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To those affected by the fire:

Attached please find some information that may be of help to you as you begin your recovery. The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council will do whatever we can to help you as you begin your path to recover.

## **DISASTER FRAUD:**

People have already reported getting harassing calls. The following numbers can be called to report harassing calls, scammers and others:

- County Sheriff Non-Emergency Number: (760) 510-5200
- Contractor Licensing Board (for harassing, fraudulent contractors): (800) 962-1125
- FBI National Center for Disaster Fraud 24/7: (866) 720-5721

The following websites for more information:

- FBI Disaster Fraud Site
- Contractor State Licensing Board Disaster Information
- CSLB Disaster Recovery Brochure.pdf
- California Department of Insurance Don't Get Burned.pdf.

It is strongly recommended that you not contract with anyone you don't know or who hasn't been vetted and who wasn't referred to you by someone you know. If you need referrals, please ask your friends or email us at the efhgtc@gmail.com address and we'll see what we can dig up. Don't let the scammers get the upper hand.

### RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

- <u>United Policy Holders</u> (a non-profit for "Empowering the Insured") They help people who are insured advocate for their rights.
- Returning to your home after a wildfire (a UPH primer)
- Smoke and Ash Damage Information (important): Roadmap to Recovery.pdf
- San Diego County Recovery Assistance Hotline: (619) 929-4736 and via email CountyFireRecovery@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- SD County Recovery Resources Page
- Contacts at county: <a href="mailto:eric.lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov">eric.lardy@sdcounty.ca.gov</a> 619-531-6257 OR <a href="mailto:Vince.Nicoletti@sdcounty.ca.gov">Vince.Nicoletti@sdcounty.ca.gov</a>

- California Department of Insurance: 1-800-927-HELP (4357) 8am-5pm M-F
- Cash cards from the donations to the Cocos Fire Recovery Fund can be obtained from the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation: <a href="mailto:info@rsffoundation.org">info@rsffoundation.org</a> 858-756-6557 (will need to be on the approved list of those affected by the disaster) Many thanks to those who donated to the recovery fund. It will go a long way in helping people get back on their feet.
- Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council if there is anything you need help with, contact us at efhgtc@gmail.com and we will do what we can to find an answer.

# **DONATED ITEMS**

There are two organizations that have been collecting items to help out those who were affected by the Cocos Fire.

- Escondido Friends, a group based out of Escondido, will be accepting donations and distributing them to those affected. They are accepting items all week starting tomorrow and are looking for specific things that people have asked for including clothing, laundry baskets, house items, etc. A complete list can be found here on their Facebook page.
  - **WHEN**: 9:30am to 5:30pm from 5/24 to 6/1
  - **WHERE**: StaxUp Storage, 458 East Mission Road, San Marcos (by Cow Shed, behind the karate place)
- The SHE's of San Elijo Hills, a wonderful woman's group based out of SEH, have collected 5 garage's worth of items including food, pet food, men and women's clothing, toys, children's items, furniture and more. Contacts are Morgan Gates 858-997-6181 or Shawndy at 760-744-2605 if you need anything specific. They can help. If you need anything, go down there tomorrow.
  - WHEN: Saturday 5/24 from 8am-12pm
  - WHERE: 887 First Light Road, San Marcos

#### **DOGS FOUND**

A pair of little dogs were found in the fire area and have been taken to Escondido Humane. If you are missing two little dogs, please contact Escondido Humane at (760) 888-2275

#### LIST OF THOSE AFFECTED:

We are trying to assemble a complete list of people affected to better coordinate relief efforts. Please forward your contact information (email, phone number) and the address and the nature of your loss. If you know someone who had a loss, please have them contact us or send us their information yourself. Thanks!

# REQUESTS - RENTALS ETC.

If you have any special requests or need a rental in the area, we'll be soliciting the community in the next E-ALERT. Please let us know so we can include them in the E-ALERT.

-JP and the EFHGTC