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## From The Chair

by Bill Telesco

This month we had a few very good meetings for the community. A few weeks ago at The Questhaven Retreat there was meeting with The Sheriff's Dept. The issues of kids drinking, having parties, speeding and making noise late at night were discussed. There was a good sized crowd on hand and the local residents had the questions and concerns answered by the Sheriffs.

The most important thing that we came away with from the meeting was that we are the Police ears and eyes within the community. We must report all and everything we see to them as soon as possible. Get a good description of the person or car and report it promptly. Let's all work together to make Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove a safer and better place to live.

On October 3rd at the Town Meeting, Patsy Fritz, the candidate for the board of supervisors, spoke to the town explaining her views and giving everyone background on herself. It was nice to have her here for the night. There will be another town meeting in January in which our current supervisor, Bill Horn, will be present. We want everyone to show up so we can hear from him, his views about our community and growth.

Another important meeting is the November 7th, town council meeting. The Olivenhain Water District and County Water Authority will give a presentation on the dam and whole project that night. Please plan on being there to get all your questions answered that night. Have a great month and God Bless America.

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## **Minutes of the EF/HG Town Council Mtg**

**Minutes October 3rd, 2001**

**by Evelyn Alemanni**

General items presented both before and after main speakers. Evelyn Alemanni created a new Elfin Forest web site. Check out at EFHGTC.org

New Board Member: Alan Lasnover.

Secretary volunteer wanted: Patty Newton resigned as secretary due to unexpected events that demand her attention. Kim Hunter temporarily filled in at the meeting. If you are interested in volunteering until elections next March, please contact any Board member.

Trespass Sheriff Forms: Evelyn passed out forms that once returned to the Sheriffs Dept. grant them permission to go onto the signer's property to remove trespassers. If you are not always home, and especially if you are experiencing problems with 4 wheelers, or loitering etc., this will allow the sheriff to remove suspicious persons from your property and act in your absence.

Cell Tower: Nancy Reed explained that the County by law cannot take into account health risks and has no existing ordinances or guidelines on cell towers so they are difficult to fight. Our best defense, is incompatibility with Community Character and possibly the 50 ft. height. By the time you read this the cell tower proposed for Elfin Forest will have been decided by the San Dieguito Planning group.

Ticket prices for the Tim Flannery concert benefiting TECC were dropped to \$30.00.

Streetscape Update: Frank Oddo reported that response to the streetscape plans was uniformly in favor of the design and plans presented at the Sept. meeting, except for one request to add oak trees. In response to that request, along with Martha Blaine's help, 65 oak trees will be added in addition to the 200 pepper trees. Details on how they will be watered until established is still in the works, but several options are being considered. In addition to the previously presented rock work, our extremely talented artist, Jennifer Coburn, is designing and making decorative animal metal cutouts for each street corner. Each street will have a different animal. As Jennifer's work is always fabulous, the main concern was that they be theft and vandalism proof. Frank envisions residents giving directions not only by street names but by saying, turn at the owl, the next street past the rabbit..... The owners of affected property will be required to

sign off permission, on a monument by monument basis before construction, and as Frank plans to also accommodate owner's timing requests we may see a sporadic construction order with gaps to be filled in at later dates. San Elijo is donating and delivering the rock. Work should begin within the next month. Patsy Fritz, who will be running against Supervisor Horn in the 2002 election introduced herself, her background, her beliefs and answered questions. She knows we were upset by the "hornymander" of our district. She explained some of district law and feels the existing suit based on the Brown Act will not succeed. A better target would have been the vast number of Latino voters Horn escaped by redistricting. Patsy immigrated from Canada to San Diego 22 years ago and has lived in North County the last 20 years, with Valley Center her current home. She has a strong background in disaster preparedness, counter terrorism, and farming. She loves planning and politics. Some of Patsy's goals are fire dept. support and improved emergency centers.

## **Garden Club**

**by Evelyn Alemanni**

The November meeting of the garden club will be hosted by Marty Benowitz at 6930 Los Vientos Serenos. 10 am. On Saturday, November 10.

The garden club has no officers, membership requirements or dues. We get together monthly to share the joys and challenges of gardening in Elfin Forest. Want to host a meeting? Contact Evelyn Alemanni, 471-7224 or [Alemanni@allea.com](mailto:Alemanni@allea.com).



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## **EF/HG News**

by Evelyn Alemanni

### **Upcoming Town Council Meetings**

November 7 - OMWD with updates on the dam project.

December 5 - Holiday Dessert Potluck

January 2 - Bill Horn - 5th district supervisor. We will take nominations for the town council board. Start thinking about helping your community by serving on the board.

February 6 - Fire board meeting and elections.

### **Website**

The brand new Elfin Forest Website is up and running, and being improved every week. Check it out at [efhgtc.org](http://efhgtc.org). You can list your business in the Links section for only \$10 per year!

### **Protecting our Rural Environment**

As more projects get approved in neighboring cities, we continue to be squeezed. How can we protect ourselves from becoming another Encinitas or San Marcos? One concept that has been presented is the idea of deed restrictions that would prohibit properties from being split to lots smaller than 2 acres. In theory, deed restrictions supersede zoning, so that if the deed restriction requires a larger lot size than the county (or city) zoning, that is what is used. Does this idea appeal to you? Let's discuss this at the next town council meeting.

### **Gift Ideas**

The town council has new "elf wear" for sale. T shirts with a beautiful new logo designed and printed by Trinity Products (Bob Goetz of Elfin Forest) proudly announce "Keep it Rural." Lots of us wore the shirts to a recent board of supervisors meeting to help get the point across. These shirts are gray and available in small, medium, large and extra large. Cost is \$10. We also have visors and baseball caps with the "Keep it Rural" slogan, and of course, the wonderful license plate holders. They will be available for purchase at the town council meeting.

### **Elf Alerts**

Are you getting your Elf Alert? If you recently changed your email address, you might be missing out.

Elf Alerts are email notices about issues that need your immediate attention. They don't replace the newsletter, but supplement it. If you are not receiving them, please send your email address to Ale-

manni@allea.com and ask to be put on 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!

## **Playgroup Schedule**

by Mary Moore

Starting November, our playgroup will try different hours in order to accommodate those children who attend pre-school and school Friday mornings. Please pay particular attention to the time, as well as location of the scheduled playgroup.

November 2nd at Toni Fairman's, 7040 Elfin Oaks Rd., ph. 471-0875, \*2:00-4:00 pm.

November 9th at the Carlsbad library near Alga and El Camino Real to watch the puppet show. Get there early for the 11:00 am showing.

November 16th at Lana Tomlinson's, 19901 Rocky Road, Elfin Forest. Phone 744-4050. It's Brianna's 2 year birthday party! \*2:00-4:00 pm.

November 23rd Thanksgiving break.

November 30th at Michelle Sidwell's. 6856 Los Vientos Serenos, ph. 471-8877, \*1:00-3:00 pm.

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## Toll-free Safety Information Line

submitted by Evelyn Alemanni

From: Governor's Office of Emergency Services

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office of Emergency Services today launched California's new toll-free 'Safety Information and Referral Line' - 1-800-550-5234 - which will provide Californians with recorded non-emergency anthrax-related information and referrals from information technicians between 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Individuals with hearing impairments can obtain information via the toll-free TTY line - 1-800-550-5281.

'The sense of uncertainty many Californians are experiencing as a result of the events of Sept. 11 is understandable' said Dallas Jones, Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). 'But the accurate information about the risks we face and the preparedness steps the public can take that this service provides can allay some of that fear.'

The Safety Information and Referral Line is part of the ongoing efforts by the OES to address the safety concerns of Californians in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The 'one-stop' information line will allow callers to choose from a menu that will give advice on personal and family preparedness, what to do in the event of a possible or real exposure to anthrax, and tips on what to do with suspicious mail or packages. There is also the option of talking to a trained technician who can answer questions and refer callers to various agencies, departments and internet web sites for further information.

Safety information is also available on the OES website at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov) (click on 'terrorism').

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## General Plan 2020 Workshop Date

At the request of the San Dieguito Community Planning Group the General Plan 2020 workshop originally scheduled for October 25th has been rescheduled. The tentative new date is November 8th. For more information about dates, times and locations for GP2020 workshops:

Hotline: (619) 615-8289. Website: [www.scdpl.org](http://www.scdpl.org) (click on General Plan 2020)

To ask additional questions, contact Jennifer Bruin at (858) 694-3000 or [www.jbruinpl@co.san-diego.ca.us](mailto:jbruinpl@co.san-diego.ca.us)

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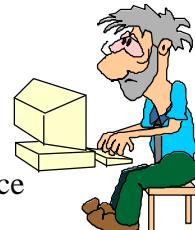
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## **TECC 10 Year Anniversary Party**

by Deb Lelevier, Patti Newton & Nancy Reed

The Escondido Creek Conservancy Celebrates its Tenth Birthday A collaborative effort by Patti Newton, Nancy Reed, and Deborah LeLevier On Saturday, October 13th, The Escondido Creek Conservancy celebrated its tenth birthday with the help of Tim Flannery and Friends! The fund-raising concert celebration included dinner at the home of Jack Olmstead, a TECC board member. The beautiful setting was poolside, enhanced by a multitude of gorgeous flowering plants (donated by yet another anonymous donor) and a perfect sunset.

One hundred twenty-five guests were treated to the sound of original and traditional bluegrass and gospel tunes. Flannery's banter between songs was spontaneous and casual, sort of like a conversation with an old friend. As a bonus, Berkley Hart, who performed at the TECC summer benefit concert, also played several of their original songs to a delighted audience.

Among the more distinguished guests, County Supervisor Pam Slater was spotted tapping her toe and laughing at Flannery's hijinks between numbers. Guests came from as far away as Yuma to support TECC and share in its celebration. Ten years of effort to protect the sensitive lands of the Escondido Creek watershed have paid off. TECC now owns and preserves almost 100 acres of spectacular land; it looks forward to implementing plans to ensure the next ten years are even more fruitful.

An event like this takes enormous effort from many dedicated volunteers with a variety of talents. TECC would like to acknowledge those people and thank them for their support. Ms. Nancy Reed for her energy, passion, and many volunteer hours arranging the event. Jack and Hilary Olmstead, for volunteering the use of their beautiful home; all the young members of the "wait team" whose courtesy and attentiveness ensured the comfort of our guests; Blanca's Flowers, for donating the lovely table decorations; Nachos, San Marcos, for providing dinner, beer and wine; and Henry's Market, Encinitas, for donating the appetizers. Nancy wants to personally thank her good friend, Ginny Page, who managed the food and "wait team"; and Tim Costanzo, whose technical expertise kept the lights on without the added spectacle of fireworks!

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of our guests! Your support and belief in TECC allows it to continue to pursue its mission.

## **Subscription Reminder**

by Susan Cronshaw

Some of Elfin Forest is still in the LAST CENTURY.....please check your expiration date. Are you getting a copy in a previous owners name? Let us know. Have new neighbors? Introduce them to our paper and let us know so that we can add them to the mailing list. The chaparral is an important means of local communication and needs to be as current as possible, but we often do not know about homeowner changes. Please call 760 736 9257 with questions, changes, or comments. Copy costs have more than doubled and the bulk mail permit went from \$80 to \$125, so every paid up subscription counts. Please GET CURRENT to keep your copy coming.

## **Christmas Party Host Needed**

by Mary Moore

We need someone to volunteer to host a Christmas party for our playgroup either December 14th or 21st. Toni did an excellent job last year, but we really need to share this responsibility. It would be a shame not to have one. Please call or e-mail me as soon as possible if you can do this, or with suggestions.

Also, Toni has volunteered to do the playgroup schedule starting in January since I'll be having our new baby boy. Hopefully I won't be out of touch for too long.

## **Elfin Forest Trail Use**

by Mary Moore

Please remember that all of the riding and hiking trails in Elfin Forest are on private property and this should be respected. These property owners have gone out of their ways to provide the community with safe and accessible trail access, and these are not public easements.

I have heard recently of riders arguing with property owners, and using loud conversation while passing near homes. Again, this trail access is revokable, so please be respectful and do not abuse it. Also, if you have riders that lease or board horse on your property, please advise them of this issue.

## Garden Greeting

by Nancy Reed

With all the horrible events recently I find myself drawn to the garden. On some level time in the garden is better for my soul than almost anything else. I can reconnect with a quiet place deep inside where I can come to some understanding of the unimaginable. I find hope in each plant and seed I touch. With each bucket of compost I find strength to teach my daughter some of the bad things life can bring her way. The cycle of life is played out in my garden, but to me the cycle of birth, blossom and death is a comfort as I know with each season comes it's own special magic, it's own promise and it's own challenges.

I love the fall! The days are cooler making gardening a pleasure. The nights are crisp, inviting rediscovery of sweaters and sweats not seen in many months. It's time to have a fire in the fireplace. Out in the garden if you did all your planting in October you can take a little rest. If you didn't get all the cool season flowers and veggies listed last month planted, you got some work ahead of you! But the wonderful thing about fall is how forgiving it is. Most plants put in now are almost guaranteed survival with the winter rains and cooler temperatures.

Plant all the California natives you want, bulbs of every description, scatter wild flower seeds, put in ground cover, plant old fashioned perennials. Let your imitation run wild, it's the magical time of year in the garden. Do you have an area that has always called to you? Go out and look at it at different times of the day. How much sun or shade does it get? Two of the biggest mistakes gardeners make is planting warm season plants in the cool season and planting in the wrong light conditions. Veggies need at least 6 hours of sun a day as do most flowers unless marked shade tolerant. Once you have an idea how much sun it gets choose the proper plants for the lighting. Then dig in some compost and PLANT!

If you got all the planting done last month, look at your trees. Trees are a valuable asset to any property. Do they need a trim, are they overgrown so the wind can not go through them? If they are dense the foliage will act like a sail and cause them to topple in the coming storms. Many young trees also need staking to keep them upSright. Be sure the material you use to tie to the stake will not cut off the tree's circulation. An old piece of hose over wire is an old staking system that also is recycling at it's

finest. Clean up around your garden and put a thick layer of mulch where you want to discourage weeds. Now about those bunnies, I have received several e-mails asking how to keep them at bay. I would love to hear what has worked for you so I can pass it on. Please e-mail me your experiences to [Nancy@elfin-forest.net](mailto:Nancy@elfin-forest.net). Happy gardening to all!

## From The Internet

Three guys, a Canadian, Osama Bin Ladin and Uncle Sam are out walking together one day. They come across a lantern and a Genie pops out of it. "I will give each of you each one wish, that's three wishes total," says the Genie.

The Canadian says, "I am a farmer, my dad was a farmer, and my son will also farm. I want the land to be forever fertile in Canada." With a blink of the Genie's eye, 'POOF' the land in Canada was forever made fertile for farming.

Osama Bin Ladin was amazed, so he said, "I want a wall around Afghanistan, so that no infidels, Jews or Americans can come into our precious state." Again, with a blink of the Genie's eye, 'POOF' there was a huge wall around Afghanistan.

"Uncle Sam" (A former civil engineer), asks, "I'm very curious. Please tell me more about this wall." The Genie explains, "Well, it's about 15,000 feet high, 500 feet thick and completely surrounds the country; nothing or nobody can get in or out-- virtually impenetrable."

"Uncle Sam" says, "Fill it with water."

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## Elfin Forest Landscape Project

by Lynda Clerke

Approval was granted by the Elfin Forest Town Council to move forward with the landscape project for Elfin Forest Road. We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support of this project. Everyone is very excited about the new improvements!

In response to the request to add some oak trees to the project we have ordered 35 twenty-five gallon and 30 fifteen gallon oak trees. These will be planted along side the stone walls and on Elfin Forest Road.

We would like to ask all residents who own property along Elfin Forest Road to please contact Lynda

Clerke at 510-0143 to discuss the landscape project. We would also like all residents to PLEASE clean up any unnecessary debris such as old bricks, shrubbery, cars etc. Your assistance will help expedite this project and would be greatly appreciated.

We are honored to have Jennifer & Charles Coburn (Elfin Forest residents) designing and creating all the ironwork for the stone walls. They are best known for their work at Disneyland and Legoland. Their contribution to this project will add a very special touch. Thank you Jennifer & Charles!



## News from Questhaven Retreat

by Evelyn Alemanni



### **chaparral by e-mail?**

by David Cronshaw

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### **Sunday Services**

- October 30 - Transformations - Evelyn Alemanni  
Nov 4 - The Search for Shamballa - Rev. Susan S. Cary  
Nov 11 - Man Cannot Live by Bread Alone - Rev. Elizabeth Wood  
Nov 18 - Open Your Heart and Be Grateful - Jean Michalewicz  
Nov 25 - Advent: The Holy Season of Expectation - Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

### **Sunday Services**

Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. Tape recordings of all Sunday services are available for rental or purchase.

Questhaven Retreat is at 20560 Questhaven Rd. 760-744-1500. Visit us on the Internet at <http://www.questhaven.org>.

Study groups meet on weeknights in Oceanside, San Marcos, and Escondido, and on the Retreat grounds. Please call the office for times and locations.

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### **E.F. Calendar - November 2001**

Date	Time	Event
1st Wed (7 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30pm	EF/HG Town Council Forum
Tuesdays (13 <sup>th</sup> & 37 <sup>th</sup> )	1:30pm to 3:30pm	Bookmobile @ Firehouse
1st Tue, (13 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Every Friday	10:00am -Noon	Playgroup.
2nd Mon (12 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30pm	Fire Board @ Firehouse
2nd Wed, (14 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Auxiliary @ Firehouse (check).
3rd Tue, (20 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Last Sat (24 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am	Fire Training @ Firehouse TECC Spring Flowers Hike @ EF Reserve

### **Elfin Forest Town Council Board**

Board members: Evelyn Alemanni 471-7224, Linda Hamilton 744-7952, Mid Hoppenrath 747-1145, Nancy Reed 471-7933, Alan Lasnover (471-8011), Kim Hunter (744-0670), Bill Telesco 746-4692, Elizabeth Wood 744-2594

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# *Elfin Forest & Harmony Grove Town Council*

20223 Elfin Forest Rd., Elfin Forest, CA 92029

November 2, 2001

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Sincerely,

Elfin Forest Town Council

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