



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

From The Field

By Eric Anderson

I'd like to welcome the two new board members elected to our Town Council, Melanie Fallon and John Phillips. They're both good additions to our Board and I look forward to working with them this year. However, we continue to especially need someone new to edit the newsletter.

It's been an eventful year with several projects with environmental impact reports and proposed projects moving forward. We also near the time when the GP-2020 plan goes to the Board of Supervisors. At the recent hearing approving the New Urban West (NUW) project, Harmony Grove Village, a new issue surfaced we all need to pay attention to closely. The County of San Diego is looking at different ways to provide fire service to unincorporated communities. This will affect our fire department unless every single one of you makes it clear we like our department just fine the way it is.

The EF/HG Fire Department is the most cost effective for the level of service in San Diego County. They're the only public agency that serves the whole Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove community via CSA 107. The NUW fire mitigation will go through the Department of Planning and Land Use bureaucracy which will then decide how to provide fire service to the community. We need to keep the fire service local and cannot let this stand. We need to have coordinated emphatic voice on this issue especially with Supervisor Bill Horn!

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Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:30PM

At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station

Topics: LAFCO's proposed reorganization of fire protection and medical services for unincorporated communities.

From The Field (continued)

As this is my last column I'd like to thank the community and the EF/HG Town Council Board for allowing me to represent you as Chair. My goal was to keep our community unified and work hard to successfully represent you and the goal of "Keeping it Rural". I especially want to recognize Joe Alemanni for publishing this newsletter for the last five years. See you around the ridges.

TC Board Election Results

By Joe Alemanni

The Town Council Board election held at the town council meeting on February 7 resulted in the election of incumbents Mid Hoppenrath, Gordon Fines and Eric Anderson and newcomers Melanie Fallon and John Phillips for two-year terms. The nine member board also includes Steve Barker, Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Betsey Keithley, and Jeff Swenerton.

A Perfect Ladies' Day

By Karen Gardner

Mark your calendars for a ladies' day out. Get landscape and garden ideas, walk from garden to garden and get your exercise, shop at the garden marketplace and have a lunch catered by Panera Bread. The marketplace will feature home and garden décor, jewelry, art, handmade candles, spa botanicals, books and more. You can do all of this and support your community!!!!

The date: April 21, 2007

The event: Elfin Forest Garden Festival. Six local gardens loaded with design ideas. 20+ vendors at the marketplace.

The place: Elfin Valley Nursery

The cost: \$20.00

Get your tickets now at www.elfinforestgardens.info or send a check payable to the Elfin Forest Town Council to 7101 Circa De Media Escondido, CA 92029.

Past *chaparral* Issues On Web

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

EFCF Election Results

By Betsy Keithley, EFCF Secretary

The Elfin Forest Community Foundation Board of Directors election held at the town council meeting on February 7 resulted in the election of incumbents Ginny McManus, Mike Vallee and Frank Twohy. Candidate Ted Hansen did not get elected.

Merit Due?

By Joe Alemanni

I found this amusing item in the last press release from Supervisor Bill Horn. Maybe we're too close to the subject.

Merit Award for Burying the Past

Congratulations to all involved in the County's successful and timely completion of the San Marcos Landfill Closure project. Late last year, Kleinfelder, Inc. was selected to receive a Merit Award for engineering excellence for its role in the \$25 million project.

Kleinfelder was chosen for their ability to handle sensitive political and environmental issues and help assure that risks were well managed throughout the construction of the highly complex project. It required importing, mixing and placing 440,000 tons of soil from multiple locations, and achieving specific physical and chemical characteristics. Revegetation included collecting and imprinting native seeds and planting about 25,000 container plants.

The project will be featured in a display at the State Capitol during National Engineer's Week (February 18-24). The San Marcos Landfill is gone and best of all for future generations it will be forgotten.

Calendar For March

Date	Time	Event
Wed 3/7	7:30 PM	Town Council Meeting@Firehouse
Tue 3/6, 3/20	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Wed 3/14	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary
Mon 3/12	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Sat 3/24	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Sat 3/3, 3/17	10 AM	Bookmobile@Firehouse

Fire Department May Go Away

By Nona Barker, President EFHGFD Advisory Board

Dear Community Residents,

As you may know, for the last year the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) at the direction of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has been studying the possibility of consolidating all fire departments in the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego. In early February, the final study "Reorganization of Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in Unincorporated San Diego County, Micro Study" (Micro Study) was released by LAFCO for public review and comment.

To our astonishment and to the surprise of all the county fire service organizations, a plan was included with the Micro Study. The purpose of the Micro Study was to present data to the general public and the fire service organizations prior to the development of a plan. The plan included was created by the County Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) without public input and entitled the "Conceptual Reorganization of San Diego County Fire Services".

But should we be surprised by this disappointing development? History is repeating itself. Do you remember the private decisions made by the BOS during the redistricting of supervisory districts and the General Plan 2020? Each of these was preceded by hours of community meetings and the input of planning groups and public hearings. And, in the end, the BOS had a secret plan, so the voter's efforts and inputs were all for naught. We believe the DPLU plan is what the BOS will ultimately approve.

Why am I telling you this? There will be many newspaper articles and media reports on the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Micro Study and the DPLU's plan. Some media reports will freak you out. Some will make you feel better. Some will be half-truths and others no truth. Emotions will run rampant.

This is not the time to relax or take your fire department for granted. The existence of your local fire department is in jeopardy. The Micro Study and DPLU's plan has various components that must be addressed not just by your chief officers and Fire Advisory Board, but also by all the fire service organizations in San Diego County.

Here's what you can do for the EF/HG Fire Department, your community and yourself:

- **Educate yourself.**
 - Read the studies.
 - www.sdlafco.org (lower left home page)
 - Pay your fire department \$10.00 (for copying fees) for a copy of the LAFCO studies, 760-744-2186
- **Attend Meetings.**
 - Town Council (1st Wednesday each month @ 7 PM)
 - Fire Advisory Board (2nd Monday each month @ 7 PM)
 - LAFCO Public Workshops (LAFCO Notice is the last page of this month's *chaparral*)
 - March 1, in Ramona 6 – 9 PM
 - March 7, San Diego 2 – 5 PM
 - May 7, San Diego (Tentative date for FINAL HEARING)(Bus service will be made available if needed, please RSVP 7 days before the meeting date)
 - **Written comments DUE BEFORE 5 PM on April 6.**
 - Send to LAFCO MICRO STUDY
 - 1600 Pacific Highway Room 452 San Diego, CA 92101
- **Contact County Supervisor Bill Horn.**
 - 800-852-7335 or 619-531-5555
 - bill.horn@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - 1600 Pacific Highway Room 335 San Diego, CA 92101
- **Communicate with your Fire Chief and Fire Advisory Board.**
 - Fire Station 760-744-2186
- **Sign the petitions of support when presented to you.**

Your chiefs and the Fire Advisory Board will do their best to think globally and act locally. We cannot promise that nothing will change. We do promise to continue to do our best to protect the health and safety of County Service Area 107, our fire service area. We do promise to do our best to maintain or improve the support that the EF/HG Fire Department already provides. Your Fire Advisory Board and your chiefs have and will be meeting to create our plans. Not one plan, but several types of plans: plans of attack, plans of consolidations, and

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plans we can't foresee right now. There will be direct communications to you via meetings, phone, email and the US mail.

Bring your concerns to your chief, Fire Advisory Board and Supervisor Bill Horn. Communication will help keep our wonderful communities and the EF/HG Fire Department Inc. department strong. Continued unification of the community and the Fire Department is what we need.

Thanks for being an active part of our community and please help us.

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2nd Annual Tree Planting At The EFRR A Real Success

By Jeff Swenerton

Over 50 people including students from Escondido High School attended the Second Annual Tree Planting at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve sponsored by The Escondido Creek Conservancy and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District. It turned out to be a real family event with many parents and children attending. Starbucks provided hot coffee and Adventure16 supplied raffle items and refreshments.

The planting was successful due to the dirt flying off the shovels of EF/FG Fire Department members Frank Twohy and Bob Kephart, residents Virginia McManus, Mike and Judy Holmes, Jim McKim, Linda and Lyla Ragland, Alan and Elissa Benjamin, Rickie Meintjes, Carolyn Swenerton, TECC Board members Steve Barker, Kevin Barnard, Brent Alspach, Tim Costanzo, Leonard Wittwer, and President Judy Rady.

Thanks to Joey Randall and his crew of rangers for organizing the planting of the thirty 15-gallon coast live oaks and sycamores. The next event scheduled is the Sixth Annual Earth Day in the Recreational Reserve on Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 AM - Noon.

DSL Update

By Joe Alemanni

Thanks to the persistence of Shelley Fontaine, AT&T's plan to expand DSL coverage into Elfin Forest continues moving forward. Because of another property owner's concerns in the original siting of the DSL equipment cabinet, a refrigerator-sized box called a DSLAM, Evelyn and I have agreed to an easement on a corner of our property near the corner of Fortuna Del Sur and Elfin Forest Road. Potential DSL subscribers must be within about eighteen thousand feet (over three miles) of the DSLAM. More information will be released, when available.

Elf Alerts

Elf alerts are periodic email messages regarding important local events and supplement the newsletter. To subscribe, contact Karen Gardner at karen@vintagematerialism.com. Your email info may be shared with the fire department but no one else. Changed your email address? Tell Karen.

Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Steve Barker

Date: February 7, 2007

Call to Order: 7:30 PM.

Members present: Eric Anderson, Steve Barker, Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Mid Hoppenrath, Betsy Keithley, Jeff Swenerton and Bill Wilgenburg.

7:30: Meeting was called to order.

7:33: Eric Anderson announced that there was an error on the ballot and that, in fact, there are five open Board seats, not four, as stated on the ballot. Eric called for final ballots and appointed **Jeff Swenerton** to supervise the ballot count.

7:40: Geoffrey Smith, Executive Director of The Escondido Creek Conservancy, gave a presentation on TECC's activities and recent progress. Highlights of Geoffrey's talk included an invitation for all residents to become members and an update on progress toward funding of an interpretative center at the reserve.

8:00: Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin called for Garden Festival volunteers and also the need for help on the TC communication committee.

8:10: Mid Hoppenrath discussed the approval of the New Urban West development and the decision to keep Country Club at a 25 mph limit and leave the curves in place. The road will also include a trail element.

8:15: Eric recalled the committee's testimony before the Supervisors concerning NUW. He credited **Sal La Corte** and Jacqueline with speaking out strongly against the 2020 Alt 2 proposal that would bring more development to the Harmony Grove.

Eric also expressed grave concern for the Fire Department in light of the Supervisor's and County's response to **Chief Twohy's** concerns over NUW's inadequate fire plan funding. Eric appealed to the community to support our Fire Department during the pending takeover by the County of fire service in the unincorporated areas.

8:30: Eric announced that the Town Council has an open position for the *chaparral* editor as **Joe Alemanni** is stepping down after five years of

service to the community as editor and publisher of our newsletter. Eric thanked Joe on behalf of the Board and community.

Eric explained that the Cielo Norte development has received a five year extension from the County.

8:40: Betsy Keithley, Treasurer, presented the draft TC budget and gave a recap of 2006. TC assets as of December 31, 2006, included \$18,921 in general funds and \$4,304 in restricted funds. Highlights of the 2007 budget include forecasted income of \$18,150 and expenses of \$16,879; the picnic being the most significant expense and the Garden Festival the major fund raiser.

8:45: The lovely **Nona Barker** addressed the members present on behalf of the Fire Advisory Board with major concern that the County and LAFCO's proposed reorganization of the County fire services, as currently drafted, would negatively impact the community's level of fire and EMS service. The plan would mean we'd lose local control of our department.

Eric urged residents to call Supervisor Horn's office and talk to his chief of staff, **Joan Wonsley** (619-531-5555). Tell her you support your fire department and that we want to remain a part of Zone One and continue to work toward consolidation with the Rancho Santa Fe, Solana Beach and Del Mar fire departments.

8:50: Eric announced the results of the Town Council and Elfin Forest Community Foundation elections. For the Town council, Mid Hoppenrath, Gordon Fines and Eric Anderson were re-elected. Melanie Fallon and John Phillips are newly elected to the Board. The results of the Elfin Forest Community Foundation election are that incumbents Frank Twohy, Ginny McManus and Mike Vallee will fill the three open seats.

Adjourned: 9:00 PM.

chaparral By Email

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

What's Happening At The Fire Department – March 2007

By Battalion Chief Dawn Pettijohn

Engine 2811 answered the call to assist at the recent structure fire on Woodward Avenue in Escondido. Responding as part of a structure strike team with units from San Marcos, Solana Beach, Del Mar and Encinitas, our efforts to train to the North Zone Training Manual, and train with our surrounding agencies really paid off.



Engine 2811 crew at work (left)

It's what we have been striving for...to be proficient in the North Zone standards and have the ability to respond and support our neighbors. Departments from all over North County came together knowing what to expect of each other directly as a result of this collaborative Zone-wide training effort.



Captain Bob Kephart repositions a hose line

Hats off to Captain Bob Kephart, Driver Operator Mike Shea, and firefighters Byron Macfarlane, Mike Martinez and Henry Vanzini...praised by other agencies for a job well done. In the message we received from another department the caller stated, "They were right there with us in the extreme heat, heavy smoke and the collapse zone. They were just awesome". Thanks guys, that's what it's all about.



FF Byron Macfarlane (left) operates a 2 1/2" line

Congratulations are in order for probationary firefighter Brian Smith. Recently completing the Palomar Fire Academy, he has been hired by National City Fire Department. Sadly, we say goodbye, as Brian goes forward to pursue his career. We will surely miss his willingness and desire, and it was great having him with us.

As some of you may know, there are big things happening concerning the future of your Fire Department. Please inform yourself. Read Advisory Board President Nona Barker's article and the LAFCO public meeting notice in this issue of the *chaparral*. Talk to your neighbors, your town council, and your fire board. We need your support. Please stand with us so we can continue to serve our communities that we love.

Get Your Community Guide

By Evelyn Alemanni

Our community guide is available at all town council meetings. This beautiful, keepsake edition has nearly 200 color photos showing our community's past and present. They make wonderful gifts and an indispensable marketing tool for realtors. It provides resources for rural living, a history of our community, and much, much more. The price is \$20.

The Rural Myth

By Evelyn Alemanni

Texans are amazed when Californians call their two-acre parcels “ranches”. In Texas, you’d be laughed at if your “ranch” was less than 100 acres. If our Texas friends knew about the “rural” village coming to Harmony Grove, they’d be hysterical at the arrogance of the idea.

When the chicken coops make way for homes themed with “farmhouse styling”, the “rural village” may not be so rural after all. New Urban West’s “rural” village is to true rural what Disneyland’s magic castle is to Germany’s Neuschwanstein. The scope of the changes to Harmony Grove are described in the county’s “Planning Report” dated 2/7/07; a copy is in the EIR library at the fire station if you want to check the facts.

The county and developer have appeased the community by slapping the “rural” label on the project when, in fact, page 129 of the county’s own report refers to it as URBAN. Trying to pull the wool over residents’ eyes, they go so far as to refer to a proposed tack and feed store in the village as a “Cultural Institution.”

Other “rural” accoutrements include at least four traffic lights, sidewalks throughout the project (gosh, we thought rural meant trails!), six foot high sound walls to mask the noise of the sewage pumping stations, and invasive trees in the public areas. The developer plans to mitigate the use of invasive tree species by planting them at least 50 feet from open spaces. Why plant invasives in the first place when so many native species can equally do the job?

Did you know the majority of the roads in the project will be private? Residents will have to pay for their maintenance in perpetuity. And mitigation land? Page 89 of the report says it will be in Escondido – at Daley Ranch. Not in Harmony Grove or anywhere near the project. Another gem is the waiver of open space easements. (page 219); “The steep slope open space easement requirement may be waived when... the greater encroachment is consistent with the goals and objectives of the ...community plan.”

Of the 700+ lots in the new “rural” development, only TWO are two acres. The majority are 5000 square feet or less. Harmony Grove is getting an urban development with at least the density San Elijo Hills.

The number of homes to be added is nearly twice our existing home count in both Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. It’s no surprise that the people who will occupy the new homes will not share the values of those who live on larger lots. In a democracy where the number of votes determines an outcome, you can be certain that these people will not aggressively campaign for preservation of what’s left of our rural valley.

Worse, other developers are eagerly assessing the valley’s remaining acreage, hoping to convince the county supervisors that they, too, are entitled to build projects with similar densities. Who’s going to stop them?

If, after checking the facts, you still believe this will be a “rural” village, don’t tell anyone from Texas.

Free Shade Trees

By Evelyn Alemanni

The Cool Communities Shade Tree Program has been renewed for calendar year 2007-2008 and they are accepting applications. The San Diego Regional Energy Office is giving away over 11,000 shade trees to single-family homes, multi-family buildings, public agencies, non-profits and K-12 schools throughout Orange and San Diego counties (must be an SDG&E customer). And not little tiny trees either. These are full-sized, 15-gallon nursery quality specimens in your choice of over 20 varieties. Each home can receive up to 10 trees per household. Small businesses and homes built after 1994 are no longer eligible for free trees.

Getting your free shade trees is easy:

1. Submit your completed application (you can download the program guide with the application from the web site) and call SDREO to make sure they received it (www.sdenergy.org/ContentPage.asp?ContentID=38&SectionID=31).
2. Attend a neighborhood workshop.
3. Pick up your trees at a local nursery or schedule a delivery date (this depends on where you live).
4. Plant your trees and take good care of them!

There’s new contact info: SDREO, 8690 Balboa Ave, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123. Fax: 858-244-1178. Please call Adrienne McCrumb at 858-244-1181 for more information.

Spring Is In The Air

By Evelyn Alemanni

After record cold in January, February rewarded us with some lovely gentle rain, coaxing frostbitten branches to sprout with new growth. So now what? March can be one of our most beautiful months in this valley and is a very busy time in the garden.

March is when you want to renew the effort to make your landscape fire-wise by keeping newly emerged grasses and weeds mowed. Why? If you let them grow tall, it'll be much harder to cut them down, and you'll generate lots more combustible material. But if you mow it each week, the clippings can enrich the earth and provide nesting materials for the birds. Spraying a little Roundup mixed with pre-emergent now, particularly around fences and hard to mow areas will save you a LOT of work later.

If rains continue, your roses and annuals may be at risk for mildew and rust. To prevent this, spray with diluted worm tea. Other garden jobs for March are to start planting beans, peas, lettuce, cabbage, and onions in the vegetable garden. The flower garden will benefit from plantings of petunias, marigolds, alyssum, pansies, lobelia, nemesia. The time for bare root plantings has passed, but you can still plant roses if you purchase them in pots.

It's time to fertilize everything in the garden to get it growing. A nice balanced 15-15-15 will do the job. Or, the old standby is to add a layer of compost or composted stable shavings. It is simply the best. One soil amendment I used this spring is called *My Perfect Garden* from www.marilynsown.com. I was amazed by primroses with flowers three inches in diameter. Marilyn will be one of our vendors at the garden festival so stop by and meet her, and buy some of her miraculous garden goodies.



To inspire yourself and your gardening friends, plan to attend the Elfin Forest Garden Festival on April 21. You can preview the gardens and order your tickets online at www.elfinforestgardens.info. Our host gardeners have been working hard to make their gardens as pretty as can be, and you will have a great time. My garden is in the spring issue of Garden Rooms.

March 2007

Upcoming TECC Outings

By Geoffrey Smith, Executive Director TECC

Wednesdays in the Watershed are mid-week half-day hikes to special places in the watershed. If your work or school (or retirement!) allows, this is a great way to break up your week and avoid the weekend crowds. Here's the **required** procedure to sign up for future outings:

Please contact the TECC office at 760-471-9354 or information@escondidocreek.org to learn more about each week's destination and to sign up. We need to know you are coming in case there is a change in plans or cancellation.

Upcoming Outings:

March 7, 9 AM – Noon: Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve - Lake Hodges Overlook Hike

Hike up the Way Up Trail and Lake Hodges Overlook loop, overlooking Del Dios, Lake Hodges, and East County. Meet at staging area at EFRR. Intermediate, 6 miles, 700' gain/loss. A map is available online at:

www.olivenhain.com/trail_map.html

March 21, 9 AM – Noon: Stanley Peak Hike

A brisk hike up to the recently dedicated Stanley Peak addition to Daley Ranch. Enjoy spectacular 360-degree views of the upper watershed. We'll hike the Sage Trail along the eastern perimeter of Daley Ranch, checking out Bear Valley to the East including two important acquisition priorities. Meet at the upper end of La Honda. This is a joint [Sierra Club 'Wednesdays in the Mountains'](#) outing. Intermediate level, 7 miles, 1,000 feet gain/loss. A map of Stanley Peak is available online at:

www.ci.escondido.ca.us/glance/uniquely/daley/map.pdf

Be Prepared! Here's a short checklist of gear to bring and wear on TECC outings:

Clothing: Light weight shirt (nylon is best), light weight pants (nylon is best), hat, sturdy boots, windbreaker, jacket.

Food: 2 quarts water, nuts, fruit, crackers, cheese.

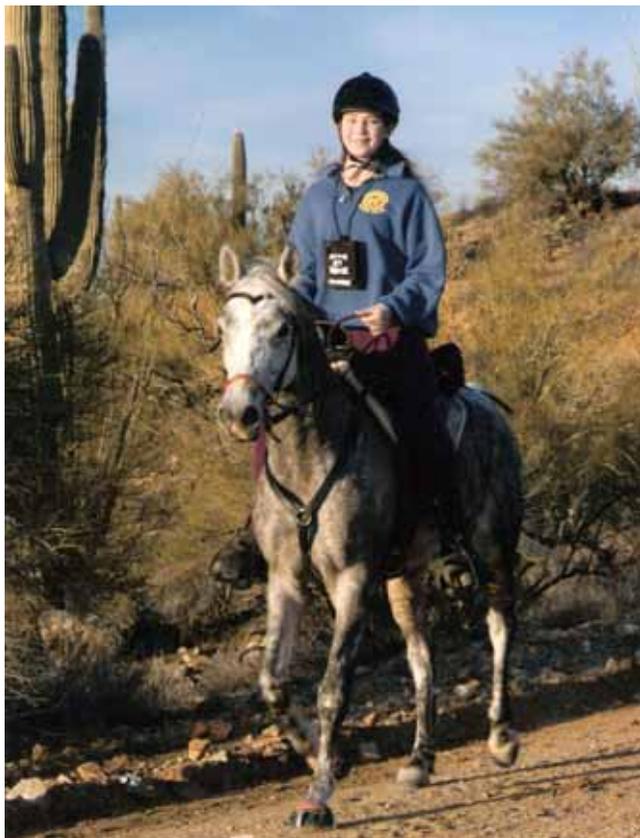
Other: cash, identification, day pack, extra clothes, extra food, first aid kit, whistle, sun screen, sun glasses, hiking staff.

A note about man's best friend: We love our dogs, but please do not bring them on TECC outings.

Dani And Lyric Complete Their First Fifty Miler!

By Nancy Reed

Local teen Danielle Gradisher and her gray Arabian mare, Lyric, completed their first 50 mile endurance ride on January 27, 2007 in Wickenburg, Arizona. Due to saddle issues, team Lyrelle was without their usual riding partners. In spite of this handicap they finished 24th out of 54 in approximately nine hours. Although very tired at the end, both Dani and Lyric are looking forward to more rides. Mom could not be more proud.



Danielle Gradisher aboard Lyric.

HG Spiritualist Church Services

The Harmony Grove Spiritualist Church services are:

Saturday: Healing 1 PM – 2 PM
Church Service 2 PM – 3 PM

Sunday: Healing 10 AM – 11 AM
Church Service 11 AM – Noon

News From Questhaven Retreat



Sunday worship is at 10:45 AM.
All are welcome.
20560 Questhaven Road.
760-744-1500
www.questhaven.org.

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

Weekly Meditation - Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

Mar 4 - Steps to Maturity - Breaking the Shell of Ego
- *Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire*

Mar 11 - Steps to Maturity-The Way of Spiritual Trust - *Rev. Elizabeth Wood*

Mar 18 - Steps to Maturity-Loving All Whom God Brings Us - *Rev. Blake Isaac*

Mar 25 - Steps to Maturity-Creating Our Garments of Self-Control - *Lucy Wold*

Sheriff's Department Contacts

In an emergency, please call 911. For non-emergency reporting, contact the following:

General - 760-510-5200

Jackie Cruz – Agriculture crime prevention specialist
760-940-4350

Betty (B.J.) Williams – Crime Prevention Specialist/Neighborhood Watch

San Marcos Patrol Station

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760-510-5254 (Direct line with voicemail)

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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 or elfinforest.com.



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NOTICE OF LAFCO PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Reorganization of Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in Unincorporated San Diego County

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has released a Draft Micro Report on Reorganization of Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services in Unincorporated San Diego County. The Draft Micro Report provides details about the proposed reorganization of 17 special districts and seven volunteer fire protection companies, and the extension of service to unincorporated territory outside the service area of any structural fire protection provider. Cost estimates are disclosed for delivering structural fire protection and emergency medical services at three service level options provided by alternative combinations of local, volunteer, and State personnel. The Micro Report concludes that services can be improved to a more acceptable level in unincorporated San Diego County. The projected gap between estimated costs and available resources to bring about improvements ranges from \$22.3 million to \$47.6 million, annually, depending on specific service level and governance options.

The proposed reorganization examined in the Micro Report involves the Borrego Springs Fire Protection District (FPD); Deer Springs FPD; East County FPD; Julian-Cuyamaca FPD; Pine Valley FPD; San Diego Rural FPD; Valley Center FPD; County Service Area (CSA) 107 (Elfin Forest); CSA 109 (Mt. Laguna); CSA 110 (Palomar Mtn); CSA 111 (Boulevard); CSA 112 (Campo); CSA 113 (San Pasqual); Mootamai Municipal Water District (MWD); Pauma MWD; Ramona MWD; and Yuima MWD; plus the De Luz Heights Volunteer Fire Department (VFD); Inter-Mountain Fire-Rescue; Ocotillo Wells VFD; Ranchita Fire-Rescue; Shelter Valley VFD; Sunshine Summit VFD; and Warner Springs VFD.

LAFCO staff will conduct three public workshops to discuss the reorganization process and take public comment. Workshops will be held on: February 27, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pine Valley Community Clubhouse: 28890 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, CA (Thos. Bros. page 1237 B/7); March 1, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ramona Community Center Auditorium: 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA (Thos Bros. page 1152 H/5); and March 7, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302-303, San Diego, CA (Thos. Bros. page 1288 J/2). Subject agencies, residents, and landowners are encouraged to attend. Written comments may be submitted to the LAFCO office before 5 p.m. on April 6, 2007.

Written and workshop comments will be incorporated into a final Draft Micro Report that will contain staff recommendations for LAFCO action. The Final Draft Report is tentatively scheduled to be presented to LAFCO on May 7, 2007. At the May 7, 2007 meeting, the Commission will receive additional public comments before deliberating on the proposed reorganization.

The Draft Micro Report can be downloaded from the LAFCO website at: www.sdlafco.org.

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