
**No July Town Council Meeting
Come to the Parade on July 1st**



From the Chair

By Jeff Swenerton

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Each year our community comes together to celebrate the Fourth of July in a truly unique way. Festivities begin on Sunday, July 1st with the gathering of all parade participants at 11:30 with the parade beginning at 12:00. We will have a distinguished group of highly qualified judges this year as well as an enthusiastic audience cheering all participants. Decorate your truck, tractor, wagon, bike, or just yourself and join in. Our theme is an “Old Fashion Country Picnic and Parade.” This year the picnic promises to be better than ever. The highlight will be the return of the fire fighters water blast. We will have a DJ this year with a variety of entertaining games and great music. Food will again be wonderful. Kids will have great fun with a big slide and other activities. Plan to spend the day. Special thanks to the

committee for all their work.

The Town Council has been busy addressing a number of issues. A special thanks to Board member Mid Hoppenrath and the subcommittee for their work on Harmony Grove Meadows and the potential annexation of two parcels into Escondido.

We also appreciate the work of Board Member Melanie Fallon on the University Heights Project. A number of Board members participated in meetings this last month with San Marcos City Manager Paul Malone and Phil Rath, Land Use Policy Advisor for Bill Horn, to discuss these projects and other community concerns.

There will not be a general meeting of the Town Council this month because of the Fourth of July Picnic and Parade. At this point we are not planning on a general meeting in August be-

cause of vacation plans unless there is a major need to communicate with the community regarding an issue. This will also provide time for the Board to meet to assess our past year and develop goals for next year.

This time of year the long awaited arrival of the fresh garden tomatoes, corn, and beans has arrived. The peaches are ripping. Why buy a tasteless tomato that has traveled 1500 miles or more. Watching these veggies develop over the last few months in the garden and anticipating the pending harvest is half the pleasure. Fire up the BBQ and enjoy our rural community setting with some great friends and our fresh seasonal food.

Town Council Committee Activities:

Bridges :

No activity this month

Sage Hills:

No Activity this month

University Heights:

See Item 5 of the TC minutes

Harmony Grove Meadows:

See Item 6 of the TC minutes

Garden Festival: See article on Page 3

Citracado Parkway:

See item 7 of the TC Minutes

Cielo Del Norte: No activity this month

Town Council Committee Update

The Town Council has a number of active committees. The follow list is provide for you as a resource if your have any questions or input. We encourage community participation in various committees. Contacting the chairperson directly or Jeff Swenerton, Town Council Chairperson can provide potential openings and information.

- **Bridges:** Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin
- **Sage Hills:** Eric Anderson
- **University Heights:**

- Melanie Fallon
- **Cielo Del Norte/Cielo Azul:** Betsy Keithley
- **Harmony Grove Meadows:** Mid Hoppenrath
- **Communication Committee:** Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin
- **Heritage (including Citizen of the Year plaques):** Gordon Fine
- **Signs/Cell Towers:** Jeff Swenerton

- **Fourth of July Picnic:** Jeff Swenerton
- **Fourth of July Parade:** Eric Anderson
- **Garden Festival:** Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin/Karen Gardner
- **Citracado Parkway Extension/Annexation Subcommittee:** Mid Hoppenrath
- **Trails Subcommittee:** Mid Hoppenrath

By Jeff Swenerton

Twin Oaks Extension Delayed

The *North County Times* recently reported that the opening of the long awaited link between Twin Oaks Valley and San Elijo roads has once again been delayed by construction problems until sometime in September. San Marco's City engineer Mike Edwards said it was a difficult decision to delay the opening again but plans for a partial opening in early July would have made the project even more costly. "We wanted

to wait until the project was totally complete before we opened it," said Edwards. "A partial opening, with only one lane in both directions instead of two, would have delayed the ultimate completion of the project as a whole."

A concern raised by the latest postponement is its impact on a shopping center and Albertsons grocery store planned in the San Elijo town center. Albertsons is not

contractually obligated to begin construction until the connector road is paved. "The longer the road is delayed, the longer our town center will remain a pile of dirt," said a San Elijo resident.

By Joe Alemanni

Communications Committee Update

The Communications Committee met on June 13. Committee members present included Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin (Chair), Joe Alemanni, Evelyn Alemanni, Jeff Swenerton and Karen Gardner.

The communications committee is responsible for decisions related to

the Chaparral, Elf Alerts, the Welcoming Committee, community database, and other related issues.

Discussion items at this meeting included the Chaparral printing schedule, the formation of the welcoming committee and the creation/ compilation of a commu-

nity database.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Welcoming Committee please contact Karen Gardner at 744-9500.

Minutes by Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin

Garden Festival Update

Save the date! The Garden Festival Committee has chosen April 26, 2008 for this popular fundraiser. Committee members have been scouting gardens over

the past several weeks and have selected six resident gardens for inclusion in next year's festival. Five of these gardens have never been in the Garden Festival

before! Watch the Garden Festival website www.elfinforestgardens.info for updates and pictures.

By Karen Gardner

More Graduates and Honors

Congratulations to the following Elfin Forest high school graduates:

Andrew Winter—LCC
 Jamie Costanzo—SDA
 Andi Shull—LCC
 Janelle Cross—LCC
 Kent Morgan—SDA
 Nick Jakawich—SDA

The following students either graduated with honors or were on the honor roll for the 2006-2007 school year:

Jamie Kaplan—RSF
 Danielle Gradisher—SDA
 Paul Benjamin—SDA

Elise Benjamin—RSF
 Heather Barnes—Cathedral
 Andi Shull—LCC
 Janelle Cross—LCC
 Kent Morgan—SDA

Committee Activities (Cont.)

Communications Committee:

See article on page 3

Signs/Cell Towers:

No activity this month

Fourth of July Picnic:

See committee results on Sunday July 1!

Fourth of July Parade:

See committee results on Sunday July 1!

Trails

Subcommittee:

No activity this month

Welcoming Subcommittee:

Being Formed



Declaration of
Independence
(preamble)

In CONGRESS,
July 4, 1776

The unanimous
Declaration of the
thirteen united States
of America,

When in the Course
of human events, it
becomes necessary
for one people to
dissolve the political
bands which have
connected them with
another, and to
assume among the
powers of the earth,
the separate and
equal station to which
the Laws of Nature
and of Nature's God
entitle them, a decent
respect to the
opinions of mankind
requires that they
should declare the
causes which impel
them to the
separation.

We hold these truths
to be self-evident,
that all men are
created equal, that
they are endowed by
their Creator with
certain unalienable
Rights, that among
these are Life, Liberty
and the pursuit of
Happiness. --That to
secure these rights,
Governments are
instituted among
Men, deriving their
just powers from the
consent of the
governed, --That
whenever any Form

Town Council Meeting Minutes

1) The meeting began at 7:30 pm at the Fire Station with the pledge of allegiance and introduction of members attending the meeting.

2) Treasurer's Report - Betsy Keithley. During the month of May we received \$620 from Chaparral subscriptions and advertisements and \$2750 from the Garden Festival. We had expenses of \$3000 for the Garden Festival paid to the people who opened their gardens for the festival. We outsourced the printing of the Newsletter which cost \$326.

3) Jeff Swenerton announced that there will be no meeting in July or August. It was brought up that since there is so much pressure from developers right now that we should have an August meeting. No decision was made.

Jeff reminded everyone of the July 1 Picnic pointing out that there will be a dunk tank so people should come prepared. It is never too early to start working on the floats for the parade. In New Orleans they

start one year in advance. Volunteers are needed.

4) Nominations for the Citizen of the Year were requested. In addition to Joe Alemanni and Peggy Petitmermet, Mid Hoppenrath, Frank and Pat McCollum and Karen Gardener were nominated.

5) Melanie Fallon reported that she and Jeff met with Paul Malone, the new City Manager of San Marcos to talk about our relationship with San Marcos and the University Heights proposed project. Mr. Malone would like to work with us in an open manner. At this early stage in the planning process for University Heights, the developer is proposing to build 1200 clustered units on 453 acres, leaving 50% of the 453 acres open space. The access would be onto Twin Oaks Valley Rd. They would like to be annexed into San Marcos. The land is north of the Questhaven property and abuts the southern boundary of the San Marcos City line. At

present the project land is not in the sphere of influence of San Marcos. They are in the county. Melanie has also talked with Michael Ott of LAFCO and the Town Council submitted a letter opposing the proposed annexation to San Marcos.

6) Mid Hoppenrath presented the Harmony Grove Meadows proposed project which is 216 homes built on 36 acres of a 111 acre parcel on the eastern side of Escondido Creek across Harmony Grove Road from the egg ranch. This property is currently zoned very low density (1 unit/2, 4, 8, or 20 acres) depending on the slope so that about 14 homes would be allowed. The proposed development would be very high density on very small lots on the level portion of the property. A bridge will have to be built across the Escondido Creek.

A representative of Sun Cal, the developer, was in attendance at the meeting and said they hope to submit an EIR to

Town Council Meeting Minutes (cont.)

the County by January of 2008. The San Dieguito Planning group will discuss the project on the 7th of June and at the same time there will be a scoping meeting at the County Planning Department on Ruffin Rd.

7) Mid reported that the city of Escondido expects to have an EIR for the Citracado Extension project ready in late August, 2007. The plan is to connect Citracado between the current end, near Harmony Grove Rd and Del Dios Highway.

Mid will keep the Town Council website updated about both of these projects.

8) There was an update presented by Nona Barker, Fire Board Chair about the County's proposed changes to County Fire Service. The Fire Department, CSA 107 was not included in phase one of the proposed reorganization. She discussed the Fire Board's thinking about what might happen next. The Fire Department has a new website www.EFF-Fire.org.

9) Eric Anderson reported that Ron Pecoff,

owner of Pecoff Seed Co. across from the Fire Station, has moved away. The new owner is interested in community input about how to best use this property.

10) Jeff asked attendees at the meeting if they like the format of having extended reports on issues relevant to the community with no invited speakers and everyone agreed that it was a good idea.

11) Geoffrey Smith of The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) reported that they have an architect for the design of an Interpretive Center to be built in collaboration with OMWD at the Elfin Forest Recreation Area. They still need to raise more funds.

12) Joey Randall OMWD ranger at the Recreation Area reported that the staging area will be closed Monday through Friday beginning soon so an improved bridge can be built over the creek. Parking will still be available at the overflow lot.

He also reported that a trail is under construc-

tion that will permit a continuous hike from the Recreation area through the Derbas property, purchased by TECC and now owned by the County and called "Del Dios Highlands Preserve", to the trail system of the San Dieguito River Park system at Lake Hodges.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved. They will appear in the June Chaparral.

Adjourned 8:45 pm

By Betsy Keithly

<i>Calendar For July</i>		
Date	Time	Event
Sun 7/1	11:30 AM	4th of July Picnic and Parade
Tues 7/3, 7/17	7:00 PM	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Mon 7/9	7:00 PM	Fire Board @ Firehouse
Sat 7/21	8:00 AM	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Sat 7/7, 7/21	10:00 AM	Bookmobile @ Firehouse

of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Fire Department Update

Redesigned Website

Please visit the fire departments redesigned web site @ www.eff-fire.org

The new web site was designed by Evelyn Alemanni and paid for through a grant from the Elfin Forest Community Foundation. The site has information for everyone. Safety, evacuation information, how to volunteer, fire prevention, stories of incidents, pictures and best of all (to me) a kids page full of fun activities for your children. The Fire Wise Garden and Native Garden brochure is available to download. Thank you Evelyn and all who submitted items for this new wonderful site.

On June 6th, 2007 Chief Twohy, Fire Board Chairwoman Nona Barker, and Directors Byron Macfarlane and Bob Kephart met with Chandra L. Waller, General Manager/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Land Use and Environment Group. Ms. Waller reports to Walt Ekard Chief Administrative Officer for San Diego County. Ms. Waller was accompanied by her staff officer, Megan Jones.

The meeting was requested by Chief Twohy and Ms. Waller concurrently to discuss the Cielo Norte fund distribution.

Issues covered:

1. Cielo: Items discussed included the history of the fund agreement, grants awarded as a result of this agreement, the Cielo map extension and wording changes in the completed Environmental Impact Review. Ms. Waller stated that all money will stay within the CSA 107 and that a legal agreement will be drafted and signed.

2. New Urban West: Items discussed included the history of the development and where planning stands to date. Ms. Waller assured us that all benefit fees and most CFD monies would be coming to CSA 107. She wants to see two budgets for the new Harmony Grove station. One budget would detail the requirements for a bare bones station and the second budget would detail the requirements for a state of the art station.

3. Fire Station Building Lease: Items discussed included the history of the building and the bond. Ms. Waller will have her staff look into any bond restrictions and will research lease agreements similar to the county airport lease.

4. Benefit Fee Sunset Clause: Ms. Waller will have her staff research what happens to the benefit fees after 2015.

5. Special Districts vs. DPLU: Ms. Waller feels that the DPLU understands the needs of fire CSA's. The Special Districts are a financial mechanism. The County

wants to have a trial period of 6 months where DPLU manages the fire CSA's. By doing this the CSA's will act as more of an advisory board to the county.

6. Gary Pryor is resigning/retiring as of June 28, 2007 and no replacement has been named.

7. Last month the Fire Department had an in-house audit by the County of San Diego. The Fire Department will be getting a copy of this audit in the next three weeks.

All in all this meeting was very positive. Chief Twohy and the Fire Advisory Directors are still working very hard to make any transition as smooth as possible.

Your Chief and Fire Advisory Directors are still working very hard to make any transition as smooth as possible. The service you, as a resident and taxpayer receives from your fire department will remain the same or improve.

By Nona T. Barker

What's Happening at the Fire Department—July 2007

We are thrilled to announce final approval notification of the San Diego County EMS Trust Fund Grant. This award of \$26,000 will allow us to provide a Washer/Extractor and Dryer for washing Firefighter structure turnouts and brush gear. Having tried for this important grant several times, we have finally been successful. The ability for the Firefighters to be able to easily keep their personal protective equipment free of contaminants is an important health and safety issue for us. Previously, Fire-fights had to take their equipment out of service and transport it to another fire station some distance away for cleaning. This grant will help us to keep our Firefighters clean, healthy, and in service here to serve you.

Crews attended the County Wildland Readiness Drill in Barona recently on Engine 2811. The drill covered such important topics as communications, structure triage and structure pro-

tection, helicopter operations, fire shelter deployment, mobile pumping and a progressive hose lay, and a review of the Firefighter fatalities on the Espiranza Incident. This invaluable training will help us prepare for what's looking like a busy fire season.

You may also see the Firefighters out doing some hiking. Mike Sampson and the Health and Fitness Committee are really pushing us to get out and get physical. He's got them going out frequently, with the hikes getting longer each time. Sometimes you might even see them wearing forty pound wildland hose packs like the ones they have to carry up the hill on a progressive hose lay. These young guys are truly amazing, and work so hard at staying physically fit to meet the demands of the job.

Here's a big "Get Well Soon" wish to our Bookkeeper Vickie Kleen, recovering from recent surgery. Miss you Vickie, and can't wait till you come back. It's

just not the same without you around.

Hope you all are able to come to the 4th of July Parade and Picnic on Sunday July 1st. It will be a great day of fun and festivities, and a time to spend time with family and friends. The Town Council has worked so hard to make it the best ever. Please join us.

A reminder that conditions are ripe for fire. Fuel moistures are incredibly low early in the season. Having no chance to recover over the winter, we are seeing burning conditions that we do not normally see until late in the year. Please ensure you have a defensible space around your home, that driveways and escape routes are clear of vegetation, and that your emergency plan is rehearsed with all your loved ones. We're bracing for a bad one, please be prepared.

*By Battalion Chief
Dawn Pettijohn*



"Please ensure you have a defensible space around your home, that driveways and escape routes are clear of vegetation, and that your emergency plan is rehearsed with all your loved ones."



Watch for your new EDCO recycling cart.

New EDCO Recycling Program

Starting in July 2007 EDCO is introducing a new commingled recycling program.

EDCO will be distributing a 65 gallon cart to each residence. The cart will even have wheels! All your recyclables can be put into one vessel.

Commingled recycling helps reduce scavenging as redemption-value cans and bottles can be concealed under other recyclables. Commingled recycling also makes it that much easier for the consumer to recycle because there is no sorting necessary.

Recycling helps divert materials from area landfills which further helps the county reach its mandated recycling goals.

By Karen Gardner

Recycling Guidelines

The following are guidelines of materials can be recycled. All of these materials can be put into the new blue EDCO cart.

You can also recycle cereal boxes and other clean food packaging, including cake boxes, flour bags, frozen dinner boxes, paper egg cartons, and soda/beer 12-pack carrying boxes. Also recycle paper grocery bags, gift boxes, shoe boxes, paper gift wrap, calendars, and core tubes from paper towels, etc.

Glass Bottles & Jars

Recycle all food and beverage containers—clear and colored glass. Please rinse. No need to remove labels though.

Cardboard

Flatten or cut boxes to a maximum size of 3 ft. x 3 ft.

Newspapers

Recycle your newspaper and everything that is delivered with it—including inserts, coupons, etc.

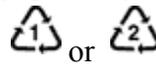
Cans

Recycle aluminum cans and steel cans—including clean & dry

paint cans, and empty aerosol cans. Also recycle aluminum foil.

Plastic Containers

Recycle plastic bottles, jugs, and jars marked



, and all beverage containers labeled "CA Redemption Value" or "CA Cash Refund" including:

Food & Beverage Containers — Milk, soda, water, salad dressings, cooking oil, etc.

Jars & Canisters — Peanut butter jars, mayonnaise jars, aspirin bottles and 35mm film canisters.

Cleaning Products & Detergents — Bleach, detergent, soap, shampoo, drain cleaners, etc. (Containers must be empty.)

Automotive & Yard Care Products — EMPTY motor oil, antifreeze, plant food and herbicide containers.

Mixed Paper

Recycle virtually all clean and dry paper including: writing paper (all colors), computer paper, Xerox paper, "no carbon required" (NCR) forms, catalogs, brochures, magazines, junk mail, phone books, post-it type notes, and shredded paper. EDCO accepts them all, PLUS if those items have staples, window envelopes, or even those little metal clasps on legal envelopes, they're OK, too!

For more information see www.edcodisposal.com.

Got Horticulture Headaches?

Aspirin is a well known cure-all for people, but is it good for plants? After reading about the idea that spraying plants with 2 aspirins dissolved in two gallons of water makes them grow like crazy, I decided not just to try it, but to do some research on other applications for aspirin in the garden. I love my plants to grow huge, and if I can make that happen with something that costs about \$3 for 1000 pills at Costco, you've got my attention.

It turns out that salicylic acid, the main ingredient in aspirin, is commonly used to ward off plant diseases. According to Martha McBurney, a Rhode Island master gardener, giving plants aspirin helps boost their immune systems, preventing some common plant ailments and resulting in "plants that grow as if on steroids."

John Paterson, a researcher from Scotland says that if a plant's infected by bacteria or a virus, it often synthesizes salicylic acid which acts as a chemical signal. It then interacts with genes within the plant to produce defense proteins.

Here are some of the

uses for aspirin in the garden.

Aspirin Spray

Dissolve two aspirins in a tablespoon of vinegar. Dilute with 2 gallons of water. You can add a little Miracle Gro, fish emulsion, or other plant food to the mix. Spray this mixture on anything and everything in the garden, even houseplants. Repeat every three weeks. The theory is that this makes plants, particularly roses, less susceptible to powdery mildew, insect infestations, and other diseases because the aspirin enhances and reinforces the plants' defense mechanisms. However, some scientists think that the aspirin mixture does not, in and of itself, activate any defense mechanisms in the plant, that spraying the solution may result in foliage damage through burns, and that the whole idea smacks more of home quackery than a home remedy. So, lucky for you, I tested it in my garden, and some roses put on lots of new growth, while one called First Prize started to wilt. I sprayed the solution on my raspberry plants... one turned brown, the others put out new shoots, abundant flow-

ers, and the biggest raspberries we've ever had. Go figure.

Straight Aspirin

A docent at Quail Botanical Gardens says she crushes 3 aspirins and sprinkles them around each of her roses, then waters, and repeats the treatment every two weeks. After hearing that, I ran to Costco, bought a 1000 pill bottle of aspirin, put it in the blender to crush them, then sprinkled it on the roses. Since most of my roses are in cages to keep the bunnies from having a thorny dinner, I wasn't too concerned about the dogs getting a nose full of aspirin. However, if pets have access to your garden areas, it may be better to mix the crushed aspirin with water and pour a little on the soil around your plants instead.

Germinating Seeds

Several reports on the web insist that watering with aspirin water helps seed germination and speeds up propagation from cuttings. Just spray the soil (or in the case of cuttings, the leaves and stems) with the aspirin spray recipe listed above.

By Evelyn Alemanni

Keeping Cut Flowers Fresh

Although some "experts" and vendors of floral preservatives may argue to the contrary, many people suggest that adding an aspirin to a vase of flowers to help keep the flowers fresh longer. Try it – it certainly won't hurt.



Preventing Summer Emergencies



Summer in San Diego always comes with a special set of challenges for 9-1-1 emergency responders.

San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE), your 9-1-1 paramedic provider, would like to tell you about some special programs we are running throughout the season, as well as share some tips on how you and your family can avoid common summertime medical emergencies and get safely through Labor Day.

Throughout the month of August, all SDMSE ambulances and city fire vehicles are outfitted with ribbons or posters for "Purple Ribbon Month," a campaign to remind people never to leave children in or around vehicles unattended, especially during the hot summer months. Teaming up with non-profit 4 R Kids Sake, SDMSE's goal is to raise awareness of how small children are more susceptible to emergencies such as hyperthermia when left in a vehicle, even if only for a few minutes.



Remember to keep car doors and trunks locked, even when parked in a driveway. Even if you do not have children in your household, neighborhood kids can find their way into your vehicle and become trapped.

If you have children, teach them not to play in or around vehicles, and if a friend is playing in a vehicle, to tell an adult. Show them how to unlock car doors, and make sure your vehicle has a trunk release. If your child is missing, look immediately in your vehicle and neighborhood vehicles.

Along with campaigns such as Purple Ribbon Month, the city's EMS system utilizes various innovative means to deliver emergency care to San Diegans throughout the summer.

For example, at the beaches during the Fourth of July and at large events, we utilize bicycle paramedic teams. This program has been highly successful in reaching patients quickly in crowded, difficult-to-access places.

Below are some more tips for a safe summer.

Though they may seem obvious, they are still some of the more common reasons why emergency responders are called.

- Many emergencies we respond to are alcohol-related. Drink responsibly, don't ever drink and drive.

- Remember to keep well hydrated by drinking enough water, especially while exercising or during long days at the beach.

- Proper sun protection, including sun block, hats, and protective clothing is essential.

- Use fire pits and properly dispose of hot coals after a bonfire. Do NOT bury them in the sand where they can be stepped on by unsuspecting victims.

- Make sure that elderly and infirm individuals have proper access to fans or air conditioning. SDMSE is a public-private partnership between the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance. We provide all 9-1-1 emergency medical transportation in the cities of San Diego, Del Mar, Encinitas, Solana

Preventing Summer Emergencies (cont)

Beach and Rancho Santa Fe.

SDMSE also provides ambulance service for large events such as Chargers and Padres games, the Rock and Roll Marathon, the San Diego County Fair, and we also provide non-

emergency medical transportation.

SDMSE also spends several hundreds of hours per year in community outreach activities, including speaking to community groups, participating in health and information fairs, street festivals, and giving

presentations to seniors.

If you would like more information on our free programs or to schedule a free community group presentation, please call (619) 533-4338 or visit www.sdmse.com.

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Local Psychologist Reopens Practice in Elfin Forest

Clinical psychologist Trayce L. Hansen, Ph.D. has announced the re-opening of her psychology practice and its relocation to coastal North County. Her new office is located in the community of Elfin Forest near La Costa and San Elijo Hills. Dr. Hansen specializes in the treatment of depression and anxiety, as well as in marriage crisis

counseling.

A 30-year resident of North San Diego County, Dr. Hansen graduated from California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) in 1997 and has been a licensed clinical psychologist in California for nine years. Her previous psychology practice was with the Kearny Mesa office of

Psychiatric Centers San Diego (PCSD) where she treated adults and couples.

Dr. Hansen can be reached by calling 760-522-2720 or online at her web site:

www.drtraycehansen.com.

By Ted Hanson

DSL Update

AT&T is making great progress on the DSL project for Elfin Forest.

AT&T already approved funding and their Engineering dept has been working on the design since then. This is a

huge design job as they had to consolidate two Serving Areas into one. They will complete the design by mid-June and then they will hand it off to construction so they can begin the work. They

are still on schedule to complete the work by October, 2007 time-frame!

By Shelly Fontaine



Design Update for the New Recreational Reserve Interpretive Center

On May 23, 2007 the Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) Board of Directors awarded an agreement with the renowned architectural firm Hubbell and Hubbell to design the new Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve (Reserve) Interpretive Center to be located at the Reserve's trailhead located on Harmony Grove Road. The decision to award the agreement to Hubbell and Hubbell came from recommendations made by the OMWD staff and project partner, The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC). The Hubbells were selected from a highly qualified field of five design firms, each of whom of-

fered a significant list of accomplishments for consideration. The father and son team of James and Drew Hubbell, of Wynola and San Diego, will produce three conceptual designs, of which one will be selected in July to be built. Construction is expected to commence in January 2008, with occupancy scheduled for mid-2009. The District received a grant in the amount of \$68,500 from the California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund for this project. The grant requires a 50/50 match and TECC has partnered up with the District to provide that match. The purpose of this project is to build an indoor interpretive center



that will allow for the park rangers to be more accessible to park users and to create a complete trailhead. The park rangers currently have an outdoor interpretive center and due to the remote location, the amenities located there have often been subject to vandalism, theft and destruction. The interpretive center will offer visitors the opportunity to enhance their outdoor recreational experience with a better

understanding of San Diego's native habitat and why it is worth setting aside to protect. The Interpretive Center will be built above the flood plain to prevent flood damage from Escondido Creek. Nearly \$300,000 in total donations has been raised to date, towards a capital campaign goal of \$600,000.

By Geoff Smith



Yes! I support TECC's mission of watershed protection. Here's my gift...

Please make checks payable to: **The Escondido Creek Conservancy**

Basic Membership

- \$15 Student
- \$50 Individual or Family

All levels include quarterly newsletter & TECC window sticker

Friends of the Creek

- \$100 *includes all above plus TECC baseball cap*
- \$300 *includes all above plus Eagle Creek day pack*
- \$500 *includes all above plus Spring Celebration invitation*

Protectors of the Creek

- \$1,000 *(Memberships at these levels include*
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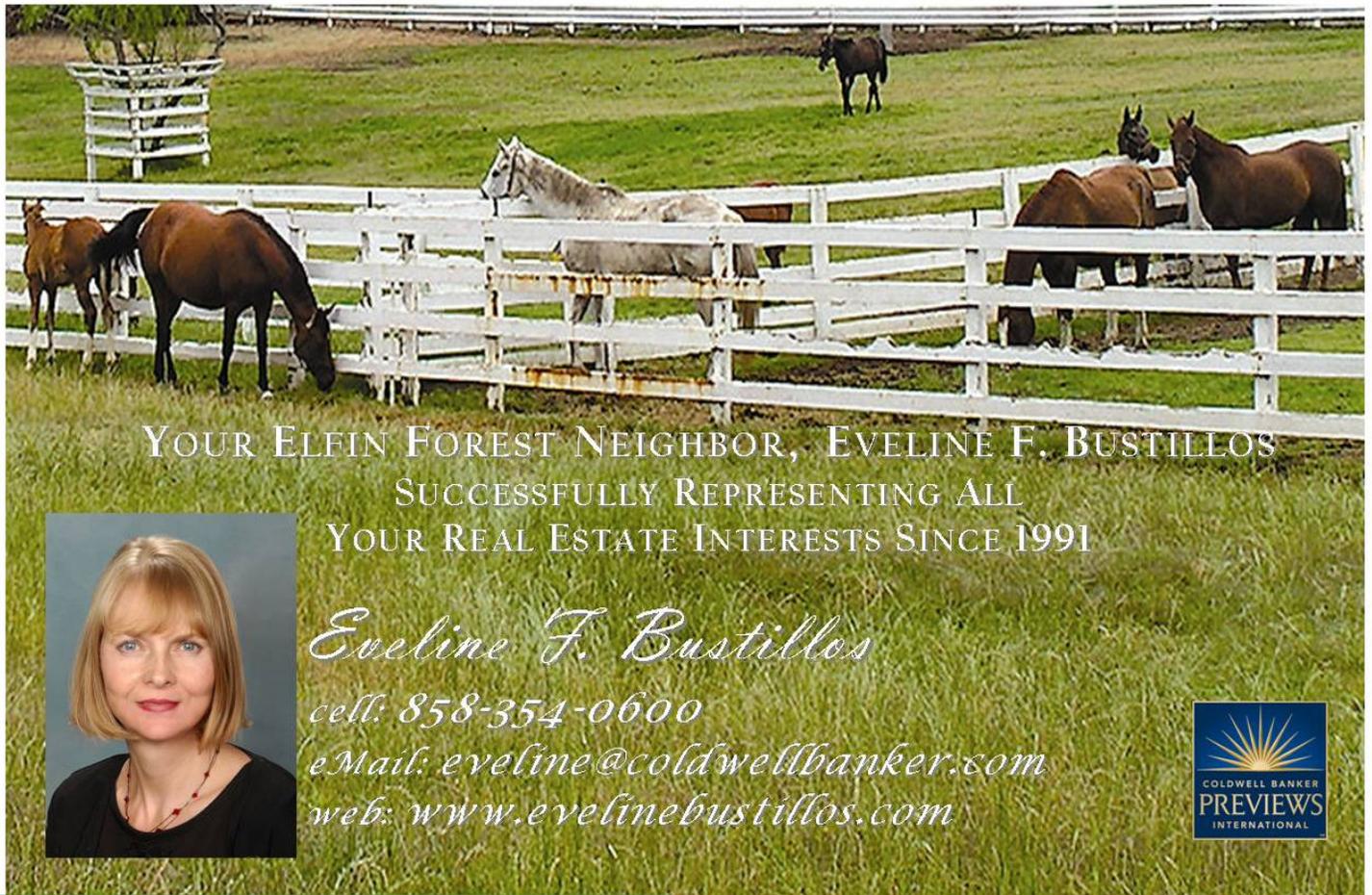
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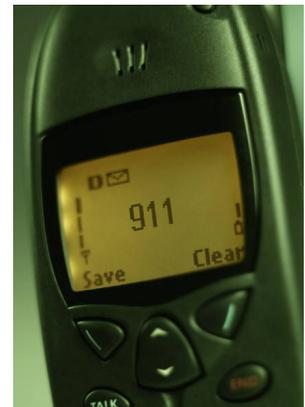
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