Beck-Witte, Trey & Toni Fairman, Inez Yoder, Dr. Robert LeLevier, Harry & Stacy Erlich, Alan & Gail Ross, The McKim Family, Frank & Pat McCulloch, Joan Perron, Sue

Varty, Joy & Dave Jackson, Drs. Ken & Donna Carr, Adeline Black, Deborah LeLevier. Many more gave at the end of 2001 and their names have been listed in past issues.

Remember just like your *Chaparral* subscription, your TECC membership needs to be renewed annually. When you renew or donate, your name will also appear in the *Watershed Voice* along with TECC's other faithful and generous supporters. **THANK YOU!**

An additional THANKS! Goes out to all of you who supported the BANFF Film Festival by attending &/or giving an extra gift. BANFF is sponsored by Nona & Steve Barker of Eagle Creek Travel Gear. Thank you to the wonderful Eagle Creek staff for all their hard work year after year making this a fun and successful fund raising event!

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1/2 page	\$20.00	\$165.00/year

Community, Non-Commercial Classified Ads: 1" x 3 1/2"(approx. 4 lines): no charge - must be resubmitted every 3 months.

CREEK HAPPENINGS

Great News and a Plea

By Deb LeLevier

TECC's generous, anonymous donor has extended the deadline of the one-to-one land acquisition fundraiser. As TECC continues to look at several land purchase options, it seems that the acquisition of money is just as challenging!

We are all aware of the rapid rate of development in San Diego County and the subsequent loss of wild, open spaces. These lands provide habitat for many diverse species of plants and animals that are being squeezed out of existence by development pressures. These "rare commodities" cannot be replaced.

With development come more water thirsty ornamental gardens and lawns, more impervious surfaces like rooftops, driveways, streets, curbs, parking lots, and roads; and more urban runoff. This means further degradation to the water quality of our creeks and streams which flow into their receiving waters, the sensitive lagoons and ultimately the ocean. While changes in city and county planning and development are key, we cannot wait for this to happen. The need to preserve land before it is developed is urgent; just look around our neighborhood hills — need I say more?

Please help TECC save these precious, irreplaceable lands; donate today! You may use the donation envelope inserted in your recent *Watershed Voice* or mail your own envelope to

TECC @ PO Box 460791, Escondido, CA 92029.

All money donated at this time, whether for membership renewal and/or as an extra tax-deductible contribution, will be placed in TECC's Land Acquisition account at the San Diego Foundation. Any land TECC purchases will be restored and preserved in perpetuity.

Dam! Dangerous Traffic on Harmony Grove Road.

PLEASE report any unsafe drivers to the sheriff. For other problems with the dam project, contact

HGEV and GP2020

By Kevin Barnard

Representatives from Harmony Grove met with Gary Pryor (county planning director) on April 11th to discuss several issues the future density of HGEV. Gary had never seen the HGEV density map produced by our group and was surprised that we were that detailed (he understands it is a draft only). You can see it on our Web site, www.hgev.info, under Density map on the home page, left side. The density ranges from 2 DU/acre to 1 DU/ 2-4 acres, with the majority being 1 DU/ 2-4 acres.

Gary is willing to let HGEVCG be the direct representative to DPLU/GP2020 rather than San Dieguito Planning Group in that we are an organized, elected group involved with planning issues in HGEV. I suggest we continue to copy SDPG however.

He had no problem with allowing the proposed density in Mid Hoppenrath's map from becoming final in that he felt he could find other places that were more accessible to place that kind of population.

We discussed the issues of SC1375 and Citracado Pkwy...SC1375 being needed only for build out in HGEV and Citracado Pkwy being needed for connection between Del Dios and Hwy 78.

Gary would like us to finalize our map and project the number of residences as a result that will allow them to plan for circulation and roads.

This puts ever more emphasis on our survey to back up our work...maybe we need to conduct our own "workshops" in two or three places in HGEV to educate and get feedback.

I will work to further formalize this relationship with DPLU and GP 2020 so the process and protocol are clear to all of us.

Olivenhain Dam Hotline

877-426-2010

School Survey is Coming Soon

By Mickey Cross (mickeykc@juno.com)

The Rancho Santa Fe School District will be sending out a survey to all of the residents within the school district boundaries soon (within the month). Please fill it out and return it ASAP. YOUR INPUT MATTERS!!

The school board would like to hear from you.

If you have questions, you can call the school district at 858-756-1141. If you don't want to or can't contact them, Mickey Cross might be able to answer your questions, as well.

Landfill Closure EIR is Ready to Review

The town council has received a copy of the draft EIR for the closure of the San Marcos Landfill (Landfill). Please contact any board member if you would like to review and comment on it. Comments are due on May 20, referring to the following project number: No.20011 01126.

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to implement the Final Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plans for the San Marcos Landfill (Landfill) using a monolithic soil cover system or other system as required by regulatory authorities. The soil cover will range in depth from five to eight feet. The project will require the importation of approximately 420,000 cubic yards of soil over an approximate 7-month period. The imported soil will be mixed with approximately 120,000 cubic yards of on-site soil and placed over the Landfill surfaces. This means a LOT of truck traffic – probably 38,000 truck trips - that means 300 – 500 trucks per day on San Elijo Rd. There are huge safety issues that we need to address. If the trucks will be routed via Elfin Forest Road (or even if they aren't) we should address mitigation needs for the community.

Closure of the Landfill will be in accordance with requirements from Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. The Landfill is located adjacent to San Elijo (Questhaven) Road between Rancho Santa Fe Road and Elfin Forest Road within the incorporated City of San Marcos in northern San Diego County. The total acreage of the Landfill covers

approximately 310 acres. The area that has received waste and requires closure is approximately 102 acres.

The Final Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plans will require approvals from the County Board of Supervisors, California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).

Significant environmental effects anticipated as a result of the project are related to the hauling of cover soil to the Landfill and include project level and cumulative short-term transportation/circulation, air quality, and noise impacts.

Comments on this proposed draft EIR must be received no later than May 20, 2002 at 4:00 p.m., a 45-day public review period. The EIR can also be reviewed at the Carlsbad City Library, located at 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, California, 92009; Encinitas Library, located at 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, California, 92024; Escondido Library, located at 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido, California, 92025; and San Marcos Library, located at 2 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, California, 92069.

For additional information about the EIR and responding to it, please contact Julia M. Quinn at (858) 874-4054 or by e-mail: Julia.Quinn@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Elfin Forest Survey

The creeping deadline... We've been reporting for several months that the town council board is in the process of compiling a questionnaire to serve as a census of Elfin Forest. It's ALMOST DONE!!! Your responses are important so that the town council can accurately represent the views and opinions of the community, and also so that we can better understand the demographics of our community. We hope to have the materials ready for you sometime in May. Please be assured that your individual responses will be confidential, but the summary data may be published or used in presentations or responses to EIRs as a way to preserve and protect our community character.

Owls R Us

By Tom Stephan

(Note: Tom Stephan is a new advertiser. Several people in Elfin Forest have his owl boxes.)

In third grade, the teacher instructed the class to assemble a report on a wild animal species of our choosing. I picked eagles. Searching for literature, I found a copy of a 1932 National Geographic magazine open to an article entitled "A Day in the Life of an Indian Prince" by John and Jean Craighead. Within the pages were photos and essay detailing the capture, taming and training of falcons, hawks, and golden eagles, by the royal falconers.

That weekend, a friend of my father asked me: "So son, what do you want to be when you grow up?" Proud that I finally had an answer to this persistently asked question, I beamed "a falconer." I can still see him furrowing his brow and looking at my father for an explanation.

Forty years later, I have realized that goal and much more. I hunt with (go hawking with) Peregrine falcons at ducks and rabbits with Harris hawks. I am the breeder of Peregrine, Saker and Barbary falcons as well as Harris's hawks. I perform avian pest management using falconry methods as part of Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) for the military on the flight line. I had climbed so many Red tailed hawk and Coopers hawk nests as a lad, that I called tree services looking for employment once I was finished with school (or was it the other way round?).

I have now owned a tree service for almost twenty years. I am certified arborist (wc. #3031). I have added over the years a unique service that seems to marry my love of raptors and my tree service. I build and install nesting boxes for owls and hawks: mostly for Barn owls (*tyto alba*). I have installed over 800 now in San Diego County alone. I also construct American kestrel (*falco sparverius*) nest boxes. These two species are easily attracted to the garden, ranch, and, surprisingly, often in the city. Highly beneficial; these two species consume thousands of gophers, rats and mice per year.

You sleep and the gophers die!" is my pitch.

Watch Out for Your Four-Legged Friends

By Suzie Kaplan

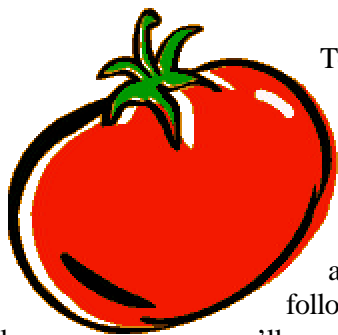
We recently arrived home from our Idaho vacation to find that our beloved dog, Sylie, had died. She had been poisoned. On the morning of Feb.16th, the dogs had been playing in our yard as normal. By 9am Sylie was found in our driveway unable to move and dying. Our kind neighbor Greg rushed her to the Veterinary Emergency hospital, but it was too late. The vet knew right away that she had been poisoned.

We returned home at 9pm that night devastated by the news we received in the taxi from the airport. As we arrived our other dog, Billie, came to greet us. She was acting very strange but we were so upset from the news of Sylie that we did not notice. Twenty minutes later we wanted to bring Billie in but she would not come when called. We found her in the bushes unable to move. She also had been poisoned. My husband Dave frantically rushed her to the hospital where they pumped her stomach all night and managed, just barely, to save her.

We had an autopsy done on Sylie and it was determined that her stomach was full of a blue/green colored grain that was coated with Strychnine used for catching gophers and other rodents. With the help of Peggy Petitmermet we checked with all our neighbors to see if anyone had recently been using this poison. Even though many had used this product in the past, no one had done so recently. This leads us to believe that our dogs may have been poisoned intentionally. We rescued Sylie while on vacation in Mexico last year. She was 4lbs and starving to death. We brought her home and nursed her back to health. She turned into the most beautiful, loving and loyal dog anyone could imagine. Whenever I rode my horse Sylie came with me. Our family misses her very much. We hope you all watch out for your pets, as losing a dog in this way is very painful.

Garden Greetings

by Nancy Reed



rules
ones ever!

Tomatoes are the most widely grown home veggie in America and have been for many years. No wonder, nothing beats the taste of a homegrown tomato. By following some basic tomato you'll grow the biggest and tastiest

First pick a spot that has at least 7 hours of full sun a day. Make sure you can get water to it easily. I prefer drip soaker hoses on an automatic timer. If creatures are a problem, provide fencing and if necessary bury small gauge chicken wire to stop the infamous Elfin Forest gophers. Prepare the soil by digging in compost or an organic amendment and a fertilizer. There are many fertilizers on the market today, some specialty formulated for tomatoes. If you are going organic, the free manure from the egg ranches and dairy on Harmony Grove works wonderfully.

Next, and probably the most difficult task, is to choose a variety to grow. Do you want a hybrid or an heirloom, a determinate or an indeterminate, early or normal maturity date, a beefsteak, paste or cherry? All have a place in the home garden depending on your situation and preferences.

Heirlooms are open pollinated, non-hybrid, over 40 years old and are most often developed and maintained by individuals specific to the local climate. Heirlooms are tastier and come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colors such as yellow, orange, pink, bi-colored, cream and even purple/black! However heirlooms do not have disease resistance, travel well or have early maturity dates as hybrids do. Heirlooms can be difficult to find as started plants, but seeds are plentiful.

Hybrids are a cross of two different varieties that will not produce true from its seeds. Hybrids have disease resistance; some are bred for specific growth characteristics (i.e. small container plant), specific maturity range (i.e. early to fruit) and were developed for commercial purposes (ability to travel w/out damage). Hybrids do not have the colors or flavors of the heirlooms. Disease resistance has been a major aim

of hybridization. The VFN notations on plant tags denote specific disease resistance. V is for verticillium wilt, a soil borne fungus that can kill. F is for fusarium wilt another soil fungus that causes a yellow from the soil up death. N is for nematodes, a deadly root eating mini worm. If your tomatoes didn't do well in the past, plant a VFN variety in a different location. Mulching to avoid splashing contaminated soil into the plants may stop wilt along w/ reducing water needs.

A determinate tomato tends to be smaller and most of the fruit ripens at the same time. Good for containers home made sauces and canning. An indeterminate is larger and tends to out grow commercially available cages. The fruit is produced over a long period of time.

Tomatoes will only fruit when the nighttime temperature is between 55 and 75 degrees. However the early varieties such as Early Girl will fruit in lower night time temperature and is a good variety to plant now, wait several weeks and plant other varieties.

A trellis or staking system is also needed to keep the fruit off the ground and discourage pests and disease. Commercially available cages are only good for the smaller determinate varieties. I use 6-foot stakes w/ hardware cloth in a long line. The hardware cloth should have holes large enough to get you hand through it. Six-inch holes work well. Space the plants every 3 to 4 feet. Place the tomatoes to the back of the bed so not to cast a shadow on the other plants. When planting, place plants deep, removing the lower leaves, leaving 2 to 3 inches above ground. The buried stem will root, one of the only plants that can be treated this way.

Here is a list of southern California garden writer Bill Sidnam's favorites: Early Girl, Ace Hybrid, Lemon Boy, Better Boy Big Beef, Beefmaster Hybrid and Celebrity, Sweet 100. All are large fruited except the Sweet 100, which is a cherry. All should be readily available at local nurseries.

A closing note on heirlooms, as stated earlier it can be difficult to find heirlooms as started plants. However, we are very fortunate to have 2 local sources. Ginger Cat's Gardens has partnered with the Hawthorne County Store (675 West Grand Ave, Escondido) and has many varieties specific to our climate. Sunshine Gardens in Encinitas has exquisite California coastal heirlooms available to purchase.

COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH ART: A TECC STUDENT WATERSHED ACTIVITY PROJECT

Students wishing to enhance their community are invited to help The Escondido Creek Conservancy through creative activities in the outdoors

Meet Saturdays In The Field To:

DRAW PAINT PHOTOGRAPH MAKE RUBBINGS DESIGN TRAIL MAPS FIND PLANTS AND ANIMALS WRITE STORIES WITH IMAGES COMPOSE POETRY! MUSIC! SONG MAKE CASTINGS OF ANIMAL TRACKS PREPARE COLLECTED MATERIALS FOR WEB PAGES

Be part of the field team or the web team or both. Create independently or as a group to develop your creations and discoveries into web site content. Student work may be shown on the TECC website to facilitate identification of plants & animals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (760) 436-7198 or e-mail <twhirled@yahoo.com> or <http://www.escondidocreek.org/artsite.html> Student Community Service Project Directed By TECC Volunteer Webmaster, Mr. Ted Whirlidge, Credentialed Art Teacher

Elfin Forest Ladies Bunco Night

The next Potluck-Bunco Party is scheduled for Friday, May 24 from 7pm-10pm at Lisa Kammersgard's home. Whether you're new to Elfin Forest, a long-time resident or somewhere in between, you're invited to socialize with neighbors and play Bunco for fun and prizes. Please plan to bring a \$5 bill, a potluck dish, and beverage to share. Ladies Bunco Night happens on the 4th Friday of each month (provided we have a volunteer to host). Please contact Lisa at 471-2525 by May 22nd to RSVP and get directions for the May 24 party. To volunteer to host in June or July, please contact Lori Clark at Tel: (760) 510-2001 or Email: clark-17@ix.netcom.com

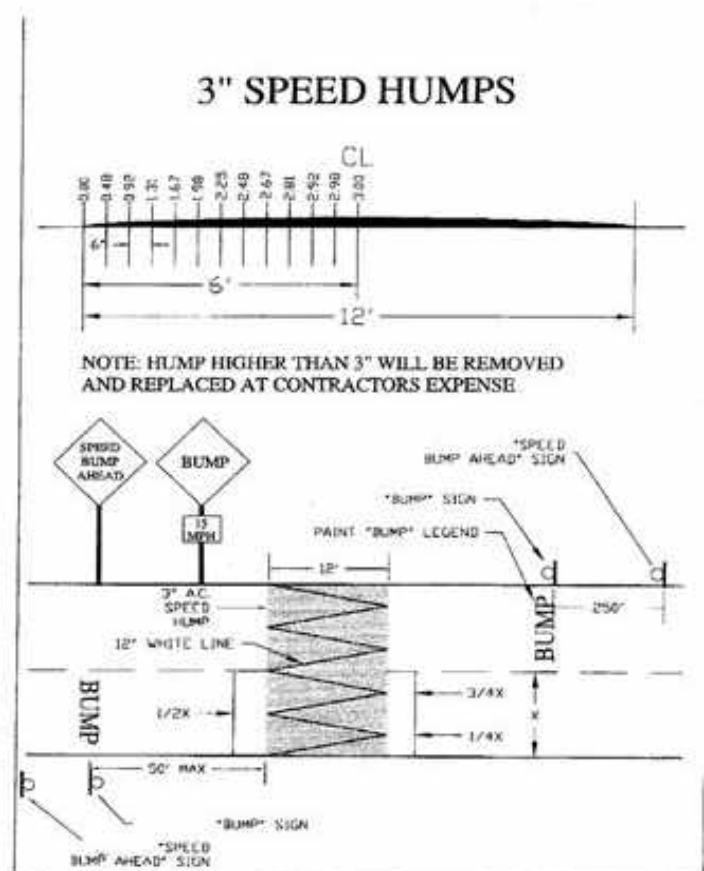
May Garden Club Meeting

The Garden Club will tour Frank and Susan Oddo's house at 19665 Elfin Forest Glen on May 11th at 10:00am. Since the last time we were there they have added new color in the form of trees, shrubs, and flowering plants throughout. They have also expanded the number of birdhouses and added a new terraced vegetable garden. You will also see their almost completed "spool". It's larger than a spa and smaller than a pool and features a waterfall and regular and swim jets in multi-tiered seating. It sits in the new patio off their master bedroom. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Elfin Forest Garden Club has no membership requirements, dues, or officers. All we do is get together and learn about the joys and challenges of gardening in Elfin Forest. Everyone is welcome.

Want to host a meeting? Contact Evelyn Alemanni 471-7224.

Speed Bumps Revealed



PlayGroup Schedule

Saturday, May 4, 3:00 pm: Playgroup at the home of xxxx for xxx's 4th birthday party! xxx Fortuna del Este, xxx, Please RSVP.

Saturday, May 11, 12:00 noon: Playgroup at the home of Rose Goetz for Kaitlin's 7th birthday party! 20780 Fortuna del Norte, 744-2299, Please RSVP.

Saturday, May 18, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Playgroup at the home of Michele Sidwell for Zack's 4th birthday party and Anna's 2nd birthday party! 6856 Los Vientos Serenos, 471-8877, Please RSVP.

May 24, 1:00 pm: Playgroup at Scott's Valley Park. The park is visible on the left from Rancho Santa Fe Road just before El Camino Real in Encinitas. This is a great place for bicycles.

May 31, 10:00 am: Playgroup at the home of Nicole Macaluso. 6311 El Montevideo, Rancho Sante Fe, (858)756-0765

News from Questhaven Retreat May 2002

Sunday Services: Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

Questhaven Retreat is at 20560 Questhaven Rd. 760-744-1500. www.questhaven.org.

Study groups meet on weeknights. Please call the office for times and locations.

Weekly – Meditation: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Meet at El Chapelito, Led by Jean Michalewicz.

The Way Within Meditation Classes: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 Noon. Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Phyllis Isaac.

Exploration in Prayer Classes 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 12:00 Noon Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Elizabeth Wood.

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