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## From The Chair

By Mid Hoppenrath

Things are relatively quiet in the valley, although some of us can hear the sound of grading for the Escondido Research and Technology Center. At least this means that the ~3 mile public multi-use trail should be finished sometime this year. Plans for this business park include a small orchard at the entrance to honor the agricultural heritage of the area and a residential buffer zone of county land.

This is our election month, so be sure to exercise your right to vote and either mail in the enclosed ballot or bring it with you to the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, February 4th. We have a proposed change to extend our town council boundaries on this ballot so be sure to read the related articles inside this issue for different viewpoints. This is also election time for Fire Board members; this volunteer group provides direction and guidance to the Fire Department and acts as a liaison between the community, county, and the Fire Department.

The Town Council is thinking of having the annual 4th of July parade and picnic in Harmony Grove this year. We hope to find a shady, grassy place to provide some relief from the summer heat and would like to have an old-fashioned celebration. I think it's a good idea to fully use the resources in both communities to share the fun and work of planning such a big event.

Speaking of big events, plans are underway for the 2nd annual Garden Festival. This was a very popular event last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

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**Annual Election Meeting – Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM**  
**At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station**

**Fire Board Election meeting precedes Town Council meeting.**

**Important** – The cover sheet of this issue of the *chaparral* contains your ballots for both the Town Council Board and EF Community Foundation elections.

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## Town Council Board Elections

Nominations for the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Board were taken at the town council meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. This year, there are five open positions. The following people are running:

Incumbents: Patti Newton, Evelyn Alemanni

New Candidates: Greg Parman, Robert McGurk, Terry Walsh, Jan Denny

Your ballot is printed on the back of the cover sheet of this issue of the *chaparral*. You should bring your completed ballot to the election meeting at the fire station on February 4<sup>th</sup>. As in any election, we will have volunteers on hand to check IDs (if they don't know you) and mark the list to indicate that you have voted. You can also mail in your ballot (EF/HG Town Council, 20652 Elfin Forest Road, Elfin Forest, CA 92029), but only ballots with return addresses on the envelopes that are received on or before February 4<sup>th</sup> will be counted. Page 3 of this issue of the *chaparral* contains biographical statements from most of the candidates.

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## EF/HG Fire Department Board Annual Election Meeting

By Nona Barker

The annual Fire Board of Directors election meeting will occur on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the fire station meeting room (20223 Elfin Forest Road) preceding the town council meeting. To be legal, this meeting requires a quorum of one third of the residents in CSA 107. One third of the residents is approximately 100 people, so ***please attend and remember to bring the ballot you received by mail.*** If you are unsure whether you're served by CSA 107, check your property tax bill.

The agenda includes:

- Election of board members
- Year-end financial report
- Ambulance service
- Fire district formation
- San Diego County consolidation issues
- Developer agreements

Your fire department responds to your needs 24 hours a day 365 days per year. We are asking you to come to one meeting. Show us you care about your fire department and attend.

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## Elfin Forest Community Foundation Elections in February

By Betsy Keithley, Secretary

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation was established in 1995 with the mission to enhance the quality of rural life in the community of Elfin Forest. The Board of Directors decides Foundation policy and what projects will be funded. They are also financially responsible for the funds in the Foundation. The bylaws require annual elections. The election will occur in February, 2004 at the time of the Town Council and Fire Board elections. The term is three years with a minimum of two face-to-face meetings per year to review grant applications that are due in April and October.

The Board has three open seats and Mike Vallee, Elfin Forest Lane, Frank Twohy, Fortuna del Este, and Virginia McMannus, Fortuna del Este, are running for those seats. All three are incumbents. Please mark the ballot on the back of the cover sheet of this issue of the *chaparral* and make sure it is at the fire station on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 where the ballots will be collected and counted at the Town Council/Fire Board meeting.

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## Calendar For February 2004

Date	Time	Event
Weds 2/4	7:00 PM	EF/HG Annual Election Meeting
Tues 2/3 2/17	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga
Mon 2/9	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 2/11	7 PM	Fire <a href="mailto:Auxiliary@Firehouse">Auxiliary@Firehouse</a>
Sat 2/28	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse

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## Elf Alerts

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## Meet Candidate Bob McGurk

By Bob McGurk

I'm Bob McGurk; I've been a resident in Elfin Forest since August, 1985. I have worked for AAA in the insurance claims area for 30 years. I work in Orange County but commute daily so that we can live in Elfin Forest.

My wife Janet and I have raised two children here, and we have appreciated the wonderful community environment. The kids didn't used to like living so far from town; but now that they're both grown, they tell us how great it was growing up out here in the "country." I would like to serve in the Town Council in order to serve the community and keep the rural atmosphere, which we have all treasured.

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## Meet Candidate Terry Walsh

By Mid Hoppenrath

Terry Walsh and his wife, Sherry moved into one of the new homes at the corner of Country Club and Kauana Loa in 2002. Terry is a Manager of Engineering at Fluid Components in San Marcos. He has been a resident of San Diego County for over 50 years. His family camped at the Elfin Forest Campground in the 1970s! He has five children, five grandchildren, and a lovable yellow lab named Zina.

Terry has been very active in his new community. He has attended many TC meetings, most of the county Village planning workshops, the Escondido city council meetings, where he supported removal of Harmony Grove from the SOI, and the village focus group meetings, and is a member and block captain of the Neighborhood Multi-use Trails Committee.

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## Meet Candidate Patti Newton

By Evelyn Alemanni

Patti Newton has lived in Elfin Forest for 16 (or more?) years. As a founder of the Elfin Forest Coalition, she actively campaigned against the incinerator and landfill expansion. Her latest success was to help end the Quail Ridge Project. She has tirelessly and dedicatedly served on the town council for more terms than we remember, holding positions of board member and secretary. She has also served on the boards of TECC and the EFCF. Patti is a talented photographer and writer; she and her husband, Richard, own Newcourse Jumps.

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## Meet Candidate Jan Denny

By Jan Denny

I work fulltime at SAIC's downtown location as a business process/software requirement analyst. I've been an SAIC employee for 13 years, and an Elfin Forest resident for 2.5 years. I'm currently a block captain for Fortuna del Sur/Seaquest Trail, and just finished organizing and collecting \$50,000 in resident funds to pave a dirt road, seal an existing paved road, and install a gate. My next block captain task will be approval and implementation of a road maintenance agreement and committee so I can return to typical block captain duties, which includes installation of improved road signs. I volunteered for the Elfin Forest Garden Festival last year and this year.

My education includes an AS in Technical Writing, BS in Journalism with a minor in jazz, and certificate in web publishing. I've taken training in leadership and psychology. I have a keen interest in politics, and have volunteered in nonprofit leadership roles since I was in high school. I am very interested in maintaining the rural lifestyle and environment in Elfin Forest. I plan to stay in Elfin Forest to raise my children and retire.

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## Meet Candidate Evelyn Alemanni

By Evelyn Alemanni

As an Elfin Forest resident for more than 16 years, I keep saying this is the last time I'll run... I've served many terms as town council chairman and vice chairman. Edited and published three editions of the Community Guide, publish elf alerts, designed and maintain the town council website, and help my husband, Joe, produce the *chaparral* each month. I continue to work on organizing our EIR library, happy to get those huge volumes out of my own bookcase.

During the past year, I served on the American in Bloom committee (we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in our category) and have been selected to participate as a national judge for this year's contest. I also founded the Elfin Forest Garden Festival which raises funds for trail creation, beautification and maintenance. I own a company called ALLEA which provides technical writing, product documentation, web design and photography services. I am passionate about preserving our rural environment.

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## Proposed Boundary Change In Detail

By Mid Hoppenrath

The proposed boundary change for the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council is to add the homes on the northern edge of Harmony Grove. Specifically, we would add the approximately 22 homes in the area south of Mt Whitney Road and south of Kauana Loa to the current CSA 107 border (near the power lines), and the 6 homes in the triangle near the intersection of Kauana Loa and Harmony Grove Road. Residents in these areas of Harmony Grove have petitioned to join the town council.



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## Benefit For La Costa Canyon High

By Marty Benowitz

Tim Flannery and Friends will be performing in concert on **Saturday, February 21, at 7:30 PM** in the David Thompson Theater on the La Costa Canyon (LCC) campus, with all profits going towards scholarships at LCC. They will feature songs from their new album, "Kentucky Towns", which will be released in early February. Musician friends performing with Tim Flannery include Dennis Caplinger, Sharon Wyte, Jeff Berkley and Tom Flannery. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door and may be available for purchase in the foundation office of the administration building or by calling Marty Benowitz at 760-591-9700. This concert is brought to you by Dollars for Scholars at LCC, a volunteer run, community based scholarship foundation. ***Save the date and join us for a fabulous concert - you won't be disappointed!***

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## "Blossoms and Barns" Get Your 2004 Garden Festival Tickets Now!

By Evelyn Alemanni



There's a new twist to the garden festival. You know that it's a fundraiser for creating, maintaining and beautifying our trails. Now, we working towards a commitment from a

potential donor who will MATCH the funds we raise! So have a good time, and do "double" good while you're at it. Visit barns and enjoy the gardens that surround them. One of the gardens is featured in the current issue of *Garden Shed*, another will be in the April issue of *Sunset*. Tickets are limited, so order yours today. Don't miss out while people from all over the country ooh and ah over Elfin Forest gardens. (That's *country* – not county – people are coming from as far away as New Mexico, Georgia, and Ohio.) Tickets are \$20 and lunch is \$12, same as last year.



Eight gardens will be open, lunch served at the Questhaven Retreat, and Elfin Valley Nursery will host a garden marketplace. Preview the gardens and order tickets at [www.elfinfoestgardens.info](http://www.elfinfoestgardens.info).

Many thanks to our wonderful new sponsors, Hunter Industries, Tri-C, Ecke, Diggity Dog, and Proven Winners. Want to be a sponsor or open your garden for next year's tour? Contact Evelyn Alemanni at 760-471-7224 or [alemanni@allea.com](mailto:alemanni@allea.com).

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## Circa de Media Mystery

By Gordon M. Taggart

Recently, we have been seeing a number of dead animals (mice, rabbits, etc.). The unusual part is that they're not being eaten. This makes me wonder if anyone in the Circa de Media/Fortuna del Este area is using poison. Both our dogs have been sick and it's possible that they're coming into contact with poisoned animals. As a courtesy, it would be nice to know who is using poisons, as the effects are not limited to the property of the poison user.

## Argument Against The Proposed Boundary Change

By David Cronshaw

It is proposed to change the boundary of the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council to geographic areas known as Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove in the County of San Diego, California, rather than that service area covered by the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Volunteer Fire Department as of 1979 (CSA 107). The argument for this proposal is that restricting the boundary to CSA 107 excludes some people who live in areas that are geographically and socially part of the community.

My argument against the proposal is that there are no defined boundaries on County or Thomas Brother maps for Elfin Forest. Questhaven and Harmony Grove are shown only as general areas. CSA 107 gives definable boundaries that include the communities of Elfin Forest, Questhaven and the southern portion of Harmony Grove. The CSA 107 boundary eliminates conflicts with city boundaries and spheres of influence with San Marcos, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Escondido and the nebulous boundaries of Rancho Santa Fe. The CSA 107 boundary allows us to retrieve defined lists of the voters and landowners living within CSA 107 from the County Tax Assessor and the Registrar of Voters.

Having defined boundaries allows the Town Council, if necessary, to act on behalf of the community and help defend it against annexations initiated against the community and CSA 107. This was very important in our fight against annexation by the City of San Marcos. We would not have been successful if we had not been able to define our community boundaries. While there seem to be some homes and land that are geographically part of the community, they are not. They are not served by CSA 107 nor do they pay taxes to support CSA 107 as is the case with a few other homes just outside the boundary.

On the other hand, some of these residents certainly feel affiliated socially with the community. Perhaps the answer is to offer these residents associate non-voting memberships. I feel it is not in the best interest of the community to blur our community boundaries now or in the future.

## Argument For The Proposed Boundary Change

By Mid Hoppenrath

The proposed town council boundary change to include all of Harmony Grove will strengthen our voice in county and city affairs. The County Service Area (CSA) 107 does not provide our community with a unique boundary that we could “lose” if we extend to the remainder of Harmony Grove. It is just one of several service districts: CSA107 is served by at least two different school districts and two different municipal water districts, whose boundaries “blur” even to the cities. We pay taxes to support service areas according to arbitrary boundaries, and not all of us in CSA 107 pay to the same agencies.

Neither the County nor the Thomas Brothers maps identify communities by service areas, but the county keeps a mailing list for each community. Neither does a CSA provide an advantage in city annexation battles. For the last 25 years or so, all of Harmony Grove was in the Escondido SOI, even though most of us were in CSA 107. After our successful SOI battle, parts of Harmony Grove are in CSA 107 but out of the SOI (where I live), parts are in CSA 107 but still in the SOI (where Bill Telesco, past board chairman, lives), parts are out of both CSA 107 and the SOI (where Kathy DaSilva of the Village subcommittee lives), and parts are out of CSA 107 but in the SOI (where Terry Walsh, current board nominee, lives; notice all of these folks are active in our community.) Thus a recent, real-life situation has shown that having defined boundaries within a CSA does not make any discernible difference in annexation issues.

What did make a difference was having residents from all the communities in our valley, not just those in CSA 107, write letters to LAFCO, to the County (this was the first time the County publicly supported an entire community leaving an SOI), to the San Dieguito Planning Group and Escondido.

By keeping our borders consistent with CSA 107 we needlessly restrict our resources. We need the cooperation of our rural neighbors to increase our collective voice in the continuing battle to stay rural, even more so with the new developments coming. We should be building bridges, not putting up walls, between our communities if we hope to control the changes in our valley.

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# Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

Date: January 7, 2004

Members Present: Mid Hoppenrath, Patti Newton, Rachel Barnes, Arie Franken, Eric Anderson

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

**Updates: Mid Hoppenrath** noted the grading for the Escondido Research & Technology Center is underway. Consideration is being given to moving the Fourth of July Picnic/Parade to the Harmony Grove area. We'd like to return to the way it was done in the past; a good old fashioned picnic where attendees brought their own drinks, food, etc. The difficulty with the fire station location is that the area is confined to a gravel parking lot which is not conducive to activities without a tremendous amount of money and manpower to bring in the infrastructure (tents, tables, etc.) The Town Council welcomes input from residents.

**Jim Depolo** noted the RSF School District voted to place a \$4.8 million bond on the March ballot. These funds would be devoted to the Roger Rowe Middle School site and be used for upgrading and retrofitting to meet earthquake standards. The district is still looking at the Quantum site; an EIR is in progress. The district normally holds meetings on the third Wednesday of each month and residents are encouraged to attend. Call Jim with any questions.

**Item #1:** Nominations for town council election in February. **Evelyn Alemanni** (absent) asked **Patti Newton** to nominate **Greg Parman, Bob McGurk,** and **Jan Denny.** **Mid Hoppenrath** nominated Harmony Grove resident, **Terry Walsh.** Patti Newton will run for re-election as will Evelyn Alemanni. Terry Walsh actually lives outside CSA 107 boundaries and may not be eligible unless the by-laws are changed. **David Cronshaw** mentioned he'd brought this subject up a few years ago and found strong feelings regarding the relationship of the legal boundaries relating to CSA 107. He said he'll research the issue and get back to the board.

**Item #2:** **Greg Chenault, Freedom Web Company,** offered access to a wireless Internet service called Ricochet. Several new antennas are required to service the area. The costs include a modem for \$49.99 (with 100% rebate for a year of service agreement at \$27.99/month with ten email addresses,

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technical support, and web access or \$24.99/month for web access only.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

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## MSCP Public Workshops

By Patti Newton

The County of San Diego will conduct public workshops regarding the draft North County Multiple Species Conservation Program Plan (MSCP) Plan on the following dates:

Thurs. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, at the Fallbrook Public Utilities District Office, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook.

Tues., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona.

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, at the EF/HG Fire Department, 20223 Elfin Forest Road.

The North County MSCP will add to the County's open space system and cover areas located north and east of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove, north of Camp Pendleton, DeLuz, Fallbrook, Rainbow, Pauma Valley, Lilac, Valley Center, and the majority of Ramona. This is an opportunity for you to offer your input as well as listen to discussions regarding the draft plan. For more information please visit their website at [www.mscp-sandiego.org](http://www.mscp-sandiego.org) or call 858-694-3719.

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## We Are Not Alone

A *chaparral* reader forwarded this amazing image claimed to be from NASA's Spirit rover currently touring the surface of Mars. It appears that even an average temperature of 76 degrees below zero Fahrenheit wasn't enough to discourage Wal-Mart's expansion in our solar system.



Wal-Mart opening soon on Mars. Resistance is futile(?)

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## The School Yard

By Jim Depolo

Happy New Year and welcome back to the School Yard! We hope everyone enjoyed a great holiday.

With the start of a New Year, nearly everyone makes some sort of “New Year’s Resolutions” and the school board is no different! As you all know, the board has been working hard to find a new school site and provide the best educational opportunities for our children. To this end here is our list of top “New Year’s Resolutions” and goals moving forward this year.

**#1 Pass Proposition K, our March bond:** We have voted to present a \$4.8 million bond on the March ballot to upgrade the current school. This bond, Proposition K, targets improvements in student safety at drop-off and pick-up, updating of fire and electrical systems, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), upgrading to current seismic standards, and similar “non-glamorous” infrastructure improvements that need to be made at the current school regardless of whether we get a second school or not. It is important that the District pass this bond, while at the same time, realizing that this does NOT solve our over-crowding problem, which is what the November bond will do.

**#2 Pass November bond, new school at Quantum:** We will continue to move forward on the Quantum site and be prepared to present a ballot proposition in November of this year. We will work to complete the EIR on the Quantum site and address all concerns and alternatives. We have recently met with adjacent neighbors from both the Covenant and Hacienda Santa Fe to hear their concerns. We are planning to work closely with the Association Board to meet their needs as best as possible. And we continue to seek input from all concerned residents through the EIR process.

We are applying our design criteria and drafting preliminary site designs and computer models to assure we balance educational needs while being sensitive to our neighbors. We are committed to building a new school on the Quantum site and passing a bond for it in November. To quote from our November 19<sup>th</sup> Board Resolution; “The Quantum property is designated the ‘preferred site’ for a new middle school; and possible second elementary

school.” If you want to know more contact a board member or Dr. Vinson.

**#3: Keep the communication going as we move forward:** We resolve to keep focused on the needs of the children and move forward with actionable solutions. We will communicate information with the community through as many means as possible including this article, our public meetings and meetings with various groups. We are happy to set up meetings with any interested group with one or two board members. If you are interested in setting up a meeting with your group please contact me at [jdepolo@starband.net](mailto:jdepolo@starband.net) or call the school office at 858-756-1141.

**Next Steps:** Continue work on the EIR for Quantum, including preliminary design work. Remember that applications for the Prop K bond oversight committee are due in the school office by 4 PM on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Call the office at 858-756-1141 or stop by to pick one up.

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## Got Elves?

By Evelyn Alemanni

We are often asked; “Are there really elves in Elfin Forest?” In Iceland, elves are serious business. More than 10 percent of that nation's population of 283,000 believes in them.

Couples with home building plans sometimes hire “elf spotters” to make sure the lots they've chosen are free of spirit folk. Roads are designed around the homes of gnomes and fairies and, in some instances, building plans have been redesigned or abandoned to avoid disturbing rocks where elves are said to live.

They even have a school that teaches elf studies. Magnus H. Skarphedinsson, a historian and the headmaster of the Icelandic Elf School, has spent 23 years documenting eyewitness reports of contact with the hidden world. More than 4,000 students have earned diplomas in Elf Studies.

Skarphedinsson says five types of elves inhabit Iceland. He welcomes visitors on afternoon elf hunts around town. The cost is about \$48 per person for groups of three or more. Information: [www.goiceland.org](http://www.goiceland.org). Why not email him and invite him to Elfin Forest for a day of “elf-spotting”.

## Winter Bird Feeding

By Scott Todd (Wild Bird Center, Encinitas)

Now that we are in the dead of winter and our wild birds are looking for a richer diet in order to stay warm I thought you might like to try a new recipe. Most of these ingredients can be found around the house or purchased at most grocery stores.

### *Suet Delight*

(from the kitchen to your backyard birds)

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups peanut butter
- 2 cups shortening
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup corn meal
- 1 cup sunflower chips
- ½ cup raisins
- 1 cup mixed birdseed

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Peanut butter and shortening may be softened in a microwave for easier mixing. Once mixed, Suet Delight should be the consistency of cookie dough (add more corn meal, if necessary). This concoction can be stuffed into suet logs, pine cones, smeared on trees, or used in regular suet feeders. Store any unused Suet Delight in a cool place.

If you want to try a pre-made suet cake for your birds, be sure to stop by the Wild Bird Center and we will be glad to assist you.

## Help Needed For March 2<sup>nd</sup> Election

The County Registrar of Voters is looking for a Systems Inspector to assist in the upcoming March 2<sup>nd</sup> election. Pay of \$100.00 is offered for the position that requires being at the polling place from 6:00AM until close of voting. Also required is attendance at a mandatory training class at a time and place to be determined. For more information contact Corinne East at 760-597-9569.

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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

Feb 8—Anima and Animus-Understanding the Guiding Factors Behind Our Relationships

— Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

Feb 15—When the Hand of God is a Paw- What Animals Teach us about the Divine

— Evelyn Alemanni

Feb 22—The Value of Sacred Symbols

— Rev. Susan S. Cary

Feb 29—How the Creatures Enrich Our Lives

— Rev. Elizabeth Wood

Mar 7—The Sacredness of the Lenten Season

— Rev. Myrna Triggs

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## The Holy Quest

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

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

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Community, Non-Commercial Classified Ads:

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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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## 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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## 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).

## Febuary Playgroup Schedule

By Anna Waite

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:00PM: Scrap-booking party. Bring your photos, albums, tools (creative memories stuff is great) and catch up on your memories. Drinks and snacks served. Adults only. Anna Waite's home, 1465 Paint Mountain Road. 760-752-1835.

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM-Noon: Carlsbad Library, La Costa at El Camino Real and Alga Road (behind Vons Center.)

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00PM: Valentines Day Party! Please bring a wrapped gently used book from home (one per child) to exchange. Games, drinks and snacks provided. Anna Waite's home, 1465 Paint Mountain Road. RSVP 760-752-1835.

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-9:00PM: Progressive Dinner Party for the mom's. 5-6PM appetizers and drinks, Anna Waite's home, 1465 Paint Mountain Road, 6-7PM main course, Lona Tomlinson's home 19901 Rocky Road, 7-8PM dessert?? (Need someone to volunteer their home) Please contact me if you're interested. RSVP to Anna at 760-752-1835.

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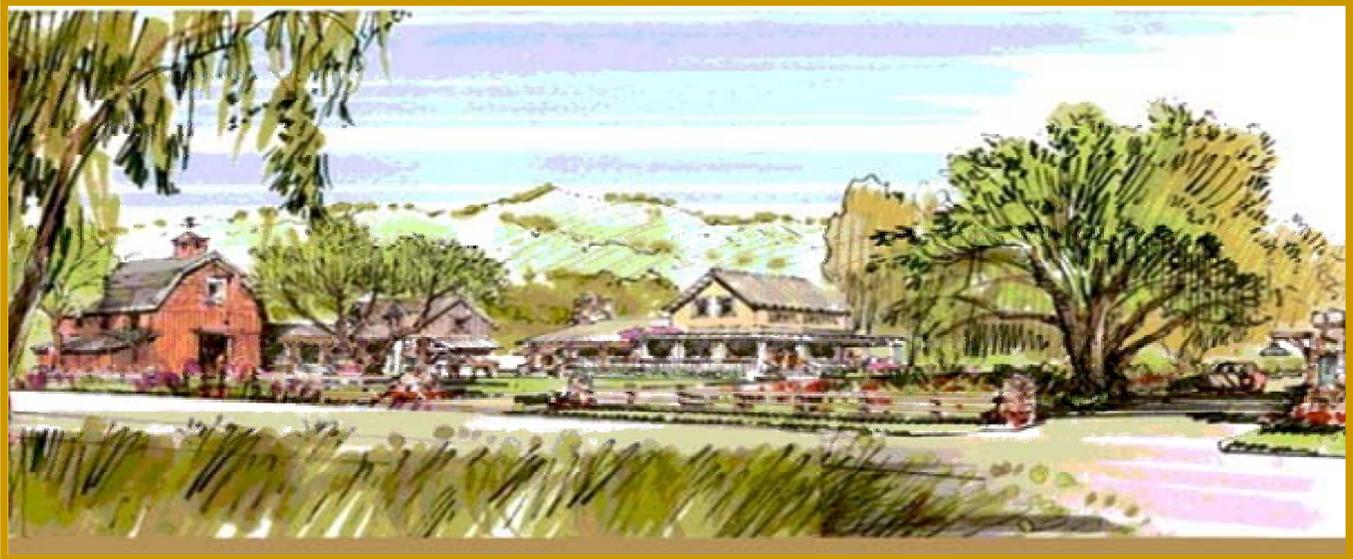
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## Who ya gonna call?

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

## 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.

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