



From The Chair

by Bill Telesco

The holiday season has arrived this year and I would like to send best wishes to all the residents of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove. Also a reminder to drive safe and be aware around our community. The Sheriff Dept. has reported a rise in crime in this area and the city of San Marcos and in La Costa. There have been some home break ins off Harmony Grove Rd. So watch and secure your home and family. Report all problems to the Sheriff immediately and make sure they follow up with personal contacts.

Supervisor Bill Horn will be at the next Town Council meeting Wednesday Jan. 2nd, please plan to attend and have questions for our new Supervisor. We need a large crowd to show him that we care about what happens to our community.

Elections are coming and we need people to serve, so please think about helping shape the future of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove.

The San Diego CWA board has approved a 100,000 dollar grant to fund increased CHP patrols each day on Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove Roads starting at the end of December or early January. This is a welcomed development and will help with safety on our roads.

See you all on Jan. 2nd and God Bless America.

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chaparral by e-mail?

by David Cronshaw

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EF/HG News

by Evelyn Alemanni

Mailing seeds

The United States Postal Service has announced that it is planning to use irradiation to help protect mail against anthrax threats. A spokesperson at the USPS stated that it might start placing machinery in a few locations as early as this month. If you send seeds through the mail, you might consider using a different service (such as Federal Express or UPS) until the post office makes further announcements.

Kevin Barnard is Running for Supervisor

Our friend and neighbor, Kevin Barnard, who lives in Harmony Grove has filed to run against Bill Horn for 5th district county supervisor. Kevin is 44, and has worked for the San Diego Police Department for 22 years. He and his wife Heather have 3 dogs. Most important, Kevin understands the issues facing unincorporated areas such as Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest. He has served as the chairperson of the Harmony Grove/Eden Valley Citizens Group and was a key figure in fighting the annexation of Harmony Grove to Escondido. Want to know more about Kevin and his campaign? Check his website, www.kevinbarnard.com.

Roses

2002 has been declared the "Year of the Rose." If you love roses or would like more information about them, consider joining the American Rose Society. Their Web site, www.ars.org, has information on growing roses, as well as many interesting links. Plan a rose garden in 2002!

Garden Club

The calendar for 2002 meetings is now being compiled. Would you like to host a meeting? We generally get together on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. 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. Contact Evelyn Alemanni, 471-7224 or Alemanni@allea.com.

Upcoming Town Council Meetings

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

Want to be on the Town Council Board?

It's time again to start thinking about serving your community by participating on the Town Council Board Of Directors. Nominations will be taken at the January meeting. Each director is elected for a two year term and commits to attending board meetings and community meetings. In addition, each director heads up at least one project and arranges for the speaker(s) for one community meeting. This is a wonderful way to get involved and make a difference. If you have questions about serving on the board, please call any of the current directors.

Bylaw Change Proposal

Because of the volume of projects that the town council works on, we are proposing to add two additional board members. This will be discussed at the December meeting and will be placed on the ballot in February.

New Projects

Environmental Impact Reports are expected to be available for review for the following projects in *January*: Landfill closure: involves 38,000 truckloads of fill imported to the landfill to provide final cover and landscaping. *Quail Ridge*: 68 homes on 2 acre parcels on Elfin Forest Rd. *"Pulte" Project*: 200 homes on 4000 to 6000 s.f. lots on Questhaven Rd. near Attebury. *Cielo del Norte*: 187 homes on Via Ambiente and Harmony Grove Rd. All of these projects will strongly affect our quality of life in Elfin Forest. We need volunteers to help review and comment on these EIRS. Please contact any board member to volunteer.

Minutes of the December, 2001 Meeting

CARE grants were presented as follows: \$25,000 to the fire department, \$65,000 to TECC for land acquisition, \$80,000 to the Landscape Foundation for improvements along Elfin Forest Rd., and \$10,000 to the Landscape Foundation for trail maintenance. The total amount of grants from CARE to the community to date is \$332,400.

Ali Shapouri presented an update on Cielo del Norte, a gated community proposed to be built along Via Ambiente and Harmony Grove Rd. The project has been in design since 1997. There are 187 homes

planned on lots ranging from ¾ acre, but averaging 1 acre in size. The average pad size is 18,000 s.f. There will be 365 acres of open space, representing 63% of the project. There will be 5.4 miles of trails, 4 private parks. Homes will be custom and semi-custom. Ali showed simulated views of the project from various parts of the community, and assured us that most of the homes would be screened from view by trees. There will be a children's play park and trails will be separated to accommodate equestrians and bicycles, as well as pedestrians. A 12" water main will replace the 8" main in Harmony Grove Rd., and sewer will be brought into the community. Homes are expected to sell in the range of \$900,000 to \$1.3 million. A subcommittee is being formed to review the EIR - please contact Nancy Reed if you would like to participate.

Olivenhain Dam Hotline Number: 877-426-2010

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 Alemanni@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!

Elfin Forest Census

The town council board is in the process of compiling a questionnaire to serve as a census of Elfin Forest. 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 by February. 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.

Playgroup Schedule

by Mary Moore

January 4: Stagecoach Park, 2pm. Contact Toni Fairman for directions 760-471-0875.

January 11: Toni Fairman's home, 2pm. 7040 Elfin Oaks Road, 760-471-0875.

January 18: Dare Delano's home, 10am. 21622 Crestwind Drive, San Marcos, 760-752-1361.

January 25: Julie Frederick's home, 3pm. 20257 Elfin Forest Road, 760-591-9360.

Happy Birthday to Oliver Delano (turning 1 on Jan 8) and Ashley Goetz (turning 4 on Jan 15).



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Creek Happenings

by Deb Lelevier

2001 has been an amazing year for TECC, as you have probably already read in the winter 2001 edition of the Watershed Voice.

We have raised money, purchased land, began water quality testing, written successful grants, continued to educate ourselves and the community on all things watershed, held 3 benefit concerts, forged new partnerships, and gained more recognition and respect in the community: environmental, political, and at large. Our newsletter got a new look, with kudos from our readers, and was published quarterly. Expect more of the same in 2002: grants, projects, acquisition (we hope!), new volunteer opportunities, and more.

Our membership grew by 46% this year! "Welcome!" to all the new members and to long-time members: "Thanks for your continued support!"

To the Elfin Forest Community Foundation: BIG Thanks for funding our projects! We'll keep grants to improve life in our watershed coming your way!

To C.A.R.E: "WOW! Thank You SO MUCH!" Your donation of \$65,000.00 is remarkable and has been placed into The Escondido Creek Conservancy Land Acquisition Fund at the San Diego Foundation (SDF) (along with the proceeds from the three fundraising concerts).

MORE GOOD NEWS: The 1 for 1 match is good up to \$50,000 or until March 31, 2002. These donations will be in turn placed in the TECC Land Acquisition Fund at the SDF. (See the green flyer included in your Watershed Voice.) Let's continue to work together to preserve our watershed through land acquisition. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, and clubs to join in our cause!

The 1 to 1 match is made possible by one very special anonymous donor who wrote the book on generosity. Whoever you are: TECC can never thank you enough. ThankyouthankyouthankyouÖin-toÖinfinityÖ

From all of us at TECC: Happy Holidays and the best to you and yours in the New Year!

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EFCF Update

by Mike Vallee, Treasurer

A long time friend visited me in Elfin Forest last week. He had not been out to the house in about a year. When I greeted him in the driveway he commented, "Wow, they're really doing a lot of building near you. What's up with that?" I'm sure you've heard this from your friends, or a variation on this theme. We are all painfully aware of the constant encroachment of San Elijo Hills and other "communities" that continue to spring up all around us. That's why the Elfin Forest Community Foundation is such a valuable tool. Let me explain.

Most of us live in Elfin Forest because we like the space. We like room to breathe; room to ride horses or hike. We don't want to be able to reach out our kitchen windows and touch our neighbor's stucco wall. We value the rural atmosphere and semi-privacy of our two-acre minimum community and the self-reliance that it brings.

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation was set up with mitigation money from the City of San Marcos with one essential purpose: To preserve the rural atmosphere and identity of Elfin Forest so it does not become another San Elijo Hills, La Costa or Carmel Mountain. As we go through Elfin Forest and see the equestrian trails, the pepper trees, and other cornerstones of the rural life-style, we are looking at projects funded primarily by the Elfin Forest Community Foundation and brought to fruition by the gumption and hard work of many of the members of our community.

Below is a financial statement of assets, liabilities and expenses for our most recent fiscal year. ending June 2001. What the numbers don't show are the specifics of the \$39,299 which was granted by the Foundation to various worthwhile projects. For example, we funded several projects for the Escondido Creek Conservatory, such as the purchase of business equipment, funding for the trash hot line and equipment to test for the quality of the creek's water. We funded the Elfin Forest Fire Department to enable them to purchase additional equipment and we funded many trail committee requests for various trail links which, combined with the hard work and effort of our neighbors. I-lave produced a wonderful network of picturesque split-rail fences and landscape. Many thanks to these folks for making our community a better place to live.

As it has been said time and time again, the more entrenched the rural projects become, the more difficult it will be to remove them and the more likely it will be that we will be able to retain the rural character of our community. The Foundation has funds for any project that will enhance this rural quality. Visit our website at www.elfinforestfoundation.org where you can pick-up an application for a grant.

EFCF (A California Nonprofit Corporation)

Statement Of Assets, Liabilities And Net Assets - Cash Basis: JUNE 30, 2001

Assets	
Cash, including certificates of deposit	\$353,411
Investments, S & P 500 Index	\$8,943
Total Assets	\$362,354
Liabilities And Net Assets	
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$362,354
Total Liabilities And Net Assets	\$362,354

See accountant's compilation report.

Statement Of Revenues, Expenses And Other Changes In Net Assets - Cash Basis For The Year Ended JUNE 30, 2001

Revenue and Other Support:

Grants	\$40,000
Interest	\$18,918
Dividends	\$ 2,043
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$(1,708)
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$59,253
Donations	\$39,299
Management and general	\$ 2,165
Total Expenses	\$41,464
Change in Net Assets	\$17,789
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$344,565
Net Assets At End Of Year	\$362,354



News from Questhaven Retreat

by Evelyn Alemanni



Weekly - Meditation

Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Meet at El Chapelito, Led by Jean Michalewicz. Meditation is a sacred time to build the bridge into Divine Reality. You are welcome to join in meditative attunement and prayer.

Bi-Monthly - The Way Within Meditation Classes

Bi-monthly, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Phyllis Isaac.

The Way Within Meditation classes continue in its third year. All who have participated have found the power of group meditation and prayer of great value and we invite others to join us.

Bi-Monthly - Exploration in Prayer Classes

Bi-monthly, 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Meet in the Academy, Led by Rev. Elizabeth Wood.

Prayer is communion with God. When properly done, prayer is an opening of the inner door. This series of classes will focus on the necessary steps to prepare us for communion with God's Presence.

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.

Elfin Forest Landscape Project.

by Lynda Clerke

Clean up has begun along Elfin Forest Road. You may have noticed the trimming of trees and shrubbery at the south end of Elfin Forest Road over the past few weeks. Things are finally moving along and as soon as the clear up is complete the planting of trees and construction of walls will begin. We do need to meet with all property owners on Elfin Forest Road to obtain permission to work on the property. We will be contacting you shortly or feel free to contact us to schedule a convenient time. The sooner we obtain written approval the sooner the project can get underway. We would also like to ask the residents along Elfin Forest Road to PLEASE clean up any unnecessary debris on your property. Your assistance will help expedite this project and would be greatly appreciated.

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by Susan Cronshaw

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E.F. Calendar - January 2002

Date	Time	Event
1st Wed (2 nd)	7:30pm	EF/HG Town Council Forum
Tuesdays (8 th & 22 nd)	1:30pm to 3:30pm	Bookmobile @ Firehouse
1st Tue, (1 st)	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Every Friday	10:00am -Noon	Playgroup.
2nd Mon (7 th)	7:30pm	Fire Board @ Firehouse
2nd Wed, (9 th)	7:00pm	Fire Auxiliary @ Firehouse (check).
3rd Tue, (15 th)	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Last Sat (26 th)	9:00am	Fire Training @ Firehouse TECC Spring Flowers Hike @ EF Reserve

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