



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From The Chair

By Mid Hoppenrath

Those of us living in CSA 107 are fortunate to have the EF/HG Town Council (TC), a non-profit 501C(3) corporation, that serves as the voice and watchdog for the community. The TC brings issues of interest to the attention of residents, is a forum for neighbors to meet and share viewpoints, and perhaps most important, adds a collective force to our voice by uniting people with similar rural lifestyles (more critical than ever with the new developments arriving).

Some families living in Harmony Grove but just outside CSA 107 boundaries, along with many in Eden Valley, petitioned to become part of the TC for a trial period. Two at-large board members have been representing these communities for the past year. The trial period is now ending and certain questions need to be answered: Should the TC increase our boundaries to accept more of the greater unincorporated rural community, newly released from Escondido’s sphere of influence? Do those living north of El Rocko Road and to the south side of Mt. Whitney/Kauana Loa Roads (Harmony Grove) and in Eden Valley want to join? Any change in the TC boundaries would require a vote of the members and an amendment to our bylaws so the TC can have boundaries different from CSA 107 (which don’t need to change).

We’ll be discussing these important issues at our next TC meeting that’s also our annual holiday party. There’ll be coffee and hot chocolate, and all are encouraged to attend and bring a dessert to share. It’s a great opportunity to meet the members of our greater community and share ideas on how our collective voice can be heard to preserve our rural lifestyle.

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***Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.
At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station***

Topics: Inclusion of Eden Valley in the town council. Holiday Dessert Potluck. Bring something and someone wonderful. Meet your new neighbors at the “elf warming.” Community Service awards and more.

Holiday Potluck/Elf Warming

Bring something GOOD! The December 3rd town council meeting will be our annual holiday party, a dessert potluck. So bring some music, something delicious, and be prepared to have fun. We'll have a very brief meeting with nominations for next year's town council board, followed by community service awards, and a chance to meet your new neighbors. Has someone moved to your street this year? Bring them along – tell them it's an “elf warming party”.

Cielo del Norte Update

By Evelyn Alemanni

The final public hearing on this project is at the Board of Supervisors chambers on December 3 at 9AM at 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA. You must submit a speaker slip by 9 AM in order to speak on this issue. The project proposes 173 homes on 482 acres. This doesn't sound too bad, except that they are including many ½ acre lots; claiming that this is allowed because the project is part of the Cielo specific plan. There will be massive grading and destruction of what is today a pristine viewshed. If you want to comment on this project, attend the meeting or send an email to each member of the board of supervisors. If you have questions, contact William Stocks at 858-694-3913.

Nominations For Town Council Board Elections

Nominations for the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove town council board will be taken at the town council meetings on December 3rd and January 7th. The town council board consists of nine members who work on a variety of community projects.

The time commitment is two meetings each month, help with the 4th of July parade and picnic, and to lead at least one or two special projects (you don't have to do it yourself!) Terms are for two years.

Serving on the board is a great way to meet lots of new people, understand what's going on in the community and make a difference. If you have any questions, please contact any of the current board members.

Quail Ridge Update

By Patti Newton

The Quail Ridge subcommittee won a significant battle in the war against this 69-home, 234-acre project. Five members of the subcommittee, Jan Young, Patti Newton, Evelyn Alemanni, Kathy Pickard, and Carla Zilka, spoke at the Nov. 5th Board of Supervisors' (BOS) meeting. The issue to be decided was whether the BOS would support the County Dept. of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) staff recommendation to deny the permit application based on the developer's unreasonable delays and lack of progress on the project.

After a few tense moments, the BOS ultimately deferred to Gary Pryor, head of the DPLU, who was visibly angry at having this project languish in his department for over two years due to the developer's lack of performance. The BOS then proceeded to vote unanimously to deny the permit.

After the vote, Pam Slater gave Hover Development a verbal dressing down. She told them, in no uncertain terms, that this was a rural community and all they needed to do was drive through Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove to understand how we do things. They were told that ‘we don't do things like you do in Orange County’. Further, they were told not to even think about bringing anything back for consideration unless it was in keeping with the rural character and was going to be acceptable to the community.

Why is this vote significant? Mainly because it ensures the project will be “pipelined” into having to conform to GP2020 guidelines which will severely limit the allowable density on that parcel. Hover Development has no one to blame for this but itself; its continual foot-dragging jeopardized the project. Further, its refusal to make the plan commensurate with county and community guidelines only served to waste time and alienate people who might otherwise have been more willing to cooperate.

The BOS's action and Pam Slater's resolute advocacy were extremely gratifying and made all our hard work worthwhile. However, there is still a long way to go. The subcommittee continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis to monitor this project. It intends to maintain a relationship with the developer to make certain an open, honest dialog takes place and that the best interests of this community are served.

Thoughts From The Chief

By Frank Twohy

As I reflect on the events of what will probably be called The Fire Storms of 2003, I can't help but think how special our communities are. It seems like only yesterday when we faced the Harmony Fire that truly tested us all. During that time our communities had a tremendous outpouring of help and hope to all who needed it. As communities we were never closer.

During the fire storm of 2003 the same community spirit was back and I was never more proud! Countless people stopped by the station and offered help. The department was manning the station twenty-four hours a day and, needless to say, all were quite tired. We were taken care of beautifully by the Fire Auxiliary and many community members dropped by with additional food and snacks. The station became a clearing house for information and a place for company. The station served as command center for monitoring fire progress and two nights of community patrols as a fire watch. Our block captains did an outstanding job of informing us of where to go and when to leave if we needed to evacuate.

We have all heard over the radio, seen on TV, or read in the papers about what may have gone wrong and what should have been done. As your fire chief, I participated in as many as two conference calls a day with all the fire Chiefs in North County. We were constantly keeping each other informed of what was happening in our jurisdictions and setting resource commitments we could make to incidents in North County, the remaining county and out of county.

I met with our neighboring fire chiefs and we developed evacuation plans for our areas and identified trigger events which would put the plans into effect. This where the block captains shined!

Some have questioned the wisdom of the San Diego County Fire Departments helping neighbors outside our county. I looked at the list of fire departments that sent engines to the Harmony Fire, which was not the only fire burning in California (Malibu and other areas were also burning). My list shows 127 departments responded!

The Elfin/Forest Harmony Grove Department committed three engines and ten firefighters to the fires. One engine was in San Bernardino for three days then moved to the Cedar Fire. That engine was December 2003

part of the strike team that defended Julian the day firefighter Steve Rucker lost his life. The other two engines were defending Valley Center on the Paradise Fire helping to keep the fire out of Escondido which would threaten us.

When residents came by the station some would express some concern because our engines were elsewhere and our communities were facing danger. Our communities did indeed face danger as two vegetation fires occurred here. Mr. Paul Borden, of Home Federal Bank and San Elijo Hills, stopped by the station offering to do anything he could to help. We needed a water truck as our water tender was in Valley Center providing water to save homes. He quickly arranged to place a water truck from Cass Construction at the station. The Department used the water truck that very night to provide water to extinguish the vegetation fire at the old trailer park.

Due to our chiefs' conferences and auto and mutual aid we give each other, we received six engines, and two additional chief officers including the chief of Encinitas for our fires!

Twenty-two of your firefighters were rotated in and out of our three engines over an eight day period and committed in excess of 1,660 hours of service to others!

Community Service Awards

By Evelyn Alemanni

So many people in our valley do so much and, at the December 3rd town council meeting, we want to thank them and acknowledge their efforts. This is your chance to nominate your friends and neighbors for their contributions to a maintaining a continuing rural environment. There's no limit to how many people can be nominated, but town council board members are not eligible.

Natalie Chaffer has graciously volunteered to coordinate the awards again this year, so please send nominations to her at nchaffer@starband.net or call her at 760-744-7233. Please be sure to tell her the name of the person, why they are being nominated, and their phone number.

Who ya gonna call?

To report **illegal dumping**: 858-495-5143

To report **excessive noise**: 858-694-3741

Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

Date: November 5, 2003

Board Members Present: Evelyn Alemanni, Rachel Barnes, Arie Franken, Karen Gardner, Mid Hoppenrath, Patti Newton, Janet McGurk, and Nancy Reed

Call To Order: 7:30 PM

UPDATES: **Arie Franken** thanked the people who volunteered their time on the arson watch. One hundred and two people attended the meeting to organize two-night, one-hour patrols from 10PM to 6AM to assist the fire department in spotting suspicious activities.

The fire originating in the old trailer park area was spotted by a Deadwood Street resident who happened to notice an orange glow and called 911. The fire was quickly doused by the EFFD.

Arie will present more detailed information in January regarding the wireless Internet connection known as Ricochet.

Arie continues to move forward on the issue of making residential addresses more readily visible for fire, sheriff, and rescue personnel.

Patti Newton reported on the Board of Supervisors' meeting this morning regarding the Quail Ridge Project. The sub-committee, comprised of Evelyn Alemanni, Patti Newton, Carla Zilka, Jan Young, and Kathy Pickard, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation to deny the permit. The developer, Hover Development Company, was denied its permit application to the Dept. of Planning and Land Use for the proposed project. This requires them to totally re-design the project in compliance with GP2020 standards, resulting in significantly less density than Hover was planning for the site.

Eric Anderson showed a copy of Supervisor Horn's four-color newsletter featuring Elfin Forest and the America in Bloom contest.

Janet McGurk announced she still has in her possession some items from the July 4th picnic auction. If you know anyone who hasn't paid for and picked up their items, please have them contact Janet.

Peggy Petitmermet discussed the Block Captain alert system. Block captains and alternates have been December 2003

identified to alert neighbors in the event of an emergency. Their names and numbers will be listed in the next issue of the Chaparral. The system is designed to alert residents when elf alerts and the newsletter won't suffice. These volunteers will meet to refine the system and address glitches discovered during the recent fire alert. Peggy can be reached at 760-744-0649.

Sunburst Hancock, San Diego People for Trees, Cool Communities Shade Tree Program, stated that, to date, she only received 15 applications for trees. She extended the deadline by 24 hours.

The December town council meeting will be the usual dessert potluck.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM

Wildflowers Are Coming - Hide The Weedwacker

By Evelyn Alemanni

To help the community look its best for next April's Garden Festival, California poppy seeds were spread along both sides of Elfin Forest Road and Harmony Grove Road. Many of the plants from last year are returning as well. So, let's hope for gentle rains to help the seeds sprout and then hide the weedwackers and Roundup until these beauties have finished blooming.

Calendar For December 2003

Date	Time	Event
Weds 12/3	7:30 PM	EF/HG TC Meeting
Tues 12/2, Tues 12/16	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga
Mon 12/8	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 12/10	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary@Firehouse
Sat 12/20	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse

Past *chaparral* Issues On Web

Past issues of the *chaparral* are now posted at www.efhgtc.org in downloadable PDF format.

Get Your 2004 Garden Festival Tickets Now!

By Evelyn Alemanni



Last year's garden festival was such a success that everyone wants to come back and bring their friends. Tickets are limited. In mid-December, invitations will go out to those

who attended last year, so you definitely want to get your tickets right away. One garden club has already ordered 40 tickets. Don't miss out while people from all over the country ooh and ah over Elfin Forest gardens. (That's *country* – not county – people are coming from as far away as New Mexico, Georgia, and Ohio.) You can preview the gardens and order tickets at www.elfinforestgardens.info.

April 24th, 2004 is the date for the second Elfin Forest Garden Festival. The theme will be "Blossoms and Barns." The festival is a fundraiser to benefit the Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation and proceeds will be used to improve the new trail on the vacated portion of Questhaven Road. Eight gardens will be open, lunch will be served at Questhaven Retreat in their newly remodeled "Friendship House", and a garden marketplace featuring garden products, arts, and crafts will be part of the festivities. Many thanks to our wonderful new sponsors, Hunter Industries and Tri-C.

She's So Fine, My 409

By John Olsen

So said Linus (and he was not singing about a car) as he gazed upon the winner of the contest for The Great Pumpkin of Elfin Forest. It was won this year by a 409 pound pumpkin grown by John Olsen. Second place was captured by a 100 pound entry grown by Jeff Swenerton, and the third place winner was a 41 pound Big Max grown by nine year old Zach Steria.

During the Chili Cook-Off, the winning entries were on display in a pumpkin patch that was stocked with pumpkins grown and donated by Tim and Claudia Costanzo, Jeff Swenerton, and John Olsen. Sales from the pumpkin patch generated several hundred dollars for the Fire Department Auxiliary.

Next October will you have a contender for the Great Pumpkin of Elfin Forest or will you just have a Chevy?



Jeff Swenerton admires John Olsen's winning entry in The Great Pumpkin of Elfin Forest contest.

Fire Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

By Mary Garman

Date: November 12, 2003

Call To Order: 7:15 PM

Minutes and treasurers report were read and approved. The auxiliary welcomed new members **Pam Kephart, Becky Howell, and Angela DeMulis.**

The Chili Cook Off was Oct. 18th. A great time was had by all. The winners of the chili cook-off were: First Place-**Mary Garman**; Second Place-**Chief Twohy**; Third Place-**Betsy Keithley** and Fourth Place-**Joy Jackson.**

Each auxiliary member signed up for one month of "on-call" duty. Two members work together each month to support our fire department during emergencies and fires, as well as preparing that month's training lunch.

Nona Barker informed the group that sixteen volunteer firefighters in our county had lost their own homes while fighting to protect the lives and property of others. A plan was developed to adopt one of the families. We will designate a Saturday in December to collect cash donations at the fire house. There will be a flier distributed announcing the date and details. We will also contact other fire departments to see if they would also adopt a family as we did.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM.

The School Yard

By John Stiker

Welcome back to the School Yard. A reminder: our next regular meeting is on Dec. 10th.

Survey Results. We received the results of the district-wide survey at our Nov. 5th board meeting (the full presentation is available on our website www.rsfc.k12.ca.us). Here are some of the top takeaways:

A middle school at Quantum is the preferred site and grade configuration. This was true both for Covenant and non-Covenant residents; for parents and non-parents of children at Rowe today; and for those who have lived in the District less than 5 years or more than 11 years suggesting broad consensus on this option relative to the others.

District residents prefer the middle school there first rather than an elementary school. 53% of respondents supported the concept of a middle school built next on Quantum, while only 39% supported the concept of an elementary school built there next. That's not to say that we may not eventually do both on Quantum, but the middle school will definitely be built before or at minimum concurrently with the second elementary.

District residents prefer the Quantum site to the Calzada site. Only 34% supported the concept on Calzada. Enough said we're moving on.

We need to be sensitive to costs. While 53% of respondents supported the concept of a middle school on Quantum, that number dipped to 47% when a range of \$34 to \$42 million was added. Additionally, "cost to the local taxpayer" was rated "extremely important" by 71% of respondents, more than any other attribute. We'll need to have clear rationale for our costs in the bond in order to move that support number above 55%.

So What Next And Why Push Back to November?

At our Nov. 13th meeting, we began work on a Board resolution affirming that Quantum is our preferred site, and that a middle school is our next school (with the second elementary possibly built concurrently or afterwards, when demographics and bonding authority permit). We'll finalize that at our Nov. 19th meeting.

But we also had discussion around bond timing. We have been working very aggressively towards

finalizing bond language by early December to make a March bond. But we have also committed to you, the voters, that the bond would be very specific in naming the site. One of the key steps in "buttoning up" our work on the site comes from conducting an environmental impact review, or EIR. In most districts, this is done AFTER the bond funding has already been approved. But based on the relatively murky requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it appears that in order to have a better chance of naming the site on the bond (which we consider critical) we should conduct the EIR BEFORE the bond. While this isn't our favorite thing to do for a host of reasons, the bright side is that 1) this allows us to address issues such as traffic and site design before the bond, 2) there is a lot of time in the EIR timeline for public input, and 3) it doesn't slow down the overall school construction timing or school opening, as we needed to complete the EIR before we could acquire the property anyway.

We're pushing back our bond timing for the second school to November. We're not thrilled about this, as we felt strong momentum coming out of the survey. But we consider it critical that the bond be specific to the site. A generic bond just won't fly. This doesn't mean that it's "open season" for new sites again. Just the opposite, the EIR process on Quantum will probably take us right up to Aug. 2004 when we'll need to submit bond language for November '04 – meaning that if we were to look at other sites (which would require their own EIR), we wouldn't even make November. So we're on track and committed to a middle school at Quantum and will have answered more questions and satisfied more concerns than probably any school district has ever done in history to build a second school. But the upshot should be a well-thought out, site-specific, detailed, budgeted bond in November 04 that the whole community can support.

Next Steps: At our Nov 19th meeting, we should approve the EIR contract, finalize the resolution on Quantum as the preferred site, and review our 1st interim operational budget for this year. We'll also discuss the possibility of going forward with a small bond in March just for improvements to the R. Roger Rowe site, which are much-needed and generally not controversial. If we choose to do that, we would then have a special meeting on December 3rd to review that bond language. Hope to see you there!!

Information About Block Captains By Peggy Petitmermet

The block captains are a volunteer group formed to alert the community by phone, to the best of our ability, in case of emergency situations. It should be understood that residents of Elfin Forest are first and foremost, responsible for the safety of themselves, their families and their property.

As residents of Elfin Forest, the block captains are eligible to be members of any group or organization which is active within our community. We are proud to be members of the Elfin Forest community and appreciate your support.

(Editor's note: if you are new in the community and haven't been contacted by a block captain, make it a priority to call your block captain and introduce yourself. While you're at it, send an email to alemanni@allea.com and sign up for elf alerts.)

- 1) Leah Bookhamer • north Elfin Forest Road – 471-4662
- 2) Sue Hill • Camino Cielo Azul – 744-3430
- 3) Linda Watson • 1st half, Fortuna del Sur – 744-3489
- 4) Jan Denny • 2nd half, Fortuna del Sur, Sequest Trail, Sea View Way – 736-8436
- 5) Laurie Vitale • Fortuna del Norte & Carib Dr – 752-7868
- 6) Kathy Pickard • middle Elfin Forest Rd. – 744-1447
- 7) Petra Jakawich • Elfin Oaks – 761-0967
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- 12) *Peggy Petitmermet • Cerro Pedregoso, Los Vientos Sereno – 744-0649
- 13) Ricky Meintjes • Aguilera Ln. – 744-7336
- 14) Shelly Kolkey • Elfin Forest Ln. – skolkey@sdcsd.k12.ca.us
- 15) Cindy Jones • Colina Encantada – 591-3810
- 16) Carolyn Swenerton • south Elfin Forest Rd. – 471-4312

- 17) Susan Cronshaw – Harmony Grove Rd. – 736-9257
 - 18) Marlies Calvillo • Faraway Lane/Questhaven Rd. – 752-1429
 - 19) Nancy Noble • Camino Sereno Questhaven Rd. – 591-0378
 - 20) Leslie Harris • Little Creek Rd. Questhaven Rd. – 752-1014
 - 21) Atterbury Rd – pending.
- Harmony Grove block captains are being organized.

America in Bloom – What The Judges Said

By Evelyn Alemanni



In the America in Bloom Competition, Elfin Forest missed winning first place by 24 points out of 900. We can be proud of the results in our very first entry, but at the same time, learn from the judge's comments. The judges toured six communities whose populations were under 5,000; Lavonia, Georgia;

Flemington, New Jersey; Lewes, Delaware; Allegan, Michigan; and Sequim, Washington.

What did they like about how we can improve?

“Some of the secondary streets had some debris on the front lawns and some of the driveways were covered with leaf debris, and weeds were present in some driveways. Graffiti was noticed on the signs near the closed trailer park. The closed trailer park also had tall, unkempt grass. Illegal dumping was noticed in two spots. The county should be contacted to do some major repairs on Questhaven Road and replace signage which has been knocked down.” They also said we needed more community involvement.

Landscape Foundation Needs Your Help

By Frank Oddo

The Landscape Foundation needs volunteers to help move a substantial amount of fencing by Dec. 15th. Please call Frank Oddo at 744-6393 for details.

Bird Sleeping Strategies

By Scott Todd (Wild Bird Center, Encinitas)

One of the questions I'm asked most often this time of year is how do birds keep warm on cold winter nights. While we're not like Vermont, it still gets cold here in San Diego County. It's amazing to think that a bird weighing around an ounce can maintain a temperature of about 104 degrees Fahrenheit when the surrounding air is hovering at freezing. How does the bird do it?

A bird's best defense against the cold is its feathers. The difference between the temperature on the outer surface of a bird's feathers and its skin temperature only a half inch away can be more than 70 degrees. Birds roost on sheltered ledges or in dense evergreens to avoid the chill of the night. Hummingbirds go into a state of torpor, or overnight hibernation, in order to preserve energy.

Birds also preserve warmth by huddling together. Unlike communal nesters (members of the same family group that share quarters during breeding season) birds that sleep together on cold nights are mostly strangers drawn together by circumstance. It's common in some parts of North America to find woodpeckers, nuthatches and magpies sleeping with other species for warmth.

On short days when food is scarce, a bird may not succeed in gathering enough energy to sustain it through a really cold night. You can assist the birds by providing reliable food sources.

The recent back country fires destroyed areas that were pristine habitats for dozens of local bird species and other wildlife. They face a winter of peril. Customers of the Wild Bird Center who live close to the burned areas have reported many different bird species looking for food in their backyards over the past two weeks. Birds that survived will hopefully adapt to the new environment. Those birds that stayed put in the burned areas will need assistance. Please consider a donation to groups like Project Wildlife this holiday season. You shouldn't broadcast non-native, fertile birdseed in parts of the burned area. This action could introduce too many non-native plants to a recovering area.

Due to the busy retail period in Dec., this column will take a month break. If you need a unique gift for your favorite outdoor birds, think about visiting the Wild Bird Center in Encinitas. Happy Holidays to All!

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News From Questhaven Retreat



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

20560 Questhaven Road.
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.

Nov 30—New Voices for Christ—Rev. Susan S. Cary

Dec 7—Surprised by Miracles—Rev. Phyllis Isaac

Dec 14—Christ's Transforming Influence Upon Us
—Rev. Elizabeth Wood

Dec 19-21—CHRISTMAS RETREAT—God With Us: The Wonder of Christ's Nearness
—Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

Join your neighbors in a beautiful tradition –
Christmas Candlelighting Service –
Friday December 19 7 p.m.

Dec 28—More Milestones of Discipleship
—Evelyn Alemanni

Sheriff's Department Contacts

In an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergency reporting, contact the following:

Jackie Cruz – agriculture crime prevention specialist
760-940-4350

Robert Jennings – Deputy 760-510-5223

Gary Floyd – COPPS - 760-510-5231
gary.floyd@sdsheriff.org.

Tim Mahoney – Deputy 760-510-5224

Betty (B.J.) Williams – Crime Prevention
Specialist/Neighborhood Watch 760-510-5254

Town Council Website

The town council's website is continually updated. Check it out at: efhgtc.org.

Note: the town council is not affiliated with elfinforest.net and elfinforest.com.

The Holy Quest

The Holy Quest is offered as a three-day course based on the teachings of Flower A. Newhouse designed to lead you to the discovery of a way of life that opens you to your highest purpose in God's Plan. Topics to be covered: Christian Mysticism; Our Sevenfold Bodies; Christian Discipleship; Angels; and Flower A. Newhouse: Mystic, Seer and Teacher. Registration fee: \$225.00: Includes two nights accommodations, study materials, and a certificate of completion. Course is limited to 20 individuals.

Dates for the 1st series: Feb. 6-8, 2003; 2nd series: March 5-7, 2004, 3rd series May 14-16, 2004. See the web for further details or please call 760-744-1500, www.questhaven.org. The Christward Ministry, 20560 Questhaven Road, Escondido, CA 92029.

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San Elijo Hills Contact

If you need to report any problems with the grading, traffic, etc. regarding the San Elijo Hills (SEH) project, please contact Phil Stillman who is SEH liaison with the community. He can be reached at philstillman@fstlaw.com. If you feel the problem was still not resolved, call San Elijo at 760-918-8200.

December Playgroup Schedule

By Mary Moore

Thursday, December 4th, 3:30 at Stagecoach park in Carlsbad.

Thursday, December 11th at Michelle Sidwell's. It's a "Mom's night out" Christmas gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift (something from your home that you could do without) and a wrapped nice gift (between \$20-\$30 in value) to exchange. Also bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. All moms in Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove are encouraged to join us! We'll meet between 6-9PM. Michelle's address is 6856 Los Vientos Serenos and telephone is 760-471-8877.

Saturday, December 20th at noon. It's a children's Christmas party at the home of Tom and Lana Tomlinson. Lana will have a traditional meal served, but please bring an accompanying side dish. Lana's address is 19901 Rocky Road and telephone is 760-744-4050. Toni Fairman is arranging the children's gift exchange. Her phone number is 760-471-0875. If the kids are good they may get a surprise visit from Santa Claus!.

Happy December birthdays to Rachel Waite who turns 4 on the 4th, Phoebe Feming who turns 4 on the 22nd, to Max Macaluso who turns 5 on the 20th, to Reese Wazny who turns 2 on Dec 19th, and to Logan Wazny who turns 5 on the 16th.

No playgroup scheduled for the weeks of December 22nd and 29th. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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