



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From The Chair

By Mid Hoppenrath

I hope you are all enjoying summertime in our valley. You probably don't find yourself with many moments of leisure, but if you do, here are some suggested activities. Walk on our beautiful neighborhood trails and bring a friend, human or not. Better yet, join one of our trail committees and help beautify and create more trails!

Visit your neighbors or join our Welcoming Committee to help newcomers feel at home in our community. Plant some native California shrubs or flowers to help conserve water. Stop by the Fire Safe Garden adjacent to the Fire Station to get some ideas.

Manage your storm water with proper drainage that doesn't concentrate the runoff and cause erosion and silting. Recycle your trash. If you have large animals, check their living quarters to be sure everything is clean and in good repair, and learn to compost manure. Read (or re-read) your community guide. I am amazed at all the helpful information about rural living that you will find within its pages. If you don't have one, buy one today!

And, of course, attend your Town Council monthly meetings, read your newsletter, and discuss the issues with your friends and neighbors. Remember, you can make a difference!

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Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 7th @ 7:30PM
At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station

Topic: Manure management, storm water runoff, recycling

Join the Fun on the Fourth!

By Mid Hoppenrath

This year's 4th of July community parade and picnic will be held at a new site, the Schedell quarry in Harmony Grove. We welcome all our Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove and Eden Valley neighbors and hope to see lots of new faces and make new friends.

Country Club Drive will be closed for the parade at 11:00 AM. The parade will stage at 10:30 AM at Forest Hill Farms, 1849 Country Club Drive, and end at the picnic grounds, the Schedell quarry, across from Harmony Egg Ranch. Everyone is welcome to join in the parade (kids just love to march on the street.) The theme is "Old-fashioned Fun." Give parade coordinator Kathy DaSilva a call (760-432-6061) to find out this year's categories so you can compete to win!

There is no admission charge for the parade or the picnic. You will need to bring your own food and fixings, but we will have a BBQ grill so you can cook your own hot dogs or burgers. There will be plenty to drink; beer, soft drinks, water, as well as ice cream will be available for purchase. We will have lots of old-fashioned, active games for the kids. We hope to have a strip of artificial turf so we can have three-legged, crab, and wheelbarrow races. There will be badminton, bocce ball, and horseshoes for the adults.

There is plenty of on-site parking and there will be lots of shade under the tents. Plan to come and visit with your neighbors and enjoy the holiday, just my idea of Old Fashioned Fun!

Community Guides Are Here – Special Offer

By Evelyn Alemanni

Our brand new community guide is here and will be available at all town council meetings and at the 4th of July picnic. This is a beautiful, keepsake edition with 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 \$25 or five for \$100.

If you renew your newsletter subscription for two years, you can purchase the community guide for \$20. Renew for five years and it's only \$15.

July 2004

Citizen of the Year Nominations

By Evelyn Alemanni

Residents, via Elf Alert, were asked to submit nominations for the Citizen of the Year award which is presented each year at the 4th of July picnic. The nominations just go to show that once someone receives the award, they don't rest on their laurels, but keep on doing great things for the community.

This year, three new people along with five previous recipients of the award were nominated. Just being nominated is a huge honor and a vote of thanks to those who work so hard to make our community a better place to live.

New nominees:

Peggy Petitmermet – for her work in restoring and maintaining the Fire Safe Garden.

Karen Gardner – for her work on the Fire Safe Garden; participation on the town council board; helped edit, wrote sections of, and sold advertising for the new community guide; member of the fire council; revived and heading the welcoming committee; opened her garden for the garden festival; liaison to the San Diego fire safety council; applied for and received \$1000 grant for the fire safe garden.

Doug Dill – for his membership on the San Dieguito Planning Group; years served on the town council board including years as chairperson, help with the Fire Department focus group.

Previous citizens of the year who were nominated:

Frank McCullough – for picking up trash along Harmony Grove and Country Club Roads

Fightfighters – for all they do.

Frank Oddo and Lynda Clerke – for the beautification efforts of the Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation.

Evelyn Alemanni – for designing and editing the new community guide; organizing the EIR library; raising more than \$30,000 for the community via the garden festival and grants; elf alerts; maintaining the community website; serving more years than anyone to date as town council chairperson; serving on the America in Bloom committee.

Congratulations and many thanks to all of our nominees. Come to the 4th of July picnic and see who wins!

4th Of July – A Celebration For Elfin Forest And Harmony Grove

By Nona T. Barker

When our family moved to Elfin Forest, one of the charms of this area was the small town feeling. The area was dotted with a few homes but was mostly open space and agriculture. We loved the chicken ranches and the dairies.

At that time, 1983, the Fire Department's picnic/fund raiser and the Town Council's parade was the event of the year. We read about the picnic and parade in the two-page typewritten *chaparral* newsletter. Our kids were so excited they could be in a parade. They spent hours decorating their bicycles to ride in the parade. At that time, the parade started near Colina Encantada and ended at the fire station's previous location at the corner of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove Roads. And like today, the picnic started when the parade ended.

The old station grounds were gravel and rock with a small cement patio area. The oak tree that shaded the eighty or so participants still stands today. Neighbors would bring their favorite home-made goodies to share; the fire department supplied the hotdogs, burgers, and refreshments. There were four games booths for the children. The main entertainment was horseshoe, egg toss and the cow chip-throwing contest. The day ended with a live auction to raise money for the fire department.

The neighbors we met were from both Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. We were not surprised that neighbors from both areas attended. The name of the fire department is the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department.

When the fire department moved to its new home, the picnic and parade moved with it. The population exploded in Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest during the next decade. The picnic and parade grew to involve 500 plus participants. It would take the fire department months to prepare for the picnic. No longer were there enough potluck dishes to feed everyone. The fire department added beans, coleslaw and potato salad to the lunch menu. With many children in attendance, more game booths were needed.

After the horrible fires our communities experienced in 1996 and 1997 – the fire department decided it was

time to give up control of the picnic. With a growing population the emergency call volume grew right along with it. The fire department members were tired. It was an agonizing decision to ask the Town Council take the lead of the event. Discussions led to make a “fun” event, not a fund raising event. The Town Council has done a fine job and the fire department appreciates all they do.

For thirty plus years the residents of Harmony Grove have participated in the parade and picnic. Their kids decorated their bikes their parents drove them here. The tractors wined their way along Harmony Grove Road to participate in the parade. Others would come early to pick their viewing spot.

This year the picnic and parade is in Harmony Grove. What a great idea! The Town Council is trying to remake the picnic as a fun old fashioned event with no entry fee where you bring your own food. The fire department is supplying BBQ's for your cooking pleasure. As usual, there will be games for children and adults. Rumor has it the cow chip contest is back! The fire department will announce its Firefighter of the Year and other service awards. The town council will announce the citizen of the year. The parade will be along County Club Drive with the fire department closing the roads and participating in the parade, maybe squirting a few of you with the new brush truck!

So what has changed? It's the same parade and picnic; just a different location. Rotating locations each year is a new and innovative idea that should have been implemented years ago.

Our children are grown now and living on their own. They are coming home for this year's parade and picnic. They want to watch the parade and catch up with old friends from Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

Calendar For July 2004

Date	Time	Event
Weds 7/7	7:30 PM	EF/HG Town Council Meeting
Tues 7/6 7/20	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga@Firehouse
Mon 7/12	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 7/14	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary@Firehouse
Sat 7/24	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse

What's Happening At The Fire Department: June 2004

By Nona Barker

- Work is now complete on the new bunkroom. Sleeping quarters will provide our volunteers a comfortable place to sleep when staffing the station. Hats off to our Facilities Committee and all their hard work to make this happen.
- Our new Brush 2861 attended the North Zone Wildland Drill at Lake Hodges for its maiden voyage. Crews trained with all of the Zone 1 departments on subjects including structure protection, hoselays, fire shelter deployment, pump operations and helicopter operations. Brush 2862 also attended the CDF Barona Wildland Drill and trained with many other San Diego County Departments and CDF crews on the same subjects including communications. It was excellent training in preparation for fire season.
- The San Diego Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) Grant has been approved for \$9,440. This grant was written for the purchase of four SecureNets used to cover the steering wheel to protect drivers and rescuers from an undeployed airbag in a vehicle accident. Also, a Holmotro battery operated cutter/spreader extrication power tool allows for quick extrication of trapped occupants.
- Work on our ISO rating is now complete. Final evaluation by the local Riverside office wrapped up the first part of June and our application has been forwarded to ISO Headquarters in Chicago for final review with notification expected in 2-3 months. Thanks to a lot of hard work by Captain Dawn Pettijohn, Engineer Bob Kephart and Chief Twohy, we hope to significantly improve our classification.
- Training this month continues to be wildland. Many hours have been spent preparing our Firefighters for the bad fire season ahead. We will conclude our wildland training on Saturday June 26th with a multi-agency wildland drill.
- Rattlesnake season is upon us. Be sure to be careful when walking or working in your yard. If bitten, dial 911 immediately. Keep the bite site at the level of the heart, remain calm and DO NOT use ice.
- This year's wildfire awareness theme, "It's a Clear Choice", has multiple meanings. In light of last year's fire siege, Californians have a clear choice in making fire safe decisions if they live in a wildfire area. Clearance, installing and maintaining fire

resistant landscape, building with fire resistive materials, being active in fire safety in the community, and reporting suspicious activity are just some of the "choices" that can make a difference. Do your part...Be Fire Safe!

Bookmobile Update

By Mickey Cross

Summer is here again and you are probably already asking yourself what you can do to keep your children from saying "Mom, I'm bored!!" or wondering how you can keep your children from driving each other or you crazy. For at least two days out of the month you can take them to the North County Bookmobile at our own Elfin Forest Fire Department parking lot and let them look through books, magazines, videos and DVD's. If you are looking for something special, you can call Cheryl ahead of time and ask her to order the item for you. Cheryl can be reached at 760-643-5125. Don't have a card? Cheryl can give you one right on the spot.

The bookmobile is at our fire station every other Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The dates in July that the bookmobile will be here are July 6th and the 20th. Cheryl will have a summer schedule for you to take home. Video and DVD rentals are dirt cheap!

The library also has a summer reading program called "Read for the Gold". Children of all ages are welcome to participate. For more information about this program, contact Cheryl at the number above, or ask her at the bookmobile. We hope to see you there.

Spotlight on Local Entrepreneurs A New *chaparral* Feature

By Joe Alemanni

One of the elements that makes our community so unique is the concentration of resident entrepreneurs who operate (many on their own properties) creative enterprises of every kind. Occasionally, you have learned about these businesses in the pages of the *chaparral*.

I'm inviting all entrepreneurs to share their stories with the readers of the *chaparral* by submitting them for publication. In this month's issue, Patti Newton, writes about the business, Newcourse Jumps, she and husband Richard operate. So, please share your story, inform and delight your neighbors, and get a little free advertising for the effort.

Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

Date: June 2, 2004

Members Present: Mid Hoppenrath, Patti Newton, Evelyn Alemanni, Arie Franken, Jan Denny, Bob McGurk, Eric Anderson, Terry Walsh.

Call to Order: 7:40 PM

UPDATES: Mid Hoppenrath reported the Sempra blasting has commenced unannounced to the surrounding neighborhood and caused some problems spooking livestock. Subsequent calls resulted in the company agreeing to notify residents and they agreed blasting would only occur between 3 to 4 PM, time subject to change.

If you wish to be notified in advance you must call James McCann at 760-781-5300 to be put on the call list. Re GP2020, the County suggested greater density (from 10.5 to 14.5 dwelling units per acre). The town council board does not oppose this since it is ultimately favorable to Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest and does not represent a net increase in density. Plan to attend the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.

Jan Denny submitted a letter to the County Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) requesting downgrading the weight limit of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove Roads. The meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 9AM. Check with Jan if you are interested in attending.

Evelyn Alemanni announced the new Community Guides are available for purchase.

Bob McGurk gave the treasurer's report. The town council received approximately \$4,345 in income (primarily from the Community Guides) and expended \$677.33, resulting in a net income of approximately \$3,600.

Jim Depolo reported the Rancho Santa Fe school district is considering the site offered by Cielo for another school. However, it is outside the district boundaries. If accepted, the district would have to annex approximately 300 homes. Historically, it has never annexed an outside area, but it is having an extremely difficult time finding a suitable site within its boundaries. The Quantum site is on hold for the moment.

Item #1: B.J. Williams, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, discussed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which was established after the fires last year. It is designed to handle all types of emergencies and consists of trained, certified volunteers. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides grant money to train these volunteers. To date, there are 45 in several communities like Fallbrook, Lakeside, Hidden Meadows, and other high fire risk areas.

B.J. also handed out copies of the Sheriff's Department Trespass Arrest Authorization forms stressing the importance of them in empowering the department in assisting property owners. San Elijo Hills sent a notice to their contractors advising them to not use Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Roads. It was suggested that University Commons also be notified. B.J. promised to continue to pester the CHP to patrol this area for violators.

Bob Jennings, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, discussed crime statistics for our area which, thankfully, are (comparatively) quite low. For the time being, law enforcement's efforts toward terrorism have diverted funding from community safety. Captain Kim Quaco has done an exceptional job in spite of these cuts; however, our area is now down to one patrol car from three. The department anticipates the next few years are going to be lean ones.

Calls to the sheriff are handled relative to need so, invariably, calls stack up. He explained the hierarchy; i.e., city, unincorporated areas (funding, manpower, etc.) and how the CHP and Sheriff's department work. He suggested engraving your drivers license number on items so that recovery is easier once they are stolen. He also stressed the importance of road names and addresses being visible to minimize difficulty in emergency response.

Item #2: Jan Denny has been working with block captains to develop a plan to identify roads and homes which are difficult to locate in the event of an emergency. She and others surveyed the area and established a map identifying problematic locations. Unnamed roads can be named if there are four or more houses on it.

Details on the most efficient way to manage these problems will need to be worked out among those affected. There will be meetings with the fire

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Open Forum: Arie Franken discussed the new picnic site in Harmony Grove and expressed enthusiasm for its potential. **Greg Parman** is in charge of prepping the site.

The balance of the discussion dealt with details of planning the parade and picnic. Arie also encouraged people interested in Ricochet, the wireless Internet service, to sign up ASAP.

Frank Twohy, on behalf of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$2,200 to the town council to help fund the trail on the vacated portion of Questhaven Road on Questhaven Retreat property. These funds were matched by a grant from Bill Horn's office.

ADJOURNED: 9:25 PM



Rattlesnake Interrupted While Dining
Photo Credit: Evelyn Alemanni

Snakes Alive!

By Evelyn Alemanni

Bunnies are the nemesis of my cutting garden. Although it's completely fenced with chicken wire, they manage to make their way inside to munch on the colorful flowers and delicious seedlings. Last week, a rattlesnake showed up to help with the bunny problem. As the photo shows, the bunny was halfway down the snake's throat when we found him.

The University of Maryland website offers these first aid tips in the event of snakebite: Call for emergency assistance immediately. Quick response is crucial. While waiting for help, wash the bite with soap and water, immobilize the bitten area and keep it lower than the heart, cover the area with a clean, cool compress or a moist dressing to minimize swelling and discomfort and monitor vital signs.

If a victim is unable to reach medical care within 30 minutes, the American Red Cross recommends that you apply a bandage, wrapped two to four inches above the bite, to help slow the venom. This should not cut off the flow of blood from a vein or artery - the band should be loose enough to slip a finger under it. A suction device can be placed over the bite to help draw venom out of the wound without making cuts. These devices are often included in commercial snake bite kits.

Most often, physicians use antivenin -- an antidote to snake venom -- to treat serious snake bites. Antivenin is derived from antibodies created in a horse's blood serum when the animal is injected with snake venom. Because antivenin is obtained from horses, snake bite victims sensitive to horse products must be carefully managed.

AnimalForum.com offers these suggestions if a pet has been bitten: The best and safest advice on first aid is to seek medical attention at an emergency clinic or hospital as soon as possible and keep the victim calm. Call ahead to allow the clinician to prepare the antivenin and to set up other emergency medications. Avoid medications of any type, but especially pain medication, tranquilizers, cortisone and/or DMSO. **Do not** use ice, tourniquets, alcohol, cut and suck techniques.

More tips on snake handling and tongs can be found at www.kingsnake.com/snakegetters/class/handling-tips.html.

The School Yard

By Jim Depolo

Welcome back to the School Yard! Just a reminder that our next Special Meeting will be Wednesday, June 16th, with the main item being to pass next year's budget. Our next regular meeting will be July 21st at 7PM.

Graduation - Eighty-four eighth grade students filled the Garden Club last Thursday June 10th, along with family, friends, faculty, school board members, and distinguished guests. It was a proud moment for everyone as many special awards of merit were distributed, speeches given and each student received their well deserved diploma. We wish you all well-- Class of 2004!

New School Site Update - A report was given at our June 9th meeting by Ms. Delaney on the two site committee meetings held since the last school board meeting. While trying to bring focus to the effort and understand the immediate issues regarding a site in Cielo, a few key issues have been voiced. Defining fairness in a school district with two schools is the underlying concern. Issues of concern include fairness in class sizes, special programs, endowment, PTO programs, teacher placement and student enrollment.

The board discussed the issue in an open format with members of the committee, reiterating the intent to keep neighborhoods together as long as a second school enrollment met reasonable requirements. For example, last year the board discussed the concept of a new school having approximately 50 students per grade.

At our July meeting we will review that principle and seek to adopt a resolution to help clarify how we define fair. We look to the committee to help as well. We also hope to have a preliminary look at a budget for a two school district. The intent is certainly to be fair and we will be working to better define what that means.

Superintendent Search – Drs. Harry Weinberg and Rene Townsend from Leadership Associates addressed the board with thoughts on what the process should include for a superintendent search. They suggested that there are three paths that we could follow: First, if we have someone qualified for the job who meets the qualifications, then we should interview and hire him or her. Second, if we have

someone, but are somewhat unsure, then we should do what they called a “climate study” to better assess requirements and perceptions with the community, parents and faculty and use that input as part of the decision to move forward with a search or not. Third would be to start a search with requirements set by the board utilizing input similar to the climate study from various parties, then recruit and go through the screening and interview process.

In this scenario, they affirmed that if we seek a brand new superintendent, that the decision should be made by the Board after the November elections to enable a superintendent who would be new to the District to meet the new Board. Leadership Associates emphasized that the decision is the boards and the search firm only presents the best candidates. The best superintendent is the one who is a good fit for the district.

Thanks and Good Luck! - As most parents know from a letter they received in the last few days, Mr. Greg Mizel will be leaving the district to accept the position as Principal at Mesa Verde Middle School in the Poway Unified School District. Greg has talked for some time about moving on in his career and this is a great opportunity for him. The hardest thing about moving on is leaving those friends and environment in which you have worked so hard and believe in so much. We extend our gratitude for his creativity, enthusiasm and leadership over the last 12 years and wish him well in his new school.

Ms. Delaney and Mr. Isaac will be working on replacing Greg and are very upbeat that great candidates are out there who would love to come to our school as a principal. As an example of how desirable our school district is, we have received over 1000 applications for the teaching positions that have been posted the last few months. Good luck Greg and forward we go!

Path Forward - Ms. Delaney presented some different budget scenarios for improving curriculum at our last meeting. At our June 16th meeting we will be approving our 2004-05 budget. As always we welcome your comments at our board meetings. Enjoy summer vacation and we will see you on June 16th and July 21st!

Harmony Grove Road Weight Limit

By Jan Denny

Elfin Forest Road is currently zoned to prohibit vehicles over seven tons from the San Marcos city limit to the junction with Harmony Grove Road. However, the weight limit stops at Harmony Grove Road. This two-lane portion of Harmony Grove Road accesses the Olivenhain Dam, the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, and miles of windy road that have steep, rocky cliffs on one side and Escondido Creek on the other. Several homes also face this portion of Harmony Grove Road.

The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council submitted a request to the County's Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) requesting the weight limit on Elfin Forest Road be extended onto Harmony Grove Road an additional 2.8 miles, ending at the junction of Harmony Grove and Wilgen Roads. This request will be heard at a public meeting at 9:00 AM on Friday, July 23, 2004. After this meeting, the TAC will submit a recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors, who will make the final decision.

Following are benefits to reducing the weight limit on this portion of Harmony Grove Road:

1. Reduces traffic hazards on this narrow, windy road. Large trucks do not have room to come around the tight, blind curves on this road without crossing the yellow line, potentially risking a head-on collision with a car, motorcyclist, or bicyclist. This scenic road is frequented by bicyclists.
2. Reduces accident risks at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Many people go to the preserve to hike, ride horses and walk dogs. When the parking lot is full, they park on Harmony Grove Road. Large trucks are not compatible with this type of activity.
3. Reduces risk to wildlife which cross Harmony Grove Road to access the preserve.
4. Reduces the risk of an environmental disaster in Escondido Creek. In some places, this portion of Harmony Grove Road is only 20' from the edge of the creek. A large fuel truck ran off this road last year, spilling diesel fuel into the creek, resulting in ecological damage and a lengthy, costly cleanup.
5. Discourages large vehicles from completing their journeys by illegally using Elfin Forest Road, which July 2004

already has the seven-ton weight limit. After coming through the windy turns of Harmony Grove Road, truck drivers ignore the weight limit sign at Elfin Forest Road and continue on Elfin Forest Road.

6. Allows the weight limit sign to be moved to a location more amenable to rerouting a large vehicle. The sign is currently at the junction of Harmony Grove and Questhaven Roads, where there is no good place for a large vehicle to turn around. Elfin Forest Road's weight limit lies ahead; narrow, windy Harmony Grove Road lies behind; and Questhaven Road (a residential road) will soon become a dead end. Questhaven Road will be gated and the county has reserved use of the unpaved part of the road for a public trail.
7. The weight reduction would begin west of the Ward Egg Ranch on Harmony Grove Road, so the egg ranch should not be adversely affected. The egg ranch is scheduled to be closed and become part of area converted to 720 homes by New Urban West. The weight reduction will post a limit sign in clear view of construction traffic, encouraging them to access the 15 freeway via Escondido, rather than cutting across Elfin Forest Road to the 5 freeway.
8. Reduces traffic noise for homes facing this portion of Harmony Grove Road.
9. Reduces the maintenance costs, increases the lifespan, and preserves the beauty of this windy, rural road.

Your support will help ensure this measure succeeds. Please contact the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Mail comments to:

San Diego County Traffic Advisory Committee
Attn Tom Parry
5469 Kearny Villa Rd #201

San Diego, 92123

Fax comments to Tom Parry at 858-874-4028.

Attend the meeting at 9 AM at 9621 Ridgehaven Court, rooms 2 and 3, in San Diego. If you plan to attend in person, call 858-874-4030 or 858-874-4029 several days prior to the meeting to be sure this agenda item has not be deferred to a future date.

Past *chaparral* Issues On Web

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

Welcome New Elfin Forest Residents

By Karen Gardner

There has been a lot of moving activity in Elfin Forest recently. Please welcome some of your new neighbors.

The Bartholme Family - Rex and Jayne moved into the Conlin's house at 7115 Circa De Media about a month ago from Mission Viejo, California with their two children Wade (11 years) and Payten (4 years). Rex is a private investigator and Jayne is a supervisor in law enforcement. Wade will be going into the 6th grade next year at the RSF school and Payten will be starting kindergarten. The family has one dog – a Yorkie named Angel.

The Schroeder Family - Scott and Jennifer moved into the Young's house at 20461 Elfin Forest Road about two weeks ago. Scott is in sales and Jennifer is a busy mom with three small girls: Lissa (4 years), Natalie (3 years), and Hillary (6 months). Lissa will be starting kindergarten next year at the RSF school. The Schroeders have 3 black labs and one crow but plan on getting horses to populate their lovely horse property. They enjoy running, surfing and just about all outdoor activities.

The Graham Family - Kelli and Roger moved into their new home (previously the Tomlinson's home) at 19901 Rocky Road from San Diego's Mission Bay area. Roger is the director of a packaging company and Kelli is a busy mom with three small girls: Erika (8 years), Emily (6 years), and Ezie (3 years). Erika will be going into the third grade at RSF school and Emily will be starting 1st grade. The Grahams have one cat and one guinea pig.

If you have recently moved to Elfin Forest and would like to talk to someone about life in our community and be featured in an upcoming newsletter please contact Karen Gardner at 760-744-9500.

Got Mitigation Land?

San Elijo needs to acquire 41.1 acres of coastal sage as mitigation land. If you know of available property, please contact Curt Noland at 760-918-8200.

Block Captains

By Peggy Petitmermet, Head Block Captain

The block captains are a volunteer group formed to alert the community by phone, to the best of their 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. You must rely on your own judgment in case of emergency.

Listed below is each block captain, the area they cover, and a contact number: Alternates are denoted by an “*”. Contact block captains for cell numbers. If your contact info changes, be sure to notify your block captain.

Peggy Petitmermet, Cerro Pedregoso, Los Vientos Serreno, 760-744-0649, cell 519-8041

Leah Bookhamer, North Elfin Forest Road, 760-471-4662

Sue Hill, Camino Cielo Azul, 760-744-3430

Linda Watson, 1st half, Fortuna del Sur, 760-744-3489 (if emergency, press 0)

Jan Denny, 2nd half, Fortuna del Sur, Sequest Trail, Sea View Way, 760-736-8436, cell 420-3676

Laurie Vitale, Fortuna del Norte and Carib Drive, 760-752-7868

Kathy Pickard, middle Elfin Forest Road, 760-744-1447

Petra Jakawich, Elfin Oaks, 760-761-0967

Mickey Cross, Circa de Media, 760-744-2034

Victoria Kindel, 1st third, Fortuna del Este, 760-510-1943

***Jan (Gloria) Murphy**, 2nd third, Fortuna del Este, 760-471-2061

Debbi Russo, last third, Fortuna del Este, Canyon de Oro, Paint Mountain, 858-759-9115

Ricky Menintjes, Aguilera Lane, 760-744-7336

Shelly Kolkey, Elfin Forest Lane, 760-744-7466

Cindy Jones, Colina Encantada, 760-591-3810

Carolyn Swenerton, south Elfin Forest Road, 760-471-4312

Susan Cronshaw, Harmony Grove Road, 760-736-9257

***Marlies Calvillo**, Faraway Lane, 760-752-1429

Nancy Noble, Camino Sereno, 760-591-0378

Leslie Harris, Little Creek Road, 760-752-1014

Big Bucks for Developers

By Evelyn Alemanni

Developing huge housing tracts carries with it huge paychecks. The San Diego Union Tribune of June 5, 2004 listed a ranking of executive compensation for publicly traded companies in San Diego County. We repeat it here, not to embarrass the individuals whose names and salaries were disclosed, but to remind people of the big dollars involved. Many of the executives listed here are familiar to us in our continuing fight to preserve our community's rural character.

It appears that seven-figure salaries are the normal expected reward for blowing up the hills, creating gridlock, and forever "preserving" the rural environment under 6" of concrete. In the list of the top 30 highest paid executives, FIVE were from Brookfield Homes which is developing the University Commons project at the corner of Rancho Santa Fe and San Elijo Roads. They had the following rankings and compensation:

Rank	Name	Title
	Compensation	
13	Stephen Doyle	Div. Pres.
	\$3,735,000	
19	Jeffery Proster	Div. Pres
	\$2,994,000	
25	Robert Hubbell	Div. Pres
	\$2,271,000	
27	John Ryan	Div. Pres
	\$2,225,000	
28	Richard Whitney	Div. Pres
	\$2,176,000	

Also listed, but failing to make the top 30, were executives from Home Federal Corporation, developer of San Elijo Hills.

Compensation listed as follows:

Paul Borden, Pres.	\$1,247,254
Erin Ruhe, VP	\$387,416
Randy Goodson, VP	\$492,896
Simon Malk, VP	\$416,707
Curt Noland, VP	\$725,029

Environmental Protection Agency Website

By Evelyn Alemanni

The US Environmental Protection Agency website offers an easy to use, well organized, in depth resource for dealing with waste products from homes and industry. It includes information on recycling, pollution prevention, treatment/control, cleanup, waste programs and lots more. Preserving our environment is important, and the EPA website offers some great ideas. It's well worth your time to click on <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw>.

Community Foundation Grant Doubled

By Evelyn Alemanni

It's great to receive a grant for a community project. County Supervisor Bill Horn made the grant twice as nice by offering to match funds raised up to \$15,000. The funds were raised via the garden festival and the grant from the Community Foundation. Proceeds will be used to enhance the trail to be created on the unpaved portion of Questhaven Rd. once gates are installed later this year. We are grateful to the board members of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation and Bill Horn!



Frank Twohy, representing the Elfin Forest Community Foundation, gives town council chairperson, Mid Hoppenrath a check.

-Photo by Evelyn Alemanni

Spotlight on Local Entrepreneurs Newcourse Jumps

By Patti Newton

Talk about specialty businesses – have you shopped for your horse jumps this week? Richard and Patti Newton can outfit your schooling arena, build your hunter, jumper, or Grand Prix courses, and turn your logo into a custom fence.

A native of England, Richard came to the United States in 1965 to work at the Potomac Horse Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland. His expertise in building cross-country fences soon became apparent and his skills were in constant demand as the fledgling sport began to flourish in this country. Richard ultimately ventured out on his own and established Newcourse Company which built every U. S. international course from 1972 through 1984, including the 1978 World Championships in Lexington, KY, and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, CA.

After the 1984 Olympics, Richard and Patti moved from Pennsylvania to establish permanent residence in California. Tired of living out of a suitcase and determined to succeed, Richard made the transition

from building combined training courses to fabricating show jumping courses in 1988.

Just as he'd done in the combined training world, Richard applied his foresight, considerable skills and enthusiasm with an unwavering belief that he could create a niche for himself. His two-car garage became the home of Newcourse Jumps. Soon, the frustration of working with materials 12' long and the demand for more volume resulted in a move to La Costa Meadows Industrial Park.

Providing courses for many of the major Southern California hunter/jumper shows, Richard's expertise and reputation attracted the attention of the '92 Volvo World Cup Organizing Committee which hired him as the construction consultant. In '94 Newcourse was chosen to provide the show jumps for the '96 Olympic Show Jumping competition in Atlanta.

Richard seemed to be speaking for all the entrepreneurial Elfin Forest residents when he said, "It isn't like work when you love what you're doing. I can't imagine what life must be like for those who wake up in the morning dreading the day ahead."

More details at www.newcoursejumps.com.



Local rider, Hap Hansen, competing in the \$175,000 Cargill International Grand Prix, clears a Newcourse Jumps obstacle in the final 2004 U.S. Equestrian Federation Show Jumping Olympic Selection Trials. The U.S. Equestrian Team for the Athens Olympics was selected at the conclusion of this event.– Photo by Patti Newton

David Hammond Memorial Hiking And Riding Trail

By Patti Newton

At noon on Saturday, May 29th, a small group of friends and neighbors came together to commemorate the life of former resident David Hammond. As many of you are aware, David died of injuries suffered during the 1996 Harmony Grove wildfire. His widow, Gail, and their two children, Hillary and Brent, took comfort in the company of friends during this bittersweet occasion.

A beautiful hand-carved sign, designed and created by Lorin Zilka Waldron and her father, Jay, was placed at the trailhead at the intersection of Elfin Forest Road and Fortuna del Norte. Gail fondly recalled her initial reluctance to move here but was ultimately convinced by David's heartfelt certainty.

Over the years they established close friendships with neighbors who were a great source of comfort for the family as they endured the tragedy. After the dedication a potluck was held at the Zilka residence.

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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.

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Sgt. Dan Wilson – COPPS – 760-510-5231

Robert Jennings – Deputy 760-510-5223

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In search of the perfect horse community all her life, Deanna knows she found it here in San Diego after traveling the globe quite extensively. She trains with her Hanoverian horse under a well known Grand-Prix rider in Rancho Santa Fe, while competing in both jumpers and dressage. *"I feel that Elfin Forest is truly a wonderful horse community, and am very excited that I can be a part of it", says Deanna.*

Deanna can occasionally be found exercising race horses in her spare time. Luckily her office at the Gultinan Group is located in the middle of horse Mecca across the street from Del Mar Race Track, and down the road from Del Mar Horse Park. Along with her horse life, Deanna has a strong compassion for rescuing animals, and teaching the community preventive care for companion animals.



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Contact person: Mid Hoppenrath 747-1145 Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council

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