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**From The Chair**

**By Mid Hoppenrath**

I hope you have set aside some time on Sunday, the 4th of July, to attend the community parade and picnic lunch. The parade starts at 11AM at the Schedell quarry just off Country Club Drive. There is a flyer in this issue with more details.

We couldn't hold the event at the site we first picked with the shade trees. We found that rattlesnakes and poison oak also like shade, so we had to choose a new site. There will be plenty of shade under tents, lots of on-site parking, ice cream and cold drinks for sale, and old-fashioned games. So, plan on bringing the family (and your own food) to this free, fun-filled community event. We will even have artificial turf at the quarry site so there can still be "lawn" games for the kids.

Just another reminder to weed whack those tall dry grasses and weeds and keep your driveways and roadways clear of brush. All the signs are that we will have a very high fire risk all summer.

At the June Town Council meeting we will be discussing safety issues concerning how our local community roads should be marked to help police and fire personnel easily find our homes. Be sure to attend.

Community Guides are here. If you prepaid, pick yours up at the town council meeting. See the related article on discounts for the community guide.

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**Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 2<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM**  
**At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station**  
**Topic: Safety and Signage**

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## 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!

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## Community Guides Are Here – Special Offer

By Evelyn Alemanni

Our brand new community guide is here and will be available at the June town council meeting. 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.**

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## Congratulations to Community Foundation Grant Recipients

By Betsy Keithley, Secretary EFCF

The Board of Directors of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation met on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to evaluate grant proposals submitted by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. We are pleased to announce we had seven applications requesting about \$19,000. We are sad to say we had only about \$8500 to give away so most projects received partial funding. We hope that with this impetus the applicants will find some other funding to complete the projects. The funded projects are:

- 1) Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Auxiliary: \$726 to cover the cost of re-outfitting the kitchen at the Fire Station with good utensils.
- 2) Evelyn Alemanni, Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council: \$2200 to provide funds towards the new trail on Questhaven Road that will be made after the road is closed to vehicular traffic.
- 3) Karen Gardner, Elfin Forest resident: \$1000 for improvements to the Fire Safe Garden at the Fire Station.
- 4) Nancy Reed, Elfin Forest resident: \$1500 to install culverts to prevent trail erosion on a trail near Doug Dill's house.
- 5) Robert Ganey, Harmony Grove resident: \$2100 to produce a video entitled "Voices of the Valley" that will archive the beauty and splendor of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.
- 6) Deborah LeLevier, The Escondido Creek Conservancy: \$1000 to purchase a projector system for Power Point presentations.

Congratulations to all the recipients and the community thanks you for your involvement and commitment to helping maintain the rural environment of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

Our fiscal year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. A financial report for that period is as follows: Revenue coming from interest, unrealized gain on investments and dividends totaled \$17,858. Expenses include donations (to fund the applications) and management costs came to \$26,687. Our net assets at the beginning of the year were \$357,620 and at the end of the year were \$348,791. The value of the assets therefore decreased by \$8,829.

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## EFHG Fire Department Responds To San Elijo

By Chief Frank Twohy

In the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department will now be responding to assist the San Marcos Fire Department in fighting structure and wildland fires in the San Elijo, Attebury, and La Costa Meadows areas. The Department is pleased to help because every call helps our fire fighters gain experience and refine our fire fighting skills.

I am excited by this because it will allow our department to offer reciprocity to the San Marcos Fire Department for the numerous times it responds to help us. A recent example was their response to the brush fire on Paint Mountain.

San Marcos has also offered to respond a paramedic ambulance to the Harmony Grove area when requested by us. This area does not have paramedic coverage. If a patient needs advanced life support we must call for an air ambulance that is sometimes unavailable due to bad weather.

Don't be surprised if you see San Marcos engines in our area or our engines in San Elijo. In spite of the politics that may exist between the City of San Marcos and our communities, our two fire departments have always worked well together. After all, we are fire fighters and helping people is what we do!

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## Regards From NUW

By Kathleen Humphreys

We at New Urban West, as part of the community and property owners, are very pleased to make property available for the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic. When the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council decided to hold the picnic in Harmony Grove this year, Council President Mid Hoppenrath approached us to determine the best location. Working closely with Mid, the old Schedell Quarry site was selected.

New Urban West will also be covering the cost of insurance and site enhancements to make this one of the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July events yet. We are pleased to be a part of the community and pleased that as part of the community we were asked to assist with this event.

Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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## Calendar For June 2004

Date	Time	Event
Weds 6/2	7:30 PM	EF/HG Town Council Meeting
Tues 6/1 6/15	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga@Firehouse
Mon 6/14	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 6/9	7 PM	Fire <a href="#">Auxiliary@Firehouse</a>
Sat 6/26	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse



California Department of Forestry helicopter fights Paint Mountain Fire – Photo by Abe Gonzales

# Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

Date: May 5, 2004

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

**Call to Order:** 7:35 PM

**UPDATES: Mid Hoppenrath** announced the Fourth of July picnic will not be held on property owned by Bill Wilgenburg on the Ward Egg Ranch as previously announced. A site inspection revealed the presence of poison oak and rattlesnakes. An alternative site was secured at the quarry at Country Club Drive and Harmony Grove Road. It has abundant space for parking and will make a good staging area for the parade.

**Evelyn Alemanni** stated that past citizens of the year would be available to sign the new Community Guides. T-shirts left over from the Garden Festival are available for \$10 each. There are a number of auction items available for purchase as well. Our community declined to enter the America in Bloom contest this year. Elfin Forest made the cover of the America in Bloom magazine along with an inside article written by Evelyn Alemanni.

**Arie Franken** noted that Ricochet, the wireless Internet provider, has placed five antennas this week. They are now ready for sign-ups.

**Greg Parman** agreed to look into the issue of weight limit signs on Elfin Forest Road.

**Bob McGurk** gave the treasurer's report. The town council received \$13,000 in income (primarily from garden festival ticket sales), and expended \$8,000, resulting in a net income of approximately \$4,862.

**Peggy Petitmermet** presented an updated list of block captains, which will be published in the June *chaparral*. She reminded residents that they are volunteers and do this for the community as a courtesy; their primary function is to alert residents in the event of an emergency. She directed residents to the fire safety article in the new Community Guide for advice on how to effectively protect our properties against fire.

She announced that Nils Lunnerdahl passed away; a memorial service will be held this coming Saturday in the fire safe garden at the firehouse. A memorial

fund has been set up in his name to finance the fire safe garden he designed, built, and lovingly tended. Nils was one of the first volunteer firefighters and, his wife, Friedl, was among the first paramedics. **Eric Anderson** donated an oak tree in honor of Nils.

**Item #1: John Rollin**, San Diego County

Department of Public Works, discussed the final closure of the San Marcos Landfill. Responding to questions he heard earlier in this meeting, John stated that County ordinances cover weed abatement, and suggested interested parties go to the road station regarding replacement of weight limit signs. In 1997 the county stopped accepting trash at the San Marcos Landfill.

As required by law, 660,000 tons of imported dirt (from Lakeside) will be used to create the final cover. This will require 30,000 truck trips during a 22-week period. That equates to 600 round trips per day. The environmental impact report (EIR) mandates that trucks leave Lakeside no earlier than 8:45AM weekdays and arrive at the San Marcos landfill no earlier than 9:30AM. No truck traffic will be allowed on Elfin Forest or San Elijo Roads. The last full truck can enter no later than 4 PM.

As per **Evelyn Alemanni's** request, a hotline will be set up (with a real person) to manage citizen complaints. Once on site, the dirt will be formed, placed, and compacted, ready for re-vegetation. Eleven months after the dirt is placed, 30,000 native plants will be planted. An irrigation system will be installed in the event of a dry winter season. Once plants are established, the system will be removed.

Work on final closure will commence in July. The estimated cost of the closure is \$16.1 million. Funds were collected with the tipping fee over the life of the landfill and may not cover all the expenses associated with closure activities.

A trailer will be on site through this process but no security guard will be on duty. The County will look at removing some of the barbed wire from the fencing near residential areas in the interest of making it appear less prison-like. John Rollin can be reached at his office 858-495-5445; cell 619-855-0609; fax 858-495-5499.

**OPEN FORUM: Peggy Petitmermet** noted that there was a distinct proliferation of realty signs just in time for the garden festival. The policy regarding sign placement is in the *community guide* and on the town council web site.

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*(Minutes EF/HG Town Council continued)*

**Nona Barker** said the fire department has been busy covering the Cerritos and Pendleton fires. The second strike team just returned from a 12-hour shift. Twelve members worked from last Sunday until today. Neither of the fires was wind driven; fire personnel are experiencing October-like conditions, a scary thing this time of year. There have been massive evacuations.

Fire is most active late at night, a phenomenon known as the "Lake Elsinore effect." The department is now on standby. Our department also covered the recent arson fire on Paint Mountain.

The ISO has just completed its evaluation of the fire department. Results won't be known for another three to six months. Nona is very optimistic we will receive a good rating, an important element in determining insurance rates for homeowners. San Elijo Hills will have a fire department near Twin Oaks Valley Road. Currently, an ambulance and brush truck are stationed near the community center.

A temporary station may be located at the NCRAA site at the landfill. Another one may be located at the Discovery Avenue site in San Marcos near the high school. These plans remain fluid for the time being. The fire department won two grants this week. In the event of another large fire elsewhere, the prospect of our being left without adequate fire protection is a possibility. We would have a reserve truck and one crew.

**ADJOURNED: 8:45 PM**

## **Great Pumpkin 2004**

**By John Olsen**

I have pumpkin seedlings started and available to anyone who would like to grow a large pumpkin this summer. I have two varieties started. One will produce pumpkins in the 50 to 100 pound range. The other, with lots of water and fertilizer, will easily produce pumpkins in the 100 to 300 pound range.

If enough growers are interested we can have a pumpkin weighing session in October to determine who grew the heaviest one. If you would like a plant contact me at 760-471-8515.

## **Minutes Of The Fire Auxiliary**

**By Joy Jackson**

**Date:** May 12, 2004

**Call to Order:** 7:15 PM

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Chili Cook-Off will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Plans were made to include activities for children such as face painting, pumpkin decorating and dress up with photos available.

Election of a new slate of officers was voted on and approved as follows:

President: Mary Garman

Vice President: Terry Rife

Secretary: Myrna Rife

Corresponding Secretary: Joy Jackson

Historian: Alice Corteau

Event Co-Chair: Claudia Costanzo

Bobbie MacFarlane and Nancy Sampson will provide lunch for Fire Training this month and will also be on call to support the firefighters should a fire or serious incident occur.

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# In Case Of Emergency

By Jan Denny

Our community can be very difficult to navigate for our guests, delivery drivers, and emergency responders. We'll be addressing this issue at the next Town Council meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Many of our roads and houses are poorly identified or have confusing names and numbers. We also have many narrow dirt roads that look like driveways and have no road signs, driveways that display no house number and look like roads, side roads that share the same name as a main road (usually a new road that wasn't named), and houses whose addresses don't match the street used to access the house (usually houses that were here before the roads were named). For example, some houses that are physically on Sequest Trail have addresses on Elfin Forest Road or Fortuna del Sur.

Who might need to find you in an emergency? Our Fire Department, the Sheriff's department, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP). The CHP dispatch directs responses for accidents and traffic issues on county maintained roads. The Sheriff's dispatch directs responses for all issues (civil and criminal) on private roads. Rancho dispatch directs responses for our local fire department. Any of these folks may be responding to a life and death condition and may not be familiar with our neighborhood.

How will they find your street and address? 911 and reverse 911 systems use their own database of addresses, created from the Thomas Guide, Public Works, Planning and Land Use, and other county departments that provide detailed information entered and updated daily in their system. Both the Sheriff and the CHP use the Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD). CAD is created and updated the same as 911. Forms are available to dispatchers, call takers, deputies, residents, and others to update the databases for new housing, street name changes, or incorrect information. The CHP and the Sheriff use the DMV's database to find an address for a specific person.

Once they have your address, how do they get to your house? An emergency responder must put this information into the context of the road signs and house numbers they're seeing from their vehicle. If the DMV provides an address that does not reflect the road your house is really on, the CHP or the Sheriff might try to find you on the wrong road. If your

house is on a side road that uses the same name as the main road, the fire department might waste time trying to find your house number on the main road. If your neighbor has an address for the wrong road that is out of sequence with the rest of the houses on your road (example a 5-digit Fortuna del Sur address instead of a 4-digit Sequest Trail address), the Sheriff might assume house numbers are in order and not continue traveling that road to find your house.

The Town Council's road committee has been working with the block captains and the block captain lead to mark locations where signs are needed to identify road names, as well as ranges of house numbers on roads that don't have a unique name. That map and sign list is available on the bulletin board at the fire department, and will be reviewed by the Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove (EFHG) Fire Department and discussed at the next Town Council meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The road committee has also been discussing response time issues with our local fire department. The fire department requires standard, reflective, green road signs, regardless whether the road name is also on a tombstone marker. These signs provide the best recognition and visibility. Other fire jurisdictions may respond in our area, and they'll be looking for standard road signs.

The green road signs cost \$250 each. Our roads are private, so residents will need to fund the purchase of the signs and coordinate their location and installation. We want to install road signs ASAP before the fire season gets going, and then will look into signs for ranges of house numbers. We found a resident with a posthole digger who is willing to start your postholes! The road committee will follow up with the block captains to coordinate the details.

Our EFHG Fire Department is concerned about houses whose address does not match the road used to access that house. They say this discrepancy can mean life or death, especially if the responder is coming from another fire district. They are researching the procedure to change existing house addresses, and will be following up with those residents.

Lastly, be sure you have a clearly visible house number where your driveway meets the road. These numbers should be at least 3 inches tall, a half inch wide, reflective, contrasting with the sign itself and surrounding vegetation, and not obstructed.

# The School Yard

By Jim Depolo

Welcome back to the School Yard! Just a reminder; our next meeting will be Wed., June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM.

**New School Site Update** - At our meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> we heard from John Riddle, Vice President of Rancho Cielo Estates, LTD. He presented an offer to provide a 20 acre school site and seed money to build a school in exchange for the annexation of 300 homes and condominiums into the Rancho Santa Fe School District currently in the Escondido School District. John Stryker described the situation as one that had come up before and been dropped with no progress; however, to Mr. Riddle's credit, this time Cielo appears to be serious. While the solution of locating a new school has evaded the district for many years, this offer initially appears to present a simple solution. Of course there are many details to be worked out. We've in the past thought we found a solution only to find it was fraught with problems.

At the top of the list of issues to be addressed is the annexation of 300 units. This would be the first time in history that the school district has annexed any homes into the district. A careful analysis needs to be done on the longer term implications of this. The possible annexation is being discussed with the Escondido School District. There are also the issues of access, attendance boundaries and configuration of the new school. On the positive side, this site does not appear to have significant traffic impacts, would be located near the areas of new growth and could be financially easier for the district. The board seemed to agree that the site is probably not appropriate for a district-wide middle school; however, more discussion of where a middle school should be, Cielo, Rowe, or other site is a topic for future meetings.

With the new information on Cielo the district has temporarily suspended work on the Quantum EIR. However, a bond for Quantum in November is still possible because we feel that enough work has already been done on this site if we decide to move forward.

While there are many opinions about what should be done, please remember that as a board it is our responsibility to do further investigation and move expeditiously, but prudently. Of course, every site has its issues and we need to move forward with the best solutions we can. The district will be

considering this new offer in further discussions with the Cielo developer and how it fits in with other options and plans. There will certainly be more on this issue in upcoming meetings.

**Superintendent Search** - The board heard public comment and had brief discussion on the process of a permanent superintendent search. While the general feeling is that a final selection should not be made until after the November election it was agreed that we should start hearing from search firms before the end of the school year. We hope to have at least two firms talk to the board at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Demographics** - Mr. Scott Torlucci presented the updated demographics for this year. The report should be available on the school board website at [www.rsfschoolboard.org](http://www.rsfschoolboard.org) or click through the school board link on the school website [www.rsf.k12.ca.us](http://www.rsf.k12.ca.us). In a nut shell the numbers have not varied that much from year to year. There was a last minute report addendum showing that the annexation of the Cielo homes would generate approximately 167 children in the district. With this addition, the numbers for two elementary schools would be nearly equal in 2008. The report will be studied in more detail as we move forward.

**State of the District** - Our administrative team led by Ms. Delaney will provide a "State of the District" report at our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will cover many items including some new program and curriculum changes that should benefit our children next year. They presented many of these ideas at the PTO meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> and they were well received. We look forward to hearing the report and sharing more info with you in our next article.

**School Dress Code/Uniforms** - At our last meeting the idea of school uniforms was brought up by a parent. Our legal counsel is preparing a report on the precedents of uniforms in public schools. There has been discussion with the PTO and administration. The idea was brought up by a coalition of parents who say that the use of uniforms provides more focus on education with better results. With support from the parents we are happy to look at this issue.

**Path Forward** - As always, we appreciate your input and ask that everyone involved share their opinions with the board and each other in a polite and respectful manner.

See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

## A Remarkable Change

By Bill Horn, SD County Supervisor

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, I stood on a platform in Elk Village near Sacramento with a man who's brought remarkable change to California. The man was Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the change he's been responsible for is what's happening to the heads and hearts of elected people in all levels of government.

Instead of shaking heads "no" to government reform, a growing number of elected officials are nodding an enthusiastic "yes." When measured in "government time," the change of heart that has caused heads to nod has come overnight. Six months ago, California was in a complete financial meltdown. Five months ago, Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in as Governor. We were told what he wanted to do. He said he'd repeal the state's car tax, he wanted a cap on state spending, pushed for a tax initiative by rolling much of the state's debt into huge bond and called for workers compensation reform. One by one, the Governor got what he wanted. And it happened because heads that once shook "no," nodded "yes."

His latest victory may have been his greatest triumph; a budget compromise that means two more years of sacrifice from local governments (\$56 million in revenue for San Diego County lost to the state). In return, we're assured the state will no longer steal local property taxes starting in 2006. If two-thirds of the Legislature goes along with his idea, voters in November will also be able to freeze the state's vehicle license fee at 0.65 percent of a car's value.

While I stood there with Governor Schwarzenegger, I was proud to have been among those who had encouraged him from the start with many of the same ideas that have become reality. We share a vision of unlimited potential in our State and County.

Heads nodding "yes" means good news for Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. However, we haven't lost our heads in the euphoria. Taking a play from the Schwarzenegger playbook, cities and counties are preparing our own ballot initiatives for the November election that would immediately bar the state from grabbing additional local money without voter approval. We want it there in the event lawmakers block the compromise by shaking their head "no." I'm optimistic that won't happen, because the governor isn't about to let it happen.

## Garden Jobs For June

By Evelyn Alemanni

June is the time to continue fire safe gardening practices. Cut down all the weeds. In you have large areas of native habitat remove dead brush and thin the remainder between 30 to 50%. It will still provide habitat for the wildlife and be much safer for you and your family. Trim trees to eliminate branches hanging over driveways and be sure to provide unrestricted access to fire hydrants and for fire engines.

Speaking of wildlife, brushing and grading at nearby developments is driving all kinds of creatures into our gardens causing huge damage. While fences work best for deterring deer and rabbits, they won't deter rattlesnakes, squirrels, rats or mice. We keep netting over many of our vegetable beds for that reason. When you're working in the garden, keep an eye out for snakes at all times. Keeping the weeds under control will make it easier for you to spot them.

To reduce water use, spread a 3 to 4" layer of mulch on all your garden beds and around trees and shrubs. You'll use a lot less water and the plants will thank you. Mulch also helps prevent weed growth.

- Check your irrigation system for leaks and clogs. Repair as needed.
- Water early in the morning to be sure your plants get most of the water.
- Cut back water to native plants.
- Thin developing fruit on trees. Leave 4 to 6 inches between each fruit. Two weeks before fruits ripen, put netting over trees to keep birds from devouring your crop.
- Deadhead faded flowers of roses, annuals and perennials.
- Pinch tips of perennials and annuals to encourage bushy growth.
- Spray for aphids, scale, whitefly, rust and powdery mildew.
- Plant roses, trees, shrubs, vines, citrus, avocados, fruit trees.
- Plant vegetables: cucumbers, eggplants, corn, melons, peppers, tomatoes, corn, beans, pumpkins, squash.



## Neighborhood Watch Redux

By B.J. Williams, SD Sheriff's Department

This article is in response to the request by members of your community to increase the presence of Sheriff's deputies. I definitely want to have a CHP officer come to one of your council meetings to offer some suggestions on working together to reduce some of the traffic concerns. Perhaps the community can ask the CHP to target the area for a period of time to remind violators of the law.

I hope everyone continues to report violations (dumping, speeding, suspicious activity, etc) to the proper authorities, (County, CHP, and Sheriff). **Being "heard" in numbers is a positive method the community can use. This includes both reporting and posting signs.** Looking out for one another and reporting any suspicious activity safely is another way. Providing as many details as possible to assist law enforcement and county services is extremely helpful too. I have asked patrol deputies assigned to your beat to drive through your area as often as they can during a shift

Please continue to correspond with me regarding resident's concerns and I will try to help in any way I can with the resources available. Be looking for our new Neighborhood Watch electronic newsletter that will help us disseminate information more quickly than ever before.

I also want to share information on a volunteer Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) that is being created in several unincorporated communities in the county after the fires in October. Your fire department personnel may have heard of it. Thanks again for sending me your newsletter and your comments. I'm looking forward to seeing the Elves again.

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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](http://www.questhaven.org)

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

### **Weekly - Meditation**

*Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.*

*Meet at El Chapelito, Led by Jean Michalewicz.*

### **The Way Within Meditation Classes**

*1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 Noon*

*Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Phyllis Isaac.*

### **Sunday Services**

June 6 Ancient Steps—Biblical Stories Foretelling  
Our Transformation  
Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

June 13 Blessing and Healing Through Sound  
Dr. Richard & Lucy Wold

June 20 The Solstice: Celebrating the Gift of our  
Sun and Its Spiritual Significance  
Rev. Susan Cary

June 27 Opening the Gateway to Our Soul  
Rev. Blake Isaac

July 4 One Nation Under God  
Rev. Elizabeth Wood

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## 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

Darren Dollard – COPPS - 760-510-5220

George Barrone – COPPS - 760-510-5221

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

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

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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](mailto:philstillman@fstlaw.com). If you feel the problem was still not resolved, call San Elijo at 760-918-8200.

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## Past chaparral Issues On Web

Past issues of the *chaparral* are now posted at [www.efhgtc.org](http://www.efhgtc.org) in downloadable PDF format.

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## Town Council Website

The town council's website is continually updated. Check it out at: [efhgtc.org](http://efhgtc.org). **Note**: the town council is not affiliated with [elfinforest.net](http://elfinforest.net) and [elfinforest.com](http://elfinforest.com).

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## Brushing, Grading, Clearing Questions?

If you have questions about guidelines, policies and standards for brushing, grading, and clearing, or if you need to report a violation, call the County Department of Planning and Land Use 760-940-2893.

## May Playgroup Schedule

By Anna Waite

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00 PM Playgroup family picnic at Stagecoach Park in Carlsbad. Everyone brings a dish to share. We will have games and activities for the kids. Dads are encouraged to come. Please call Megan Fleming to help coordinate 760-744-3204.

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day BBQ 4:00 PM at Mary Moore's home, 19919 Fortuna del Este. Please bring swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, flotation equipment and a side dish to share. RSVP to Mary at 760-591-3080.

Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00 PM. Swimming at Anna Waite's home 1465 Paint Mountain Road.

## 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.

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## Who ya gonna call?

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

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



Deanna Bramble

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Licensed Real Estate Broker

"References Available"

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 Guiltinan 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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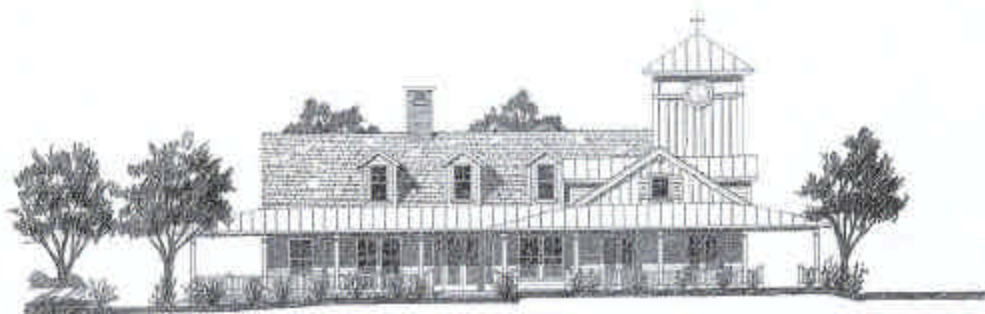
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# 4th of July Picnic!



March in the Parade,  
join in the fun and  
games immediately  
afterwards. Bring  
your own food to  
cook on the BBQ

## Highlights

Parade along Country Club  
Free games: badminton, bocce  
ball, horseshoes  
Games and races for the kids  
Beer and soft drinks, ice cream  
Plenty of shade under the tents

## Come to your community picnic

Held on Sunday, July 4th, at the Schedell quarry, on Country Club Drive across from Harmony Egg Ranch; Everyone can be in the parade, kids, pets, horses, llamas too!

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

Time: Parade staging 10:30 am at Forest Hill Farm, 1849 Country Club Drive; parade theme is "Old Fashioned Fun" Parade begins 11:00 am, contact Kathy DaSilva 432-6061 for more details and judging categories; picnic starts immediately after parade

## Classified

### Local Baby, Animal and House Sitters

Brooke York - EF Resident, LCC School 10th grader, Baby Sitting. Tel: 760-752-7784

Jared York - EF Resident, RSF School 8th grader, Baby sit or feed animals. Tel: 760-752-7784

**For Sale:** Bear Cat 3" Chipper/Shredder model 70050. Like new, used 10-12 times, 4 years old. \$450.00. Dianne Miller 760-744-6368.

**For Sale:** Two horse Stidham horse trailer, newly reconditioned, \$600 OBO. Lots of miscellaneous tack, blankets, sheets, and supplies for sale. Jane Sobol 760-510-9998.

**Free:** Wooden play set, still in good condition. Two slides, swings, rope ladder and small fort area. FREE to whoever would like to disassemble and take away. FREE wood dog house with shingled roof. Call 760-510-0143

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