

Next Town Council Meeting

October 1, 2008

General Plan Discussion



From the Chair

By Melanie Fallon

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Thanks to everyone who helped this month by reviewing the first half of our new Community Plans for Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. We have now submitted our Community Backgrounds and Vision Statements to the County for inclusion in the Updated San Diego County General Plan. When you have a minute, please take a look at the first two documents for our new Community Plans on our website – www.efhgtc.org, I think you will like what you see.

So now during the month of October we will take on the assignment of completing the last and most important phase of our community plans – we will be drafting the goals and policies for our community which will implement our vision for our future. These goals and policies will become the County's regulations

for Elfin Forest's and Harmony Grove's property owners and developers when they submit plans to the County. We really need your input into the creation of these so that we do not leave anything out!

**COME TO THE
OCTOBER 1 TOWN
COUNCIL MEETING!**

We need your input into the many goals and policies that we are drafting. Following are a few examples of our key goals:

Maintaining our rural residential community with estate homes located on a minimum of 2 acres per dwelling

Preserve our rural community by not allowing annexation of any portion of our area into adjacent cities

Preserve our sensitive and endangered habitats

Ensure that Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Road is maintained as a two-lane roadway

Septic systems as the sewage management for Elfin Forest

At this time we have drafted 30 goals for our community and over 100 policies to ensure that we have the correct regulations in place to ensure that our community stays as wonderful and rural as it is today.

Also as part of this exercise, we will be reviewing the **BOUNDARIES** of the Town Council, and recommending that the outlying parcels be included in our community.

From the Chair (Continued)

Town Council Elections

It isn't too early to put your name in as a Board Member of the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council. If you want to make a difference in your community, the Town Council Board is a great way to do so. Elections will be in February. If you are interested in running please contact Melanie Fallon at mfallon@hughes.net. If you think you might like to run, contact any board member listed on the back of this document for further information.

We will be preparing a new map which will delineate our recommendations for the areas which should be set aside for **CONSERVATION** in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

Again, you can review our draft thoughts on the Town Council's website, www.efhgtc.org. Take a look at them before the October 1 Town Council meeting and then bring your thoughts and ideas to

the meeting. If for some reason, you cannot make it to the meeting, please feel free to email your comments to me at mfallon@hughes.net. We need to finish this work by mid-October to meet the General Plan deadline, so please take a few minutes now!

And don't forget that there are 3 important Fire Department activities this month! First, please vote

in the Fire Board elections, plan on attending the October 8 Annual Fire Board meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday October 8 and the Pancake Breakfast from 8am -11am on Saturday October 11. See y'all there!

Newest Town Council Board Member

Please welcome Christopher Dye (Chris) as our newest Town Council Board member (for those of you that come to the meetings — Chris is the guy with the cowboy hat).

Chris has lived in Harmony Grove since 1996. He just recently became a certified CERT team member !!

Please Read Chris's statement below:

Horses are a big part of my life. I love the country

life and hope to keep as much open land for everyone to hike, ride, walk, or view as possible.

Born in Tucson Arizona and raised in many places, I retired from the Navy in 1998. I currently work for Northrop Grumman in Rancho Bernardo doing IT support. I hunt, fish, bowl and ride horses. I reside in Harmony Grove with my wife, 2 children, 3 dogs, and 8 horses. My son is into soccer and gymnastics and my daughter is into cheer. I am a soccer

coach (3 yrs) and commissioner (1yr) in the Escondido soccer club.

Yes I am a busy man but I would rather be busy doing something than sitting around and waiting for it.

We all know changes will come and we can not stop it, but we can help define what changes can occur. I hope to help point these changes for the better of all.

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Harmony Grove Meadows:

Mid Hoppenrath
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Citracado Parkway:

Mid Hoppenrath
747-1145

Cielo Del Norte:

Open

Heritage (including Citizen of the Year plaques):

Open

Fund Raising: Manu
Sohaey 510-9114

Board members present were Karen Gardner, Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Melanie Fallon, May Meintjes, Bill Telesco, Eric Anderson, and Mid Hoppenrath

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. After the pledge of allegiance and introduction of the membership, our treasurer, May, gave her report. Our chair, Melanie, discussed the reasons for the all-electronic distribution of the Chaparral and announced that Karen Gardner would assist any residents having trouble downloading their digital copies. The email distribution is expected to reach many more residents in our community.

The San Diego County Water Authority visited the Town Council as part of their community outreach. They were looking for feedback on the now complete Paint Mountain pipeline relining project. They were told that there were some problems with the condi-

tion of the local private roads that the Water Authority used during the project. Scott Robinson told the community that he would look into the matter and that there was a claims process for citizens to use to declare damages.

B.J. Williams of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department introduced a new deputy, Victor David, and reported statistics on area crimes. There is a particular problem with copper theft. The electronic gate at Via Ambiente was vandalized by copper thieves and now off road vehicles and unauthorized camp fires have been seen in the canyons beyond the gate. George Briest of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District reported that OMWD does not own the gate and suggested residents complain to representatives from Rancho Cielo and Cielo del Norte. Captain Crist was present to discuss residents' concerns, which were mostly about unauthor-

ized off road activity. The Captain urged residents to call the non-emergency county dispatch whenever they see this activity.

Chief Twohy of the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Fire Department reported on upcoming events: pancake breakfast on Oct 11 and Board of Directors meeting on Oct 8.

Melanie introduced a discussion on the community background and vision statements for the San Diego County General Plan Update. Draft versions of the plans for both Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove are available for viewing on the Town Council website www.efhgtc.org. Final versions must be submitted to the county by October 30th, 2008. There was a lively discussion about horse boarding in Elfin Forest, which is currently permitted on most properties only with a major use permit (very expensive and difficult to obtain). A Home Horse Boarding Committee, with Mid Hoppenrath as chair, was formed to re-

Meeting Minutes (continued)

search existing county ordinances and possibly propose a new policy. In open forum, Sue Varty announced that OMWD was suing the San Diego County Water Authority to stop them from adding Lake Hodges water, which is heavily contaminated, to

the OMWD reservoir. Sue said the new OMWD water treatment plant was not designed to handle such contamination and would require very expensive retrofitting to properly treat the water.

The meeting was ad-

journed at 9:50 pm

*Respectfully submitted
by Mid Hoppenrath*

Elfin Forest Community Foundation Seeks Proposals for Fall Funding

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of rural life in the community of Elfin Forest (CSA 107). The Foundation provides funds for project supplies and community events. The mechanism for getting money for your project is to apply to the Foundation. Describe your project and explain how it will enhance the community. The budget should not exceed \$6,000. Any one or organization in the community is eligible to apply and the more applications that we receive the more opportunity to enhance our com-

munity. The next deadline is October 15, 2008. If you have any questions, call a member of the board, Steve Barker, Mike Vallee, Betsy Keithley, Martha Blane, Virginia McManus, Ted Hansen, Lori Vitale, Sue Hill, Tony DeBellis or Frank Twohy and review your proposal with him or her. To obtain an application, go to our website, www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.com or contact Betsy Keithley at ekethley@ucsd.edu. The completed application must be left at the fire station mail slot, not in the U.S. mailbox, by October 15, 2008. The

Board will meet soon after that to review the applications. Please provide some new ideas and new projects!

By Betsy Keithley, Secretary, Board of Directors, EF Community Foundation

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Trails:

Mid Hoppenrath 747-1145

Welcoming :

Tony De Bellis 744-7090.

Animal Evacuation:

Karen Gardner 744-9500



Becca, the best dog a girl could have, rest in peace until we meet again,

Nancy and Danielle

Master, It's Time

Master, dear Master,
the old dog said,

My road has come
to an end.

No more can I ramble
by your side
Your loved and
trusted friend.

My eyes, once filled
with joy of life,
Are dimmed with
age and pain.

The walks we
shared by field and
stream

Must wait for another
day.

You cared for me
with all your heart,
And I gave you my
all.

But now, beloved
master,
Another Master
calls.

I know you hate to
let me go,
But my love is yours
to keep.

The time has come,
my dearest friend,
When I need to go
to sleep.

Your kindness made
my life a joy
And you love me,
this I know.

Show me your love
one final time
And gently let me
go.

Master, my beloved
friend,

As we say our last
good-bye,
Know that I will be
waiting

For you on the
other side.

Then we will ramble
the woods again,
Walk the fields
when the leaves
start to fall.

I'll be sitting right
here by the golden
gates
Waiting for your
call.

Author:

Jean Dokken

Save On Propane

I was checking propane costs and have found most of us are paying \$3.45 to \$3.55 per gallon. Well, just like gasoline prices we seem to be paying a zip code related up charge. I contacted a propane dealer in Ramona who quoted me a price of \$2.98 per gallon. No fuel surcharge (\$5.00 - \$7.00 per delivery) and a lower than current Haz Mat fee by a couple of dollars. When you add it all up it is a

big savings. This propane dealer is a small family owned company and has indicated that if they got 25 -30 people to sign up with they would set up a truck for our area. I'm all for saving \$.50 a gallon on propane plus the fuel and Hazmat surcharge. Any idea's of how we could find out if others wanted to save some money? The name of the company is Patriot Propane. 760-789-7079 Chris or Scott.

Perhaps each family that had an interest could call and register with them until we got the required number of properties to warrant the truck.

By Ken Dubbs



Sage Hills — The Changes We Can Make

Remember when the Hover Development Company proposed a 71-home project called Quail Ridge? Recall we killed that one with the help of the Board of Supervisors and Hover's ineptitude. And remember Hover came back with a stealthy offer to the RSF School District? They promised to give them enough acreage for a school site in exchange for support of their project **and** support of any attempt to annex into the city of San Marcos. We

spent a great deal of time attending school board meetings, writing the board e-mails, and meeting with them at school. The board said, Thanks, but no thanks.

Years ago we suggested to Hover that they sell the land for mitigation and cut their losses; I'll bet they are kicking themselves for laughing at that 'outrageous' proposal! Turns out, that's exactly what they did in what we can now offi-

cially call THE END! And a happy ending it is! The county has purchased all 234 acres for the purpose of preservation! We can all celebrate a BIG WIN for Elfin Forest!

By Patti Newton

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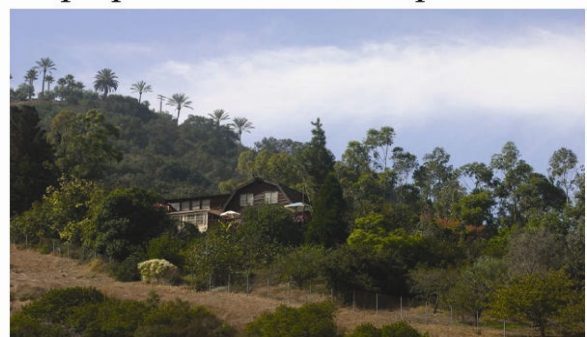


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Cielo Azul

On Thursday, September 25th the San Dieguito Planning Group unanimously opposed the map associated with the Cielo Azul housing project (18 homes on 100 acres proposed at the top of "the way up trail" of the Elfin Forest Reserve).

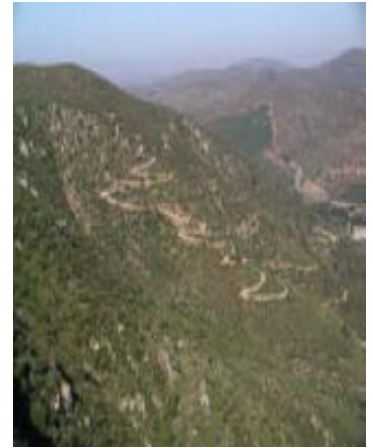
The rationale for denying this map was that the project is an inappropriate

island in the middle of pristine habitat; secondary ingress/egress is not buildable to suitable standards; sewer, water and electric are currently unavailable; and, the project will irreparably harm the foraging habitat for the golden eagles that reside nearby.

It was stated by the Board that this project is

a prime example of an urban/wildland interface fire danger and that the project never should have been approved given its proximity to the Reserve and its growth inducing nature.

By Karen Gardner



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Residential Conservation Needed

Since Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought in June, the implications for the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) are clear: water conservation is critical.

OMWD receives 40 percent of its water supply from the State Water Project, but this supply is threatened due to the largest court-ordered water transfer restrictions in state history. Water deliveries could be reduced by as much as 30 percent. Combined with below-average rainfall and low snowmelt runoff, OMWD needs to reduce overall demand to safeguard its water supply. The quickest and least expensive way to achieve this is through conservation.

To that end, OMWD Board of Directors is urging residential customers to voluntarily step up water conservation efforts and reduce usage by 10 percent or more. This is in accordance with the Drought Response Conservation Ordinance adopted by

the Board in July.

OMWD's General Manager declared a "Level 1 Drought Watch," which calls for a 10 percent water conservation savings by encouraging customers to adopt five voluntary measures:

- No washing down of hard surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, patios, roads and gutters)
- Stop water waste (over-irrigation and water runoff)
- Use shut-off nozzles on all hoses
- No landscape watering between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Repair all water leaks within 5 days

"While using less water may seem inconvenient, the actions individuals can take are easy. More importantly, they add up to big water savings if we all make a few simple changes," said Kimberly Thorner, OMWD's General Manager.

In addition to the Level 1 actions called for in the ordinance, there are additional conservation measures that residents

can take inside their homes. (See Conservation Tips: Estimated Savings.)

OMWD officials warn that should voluntary measures fall short, "Level 2 Drought Alert" mandatory restrictions will be activated. At Level 2, OMWD customers will be required to achieve a 20 percent water-use reduction, no new service connections will be allowed, and irrigation will be limited to three days a week and 10 minutes per water station. Customers who fail to comply may be penalized and potentially charged with a misdemeanor.

A Level 2 Drought Alert could be declared as early as January 2009. OMWD officials warn customers not to count on a rainy winter to save the region from mandatory restrictions. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has warned of water supply shortages from 120,000 acre feet to 600,000 acre feet for 2009. A family of four uses roughly 1 acre foot

Residential Conservation Needed

of water per year.

Regardless of the ultimate magnitude of the shortage, OMWD officials are confident that customers will rise to challenge ahead. "Our customers are smart and we have motivated leaders that care about San Diego's future. I am confident they will do the right thing when it

comes to water conservation," Varty said.

The residential savings are the latest in a series of customer conservation initiatives OMWD has implemented to save water and delay or prevent mandatory water restrictions. To date, OMWD's agriculture and commercial customers have voluntarily re-

duced consumption by 22 percent. By increasing residential water savings, OMWD officials hope to meet the region-wide voluntary water savings goal of 10 percent and be well-positioned for further savings should mandatory water restrictions go into effect.

David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant

In 2007, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors initiated a comprehensive upgrade program for the David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant to improve water production capacity and increase efficiency while maintaining quality. Since then, extensive progress has been made in achieving key goals.

Improvements completed include the installation of a "baffle wall" in the raw water inlet channel, an in-line heater that warms water during

membrane cleaning cycles, and a new system that keeps organic particles from clogging the membranes. These improvements increased the reliability of the membranes, the effectiveness of cleaning the membranes, and also significantly reduced how dirty the membranes become during operations.

OMWD also lined the concrete basins in which the membranes are submerged with a High-Density Poly-Ethylene sheet, providing a corrosion-proof liner inside each basin that greatly

reduces membrane damage.

Working closely with membrane manufacturer GE/Zenon, OMWD has also begun replacing older membranes with new, higher capacity membranes that increase production efficiency and meet future water quality regulations into the next decade.

In total, these upgrades represent over \$5 million in improvements to David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant this year.

In October, OMWD will update water district officials throughout the region on the progress of the upgrade process, including a demonstration of membranes being changed. Members of the community who wish to learn more may participate in one of Olivenhain Municipal Water District's update tours by calling (760) 632-4641.





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Area 107
Annual Board of Directors Election and
Membership Meeting***

When: October 8, 2008
7 PM

Where: 20223 Elfin Forest Road (Fire Station Meeting Room)

This meeting requires a quorum of 1/3 of our County Service Area residents.

The communities your fire department serve are ***Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove, Questhaven and portions of Coronado Hills.*** Uncertain if we serve you? Look on your property tax bill for County Service Area 107 - that's your fire department.

If you own or rent property in the above areas, you are eligible to attend this meeting and vote in the election.

To be legal, this meeting requires a quorum of 1/3 of our community's members
ONE THIRD is 100 people. PLEASE ATTEND!

Your fire department responds to your needs 24 hours a day 365 days per year.
Your elected board meets each month

We are asking you to come to one meeting. @ 7 PM on October 8, 2008

Support your fire department. Put this date on your calendar.

The Agenda includes:

Election of Board members, Year-end financial report, San Diego County Fire Consolidation, and new fire tax issues.

Thank you,

Nona Barker

Chairman

Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department Inc

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Gate at Via Ambiente

The electronic gate at Via Ambiente (the road leading up to the OMWD reservoir) has been repaired again.

This gate has been vandalized repeatedly over the past year for the copper wiring which is stripped and then sold.

With the gate inoperable and the road open, there have been numerous reports of frequent partying, bonfires and trespassing in the surrounding canyons. OMWD has fixed this gate a number of times at great expense.

If you notice any suspi-

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By Karen Gardner

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Our Street Signs Are Back!

Yes, its taken a long time to replace the original walls, rework the street signs and hang them on the new walls but, at last, we finally have our wonderful Elfin Forest wall signs back. We still have some coming. The few remaining will appear as they are designed, fabricated, zinc coated, painted and hung.

Thank you to the sign painting crew, Lynda Clerke, Shelley Fontaine, Joy Jackson, Carla Zilka, Frank and Susan Oddo. Some pretty long days out in the hot sun with no shade but they got it done!

Can you finally plant around your street sign walls? Yes!! Plant away. Higher plants like the hearty agaves to the back; lower drought-tolerant plants in the foreground. Many of you have created rock boundaries that look very nice as well.

Right now the Foundation is repairing existing sections of the trail and trimming trees for their health and fire management.

What is next? The Landscape Foundation plans to continue the trail that runs along the north side of Elfin Forest Road beginning at the Water Authority turnout and connecting to the Fortuna Del Norte trail to the west. The Water Authority has agreed to install a gate to allow them access to the water line but stop vehicles from driving onto the property. We will fence the rest with our standard split rail. We will need volunteers to help install fencing this winter or early spring. In the meantime we will be working with the County of San Diego and the Water Authority to put all the necessary plans in place.

Tax-deductible donations would be welcome for grading and fencing. Make checks payable to The Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation. Send to 19665 Elfin Glen, Escondido, CA 92029. The foundation is a fully approved 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation incorporated in the state of California.

To volunteer to help put in the new section of trail please email Lynda Clerke (clerkehome@gmail.com) , Carla Zilka (jason.zilka@att.net) or Frank Oddo (soddo@earthlink.net).

By Susan Oddo



The City of Los Angeles, Recreation & Parks Division, is looking to donate four horses. These four horses were used as patrol horses for Park Rangers.

Horse #1

Name: Bubba

Breed/Sex: Thoroughbred/Gelding

Age: 12 Years

Height: 15 Hands

Color: Bay



Description: Ground manners need improvement, needs attention when lunging. Horse needs more work.

Horse #2

Name: Tank

Breed/Sex: Quarter-Horse/Gelding

Age: 16 Years

Height: 16.7 Hands

Color: Sorrel Chestnut



Description: Horse shows aggressive behavior, has bad ground manners, needs to be continually worked.

Horse #3

Name: Chusa

Breed/Sex: Quarter-Horse/Mare

Age: 28 Years

Height: 15.5 Hands

Color: Dark Bay



Description: Horse is unwilling to ride alone, does better in pack, timid. Good ground manners.

Horse #4

Name: Music Bar

Breed/Sex: Quarter-Horse/Gelding

Age: 30 Years

Height: 16 Hands

Color: Sorrel Chestnut



Description: Very gentle, solid, good around people. Alpha male.

Any interested parties, please contact me: tom.marino@lacity.org

These Horses must go to a good home, not available for slaughter. Donation of these animals requires a signed release form, from the City of Los Angeles, releasing any and all liabilities from the point of transfer to new ownership.

Classifieds

Local Baby, Animal and House Sitters

Ryan Anderson - Baby Sitting/Pet Care. High school junior, responsible, with own transportation. 760-471-5850.

Elissa Benjamin - Experienced babysitter and tutor for grades K-4, all subjects/pet care. Local references. Red Cross babysitter certification. Please call early to reserve babysitting. 760-274-5379.

Amanda Clerke – Experienced Babysitter/Pet Care. Elfin Forest resident, RSF School. YMCA babysitter certification. 14 years old. Please call 760-510-0143.

Jessica MacKinnon - Babysitting/Feed Animals, EF Resident, 15 years old, SFC High School - 10th grade, took babysitting course through Red Cross. Contact at 760-744-8955.

Retired pre-school teacher and animal lover available for evening and late night child care. CPR, First Aid is up to date. Plenty of references. I would love to care for your animals as well. Elfin Forest resident. Mary Ann 760 591-3111.

For sale: Two year old leopard gecko lizard with container and supplies. Cal Alex at 760-471-0875 for details.

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