

**DEDICATED TO A CONTINUING RURAL ATMOSPHERE**

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**Annual Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove  
Election Meeting  
EF/HG Fire Station  
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 7:30 pm**

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## ***From the Chair***

***By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin***

A very happy new year to all from all of us on the Town Council Board, may it be filled with peace and tranquility and the joys of rural living.

Rural living in the community was enhanced recently when the 100 acres of the Bridges Unit 7 finally closed escrow on November 14<sup>th</sup> after six years of effort by a coalition of many interests, celebrated at a party on October 30<sup>th</sup> honoring the many individuals and organizations that made it possible. On January 16<sup>th</sup> Fortune published a long story on part of the saga behind the scenes, see article below.

The year also started auspiciously for continuing to preserve rural living, when the project known as University Heights was denied higher density by the powers at-be. This would have added up to 1,200 homes on 500 acres on our Northern border adjacent to San Marcos.

We also mounted a major campaign to support our neighbors in Eden Valley in their effort to defeat the attempt from another development to get additional density at taxpayers' expense: this time it worked and the developer will have to get his project developed on own his dime.

Horses are a key part of rural living. Come to the February 1<sup>st</sup> community meeting at 7:30 at the Fire Station to hear about the County plans for a new Equine Ordinance. A Notice Of Preparation (NOP) is now out and comments need to be received by February 17<sup>th</sup>. While the Town Council Board is on record supporting some of the intent of the new legislation (to make it easier for our friends and neighbors to legally board a few horses), the County so far has ignored our specific requests to respect our community character by excluding Elfin Forest from large scale commercial stables and any public riding academies. Details enclosed in this newsletter on page 3.

The Town Council and Elfin Forest Community Foundation elections will also be held on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, so come on down to cast your vote. Candidate statements are on page 4. See you there!

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## ***The saga of the Bridges purchase hits the press***

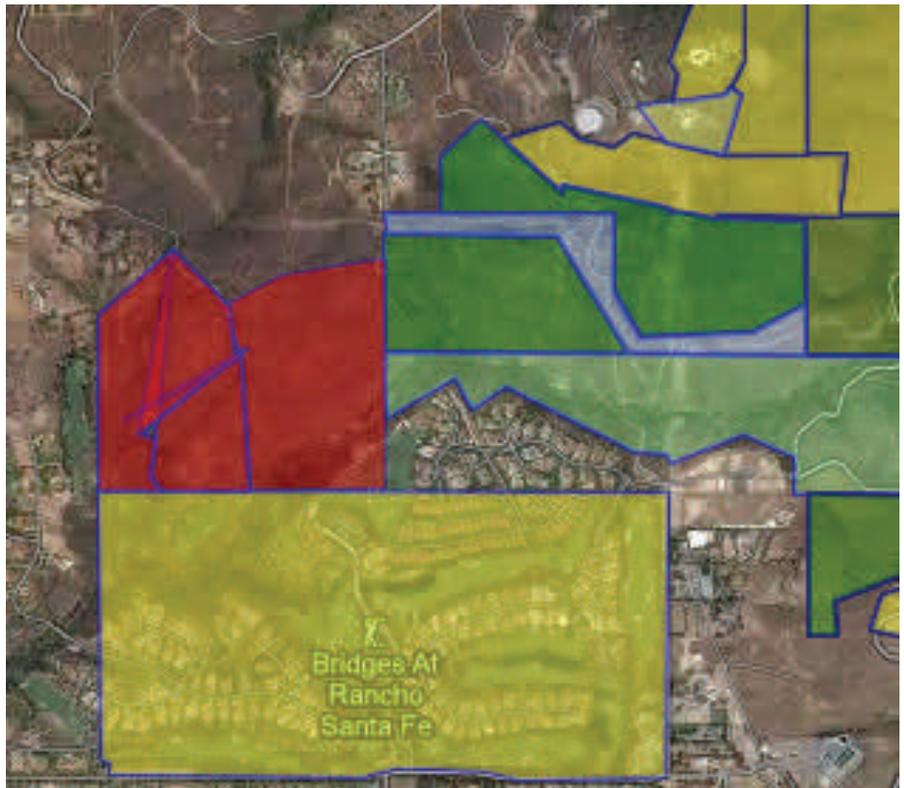
***By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin***

We announced in the last issue of the Chaparral in September that after six years of battle the 100 acres of the Bridges Unit 7 were finally being purchased for conservation.

The January 16, 2012 issue of Fortune Magazine has a fascinating article on what was going on between the two partners behind HCC Investors, the entity who owned Unit 7, while we were trying to negotiate that purchase. It was an epic battle between at the time the #256 company on the Fortune 500 list, and a local investor, Nick Marsch, who used to own much of what is now the Bridges community. While Friends Of The

Creek was in settlement talks with Lennar after we sued them, we were very frustrated with their inability to make a decision for a long three years of almost monthly meetings. This article, along with the older LA Times article, tell a story worthy of a noir potboiler, complete with FBI, SEC and figures that would not be out of place in a Grisham novel.

Bridges Unit 7 is in red , private properties in yellow and conserved land in shades of green (work in progress compliment of JP Theberge).



Read more at:

<http://features.blogs.fortune.cnn.com/2012/01/05/barry-minkow-con-man/> and  
<http://www.latimes.com/business/realestate/la-fi-marsch-20110624,0,3720677.story>

## *The Board of Supervisors leaves University Heights at current density*

*By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin*

On January 9 and 10 the Board of Supervisors held hearings on special requests made by property owners to be exempt from the new regulations of the General Plan Update, adopted in August 2011. I testified against an old request made by the former owners of University Heights (413 acres at the border with San Marcos once proposed for as much as 1,200 homes) and Tan (80 acres on steep slopes in high biological value area near San Elijo). Since there was no project proponent at the hearing, the staff recommendation stands at one dwelling unit per 40 acres for both, pretty much insuring there will be no development in that area for a long time. This is a key development in the Town Council's long history watching this area for potential high density development.

In other good news, after the wave of community opposition and the testimony at the Board of Supervisors hearing, the developer on NC-17 in Eden Valley was NOT granted another doubling of density at taxpayers' expense after having just been granted the same as part of the General Plan Update in August 2011. This would have blanketed much of the remaining unbuilt parcels North of Harmony Groves with clustered development on over 200 acres. As a result of that decision the developer will have to pursue that option if they choose to at their own cost, using regular channels, as opposed to being part of a Board-initiated action, which we all pay for.

Thanks to all who weighed in on NC-17 for your efforts to *keep it rural!*

# *The County moves forward with the proposed Equine Ordinance*

*By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin*

The following is correspondence received from the County planner in charge of revising the current animal regulations. The proposal would be to make sweeping changes to existing ordinances; some of these changes include:

Today it is illegal to board even one horse without a county permit. The proposed legislation would institute a tiered approach (lowest tier at 10 horses per usable acre) with an over the counter permit and do away with public input.

Same with riding academies: today running a public riding stable requires a permitting process including community review; proposed changes would allow commercial public riding academies, with advertising and signage, to be established anywhere in the county including in residential areas.

The Town Council Equine Ordinance Committee had submitted a letter to the county ([http://www.efhgtc.org/correspondence/EFHG%20tiered%20ordinance%20letter-5\\_11FINAL.pdf](http://www.efhgtc.org/correspondence/EFHG%20tiered%20ordinance%20letter-5_11FINAL.pdf)) requesting a much lower number of horses per acre and no public riding stables of any size without a permit in Elfin Forest, but our input has, so far, been ignored.

**The NOP mentioned below will be the topic of the next Town Council Community Meeting on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>**, since comments have to be made by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come discuss with your neighbors what we would like to see implemented in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to CEQA has been prepared for the County of San Diego Tiered Equine Ordinance POD 11-011 available on our public review page: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa/POD11-011.html>

As was discussed at the County of San Diego Planning Commission Hearing and then Board of Supervisors Meeting last year, County staff anticipated an EIR is necessary for the Equine Ordinance due to the possible environmental impacts of new tiered permitting of Horse Stables. The NOP 30 day review period is from January 19 through February 17. During this time you are welcome to submit written comments to the department regarding potential environmental impacts that should be analyzed in the EIR. As part of this NOP process, we will have a public scoping meeting in the DPLU Hearing Room at 6pm on Monday February 6 here at Ruffin Road. Anyone may attend the meeting to discuss potential environmental impacts of the project.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/advance/Equine.html>

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## *Newcomer's Corner*

If you notice new people moving in your neighborhood, please send an email to [efhgtc@gmail.com](mailto:efhgtc@gmail.com) so the Welcome Committee (Minoo!) can drop off a welcome basket. Also direct them to the New Resident section of the new web site at: <http://www.efhgtc.org/newresidents.html>

## *Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council—Candidate Statements*

**Mark D. Shields** Born and raised in Iowa, I have a deep appreciation for this community's stated goal to "keep it rural" and I look forward to working with the EFHG residents to maintain the open space and unique character of this tight-knit community.

I moved with my wife and baby daughter to Elfin Forest in October of last year. Prior to moving, we attended the Elfin Forest 4th of July Festival and since our arrival have attended additional Elfin Forest events including the Halloween Party and Town Council Awards Ceremony. Although still new to Elfin Forest, I have been impressed with the closeness of the community members I have met and the support residents provide one another.

I previously resided in Ocean Beach and Point Loma where I was a board member of the Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) for 5 years and a 2-term president of the OBTC board of directors. As a former board member and president of the OBTC I worked closely with other community groups including the Ocean Beach Main Street Association and Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation and was involved with the various city and county representatives active in Ocean Beach. I also participated in and organized various community events including the OBTC Christmas parade, Pier Breakfast and Chili Cook-Off, to name just a few. I believe my past experience on the OBTC, appreciation for the rural character

**J.P. Theberge** - My wife and I bought the property in February of 2011. Shortly thereafter, we moved to Elfin Forest with our three small children and our dog, for the lifestyle it would provide our family—a focus on what really matters—family, community, an outdoors lifestyle and preservation of the wonderful habitat that surrounds this magical place. Although we're not horse people (yet), we live on a horse property and I share my daily trail runs with horseback riders and other Elfin Foresters who value the wonderful place we live. As a new resident, I feel so blessed to be part of this community but have also found a strong desire to do whatever I can to preserve it. I want to make sure that the community maintains its rural charm which is what attracted us to it in the first place. Where else in the world can you ride your horse (or run trails) through coastal sage

**Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin**-We moved to Elfin Forest in 1991 looking for a peaceful and quiet area to raise our children. I was first elected to the Town Council Board in 2006, and currently serve as Chair. I have focused primarily on conservation, fundraising, and communications. I led the effort to prevent the Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe from bringing suburban sprawl to Elfin Forest, and in November 2011 we finally celebrated the purchase of those 100 acres of pristine habitat for conservation, after five years of effort. This year I also oversaw the effort to redesign our website and Facebook page, while managing community alerts.

I also sit on the San Dieguito Planning Group and on the Board of Paint Mountain Association.

**Nancy Goodrich** I am a relative newcomer to the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove community, but I have been amazed at the dedication of the residents here in actively protecting their rural lifestyle and participating in the determination of their community's future. I am interested in serving on the Town Council so I can learn more about the relevant issues, work towards resolution of community problems and do my part to preserve the exceptional quality of life we have here. I retired from the San Diego Police Department after 30+ years as a police officer, including seven years at the rank of captain and nine years at the rank of assistant chief. I have extensive experience working with various levels of government, business groups and community organizations. I have also served in numerous community boards and organizations, including the San Diego Blood Bank, Salvation Army, Sorooptimist International of San Diego, San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union, Copley YMCA, United Services Organization, San Diego Food Bank and Lead San Diego, Inc.

**May Meintjes** - Incumbent, Treasurer. May has served on the Town Council Board for many years and does a wonderful job keeping track of the money and filing the required forms, like taxes, for the corporation. She also for the past several years has managed the Games portion of the 4th of July picnic, staffing the event with much of her extended family, and been an integral part of the planning team for the entire event. May and her husband Ricky, who is also always willing to volunteer when needed, have lived in Elfin Forest for 11 years and they are originally from South Africa.

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## *Elfin Forest Community Foundation—Candidate Statements*

**Lori Vitale** has served on the Community Board since 2006. She brings a sense of calm, rationality to the Board and the discussions of how to share the limited funds among the several worthwhile proposals.

## *The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) Monitors Creek Water Quality*

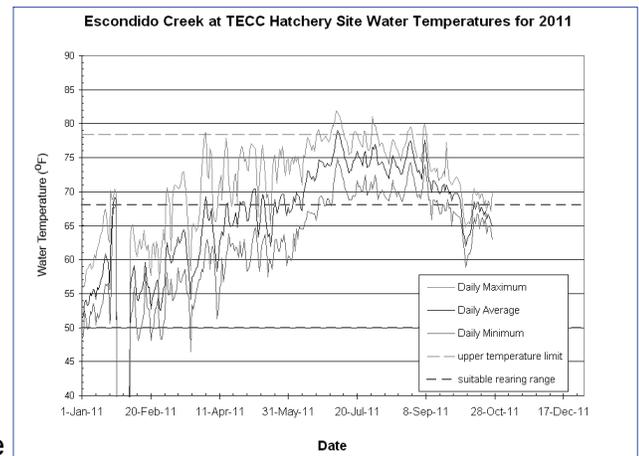
*By Betsy Keithley, TECC Board*

The Escondido Creek runs from the upper headwaters in Bear Valley above Lake Wohlford, more than 26 miles to meet the ocean. In the City of Escondido the creek has been channelized to prevent flooding of city neighborhoods, but through the canyon shared by Harmony Grove Road, where it runs through the Elfin Forest Recreation Reserve, it is unfettered, running through coastal sage scrub with sycamore and oak trees. It continues south through the canyon east of Paint Mountain to the ocean at the San Elijo Lagoon in Cardiff. Much of the water volume that we see in the summer is from the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility, which treats the City's wastewater. In order to maintain a healthy ecosystem, the water needs to have minimal contaminants. TECC, therefore, has established a water quality team including both TECC members and other community volunteers, to monitor the water quality in the creek over time and establish a baseline of data.

The Project Clean Water program oversees implementation of watershed management planning, educational initiatives, and legislative efforts benefiting the San Diego regional watersheds. The TECC Water Quality Committee with the help of Paul Curtis, a fish biologist and committee member Greg McBain, a docent at the EFRR Interpretive Center, has installed equipment to measure daily water temperature. Monthly samples are also being collected for pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate and other water quality parameters important to ecosystem health. The graph shows temperature data collected during 2011 up near the creek crossing at Country Club Road.

More help from community volunteers would enable us to monitor more variables. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ann Hough at: [information@escondidocreek.org](mailto:information@escondidocreek.org).

To find out more about TECC and its activities: [www.escondidocreek.org](http://www.escondidocreek.org)



## *2011 Community Service Awards*

*By Melanie Fallon*

Every year at the annual Holiday Party in December, the Town Council honors the numerous citizens that have gone beyond daily activities of living here in Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest and volunteering their time to continue to make this Valley a wonderful place to live. This year we honored:

**HARMONY GROVE RECIPIENTS Ann and Alden Hough** – Who run the Sky Mountain Institute and have been doing many educational seminars in Harmony Grove related to sustainable gardening.

**Frank and Pat McCulloch** – For keeping Harmony Grove Road free of trash for years. They start at the corner of Kuana Loa and pick up trash all the way down to where Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest Roads intersect. Their wonderful dedication to keeping Harmony Grove clean all these years is an inspiration to all of us.

**Mid Hoppentrath** - For developing input to the city of Escondido General Plan Update and Citricado extension.

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY COMMITTEE Jeff and Carolyn Swenerton** - For taking the leadership (again!) of the Parade and Picnic committee and making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July another grand event.

**Betsy Keithley** - For organizing Picnic pre-sale tickets and producing the Chaparral.

**Linda Dado** - For organizing the volunteers for the Picnic, showing up with help to set up for the Picnic, and being a very active part of the planning committee.

**Captain John Reyes** - For bringing the added sponsorship of Duracell batteries to the Picnic, bringing an extra \$2,500 to the community.

**Rachel and Rob Barnes**- For running the drink booth at the Picnic.

**Rimay Lowe** - For coordinating and staffing the games at the Picnic with her entire extended family.

**Jarene Lee** – For ordering the prizes for the games and organizing the crafts projects.

**Ricky Meintjes** - For setting up at the Picnic and the Holiday Party, and always being willing to pitch in whenever the Town Council needs his help.

**Michele Sidwell** – For another awesome cakewalk – the most popular event at the Picnic.

**Joanne Sullivan** – For organizing the raffle, helping setup silent auction and being a generous auction donor.

**Eric Anderson** – For procuring and setting up the tent and for his key role in securing the purchase of Bridges Unit #7 in November 2011.

**TRAILS COMMITTEE** We honored all the volunteers who are currently serving on the newly-rejuvenated Trails Committee lead by Bonnie Baumgartner. They have been successful in finding needed money to refresh our existing trails and create some new linkages. Thank you all so very much.

Carolyn Swenerton, Nancy Reed, Joy Jackson, Ken Baumgartner, Danny Goodrich, Carla Zilka

**ELFIN FOREST/HARMONY GROVE FIRE BOARD** We honored the Fire Board members who served in 2011. These community volunteers spend many hours every month working with Chief Twohy and the Fire Department to continue to ensure that we have the very best volunteer Fire Department in the County. (That is true by the way.) Way to go Fire Board members.

Nona Barker, Tim Costanzo, Tony De Bellis, David Jones, Byron MacFarlane, John Olsen, And a very special thank you to Chief Frank Twohy for another fine job.

### **OTHER VERY SPECIAL AWARDEES**

**Lori Vitale** - For her hard work and dedication to the community. She has been an active volunteer since she moved here almost 9 years ago. Lori has worked on the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic Committee, and is a member of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation. She has also organized Bunko for the past 8 years. Lori is always ready to help out and is generous with her time.

**Shelley Fontaine** - For advocating for the perspective of non-horse-owners residents for the proposed revisions to the County's equine ordinance, doing extensive research and participating in county meetings.

**Marty Benowitz** - For donating the highest bid item to the Town Council's silent auction, which will require many hours of pro-bono work on his part.

**Claudia Costanzo and Nancy Reed** - For organizing the Harvest Festival to help defray some of the expenses for Karen Tangorra's medical bills.

**Rachel Dimas** - For organizing the Halloween Spooktacular at the Fire Station.

**Minoo Sohaey** - For being the Town Council's Welcome Committee (by herself), transforming the clean-up committee into a beautification committee through the signs policy, and getting most real estate signs off our streets, and hosting the Bridges celebration party at her home.

**Bonnie Baumgartner** - For securing funding for trail maintenance, a problem plaguing the community for years, taking the lead and striving for fairness on the controversial topic of the new equine ordinance.

**May Meintjes** - For getting all of the Town Council's accounting done on time every month and running another year of successful games at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic.

**Nancy Goodrich** - For chairing the Town Council's OMWD/Pipeline Committee, spearheading the comments on their EIR and securing a \$50,000 grant from OMWD to the Elfin Forest community. She also lead the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and helped with picnic setup.

**Melanie Fallon** - For organizing the training of new Town Council Board members, advocating for the community during the General Plan Update process, playing a key role in the OMWD pipeline mitigation negotiations, and organizing the Holiday Potluck Party.

**Amy Molenaar** - For gamely accepting the high maintenance job of Town Council Board Secretary on her first

term with the board and organizing the staffing of the ticket booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, with much of her extended family pitching in. (This was the first time in years that somebody was not stuck there for hours.)

**Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjanin** - for all her hard work in protecting Elfin Forest from mass development and also commercial development, especially with the latest Equine Ordinance that the county is proposing. This would allow commercial horse stables, by right, in residentially zoned neighborhoods which would have a negative impact on our valley and our property values. She has worked so hard to keep our neighborhood residential and to keep developers out. She spends countless hours sending letters to county officials and organizing behind the scenes.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR JOBS WELL DONE!! HAPPY NEW YEAR! YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST!**

## *Firefighters Honored at Annual Banquet by Joni Calhoun*

In December the annual Fire Fighter Awards Banquet was held at the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station. This is always a fun event where firefighters, their spouses, family members and friends join with the Auxiliary members and members of the Board of Directors to reminisce about the good and bad occurrences that happened during the past year. New members are shown appreciation for their commitment to the Department and those who made exceptional contributions are honored. This year the Firefighter of the Year Award went to Engineer, Jack Glassford. The Probationary Firefighter of the Year was Leo Callan, and the firefighter who participated in the most trainings won the award for Exemplary Training Attendance. This was Captain Michael Martinez. This year six Firefighters graduated from Firefighter Academies and/or Paramedic School.

Help the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department Building Fund by purchasing one-of-a-kind jewelry for any occasion. Call Claudia Costanzo 760-518-9478. We will soon have handmade greeting cards by Joan Hershfeld for sale also. 100% of proceeds goes to Fire Department.

In 2012 the Department and Board members will work on a Five Year Strategic Plan.



## *Elfin Forest Community Foundation Funds Four Projects in November 2011*

*By Steve Barker*

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation Board met this past November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse. Steve Barker, Tony Debellis, Alan Lasnover, Ginny McManus, Will Stosic, Frank Twohy, Mike Vallee, Lori Vitale were present and Martha Blane attended telephonically. The treasurer, Mike Vallee, reported that the Foundation endowment account had a balance of \$373,025. Income for the last 6 months was \$32,936 that includes investment earnings and \$20,000 received from OMWD by way of the Town Council. Todd Vitale, Financial Advisor to the Foundation, presented an overview of the Foundation's investments, which include 80% bonds and 20% cash and stock. The Board reviewed the progress of previous grants.

After discussion of the applications received for this grant period, the Board decided to fund the following: EF/HG Fire Department - Radios, \$6000; Escondido Creek Conservancy - water testing equipment, -\$2000; Sky Mountain Institute - Speaker Fees, \$500; Elfin Forest Trails and Pathways, \$5000.

Spring grant applications are due April 15, 2012. Help keep our community active. Find more info at: [www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org)

Vote for the new Board on February 1, 2012. There is a an opening on the Board for 2012.



## The ESCONDIDO CREEK Conservancy

### *Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove and YOU! Together We Can Make a Difference!*

*By Betsy Keithley*

***Become a member of TECC*** - membership starts at just \$25/year - you supply the funds to cover the costs of doing business. Also, when TECC is fighting to preserve open space, membership numbers can be used as political clout. Sign up at <http://escondidocreek.org/support-the-conservancy/> .

Or mail a check to: TECC P.O. Box 460791, Escondido, CA 92046

***Donate funds to the Land Acquisition Fund.*** One of TECC's activities is to acquire parcels in the watershed with the objective of maintaining the amount of high quality habitat that will ensure the long term viability of the chaparral and coastal sage scrub habitat. We walk our dogs, ride our bikes and run on this land, and look at it from our picture windows. The animals we love live here. Please help keep it the way it is.

***Sign up for our mailing list*** at [www.escondidocreek.org](http://www.escondidocreek.org) to receive details of our events and activities or join us on Facebook.

***The future of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove is in our hands.***

### *The San Dieguito Planning Group Needs New Members*

*By Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin*

The San Dieguito Planning Group is a county-sponsored organization composed of volunteer members, who provide community input to the County Department of Planning and Land Use on a variety of land use decisions affecting the area. There are several openings currently on the board and any registered voter in the planning area is eligible to run. The planning area goes from Del Mar to 4S Ranch and north to Escondido now including both Harmony Grove and Eden Valley, where development pressures are expected in the next few years. If you are interested in land use planning and in making a difference in how North County develops, please consider finding out more by contacting the SDPG chair, Paul Marks, at [paul@paulmarks.com](mailto:paul@paulmarks.com).

Details on process and duties can be found at [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/docs/FS\\_San\\_Dieguito\\_CPG.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/docs/FS_San_Dieguito_CPG.pdf).

Both Doug Dill and Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin are Elfin Forest residents who serve on the Planning Group. Members are elected as individuals and not as representatives of any particular area, and therefore, may be assigned projects anywhere in the San Dieguito Planning area. You may contact either Doug or Jacqueline to find out more at [j.arsivaud@gmail.com](mailto:j.arsivaud@gmail.com) or [theddills@att.net](mailto:theddills@att.net).

*County Sheriff call report : Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove, Dec 3, 2011 to Jan 3, 2012*  
*By Jackie Cruz*

Call type

CONTACTS/ WELFARE CHECK  
 RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE  
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 BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL AUDIBLE  
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 BURGLARY-RESIDENTIAL AUDIBLE  
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*Neighborhood Watch – Why YOU should be involved ...*

The best way to discourage criminal activity in your neighborhood is to establish a communication network known as Neighborhood Watch.

Get to know your neighbors, share information, report suspicious activity, and become a crime prevention advocate. Be pro-active residents, offer to become street or block captains and encourage your neighbors to join Neighborhood Watch.

The Crime Prevention Unit of the Sheriffs Department is committed to educating all communities on numerous public safety topics. Please contact Jackie Cruz of the Sheriff’s Crime Prevention Unit to schedule FREE crime prevention programs and FREE home security consultations.

SHERIFF’S COMMUNICATION CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

**Emergency**

**9-1-1(Life in Danger or Crime in Progress)**

**Sheriff’s Dispatch  
 (24 hrs a day)**

760-510-5200 Press 1- NON-EMERGENCY to report a “Crime After the Fact” or to report “Suspicious Activity” or request information etc.

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

San Marcos Patrol Station  
 182 Santar Place-San Marcos

760-510-5200 Business Office – Information  
 Hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m to 5 p.m. Closed Holidays  
 760-510-5254 County Crime Prevention  
 jackie.cruz@sdsheriff.org

## *Trails Committee Update*

*By Bonnie Baumgartner*

The Trail Committee was quite active this past quarter-clearing brush, adding trail fencing, and identifying new areas requiring work. An extensive plan for re-vamping existing trails and re-developing newer areas was developed. An application for funds was submitted to the Community Foundation, and the committee received \$5,000 for capital expenditures. The EFHGTC voted to maintain and replenish the \$15,000 granted from OMWD to be used for maintenance. A meeting between The Landscape Foundation and the Trails Committee resulted in the Landscape Foundation still maintaining responsibility for the main EF Trail along Elfin Forest Road, and the Trails Committee for EFHGTC working on the ancillary trails off the main road. Rich Julien from the San Diego Mountain Bike Association "friended" the trails by single-handedly refurbishing, grading, and installing water chevrons on Jerry's trail, thereby completing one of our projects scheduled for the "rainy season". Our thanks to this "Friend of the Trails". Most monuments were brushed and bulbs and poppies planted in the fall- awaiting the rain. Thanks to all the community volunteers, and trail committee members. Our next work party is slated for January 26 at 2:00 pm., meeting at the Baumgartner's, on Elfin Forest Lane. Thanks from the Trail Committee Sandra Bartsch, Bonnie Baumgartner, Jan Denny, Joy Jackson, Nancy Reed, Mark Shields, Carolyn Swenerton and Carla Zilka.

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# *Olivenhain Municipal Water District*

## *Unit AA Raw Water Pipeline Construction Update*

*By Karen Ogawa, OMWD*

Construction of Olivenhain Municipal Water District's Unit AA Raw Water Pipeline by Utah Pacific Construction Company (UPC) finally began in October 2011 after several years of planning in consultation with the Elfin Forest Town Council and community. OMWD recognizes that projects of this scale (17,000 feet of 48-inch pipeline) require dialogue with the community to limit the impacts of construction as we ensure the long-term reliability of your water supply. We appreciate this opportunity to update the citizens of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove on the status of the project.

To date, the pipeline has been installed from the south side of Escondido Creek to Via Ambiente. Pipeline installation in Via Ambiente will continue to the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant through March 2012. Tunneling for the Escondido Creek crossing will begin in mid-January and UPC will begin installation of the pipeline north of the creek in March after the Via Ambiente portion of the pipeline installation has been completed. This last phase of pipeline installation will begin in Harmony Grove Road, and then continue north/west in Elfin Forest Road past the fire station to the termination point at the San Diego County Water Authority aqueducts. All phases of the project are scheduled to be completed in July 2012, including re-paving of the road within the construction area.

### Traffic Impacts

OMWD and UPC have been working to minimize traffic impacts; however, traffic delays of up to 30 minutes between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday may be experienced. Please add additional travel time to your plans when UPC is working in Elfin Forest Road and Harmony Grove Road. Traffic control will include a dedicated flagging crew to indicate when it is safe to pass the working construction crews and equipment. Please note that lower speed limits have been posted in the vicinity of construction. Emergency vehicles, including the fire department, will have access at all times.

### Blasting

Preliminary test boring indicates that there will be less blasting required in Elfin Forest Road and Harmony Grove Road than originally anticipated. Blasting will be required for the tunnel installation under Escondido Creek. All blasting will occur between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and will be preceded by a written notice of the blasting procedures to property owners within 300 feet of the blasting site. UPC has retained a specialized blasting contractor to conduct this work.

### Safety

For the safety of the Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove community, UPC and its workers, and OMWD employees, please comply with all safety warnings and do not enter the construction area without prior permission or approval of staff such as the traffic flaggers.

### Additional Information

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please notify Valley Construction Management, which has been retained to provide construction management and inspection services for this project. Valley has established a project hotline at 760.517.6025 by which to answer questions and address concerns related to the project. Please leave a message and include your name and a phone number at which you can be reached. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. You may also contact the construction manager, Paul Mochel, at [Paul.Mochel@valleycm.com](mailto:Paul.Mochel@valleycm.com), or the field inspector, Lisa Craig, at [Lisa.Craig@valleycm.com](mailto:Lisa.Craig@valleycm.com).

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