

Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From The Chair By Mid Hoppenrath

Many thanks to the Wilgenburg family for giving permission for the community to use their lovely oak grove property as the setting for our next community 4th of July picnic. We wish to express our sincere condolences for their recent loss; Martha Wilgenburg passed away March 7th after a long illness.

Very soon you will be able to purchase the latest edition of the Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Community Guide. Thanks to the many residents who contributed to this guide. It is a rich resource of information about your local community boards and foundations, what to do about animal and insect pests (where else would you learn that even when a rattlesnake's head is severed from the body, the jaws can bite and inject venom by reflex action up to an hour or more after death), where to find emergency telephone numbers, and how to care for your septic system. You can read about trail etiquette, how to establish a road maintenance organization for your street, county policies on dark skies, clearing and grading ordinances, noise and air quality rules, tips for gardening, bird watching, keeping both large and small pets in the country, and much more.

If you think GP2020 was interesting, you won't want to miss the April town council meeting and hear what SANDAG is up to with their regional comprehensive plan. We need to stay informed and have a voice in the county's plans for our area.

Contents

Fire Board Election Results2
Editorial Policy2
"Blossoms and Barns" Get Your 2004 Garden Festival Tickets Now!2
Calendar For April 20042
Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting3
Burglaries Continue4
Robert's Deer Repellent Spray4
TransNet: The \$9.5 Billion Question5
What's Happening At The Fire Department5
A Stand On Cluster Development6
Questhaven Road Closure6
EFCF Grant Applications Due6
The School Yard7
Order Your New Community Guide7
More Fun At La Costa Canyon8
Weedwacker Weekends8
April Playgroup Schedule10
Classified12

Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 7th @ 7:30PM
At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station

Topic: Sandag Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP)

Fire Board Election Results By Dorothy Caldwell, Fire Board Secretary

The Annual Election Meeting of the Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove Fire Department (EF/HG FD) was held February 4th, 2004. Elections were held for three of the seven directorships of the Fire Advisory Board for the EF/HG FD as terms are staggered. The results of election for the three open seats were as follows: incumbent Nona Barker was reelected with 89 votes, incumbent Bob Kephart was reelected with 83 votes and incumbent Stephanie Lawr was also reelected with 56 votes. Don Grace, who received 50 votes, was invited to be a member-at-large.

An annual election of officers was held at the monthly meeting of the Fire Advisory Board on March 8th. The Board elected to keep the officers the same. The officers are: Chairwoman - Nona Barker, Vice Chairman – Byron McFarlane, Treasurer – Bob Kephart and Secretary – Dorothy Caldwell.

Editorial PolicyBy Joe Alemanni

It is the *chaparral* policy to not run anonymous submissions. If an article does not have a byline you can assume that I am the author and it contains non-editorial information of relevance to our community. On occasion, I have accepted articles from people requesting anonymity that contain important and relevant information. I attempt to excise opinion and hyperbole to derive the essence and assume responsibility for its content.

As to publishing unattributed opinions; a fact that you might not have knowledge of is not an opinion. If you question anything you see in the *chaparral* please contact me directly and be specific about what is of concern. The *chaparral* welcomes articles from all contributors and I encourage you to express yourself and inform your neighbors.

chaparral by email

If you're not already receiving a full color, PDF format copy of the *chaparral* by email send an email note to alemanni@allea.com to be added to the list. The PDF version is free to regular "hardcopy" subscribers and only \$10.00/year to receive the PDF version only.

"Blossoms and Barns" Get Your 2004 Garden Festival Tickets Now! By Evelyn Alemanni



Our April 24 garden festival is a fundraiser for creating, maintaining and beautifying our trails. The county has committed to MATCHING the funds we raise, up to \$15,000!

Let's not leave even one cent on the table. Get your tickets, come and have a good time, and do "double" good while you're at it. Visit barns and enjoy the gardens that surround them.

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. 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 7500 sq. ft. garden marketplace. Preview the gardens



and order tickets at www.elfinforestgardens.info.

Many thanks to our wonderful new sponsors, New Urban West, 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.

Calendar For April 2004

Date	Time	Event
Weds 4/7	7:30 PM	EF/HG Town Council
		Meeting
Tues 4/6 4/20	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga@Firehouse
Mon 4/12	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 4/14	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary@Firehouse
Sat 4/24	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse

Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting By Patti Newton

Date: March 3, 2004

Members Present: Evelyn Alemanni, Mid

Hoppenrath, Patti Newton, Greg Parman, Jan Denny,

Arie Franken, Eric Anderson

Call to Order: 7:40 p.m.

UPDATES: Evelyn Alemanni reminded residents that the Elfin Forest Garden Festival is April 24th. She recommended interested people should purchase their tickets early.

Patti Newton reported that the San Marcos Proposition G, allowing Wal-Mart to occupy the proposed site at Melrose and Rancho Santa Fe Roads was defeated at the polls.

Arie Franken noted that the wireless Internet provider, Ricochet, has delayed implementation until the end of March (hopefully).

Greg Parman called for volunteers to assist in the development of kids' games for the July 4th picnic.

Item #1: B. J. Williams, Crime Prevention Specialist for the San Diego Sheriff's Department, informed residents she is available to perform inspections to make your home more secure against burglaries. In North County the incidence of burglaries and auto thefts has risen dramatically this year. Anyone interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch may call B. J. for assistance. She will work with and train community volunteers. Any suspicious activity should be noted and reported to the sheriff's dept. The number one crime in the country today is identity theft. The average loss incurred by victims is \$17,000; additionally, it takes as many as seven years to clear up resultant credit problems. Prevention is your best protection. Several informational brochures on these and other topics are available from the sheriff's dept.

Deputy Corporal Tim Mahoney is a member of the San Diego Sheriff's COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) unit. Eight deputies are assigned to solve specific problems in neighborhoods. This number is down from 12 deputies as a result of county budget cuts; unfortunately, this translates into less coverage for areas like Elfin Forest. County Supervisors have funding discretion for programs like this – if you want to see more protection, follow

the money and make your voice heard. Burglaries are a crime of convenience; it stands to reason that locks, lights, and dogs make it less convenient for an opportunistic thief. And don't leave valuables in your vehicles any time you are away from them. People need to work together to safeguard the neighborhood; if each house is "inconvenient", burglars won't waste their time trying. It is vitally important to report any suspicious activity since funding and placement of deputies is reliant upon such information.

B. J. Williams added that most vehicle vandalism/thefts occur between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m.; home break-ins usually occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Of all the stolen cars, 85% are recovered. Seemingly, the thieves are using the vehicles to get only from point A to point B, safe in the knowledge there is little chance of getting caught. One tip offered was to mark your possessions with your CDL number, making them more easily identifiable. If your mail is stolen you must immediately guard against identity theft.

ITEM #2: School District News: Jim Depolo, Rancho Santa Fe School District board member, stated that Proposition 55 (school funding) had passed. Funds will be used for modifications and repair at the Roger Rowe School location. Dr. Vinson's contract will not be renewed once it expires. In the interim, Lindy DeLaney has been appointed as superintendent. Most of the teachers are hugely concerned with this appointment, stating they were kept out of the loop. This is an extremely contentious issue. Next Wednesday the board will strategize the search for a new superintendent. Please call Jim with any questions at 760-744-7999.

ITEM #3: Road issues: Nona Barker stated that most of the roads in Elfin Forest are private, e.g., the unpaved portion of Questhaven Road. There have been a couple lawsuits dealing with prescriptive easement issues over the years. The suit over Suerte del Este has been settled (Fortuna del Este was not included) in this settlement. Jan Denny and Greg Parman are forming a committee to deal with traffic safety and road issues like gating, etc. Interested volunteers should contact either Jan or Greg for more information. This committee will address road issues like potholes, traffic, gating, etc. The scope of the committee acts as a clearinghouse of information and will evolve as its mission becomes clear.

(Continued next page)

(Minutes EF/HG Town Council continued)

Conversely, it is NOT the intention of the committee to tell people what they can/cannot do.

Fortuna del Sur and Seaquest Trail do not have road maintenance agreements; **Linda Watson** and **Jan Denny** surveyed residents and collected money to pave to the top of the steep hill at Seaquest Trail. A consensus will be reached regarding the desire to install a gate (unlocked) at the top of Seaquest Trail. No trespassing signs have already been posted with the need for more to be determined. Other issues under study are the access for utility and emergency vehicles and the location of some homes on these roads outside of CSA 107. Other associated road issues like width and turn-around are being researched.

Fortuna del Este has a huge traffic problem. Greg **Parman** gave some background from his perspective as a 3-1/2 year resident on this road. At the time he moved in, morning traffic was light, mostly comprised of residents using the shortcut to take kids to school. Now, the cut-through traffic has become unbearable and unsafe. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. He stressed to need to manage the issue now in order to effectively deal with these problems. It appears the only way to do this is through gating. One gate? More? What do we need to do to arrive at a reasonable resolution? We need to get all the affected people together to hammer out an equitable solution. People who use this road must contribute toward maintenance, usage, etc. Currently, there is a formal committee known as the Fortuna del Este Association; this may be the best forum to address these issues. To date, there is no consensus as to what the residents actually want. Perhaps the best place for a gate is somewhere near Canyon del Oro and Fortuna del Este at Paint Mountain since there seems to be a need for more than just one gate. Because The Bridges won't commit to a gate, the onus is on residents to undertake the task. There is a multitude of thorny issues that will ultimately require legal counsel to be defined and resolved.

As the committee begins to move on these issues, information will appear in the *chaparral* and posted on the town council web site at www.efhgtc.org. Please call Greg or Jan for more information or if you'd like to work on the committee.

Open Forum: Alice Courteau remarked that some of the articles appearing in the *chaparral* have been accusatory in nature without benefit of a credit line. Alan Lasnover proposed a motion, seconded by Nona Barker, that the town council write and submit a letter to the sheriff's department requesting more coverage for our area. An elf alert with a template letter will be published to encourage residents to lobby Bill Horn's office for funding of this protection. The vote was unanimously passed.

ADJOURNED: 9:45 p.m.

Burglaries Continue

Last month there were four reported burglaries on Elfin Forest and Elfin Oaks Roads. There was another in the last week. Please remember to be vigilant, lock your doors, and report any suspicious activities to the sheriff. (Contacts are listed on p. 9).

It's time again for Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove residents to contact the county and request additional law enforcement, not just for burglaries, but for traffic enforcement. Call or write County Supervisor Bill Horn 760.806.2405, Sheriff Bill Kolendar, and the CHP and let them know your concerns. It helps when they hear from lots of citizens instead of one or two.

Robert's Deer Repellent Spray By Robert Petitmermet

Here's a simple recipe that seems to keep the deer at bay:

Mix 1/3 cup Tepatio Salsa Picante (available at Smart & Final) and the juice pressed from five garlic cloves. Strain through a coffee filter.

Pour into a ½ gallon clear container then add water until the mixture is a tomato-orange color and has a medium to hot spicy bite.

Spray on plants every three days and after watering.

Past chaparral Issues On Web

Past issues of the *chaparral* are now posted at **www.efhgtc.org** in downloadable PDF format.

TransNet: The \$9.5 Billion Question By Supervisor Bill Horn

San Diego County voters will decide in November if a half-cent sales tax (called TransNet) for transportation projects should be continued another 30 years beginning in 2008. In 1987, when the TransNet tax began, SANDAG, the San Diego Association of Governments promised that Highway 76 would be widened all the way from Interstate 5 to Interstate 15. We're still waiting.

Currently, there is proposed language in the ballot measure that would place costly environmental requirements on several projects, including Highway 76 that are beyond what's required by law and could delay the projects. In 20 years, TransNet has amassed \$3.3 billion for San Diego County transportation projects. If TransNet is extended, \$9.5 billion more will be collected.

The question voters need to have answered is where will the money be spent? Under the current formula, one-third has gone to highway construction, one-third to 18 cities and the County of San Diego for local streets and maintenance, and one-third for mass transit. Think about it--\$1.1 billion has been spent for mass transit when a recent study shows that less than 1.5 % of all regional travel is by local rail.

The ideal TransNet that would be best for North County needs to deal with Highway 76 and guarantee that the project will be completed. We must be promised that the revenue distribution will reflect what people want most:

- Half should go for major freeways and roadways
- About a third should go to local streets and roads (the current proposal calls for 23.5%!)
- The rest should go for mass transit, bike paths and walking trails.

There must be no conditions placed on jurisdictions to qualify for those funds. The following major corridor capital improvements must be in the ballot language and order of priority: Highway 76, Highway 78, Highway 78/Intersate 5 connector improvements, Interstate 5, Interstate 15 and Highway 56.

Without these and other guarantees, we will be sandbagged by SANDAG again!

What's Happening At The Fire Department – March 2004 By Your Volunteers

Plasma screens, purchased on a grant from the San Diego Foundation (Thank You, Tim Costanzo) are installed and functional. Thanks to many long hours of volunteer commitment by Bob Kephart, Darrin Lee, Mike Martinez and Daniel Twohy, the plasmas were used to present a Powerpoint presentation on Rapid Intervention Crew Tactics on Tuesday night's training 3/17.

New Brush Engine 2861 finally arrived Thursday 3/18. The new 4WD brush engine incorporates the latest designs and systems, and was purchased with grants from the Fidelity Fund, the San Diego Foundation and funds from Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department, Inc. A part of the Department's equipment replacement plan long in coming, this new addition to our fleet will greatly increase the safety of our firefighters on wildland interface fires. Many thanks to the Apparatus Committee members Chief Frank Twohy, John Hershfeld, Capt. John Rayes, Eng. David Jones, Firefighter Tim Costanzo, Firefighter Byron MacFarlane, and Eng. Bob Kephart for participating in the many long meeting nights, including two trips to the east coast during the conception, design, and refinement of this new rig. All are excited about its arrival.

Chief Twohy completed S190/S290 Wildland Fire Behavior classes. Due to a shortage of Strike Team Leaders in the zone, he has been requested as a resource for the upcoming fire season. Hats off to the Chief; Elfin Forest will be well represented.

The Department welcomes our new Deputy Chief Denny Neville. Chief Neville comes to us after retirement from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department and brings to us a wealth of information and knowledge with some 35 years of experience in the fire service. Welcome aboard, Chief Neville.

Training this month continued to focus heavily on structural firefighting. Training in self contained breathing apparatus, search techniques and Rapid Intervention Crew Tactics will be rounded out with structure scenarios at the end of the month Saturday training. Good job by all our eager volunteers.

A Stand On Cluster Development By AI Frowiss

On March 4th the San Dieguito Planning Group (SDPG) took a bold position, one I agree with and had a part in shaping, drawing a line in the sand along Escondido Creek re "The Bridges/Lennar" creep. I'm hoping this stand might alter the course of events which are incrementally overtaking both old Rancho Santa Fe and old Elfin Forest and might one day march all the way to the southern boundaries of San Marcos, which of course is marching towards us, perhaps at a faster pace in the opposite direction.

In my view the scourge is the residential clustering policy. That can't be implemented without sewer. Further, this type of clustered development used to be limited to "large scale projects", until the Board of Supervisors canceled Policy I-59 last April. Additionally, the old Policy I-63 for General Plan Amendments used to require a nine month war to tune up for the later big battles. Now, Policy I-63 was gutted and what came in it's place is a sad excuse, a cop-out of elected officials, relegating major decisions to a County bureaucrat with essential orders to approve anything, regardless of findings and do it with a total "community notice" time of 35 days from application to decision. Now a guy with even as little as 10-20 acres can apply for a GPA to increase densities by a factor of ten, do a clustered development, and forever alter your landscape, master plan and character. As example, that exact scenario is just now playing out in old Rancho Santa Fe, under the guise of "age restricted" housing, a politically charged plum for politicians seeking a reason for a press release. That kind of development is welcome in the logically planned location, within a core urban village area.

As I understand it, your community council was solidly against the recently BOS approved Cielo Del Norte project as the character of development simply doesn't fit the tradition of Elfin Forest with individual ranch and farm oriented residential neighborhoods, featuring conventional subdivision maps with large lots on septic with minimal grading and large areas of open space around each home. That coincides with my past experience of dealing with EF community members in the 1980's. This Bridges project expansion, especially with Unit 7, and who knows how many more phases will follow on the northern slopes of Escondido Creek, lies squarely now in Elfin

Forest if it gains approval. Though there are many beautiful homes in The Bridges, the overall character of the development is completely unlike old Rancho Santa Fe or Elfin Forest. I'm concerned that it will eventually overtake us all if we don't take a strong stand.

I would like to see the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council (EF/HGTC) take a stand, perhaps comparable to the SDPG position, but uniquely from an EF/HGTC point of view. Ultimately this battle will have to be fought in several arenas, perhaps RSF CSD, perhaps OMWD, perhaps RSF FPD, certainly LAFCO, and certainly at DPLU and DPW, the Planning Commission and the BOS. I think the time is now, if not already too late, to solidify positions.

Additionally, I would like to see other interest groups chime in as I believe this is a key battleground. TECC would seem a logical candidate to take a position, though I really don't know that group or its charter or leanings.

The March 4th minutes include the three motions re 6B, 6C and 6D, with 6D being the linchpin issue. The attached motions need to be looked at in conjunction with the public testimony in the basic minutes. If logical, I'm sure the SDPG position could be presented to an EFTC meeting.

Albert B. Frowiss P.O. Box 909 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 858-756-1494 phone & fax

Please reply to: frowiss.org

Questhaven Road ClosureBy Evelyn Alemanni

Work will start on the closure of the unpaved portion of Questhaven Road. on April 12th. Please plan to use an alternate route immediately.

EFCF Grant Applications DueBy Betsy Keithley

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation has a grant deadline of April 15th for your spring projects. Please see our new and beautiful website for information about the Foundation and grant application process - http://www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org.

The School Yard By Jim Depolo

Welcome back to the School Yard! To say there is a lot going on is an understatement this week.

Great News on Prop K! - On Tuesday March 2nd the voters of the district passed Proposition K with 63% in favor. Thanks to everyone who supported us, and a special thanks to Richard Burdge for leading the campaign efforts! This bond provides \$4.8 million dollars to update and renovate the Rowe campus. It is the first step in a two part process. With this first step clearly supported, it allows the district to start needed repairs this summer while we continue to move forward with the second part of the process to solve our overcrowding problem and pass a bond for a new school in November. With Prop K passed we are now in the process or screening applications to serve on the bond oversight committee. Thanks to everyone for supporting our school!

Superintendent Status - At the regular board meeting of February 25th, the Board took action to not renew Dr. Vinson's 3-year contract. All personnel matters, which include evaluations, are handled in closed session by the Board. However, the Superintendent evaluation process has been on our published closed session agenda many times throughout the past year. Our decision was not a quick one, but one reached after much thought and deliberation. Simply stated, the Board believes that we need (and can find) better leadership moving forward.

With that said we are looking forward to both the short and longer term needs of the district. To facilitate a transition to new leadership, Dr. Vinson has been placed on paid administrative leave for the remainder of his contract. Ms. Lindy Delaney, an 18 year District veteran has been named as Interim Superintendent. Ms. Delaney has hands-on knowledge of all facets of our school, including the faculty, curriculum, budget, and overcrowding issues. Along with our two principals, Mr. Blake Isaac and Mr. Greg Mizel, (who have 18 and 12 years experience respectively with the District) we are confident the school will run "business as usual." Along with our excellent, professional faculty we will continue to provide the best education for our children, today, tomorrow and for years to come.

We will be discussing the process surrounding a permanent Superintendent search at our March 10th meeting. This is one process that should be very inclusive and we would very much like to hear your input on how this process should proceed. If you can't make the meeting, you can still contact any of us via email through the school website. We constantly welcome your input, feedback, questions, and ideas.

Quantum Traffic Update - At our last meeting, the traffic engineers at Katz Okitsu together with our District architect provided an update on the traffic study. They have developed specific trip generation numbers for our school, which represent how many cars are added to the roads at different times of the day due to the school. The conclusions suggest that use of roundabouts will not only mitigate any traffic caused by a school at the Quantum site, but actually improve traffic flow from what it is currently. We also saw examples of how a roundabout works and possible configurations for a roundabout in front of the school. Bottom line is that traffic at the site can be managed. Work is progressing on the traffic study and the EIR with the next update on the 10^{th} .

(Editor's note – Submission of The School Yard is often not in synch with the preparation and distribution of the **chaparral**. The most recent submission is always published.)

Order Your New Community Guide and Save \$\$\$

By Evelyn Alemanni

Our brand new community guide is expected to be available at the garden festival and at the May town council meeting. This is a beautiful, keepsake edition with nearly 200 color photos showing our community's past and present. It provides resources for rural living, a history of our community, and much, much more.

If you haven't ordered yours yet, don't wait any longer. Those who order their guides before they arrive from the printer get a \$5 discount. Only \$20 for a 244 page, full color book. Once the books are here, the price goes up to \$25. Don't miss out, order yours today using the form on the back of the cover page in this issue. Or, just send your check payable to the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove town council and indicate how many books you want. Mail the check to 20652 Elfin Forest Rd. Escondido, CA. 92029.

More Fun At La Costa Canyon By Marty Benowitz

The Dollars for Scholars has bought out the North Coast Repertory Theater for April 16th performance of the Fantastiks (oldest running Broadway play with a fun storyline about two families trying to use reverse psychology on their two kids they want to wind up together). The tickets are \$30 for the play and the benefits all go to the Dollars for Scholars and the Speech and Debate team. We pay the actors fees and the excess goes to scholarships.

So if you missed the terrific Tim Flannery concert we sponsored last month, take advantage of a "date night" with your spouse or friends, enjoy a wonderful play, and do something good for the kids that really deserve the help. They are not the ones wearing chains and things in, around, through, their bodies, these are the hard charging kids we need to help get to college so we can all sit back and enjoy retirement (didn't they say we get to retire someday?) while the good kids take over running this world for us.

Weedwacker Weekends By Evelyn Alemanni



Protect your property from fire and beautify our community at the same time. April 10th and 17th have been designated official "Weedwacker Weekends". It's a good idea to clear the grasses and weeds before they dry and become a fire hazard, and you

want Elfin Forest looking its best for the hundreds of people who will be here for the Garden Festival.

Private buyers ready to BUY your home in Elfin Forest. Our family is interested in purchasing your property; our maximum price range is \$800K. Quiet serene location desired in RSF School District.

Kathy Medlin (760) 930-6515;

(760) 672-2250 cell; or please email us at: kmedlin@znet.com.



Patricia Mack Newton

NPS Certified Loan Signing Agent

760-471-5195

www.allegiancemobilenotary.com

Member National Notary Assn.



Todd Freistat

(760) 471-1810 • Pgr (760) 809-5805 Fax (760) 471-1299

7711 Camino Sereno • Escondido, CA 92029

exp 6/04

Need a website? Call for a free consultation.

Check these samples of our recent work:

www.sunshinegardensinc.com
www.efhgtc.org (town council website)

www.elfinforestgardens.info

www.coburntopiary.com

www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org

www.sdhortsoc.org

www.buenacreekgardens.com

www.fishmagiciantackle.com

ALL.EA

Evelyn Alemanni 760-591-0417 alemanni@allea.com



News From Questhaven Retreat



Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

20560 Questhaven Road. 760-744-1500. www.questhaven.org.

Join us for Easter worship, including the Elfin Forest tradition of Sunrise Service at Inspiration Point. Call the office or check the web for details.

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

1st & 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 Noon Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Phyllis Isaac.

Sunday Services

Apr 4 - Christ Created the Pattern of Our Faith Rev. Phyllis Isaac

Apr 9-11th Easter Retreat - Resurrect in Me, Lord Christ, a New Spirit for Thee —*Rev. Blake Isaac*

Apr 18th - Let There Be LIFE - The Awakening Power of Holy Enthusiasm — *Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire*

Apr 25th - Creating Peace Within Ourselves and the World Around Us —*Rev. Susan S. Cary*

May 2nd - More Lessons from the Garden Angels —*Evelyn Alemanni*

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

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 3rd series May 14-16, 2004. See the web for further details or please call 760-744-1500, www.questhaven.org. The Christward Ministry, 20560 Questhaven Road, Escondido, CA 92029.

chaparral Advertising

Please support our advertisers! Many of them are your friends and neighbors. Do you advertise in the *chaparral*? Along with subscription fees, ads help make this newsletter possible and let the community know of the many wonderful businesses and services available.

To renew your advertising, send a JPG format file and a check (see rates below) payable to the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council, 20652 Elfin Forest Road, Elfin Forest, CA. 92029.

chaparral Advertising Rates:

	One-time rates:	Yearly rates:
1" x 3.5"	\$5.00	\$36.00/year
2" x 3.5"	\$7.50	\$55.00/year
5" x 3.5"	\$12.00	\$115.00/year
1/2 page	\$20.00	\$165.00/year

Community, Non-Commercial Classified Ads: 1" x 3 1/2"(approx. 4 lines): no charge to residents must be resubmitted every 3 months. Non-residents cost is \$10/month.

Town Council Website

The town council's website is continually updated. Check it out at: **efhgtc.org. Note**: the town council is not affiliated with elfinforest.net and elfinforest.com.

April Playgroup ScheduleBy Anna Waite

Friday, April 2nd, 10:00AM.-Legoland. We will meet at the front entrance.

Wednesday, April 7th, Noon. Mom's Easter Luncheon. Four Season's Argyle Restaurant (golf course restaurant not in the hotel.) Call for directions. RSVP to Anna by April 5th 760-752-1835.

Saturday, April 10th, 11:00AM. Children's Easter Party. At the home of Nicole Macaluso, 6311 El Montevideo, Rancho Santa Fe 858-756-0765. Hosted by Nicole Macaluso and Megan Fleming. Please bring six plastic eggs filled with goodies (for the egg hunt) and a dish to share. Please RSVP to Megan Fleming by April 5th at 760-744-3204.

Friday, April 30th, 6:00PM Mom's night out at Zibibbo Italian Bistro (Home Depot Expo Center) 1560 Leucadia Blvd., Encinitas 760-635-7774. Please RSVP by April 28th to Anna 760-752-1835.

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. If you feel the problem was still not resolved, call San Elijo at 760-918-8200.



For Sale By Owner Elfin Forest Horse Property

4 Bedrooms/2 Baths on level 2.5 Acres. In Rancho Santa Fe School district. View with room for pool, tennis court, and horses. Will entertain offers between \$925K and \$1050K.

Call (760) 761-3616

Owner will help with down payment.

Exp. 4/04



Outdoor Furniture

Redwood and Cedar Tables, Benches, Chair, Loveseats, Gliders and More Will Deliver

> 909-965-6933 or 909-657-3050

Ask for Sissy

Exp. 10/04

JACK STANKO Free Estimates



Concrete Work

Cornerstone Paving & Sealcoating Paving, Patching & Sealing

License #785256

Bonded

Business 909-657-3050

esp. 10/04



Call: (858) 759-6548 or (760) 744-3430



Exp. 4/04

SUE HILL

"Elfin Forest Specialist"

Marketing exceptional properties... Exceptionally well!

- Elfin Forest Resident For 22 Years
- North County Real Estate Professional For 17 Years
- Supporter of Elfin Forest Fire Dept, Town Council
 Community Events

Listing & Selling More Elfin Forest Properties Than the Competition!



Spotlighting the Village Bungalows Harmony Grove Village A Collaborative Community Plan New Urban West, Inc.

120 W. Grand Avenue, Suite 106 Escondido, CA 92025 (760) 741-6211 lindab@nuwi.com

Exp. 4/04

Classified

Local Baby, Animal and House Sitters

Brooke York - EF Resident, LCC School 10th grader, Baby Sitting. Tel: 760-752-7784

Jared York - EF Resident, RSF School 8th grader, Baby sit or feed animals. Tel: 760-752-7784

Free: To any local family, just call to arrange pick up! 54" Huffy graphite basketball hoop/backboard, no net. Sturdy steel pole too if we cut it off/dig it out. 8048 Harmony Grove Road. Call Barry Bridge at 619-818-0249 or 760-744-2914.

For Sale: Engineered wood flooring. Robbins Urban Exotics Walnut Bister, 5" width, various lengths. 28SF per box, 40 boxes available. Regularly \$6+ per SF, only \$4SF OBO. Call Dan at 760-809-5955.

Who ya gonna call?

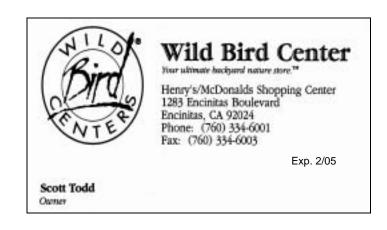
To report **illegal dumping**: 858-495-5143 To report **excessive noise**: 858-694-3741

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.

Got Mitigation Land?

San Elijo needs to acquire 41.1 acres of coastal sage as mitigation land. If you know of available property, please contact Curt Noland at 760-918-8200.







Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Board members: Evelyn Alemanni 471-7224, Mid Hoppenrath 747-1145, Jan Denny 736-8436, Arie Franken 471-2648, Robert McGurk 471-0831, Patti Newton 471-8937, Eric Anderson 471-1464, Greg Parman 752-9599

The *chaparral* is published monthly by the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Board and is distributed to residents of the Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove communities and elsewhere for a \$15.00 annual subscription. Check the mailing label for your subscription expiration date. If it has expired please send a check, payable to the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council, 20652 Elfin Forest Road, Elfin Forest, CA 92029. For new subscriptions or address label corrections, contact Evelyn Alemanni at alemanni@allea.com or 471-7224. To protect you from unwanted junk mail and solicitations, the *chaparral* mailing list is not shared with anyone. This newsletter is copyrighted. Unauthorized reproduction in any form is strictly prohibited.

Articles of up to 500 words should be sent to newsletter editor Joe Alemanni by email to alemanni@vicrp.com in plain text format by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Anonymous articles will not be published. Space limitations may cause articles to be held over to the next issue or edited for brevity. Articles considered unsuitable for publication will not be published.