

**Next Town Council Meeting
September 3, 2008**



From the Chair

By Melanie Fallon

**PLEASE PLAN ON
ATTENDING THE
SEPTEMBER 3rd AND
OCTOBER 1st
TOWN COUNCIL
MEETINGS!!!**

Our two community plans will be adopted by the San Diego Board of Supervisors as part of the new updated General Plan - specifically they will be part of the Land Use Element. The Land Use Element is a planning document that provides the legal framework

in our precious community. The good news is that a lot of this work has already been accomplished by a number of great Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove residents over the past few years and is contained in "The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Community Guide," in the 2002 work that Harmony Grove did in response to the Harmony Grove Village Plan and in the Elfin Forest Community Character paper written by Linda Hamilton and Kathy Pickard.

**FOR ANY FUTURE
LAND DEVELOPMENT
TO ENSURE
THAT IT IS COMPATIBLE
WITH THE CHARACTER OF
OUR COMMUNITY**

I know that it sounds technical and probably even boring, but it is so very important!

This is our opportunity to make sure that OUR VISION for our future is captured in the County's new General Plan so that developers have no doubt about what can and cannot be accomplished here

However, the County has a specific template and instructions regarding format and information to be contained in our Community Plans so some revisions are necessary and current issues need to be identified. Our Community Plans will contain information on the com-

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Our wonderful summer is nearing an end and the kids are back to school so now we can all get back to our normal lives again, Right!?!?

**NOT SO FAST! WE
NEED YOUR HELP,
BUT DON'T WORRY
THIS IS A GOOD
THING!**

We have 60 days (until October 31st) to talk about, prepare, edit and revise

**THE ELFIN FOREST
AND HARMONY
GROVE COMMUNITY
PLANS!**

From the Chair (Continued)

munity background as well as a community vision statement including community goals, policies and implementation which will have 6 sections

Land Use
Circulation and Mobility
Conservation and Open Space
Safety
Noise
Specific Plan and Special Study Areas

To prepare our Community Plans with participation from our residents, your Town Council is going to dedicate the next 2 Town Council meetings to this effort and will facilitate your input into this process.

At the September 3rd Town Council Meeting we will review the Community Background Statement and the Community Vision Statement.

At the October 1st Town Council Meeting we will review our Community goals, policies and their implementation.

We will review a new map which will delineate areas to set aside for conservation in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

We will also review a new map which will delineate our proposal for specific boundaries for Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

Draft language for the documents can be found on the EFHGTC website www.efhgtc.org. Please take a couple of minutes to review what has been done and write down your thoughts and concerns and bring them with you to the next two Council meetings.

This effort is really important to the future of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. Please plan on attending and participating in the September and October Town Council Meetings.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 11TH 2008

8 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

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***Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department Inc.
& County Service Area 107
Annual Board of Directors Election and
Membership Meeting***

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Eric Anderson
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University Heights:
Melanie Fallon
744-7090

**Harmony Grove
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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 Consoli-
dation, and new fire tax issues.

Thank you,

Nona Barker
Chairman
Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department Inc
CSA107

Come to the Pancake Breakfast

October is Fire Prevention month. To focus attention on this important issue the Fire Auxiliary will again sponsor a pancake breakfast. This year's breakfast will be at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 11, from 8-11 am. Information on Fire Prevention will be provided. The theme is "Saving Homes" from burning. The breakfast will include pancakes, ham, fruit, juice and coffee. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

It will also be great opportunity to get your Christmas card photos. A fire truck will be available for the kids to climb on and have their picture taken.

By Betsy Keithley

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Animal Evacuation:

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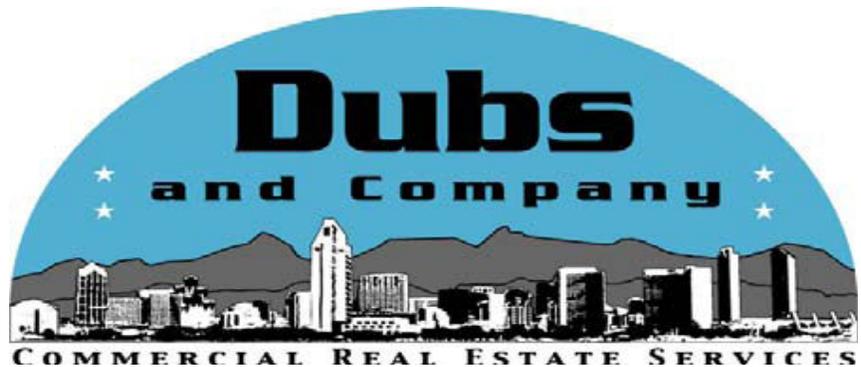
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By Jeff Stemmerman

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Fire Evacuation Update

Although “fire season” is anytime in California that there is no rain; October is around the corner and we are reminded that the two times we were threatened most severely was in October.

We would like to thank those who have responded to the Block Captains, and appreciate all the information and feedback that has been provided so far.. However, based on the size of our community, we haven't touched the surface of getting the required information to insure evacuation or the Elfin Forest animals.

We would like to think that everyone that we have not heard from has made plans for evacuation, should the need arise.

If that is not the case, we are still open to

receiving information from anyone who has needs in getting horses and large animals out of the valley.

Should you have concerns, questions or need help with the evacuation of your horses, please contact us so we can be prepared to assist you.

After the fire last year, when everyone got back to their homes, it was realized that some residents weren't able to get their horses out of the valley. We don't want that to happen, if there is a next time. We want to keep our community safe, people and animals alike. Currently we are in the process of finding places nearby to transport the horses to.

Last year during the fires and evacuations, people had to move horses to areas where there were not any corrals to put the

horses in. On Fiesta Island for example, people had to keep their horses tied to trailers.

As you know, loading and trailering can be difficult, but if horses don't want to tie, it becomes a compounded problem.

We will be having another horse clinic on Safe Tying Practices. Later this month. Jeff did a tremendous job of showing practical steps to getting horses to load, so we are inviting him back to help in continued safety for evacuation. Please help spread the word!

You can contact me directly at Ionedixie@yahoo.com or my cell 760-908-6800.

By lone Harris



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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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.

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