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Harmony Grove
chaparral**

Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From the Vice-Chair

By Bill Telesco

This past month your board elected new officers for the year 2002-03 as follows: Evelyn Alemanni as Chairman, Bill Telesco Vice Chairman, Linda Hamilton Treasurer and Patti Newton as Secretary. Evelyn has asked that I continue writing this column for the Chaparral.

There are still problems with traffic and accidents on Harmony Grove Road and Elfin Forest Road also. Once again the CHP will out there daily and we all need to be very careful driving. We still have 12-13 months of construction on the dam. There were also reviews done about some more developments in the EF/HG area. We will monitor these closely as we have all the others to ensure they meet the rural guidelines we have tried to keep for our area.

As you all probably know, Bill Horn has won re-election as our County Supervisor with 53.7 % of the vote.

The Landscape work has begun to take shape and looks very good. The walls and signs are going up and will enhance EF and HG Roads when complete. Good job to all that have worked very hard on the project. Be safe and happy and have a great month.

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April Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Two important topics will be presented.

“What bugs you?” could well be the topic for our next community meeting. David Kellum, the San Diego County entomologist, will be speaking about area pests (those with more than two legs), and will be bringing handouts for you (maybe he will bring samples of fire ants as well - dead, we hope).

Preserving habitat is an important priority and helps to keep our community rural. The efforts of the surrounding cities to preserve habitat affect Elfin Forest as well, so we will also hear from Janet Fairbanks who will give an overview of the multiple habitat conservation program (MHCP) which involves 7 cities and an undefined 500 acres in the western Elfin Forest area.

E.F. Community Foundation Election Rescheduled

by Mike Vallee, Treasurer EFCF

Because of our lack of organization, we are re-scheduling the election of three board members until April's Town Council meeting. We are including another ballot in this issue of the Chaparral, and have given each candidate a chance to submit a short candidate statement.

It's a first. We actually have more people willing to serve on the Community Foundation Board than we have slots available. Way to go Elfin Forest! So, we've had to hold over the elections until this month's Town Council meeting to get adequately prepared. (Can you say ballot box?) In the past, when we had 3 seats open and 3 candidates running, even I could determine the winners. So apologies to any and all who attempted to vote. Here's the new procedure:

Voting Instructions

1. "Walk in" voters at the meeting must first check-in at a desk where their address and name will be noted and checked off on a list of CSA107 residents and property owners.
2. Mailed in ballots must be in an envelope having a name, address and signature on the back for each ballot in the envelope – better yet, only one ballot per envelope. The envelopes would be used to mark up the resident listing. If someone mails in a ballot envelope AND votes at the meeting the ballot envelope is nullified.

Secrecy can be preserved if the ballot slip inside the envelope is folded and simply removed from the envelope and dropped into the ballot box, still folded, once the name and address have been validated on the envelope.

Candidates' Statements

JOE ALEMANNI

My wife, Evelyn and I have lived in Elfin Forest for 14 years. We were among the people who were instrumental in getting the city of San Marcos to set aside a portion of the tipping fees from the San Marcos Landfill for the benefit of Elfin Forest residents because Elfin Forest was impacted by the landfill while San Marcos residents weren't. These funds later became the initial funding for the EFCF.

I'm a self-employed consulting software engineer and have taken on the job of producing this newsletter until our editor, David Cronshaw recovers from an illness. I believe that the foundation assets belong to the entire community and that all grant application meetings should be publicly noticed and open to all residents. I believe that grant applications should be made verbally, as well as in writing, so that board members have the opportunity to ask questions and residents can understand the nature of the grants that are applied for. Grants should be audited and receipts be presented to assure that community funds are spent for the projects for which they were allocated.

BETSY KEITHLEY

I have been an Elfin Forest resident since 1985. I have served on the Fire Department as a firefighter and Lieutenant, on the Fire Advisory Board and the Town Council, as secretary, and on the Escondido Creek Conservancy Board. I was an editor of the Community Guide, 1997 edition. The Community Foundation is one of our greatest assets (the election is competitive!) and my objective as a board member will be to raise the community's awareness of this asset. Goals and objectives of the Foundation should be established and published in the Chaparral. Each award should be announced in the Chaparral. Every community member should be aware of the grant application and review process. Elections should be held every year. This is a Community Foundation and there should be community participation.

MARTHA BLANE (Incumbent)

Martha has lived in Elfin Forest, on Fortuna del Este, since 1982. She was a founding board member of The Escondido Creek Conservancy and served as its first president. She has been on the Elfin Forest Community Foundation board since its inception and has served on the Elfin Forest Town Council. Martha and her husband raised two children in EF and were voted Citizens of the Year in 1995. She has supported preserving a rural way of life in EF, assisted with various tree planting projects and worked for land/open space preservation in the region. For a livelihood she provides consulting services for habitat restoration of endangered species.

TREY FAIRMAN (Incumbent)

In over four years as a resident of Elfin Forest, my appreciation of the surrounding beauty has grown

with each passing season. During the same period, my distaste for the encroaching suburbia has dramatically increased. Our community is truly unique and needs to be protected. As a Director of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation, my goal has been to preserve and enhance our native California rural environment.

If elected, I will focus my attention on preserving the native beauty found in our valley. To me this means restoring the native chaparral and live oak habitats when and where appropriate while encouraging beautification projects within our community. Along with my continued support of an expanding horse trail system, I will propose nesting box programs to promote and boost the population of Bluebirds, Barn Owls, and American Kestrels in Elfin Forest.

MIKE VALLEE (incumbent)

Elfin Forest resident since 1991. Currently treasurer of the EFCF. One of the founding members of the foundation and has served since it's inception in 1994. Negotiated transfer of the initial principal from the City of San Marcos and it's City Attorney. Organized the benefit dance at Stagecoach Gym to benefit our firefighters following the Harmony Grove tragedy, on behalf of the Foundation. Works as a trial lawyer in Solana Beach and lives on Elfin Forest Lane with wife Becky and his son, Bryce.

PATTI NEWTON

Patti Newton has been involved with community issues over the last several years. She's served on the town council (currently Secretary) and on board of The Escondido Creek Conservancy. Her various political activities and commitment to preserving the lifestyle we all enjoy is strong and would be well suited to the duties associated with serving on the board of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation.

| EFCF Foundation Election Ballot Form | |
|---|-------------|
| Vote for three candidates only. | |
| Candidate | Vote |
| Joe Alemanni | |
| Martha Blane | |
| Betsy Keithley | |
| Michael Vallee | |
| Trey Fairman | |
| Patti Newton | |

TECC SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

By Debbie LeLevier

Please join TECC for its annual spring wildflower hike on Sunday, April 28, 2002. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve parking lot, near the kiosk.

Hike guides Carol Rayes, Martha Blane, and Deborah LeLevier will share their knowledge of the Escondido Creek watershed flora, fauna, geology and more. We will take the "Way-Up-Trail" to the "Botanical Loop" to enjoy the many different plant species found there. We will then leisurely continue on the Way-Up-Trail (a self-paced, mile-long climb) taking time to "smell the roses." We are sure to find some flowers despite the dry winter we've had.

Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt (protection from poison oak and other irritating, scratchy plants). Add an extra layer for warmth, a hat, and sunscreen. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Please bring a leash to ensure they do not trample the poesies. Don't forget water for your Fido. Remember to bring plenty of water, snacks, and the optional walking stick and flower guide.

Hope to see you on the trail!

Town Council Website

The Elfin Forest Website is up and running, and being improved every week. Check it out at

efhgtc.org

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MINUTES OF ELFIN FOREST/HARMONY GROVE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 6, 2002
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Telesco, Evelyn Alemanni, Patti Newton, Linda Hamilton, Mid Hoppenrath, Nancy Reed, Eric Anderson, Alan Lasnover
CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

ITEM #1: **Evelyn Alemanni** thanked those who supported Kevin Barnard's campaign for County Supervisor. The campaign, remarkably, closed without debt after raising an astounding \$41,000 in sixty days. Statistically, each of Kevin's votes cost him about \$1.99, Bill Horn's about \$6, and Patsy Fritz's cost about \$7 each! A popular grassroots candidate, Kevin only needed about 1,000 more votes to qualify for a runoff in November.

Mid Hoppenrath announced there will be a public workshop on Quail Hills (power plant project) on March 11, 6:30 p.m. at Escondido City Hall.

Nancy Reed, a member of the San Dieguito Planning Group, stated the Michael Garrison project may be required to prepare an EIR although it is early in the process. The EIR for Cielo del Norte is about 45 to 60 days away from distribution.

Frank Oddo, a member of the Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation, presented the first street name plaque. Artists, Jennifer and Charles Coburn unveiled the gorgeous 3' x 2' steel plate for Elfin Glen. A new rock contractor (Earl Powers Construction) will be constructing the monuments over the next few weeks. Two streets will not have monuments because of visibility issues and water easements; it is likely that large boulders with mounted plaques will be used. Illustrative photos were distributed among residents who gave approval. Boulders with plaques displaying street addresses will be installed for those streets without names. Mulch will be provided by North Coast Arborists. Streets south of the fire department should be completed by the end of the month.

Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation statistics to date: One mile of fence line installed; 3,500' of irrigation installed; 250 Pepper trees planted; 15 Oaks planted; 1,600 man hours expended since January 1.

ITEM #2: **Olivenhain Municipal Water District** updates on reservoir project. **Jerry Reed**, of the SDCWA, Rebecca Cole, OMWD community relations, Sarah Connelly, Harry Erlich, project manager, and Alex Newton, field representative, were all on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Kiewit is on schedule with the 24-hour roller-compacted concrete operations (target completion date April, 2003). Truck traffic will resume March 12, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Approximately 58 trucks per day will use Harmony Grove Road. Safety measures have been taken, including sending letters out to bicycle groups and to their own truck drivers. Deliveries to the site can be made after 7 a.m.. The engineer has assured no deliveries will be made before that hour. To date, the OMWD has fined subcontractors to the tune of \$25,000 for various infractions. Speed bumps (modified to minimize noise) have been installed on Via Ambiente at the intersection with Harmony Grove Road to control speed of trucks exiting. Noise monitoring has been conducted and found to be less than expected. The rock crusher bins have been lined with rubber to minimize sound. Ongoing dust control measures are in place. Improved signage for trucks has been installed (to minimize U-turn activity). Cameras monitor the movement of trucks within the project. **Alex Newton** is available to discuss residents' concerns relative to safety issues.

ITEM #3: **Meredith Keene**, San Diego Medical Service Enterprises (CSA 17) discussed the paramedic services it provides for CSA 107. Our fire department personnel provide "first responder" services to those in need, while CSA 17 provides paramedic services. They can and will conduct health and safety classes designed to address the particular concerns in a given area, i.e., snakebite first aid, drowning prevention, etc., if residents are inclined to avail themselves of the opportunity. A tentative class time was scheduled for April 20, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m..

ITEM #4: **Jim Flood**, The Brehm Companies, represents the company in escrow with Max Altmann on the former Pulte Homes project, now known as San Elijo Ridge. Escrow is slated to close sometime in August, assuming the developer wants to move forward on the project after some due diligence. Brehm is a 35-year old San Diego based builder that has been involved with projects in Aviara, Murieta, and Riverside. It plans to proceed with the project as currently proposed and won't begin construction until the Questhaven Road improvements have been made. The tentative map should be approved this July.

ITEM #5: **Frank Twohy** stated that Via de las Flores will be closed March 13th and 14th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Additionally, traffic will be controlled from March 7th through March 15th. There has been some dissatisfaction regarding the installation of speed bumps on private roads that fail to meet county code specifications. Negotiating these bumps costs fire dept. personnel a significant amount of valuable response time; the fire dept. will see that these bumps are brought up to code.

ADJOURNED: 9:15 p.m.

Ignore the vote but it won't go away

Excerpts from an article by Robert T. Nanninga

Observations from the Edge

The North County Times

Last week (March 5) only 29 percent of the registered voters in North County took time to participate in the governance of their lives. When did big "D" in democracy become so unimportant?

Supervisor Bill Horn was not reelected to office by a ground swell of popular support. Of the 545,865 people living in the 5th District, and 252,256 votes possible, only 97,983 ballots were cast, of which Mr. Horn received 42,387. Once the math is done, one sees that an approximate 7.8 percent minority elected the official that will set the agenda for the next four years. Sixty one percent, a sizable majority, of those who could have voted didn't. Perhaps this is what is meant by the term silent majority.

Of the 39% who did vote, 47 % of those voted for someone other than Bill Horn. So it is nothing more than a linguistic slight of hand to say the District 5 supervisor race was won with a majority vote. In reality 86 % percent of those who could have punched a chad for the Supervisor didn't. Perhaps this is why the Supervisor bills himself on his website as "the bottom line in leadership." To say Bill Horn was once again elected by a narrow special interest group would not be unreasonable, considering most of Supervisor Horn's campaign contributions have come from development over the course of his political life. Is it any wonder that everyone sits in near gridlock because growth is outpacing sustainable planning and infrastructure construction?

These numbers show that because of the collective apathy of eligible voters, all it takes is a small margin to get elected and thus set the regional agenda without a public mandate to do so. In the case of Supervisor Horn, and those that supported his reelection, their agenda is one that embraces the "Growth at all costs" philosophy, without any consideration of the environmental consequences evidenced in our diminishing quality of life.

Low voter turnout can also be interpreted as tacit acceptance of the status quo. If this is the case, one could only surmise Southern Californians consider overpopulation, resource depletion, groundwater pollution, and habit destruction as wise civic governance.

News About the Derbas Property in Harmony Grove

An important link in North County's habitat conservation effort could be established thanks to the efforts of local town councils working together with third district county supervisor, Pam Slater. With her leadership, the board of supervisors approved the county to look closely at purchasing the environmentally strategic Derbas property. This 342-acre site has a willing seller who wants to see the property maintained as permanent open space. The land, home to the endangered plant *Encinitas baccharis*, is adjacent to the Elfin Forest reserve and connects with Lake Hodges.

Elfin Forest Ladies Bunco Night

The next Potluck-Bunco Party is scheduled for Friday, April 26 from 7pm-10pm at Lynda Clerke's home. Whether you're new to Elfin Forest, a long-time resident or somewhere in between, you're invited to socialize with neighbors and play Bunco for fun and prizes. Please plan to bring a \$5 bill, a potluck dish, and beverage to share. Ladies Bunco Night happens on the 4th Friday of each month (provided we have a volunteer to host). Please contact Lynda Clerke at (760) 510-0143 by April 24th to RSVP and get directions for the April 26th party. If you'd like to volunteer to host a future date, please contact Lori Clark at Tel: (760) 510-2001 or Email: clark-17@ix.netcom.com (that's a dash, not an underscore).

Dam! Dangerous Traffic on Harmony Grove Road.

More car accidents on Harmony Grove Road (March 15 and 16) prove again the dangers of increased traffic on HGR! It is up to all of us to be vigilant and drive safely, but more important, to drive defensively. New workers on the dam project are not familiar with our roads and often drive too fast for the conditions. PLEASE report any unsafe drivers to the sheriff. For other problems with the dam project, contact

Olivenhain Dam Hotline
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Road Committee for Fortuna del Este

By Greg Parman

For residents who live on or near Fortuna Del Este, the time has come to take control of our street. Since Mr. Rife's resignation as Road Director, several families feel we have lost control of our once quiet and tranquil thoroughfare. For this reason, I would like to volunteer to be the acting Road Director for the Fortuna Del Este Road Maintenance Association. There are several road maintenance and usage issues that need to be addressed immediately.

After conferring Mr. Rife, we decided that our current Road Maintenance Association would be best served by establishing a committee consisting of residents who live within the parameters of the association. Road maintenance, safety and access issues will become increasingly difficult to control with the increase in population and sudden ease of access into neighborhood. With this in mind, I would be more than willing to speak with any residents who are interested in becoming a committee member or just to perhaps provide input or advice.

If interested, please feel free to contact Greg Parman at ParmanRanch@aol.com or at 752-9599.

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If you are not receiving your elf alerts, please send your email address to alemanni@allea.com and ask to be added to the list. Don't worry, the emails are sent as blind CCs, so your address is not made public, and we don't share the list with ANYONE!

Elfin Forest Survey

The creeping deadline... We've been reporting for several months that the town council board is in the process of compiling a questionnaire to serve as a census of Elfin Forest. It's ALMOST DONE!!! Your responses are important so that the town council can accurately represent the views and opinions of the community, and also so that we can better understand the demographics of our community. We hope to have the materials ready for you sometime in May – maybe sooner. Please be assured that your individual responses will be confidential, but the summary data may be published or used in presentations or responses to EIRs as a way to preserve and protect our community character.

This tip might save you \$100!

By Evelyn Alemanni

Weeds can be a fire hazard, and they're expensive to get rid of – Roundup costs about \$100 per gallon, and if you don't catch the weeds soon enough, you may end up paying a laborer for several days to get the weedwacking done. But here are two simple solutions that organic gardeners swear by. The first is boiling water. This is a great spot treatment, but not practical for large areas. For spraying, a solution of 4 parts vinegar and 1 part lemon juice is said to show results in only two hours.

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Blasting at San Elijo in March. Contractor says it will be ongoing for 18 months. Yikes!

Creek Happenings: On the Grants Front

By Deb LeLevier

A \$9,500 grant application written by TECC volunteer, Martha Blane, was funded by the Charles H. Stout Foundation in June 2001. These funds will be used to purchase equipment, supplies, signs, and services for a volunteer habitat enhancement project to remove exotic/non-native plants from the non-wetland portions of the Escondido Creek Preserve. The 97-acre TECC-owned preserve consists of two parcels; the 76-acre parcel adjacent to the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve (EFRR) and a 21-acre parcel located approximately three miles downstream. The project will remove invasive non-native plants (primarily eucalyptus, cape ivy, castor bean, fennel, arundo and tree tobacco) that are competing with and choking out native vegetation that provides habitat for wildlife. TECC's project will be similar to exotics removal conducted upstream at the EFRR by the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD).

TECC's habitat enhancement project will be conducted in the non-wetland portions of the preserve. The wetland portions are not included in this volunteer project since they require planning and permitting by local and state agencies before enhancement can be implemented. However, removal of exotics adjacent to the wetland areas reduces further invasion into wetland areas.

The equipment TECC will purchase using Stout grant money will be used for years to come as TECC continues its work restoring and preserving native habitat within the Escondido Creek watershed. In February, staff obtained a grant from the San Diego Stream Team that will fund chemical testing supplies and training to start this additional water quality testing program on Escondido Creek. Also, TECC will purchase additional equipment to enhance its benthic macroinvertebrate (bug) collecting to monitor the health of the creek. The shopping list includes such items as a densitometer to measure creek canopy cover, a laser level to measure creek gradient, and a digital camera for recording physical habitat. Additional essentials like hip waders, and Leki hiking poles (necessary for safety on rugged trails and fording the creek). "Life-saving" Leki poles have previously been loaned by generous TECC member, Dr. Betsy Keithley. Thanks a million, Betsy!

In partnership with the San Elijo Lagoon Foundation, TECC submitted an Urban Streams Restoration grant in March. Staff also wrote a small grant for land acquisition through the Wetlands Recovery Project. Grant recipients will be notified this spring. TECC is excited about the possibility of working on these projects. Look for news about these highly competitive grants and keep your fingers crossed!

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Course Description: Citizen Water Quality Monitoring offers the opportunity to constructively engage the public and increase understanding of the respective roles of citizens and government agencies in protecting the State's waters. This one-day course is designed to introduce citizens to the techniques involved in measuring water quality. The Clean Water Team, the citizen monitoring coordinators of the State Water Resources Control Board, will present this course. Topics to be covered include: the role of citizen monitoring, citizen monitoring success stories, water quality monitoring techniques, quality assurance planning and implementation, and services available from the Clean Water Team. The course will be a combination of lectures and hands-on demonstrations. Leaders from local citizen monitoring programs will participate as featured presenters.

Dates and Locations: Saturday April 3, 2002

Mission Trails Regional Park 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail San Diego, CA 92119

Hours: 9:00am – 3:00 P.M. **Fee:** No Charge

Special Instructions: Casual dress, appropriate for outdoor activity and water sampling

Class Maximum: 25 Instructors: Erick Burres, Citizen Monitoring Coordinator- SWRCB Division of Water Quality; Regional Board staff; assistance from local citizen water quality monitoring with the San Diego BayKeepers and San Diego Stream Team

To Register: Please contact Neal Biggart, San Diego Stream Team at (619) 441-9874, e-mail: nealbiggart@mac.com. If you have questions, please contact: Erick Burres at (213) 576-6788, e-mail: eburres@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov

The facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the above at least 5 working days prior to the training date.

April Playgroup Schedule

by Toni Fairman

April 5: Encinitas Fire Department tour, 10a.m.
540 Balour Drive, Encinitas, call (760) 944-5015 for directions. Please RSVP to Toni, 471-0875.

April 12: Mary Moore's home, 11a.m., 19919 Fortuna del Este, 591-3080.

Saturday April 20: Lona Tomlinson's home for Damien's second birthday party. 2p.m., 19901 Rocky Road, 744-4050. Please RSVP.

April 26: Stagecoach Park, 11a.m.

Pancake Breakfast

By Claudia Costanza

The EF /HG Fire Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast, set for Saturday, April 20th also features a spring gardening event. Along with pancakes, eggs, ham, fruit, and coffee you can purchase plants, enter a flower show, make a bouquet, or tour the fire safe garden with its' creator, Nils Lunnerdal. EF local, and the SD Society Horticulturist of 1997, Charles Coburn, will judge the flowers how. Entries are to be single blooms, locally grown by the contestant. For the youngsters, 14 and younger, there will be a Disney theme floral arrangement contest and a create your own bouquet booth.

Lots of plant and wildlife information will also be available from various organizations. These include the Resource Conservation District of Greater SD with a new, free, chipping/mulch program. The California Native Plant Society, the Professional Tree Care Assoc. and an urban forester or two are also slated for booths. Information on the eucalyptus lerp psyllid will be available. Groups are still being added to the list.

Breakfast from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. This event is a fund-raiser for the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Auxiliary. For more information call 744 9052 or 752 1821

News from Questhaven Retreat – April 2002

Sunday Services Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m.
All are welcome.
Questhaven Retreat is at 20560 Questhaven Rd.
760-744-1500. www.questhaven.org.

Study groups meet on weeknights. Please call the office for times and locations.

Weekly - Meditation *Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.*
Meet at El Chapelito, Led by Jean Michalewicz.

The Way Within Meditation Classes *1st & 3rd*
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon
Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Phyllis Isaac.

Exploration in Prayer Classes *2nd & 4th*
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon Meet in the Academy, Led
by Rev. Elizabeth Wood.

Sunday Services

Apr 7 Peas on Earth: Achieving Peace by Working
with Nature Evelyn Alemanni

Apr 14 The Beauty of Excellence Rev. Phyllis Isaac

Apr 21 The Mystery of Our Unfolding Souls
Rev. Elizabeth Wood

Apr 28 Springtime: God's Song of Everlasting
Renewal Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

May 4 Open House 10 am until 4 pm. Trail walks,
plant sale. Come and explore!

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SANDAG Database Goldmine

By Evelyn Alemanni

Want to find out what's going on in Elfin Forest?
Care to know how many children under the age of 5
live on your street? Or how about the crime stats in
San Diego?

Check out Sandag's website for maps and other
interesting data about all the communities in the
county. There's a lot of very interesting information
there! Note: the data displays better if you use
Explorer rather than Netscape.

Start by going to cart.sandag.cog.ca.us/redi/ and click
on Get REDI v2.0. Next, click on Locate, type in
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newsletter that will keep you abreast of what's new
on the Web site based on your particular areas of
interest.

One feature on the site is an interactive mapping
program that allows you to plug in your address and
retrieve a statistical snapshot of your immediate
neighborhood that includes population, ethnic and
racial background, employment information and
household income.

Elfin Forest Classified

Local Baby, Animal and House Sitters

Brittany York -EF Resident, RSF School 8th grader, 1Yr
experience. Tel: 760-752-7784

Aubrey Brennecke -EF Resident, High School student -
9th Grade. Tel: 752-9988.

Megan McLaughlin -EF Resident, Rancho Encinitas
Academy 7th grader, infant CPR trained. Tel: 760-744-
3664.

**Local Elfin Forest Carpenter for hire 25 years
experience... Call Jamie at 591-0348**

**EFHG FIREHOUSE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SPRING GARDEN EVENT
SATURDAY APRIL 20 8AM – 11 AM**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL FEATURE
PANCAKES, EGGS, FRESH FRUIT, HAM AND BEVERAGES
\$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for youth

Garden Event will feature
“What’s Bloomin’ in Your Garden” Flower Show
Kids Flower Arranging Activity
Fire-safe garden tours
Plant sale
Plant and Wildlife Organizations

FLOWER SHOW ENTRY FORM

ADULT ENTRY: ENTER THE MOST SPECTACULAR SINGLE BLOOM FROM YOUR GARDEN.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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Youth entry (14 and under): A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A DISNEY THEME

NAME _____ AGE _____ PHONE _____

FAX ENTRIES TO 760-744-4271
OR MAIL TO 20089 ELFIN FOREST LN ESCONDIDO CA 92029
FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CALL 744-9052 OR 752-1821

THIS EVENT IS AN ELFIN FOREST HARMONY GROVE FIRE DEPT FUNDRAISER



Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove chaparral

E.F. Calendar April 2002

| Date | Time | Event |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Wednesday, 4/3 | 7: 30 pm | EF/HG Town Council meeting |
| Tuesdays 4/2 and 4/16 | 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm | Bookmobile @ Firehouse |
| Tuesday 4/2 | 7 pm | Fire Training @ Firehouse |
| Every Friday | 10 am – 12 pm | Playgroup |
| Monday 4/8 | 7:30 pm | Fire Board @ Firehouse |
| Wednesday 4/10 | 7 pm | Fire Auxiliary @ Firehouse (check) |
| Tuesday 4/16 | 7 pm | Fire Training @ Firehouse |
| Saturday 4/27 | 9 am | Fire Training @ Firehouse |

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