



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

**From The Chair**

By Mid Hoppenrath

I enjoyed watching the “Voices of the Valley” video presentation by Bob Ganey at our last town council meeting. (We will be providing further information on how to order the DVD as it becomes available.) We hope to have a copy permanently available for viewing at the Heritage Gallery at the Johnston-Ward Farmhouse. This video introduces us to the earliest inhabitants and shows us how beautiful our valley is, encouraging us to step up our efforts to protect our natural resources.

The opportunity for this action is ever with us. There are several new developments planned for our valley: Harmony Grove Meadows, the Bridges units 6 and 7, and Cielo Azul; the Harmony Grove Village development continues in its review process.

Fortunately the San Dieguito Planning Group, Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove Town Council, The Escondido Creek Conservancy, and county staff are meeting with these developers or closely following the projects. The new development team from SunCal will be at the next Town Council meeting to discuss the Harmony Grove Meadows project.

We cannot make significant progress without the active support of our residents. Please continue to attend public meetings, read the newsletter, contact or join the council development committees, and participate in the planning and growth that is occurring all around us.

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**Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> @7:30PM**  
**At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station**  
**Topic: Harmony Grove Meadows Project; Elfin Forest School Proposal**

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## Subscription Renewals

By Joe Alemanni

The *chaparral* is entirely produced by unpaid volunteers. Volunteers maintain the subscription / mailing list, write the articles, edit the articles, layout the newsletter, do the printing, stapling and folding, and drive it the post office to stand in line (sometimes for hours) to get it mailed. We do it because we think this communication is a valuable service. The *chaparral* is your best source of information on important issues affecting our community

For three years we've asked that subscription checks be sent to 20652 Elfin Forest Road but people persist in sending them to the fire station delaying their delivery. The cover sheet of the *chaparral* clearly displays the subscription expiration date above your name and address. We also send email reminders of the expiration for two months

Because our bulk mailing permit requires a minimum number of pieces, we will mail subscription forms along with blank pages to delinquent subscribers to jar them into action to keep their subscription current. We wish the many reminders we already provide were sufficient and that subscribers, realizing the value of the newsletter to our continued rural environment, would take the nominal amount of time to ensure they stay current.

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## Landfill Almost Closed

By Jon Rollin, SD County DPW

The earthwork portion of the San Marcos Landfill closure is scheduled to be complete during November 2005 (that's the part involving trucks bringing in dirt to the landfill). The re-vegetation will begin October 2005 on those sections of the landfill where the earthwork has been completed. All of the planting and seeding for the re-vegetation will be completed during January 2006.

After January 2006 the landfill closure will be complete and only as-needed periodic maintenance will take place. Please note that, as with any large construction project, the closure schedule is subject to some delays usually attributed to weather - every time it rains it takes almost a week for the clay landfill surface to dry out enough to support heavy equipment.

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## Child Predator Alert

By BJ Williams, SD County Sheriffs Dept.

This a crime alert for a child predator that has approached children in Escondido and Carlsbad. The Escondido incident involved a 10 year-old girl who was actually abducted and taken to Kit Carson Park in southern Escondido near the North County Fair. Thankfully, she was able to escape. The Carlsbad incident involved a man who approached another 10 year-old girl in Carlsbad at the entrance of La Costa Hills. She also escaped.

Articles in the Union-Tribune and North County Times have described one suspect individual as a short heavy set white male adult approximately 40 years-old with brown-gray hair and a mustache. Another was described as a male adult in his 40's driving a small red truck. PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL MATCHING THESE DESCRIPTIONS ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER AND REPORT YOUR OBSERVATIONS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Remind children to always walk with a group and draw attention to themselves and RUN AWAY if a person makes them feel uneasy or threatened and then TELL a trusted grown-up. Call or write if you have any questions:

**Betty (B. J.) Williams**

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**San Diego County Sheriff's Department**

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**760-510-5254 Office**

**e-mail [betty.williams@sdsheriff.org](mailto:betty.williams@sdsheriff.org)**

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## Be On Alert!

By Mickey Cross

A pickup truck was vandalized late last week on Circa de Media. The gas was siphoned off and the wires/hoses were cut on the underside of the truck. It is believed this occurred sometime in the evening. Mail boxes have been vandalized and mail stolen along Fortuna Del Este as well. Checks were stolen and credit card numbers were used fraudulently. Please keep your ears and eyes open and report suspicious behavior in our community to the Sheriff's station immediately.

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## **New Community Center In Johnson-Ward Farmhouse**

**By Cheri Smith, Chair Heritage Committee**

New Urban West (NUWI), developer of the Harmony Grove Village project, has renovated the 1931 Johnson-Ward farmhouse for use as a community center for Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove, and Eden Valley. Located on NUWI's property on Harmony Grove Road near Country Club Drive, the renovation preserved the farmhouse's historic features, its old tiles in particular, which highlight the Dutch influence of this part of the valley.

This will be a fun place to bring visiting family and friends to experience our local historical treasures and an important resource for future generations. A new Heritage Gallery room was dedicated on July 12, 2005 where we will be able to safely and securely display and store items of historic interest and hold meetings. For larger items like old farm tools, there is space outside the farmhouse for display.

The Heritage Committee is eager to obtain on loan or donation (all donations are tax-deductible): old and new photographs, drawings or illustrations of the area, residents, flora or fauna; books, manuscripts, and old letters which describe events in the history of the area; old signs, markers; any archeological artifact, arrowheads, pottery shards, old farm, garden, or agricultural tools or implements of any nature and in any condition; antique furniture or household articles or clothing which are connected with local history. We have set aside a special wall to display quilts and other fabric hangings.

We are very pleased to have a copy of Bob Ganey's wonderful new film, *Voices of the Valley*, available for viewing in the Heritage Gallery. Anyone willing to donate a TV and/or DVD player or VCR to the Heritage Gallery for this purpose would be greatly appreciated. We are also looking for anyone who makes hooked or woven rugs who will donate one for this lovely room. Dutch style curtains are also being sought. All donors will be noted near the displays or contributions.

If you have anything which you think may be of interest, please do not hesitate to call or email Cheri Smith, chair of the EF/HG town council Heritage Committee and let her know: 760-891-0294 or [cherilsmith@earthlink.net](mailto:cherilsmith@earthlink.net).

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## **Bookmobile Rescheduled**

**By Mickey Cross**

Since the fire department conducts its regularly scheduled training on the fourth Saturday of each month, the San Diego County Library's Bookmobile has rescheduled its visits to the first and third Saturday of each month. Visit the Bookmobile in September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> from 10AM until noon at the fire station.

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## **Fire-Wise Garden Gets Funding**

**By Evelyn Alemanni**

At the August town council meeting, Peggy Petitmermet, co-director with Karen Gardner of the fire wise demonstration garden, received a check for \$5000.00 which will help cover maintenance and enhancements of the garden. For several years Peggy and Karen have been funding the labor and acquisition of plants themselves because no other source of support was available.

Hats off to these two talented ladies for all they do. Not just for our community, but for the inspiration for creating drought-tolerant and fire-wise landscapes that people from everywhere get when they visit the garden. The funds were made possible by the Elfin Forest Garden Festival held last April.

If you are interested in helping with the garden, either financially or with labor, please call Peggy or Karen.



**Peggy Petitmermet accepts a donation for the Fire-Wise Garden.**

# Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

**Date:** August 3, 2005

**Call to order:** 7:35 PM.

**Members Present:** Mid Hoppenrath, Evelyn Alemanni, Eric Anderson, Cheri Smith, Bob McGurk, Patti Newton.

**Board Updates: Mid Hoppenrath** mentioned the importance of registering complaints with the County about the Davey Tree (subcontracting with SDGE) trucks on Country Club Drive. **Eric Anderson** pointed out that they can't just do whatever they want on this property and encouraged people to call county code enforcement to add a voice to complaints to speed up the process. 760-940-2893. You must give your name, address, and the parcel number which is #2325111400.

Harmony Grove Meadows engineer will be at next town council meeting to discuss the proposed project.

New Urban West (NUW) has extra books, "History of Harmony Grove" for \$4.95 each. NUW will match funds and donate to the Heritage Gallery in the newly refurbished Johnston-Ward house.

**Evelyn Alemanni** encouraged residents to renew their newsletter subscription. Don't mail subscription renewals to fire department, mail them directly to her home address (20652 Elfin Forest Road). She showed a prototype for the town council calendar project produced with community information. Need advertisers and photos. Please feel free to contact Evelyn by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to contribute.

The town council granted \$5,000 to the Fire Wise Garden to reimburse Karen Gardener and Peggy Petitmermet for out-of-pocket expenses incurred managing the garden. Some money will be earmarked for seed money. Please consider donating and mail contributions to the fire department.

**Eric Anderson** said we will know next month about America in Bloom contest results. Eric will travel to Ohio to be our representative. The San Dieguito Planning Group will hear the Bridges 6 & 7 projects – Cherie Smith will attend.

**Bob McGurk** gave the treasurer's report. We had \$4,739 income. Expenditures were \$16,958 for remaining amount due for matching funds grant for

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Questhaven Road nature trail. The fencing is nearly complete. Picnic lost about \$1,000. All who attended enjoyed it so we are looking for ideas to make money for next year. If you enjoy this event then please involve yourself in the planning and execution to ensure this community tradition continues.

**Cheri Smith** reported on the open house at Johnston-Ward house which NUW has dedicated as a future community center. Inside is the Heritage Gallery which needs donated items (See Cheri Smith article on page 3). Call Cheri if you have anything to loan or donate.

**Traffic:** NUW and Jan Denny met last Thursday to discuss down-zoning of EF and HG Roads. Their traffic study shows EF Road can be downgraded w/o problems. This is an important issue and NUW will ask county to vacate the easements on these roads. NUW will help fund signage on both ends of the valley. These signs will complement existing signage in the community.

**Patti Newton** gave an update on the Quail Ridge project as it relates to the Rancho Santa Fe School District plans to acquire some acreage from them for a potential school site. See August *chaparral* for information.

Harmony Grove resident, Bob Ganey, debuted his 40-minute film "Voices of the Valley", funded in part by an Elfin Forest Community Foundation grant.

Berkley-Hart concert fundraiser for TECC is on August 20<sup>th</sup>. It will have a silent auction and is looking for donated services and/or items. Geoffrey Smith is the newly hired Executive Director.

Twin Oaks Valley Road connector road is slated to be completed next year.

**Adjourned** 8:50 p.m.

## Calendar For September

Date	Time	Event
Weds 9/7	7:30 PM	Town Council Meeting
Tues 9/6, 9/20	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Weds 9/14	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary@Firehouse
Mon 9/12	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Sat 9/24	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Sat 9/3 9/17	10 AM	Bookmobile@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga@Firehouse

## Letter To My Neighbors

By Mike Vallee

Dear Neighbors,

As a 15 year resident of Elfin Forest and member of the Community Foundation (CF) since its inception, I've a good perspective of the incredible dedication and sacrifice many of our neighbors have given to us over the years. Their efforts protect our rural lifestyle and unique and proud identity. I am proud to respond "Elfin Forest" when asked where I choose to live.

This letter's inspiration came from Patti Newton's letter to the RSF school board in the last *chaparral*. Knowing Patti as a fellow member of the CF, it doesn't shock me that she's brought a powerful corporation to its knees, forcing it to seek desperate measures to save face. She's a fighter willing to stand up to the rich and powerful for a just cause. I acknowledge not only her efforts to keep our community free from the rape and pillage we see all around us, but to publicly thank the many other neighbors who've fought against incredible odds so we can have horses and room to breath.

Where do I start? Well, take Betsy Keithley for example. Without embarrassing her (also a CF director), let's just say she puts her money where her mouth is in a big way. Nona and Steve Barker have fought so many battles they've probably lost track. Evelyn Alemanni is a true warrior and a true leader. Nancy and Jerry, my neighbors, do so much work in front of and behind the scenes to keep natural places where we can hike and ride just outside of our back doors. The list goes on and on: I probably don't even know the half of it so forgive me for not listing all the names and battles fought; they could fill an entire issue and then some.

I know about fighting. As a consumer lawyer for 25 years, almost every case I take is against a multi-billion dollar corporation on behalf of a single person or family. Some cases last for years and years. Some I win and some I lose, but all are fought hard with the spirit of justice in my heart. As my mentor Gerry Spence says, "Justice is not won by wishing for it." Our neighbors don't wish for justice, they fight for it.

A big thanks to all you warriors on my family's behalf, and I'm sure on behalf of the entire community. If you need an old country lawyer to lend a hand, just pick up the phone anytime.

## What's Happening At The Fire Department – September 2005

By Captain Dawn Pettijohn

This year's EF/HG Fire Department Firefighter of the Year award goes to Mike Martinez. Mike joined the department in January 2002 and has been instrumental in the success of the Facilities Committee. He spends many hours of his personal time in meetings...yet somehow still finds the time to pursue his education taking classes related to the fire service. Mike's commitment and dedication are an inspiration to us all.

Captain John Rayes receives his 10-year service award this year. John has dedicated many long hours, usually the first to be ready for strike team assignments, he organizes and rallies the troops when fires are burning in the County. Thanks John, and thanks Carol for sharing your time with us.

We've received three more grants. The San Diego Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) will provide us \$6993 for five more sets of structural turnouts, allowing us to add five more volunteers. A grant for Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) through the California Fire Chiefs Association was also approved for \$6908 to upgrade the mobile VHF radios, providing interoperability with all agencies on wildfire disasters anywhere in the state. Approval of a second VFA grant of \$1000 was approved for cost of live-fire structure training at the burn tower.

Response to the request for volunteers to develop a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been very encouraging. We currently have 27 residents interested in the program. The community support and self-reliance in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove are truly unique. We'll contact interested residents and determine a training schedule that works for all.

There've been numerous brush fires this year, including three in Elfin Forest. Luckily, initial suppression efforts were successful and the fires quickly extinguished. But there is so much grass from the rains there is a danger of something really taking hold. Please, we can't stress enough the importance of clearance. Clear a defensible space around your home and at least 10 feet from driveways and roads that will be your escape routes. It can literally mean the difference between life and death.

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## They're Baaaaaack!

By Mid Hoppenrath

What an eyesore! There are thirty or more SDG&E-contracted tree service trucks, a container truck and two large metal containers, many yellow wood-chipping machines, and numerous personal cars and pick-up trucks of the drivers and crew parked on the SDG&E-owned hill on County Club Drive in Harmony Grove. Here is a photo taken in the evening when most of the trucks are parked on the hill.



SDG&E first began parking tree service trucks here last year; I do not know where they were parked in previous years during their work cycle in Escondido.

These large trucks and cars parked on a hillside are an immediate health and safety hazard to pedestrians and motorists and have rolled across a walking path and into the lanes of Country Club Drive (see photo below from the Chaparral, Sept. 2004). There is also a possible fire hazard related to parking these trucks on native grass. In addition, this use of the property; i.e., as a utility yard, does not comply with the established zoning that maintains the character of this 100-year-old rural residential community. The county office of code enforcement is researching whether the parking of this many contractor trucks would require a major use permit, which SDG&E apparently does not have.

I have personally meet with Jeff Sykes and Scott Crider of SDG&E to ask them to return these trucks to wherever they were parked in years past. They insist that because the property is owned by SDG&E, they can use it as they see fit. They explained that they get similar complaints wherever they park these trucks, something that I would think they should be embarrassed to admit. However, SDG&E is still

researching options and may yet see the value of being a good neighbor to the rural residents of Harmony Grove.

Many of our residents have turned to the county for help and complained to the county code enforcement department, but we have been told by Kari Herrera that this is a low priority violation and due to shortages in staffing, cannot be investigated for many months. It is likely that the trucks will be temporarily gone by then, because this hill is used for parking the trucks when they are in a service cycle in the Escondido area and are usually here for about 3 months at a time, once or twice a year.

I have contacted David Graham of Supervisor Horn's office for help. Meanwhile, it may help the cause to have a large number of complaints registered with the county, so please help us move the trucks by complaining to the County Code Enforcement office, 760-940-2893; tell them it is parcel #2325111400.



Local resident directs traffic around runaway PROVCO truck

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## Change Of Ownership For Harmony Grove Meadows

By Mid Hoppenrath

The Harmony Grove Meadows project located near Country Club Drive and Cordrey Lane has changed owners from Tesla Gray to SunCal Developers ([www.SunCal.com](http://www.SunCal.com)). Sam Veltri will be heading the team that will meet with the community at our next Town Council meeting, September 7<sup>th</sup>, to discuss plans for the project.

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## Just Moved Here?

If you just moved here, contact Karen Gardner 760-744-9500 to get your free six month subscription to the newsletter and discounts on town council merchandise.

## Plumerias

By Janel McDonald Chen

Did you know plumerias love it here in Elfin Forest. More so than many other San Diego microclimates. Why? Our elevation! Our little valley sits at a plumeria's favorite height above the sea, 600 to 900 feet. That means all Elves should be able to grow healthy fragrant plumerias here. Imagine, a California valley that smells like a Hawaiian lei in the summer. I do often.

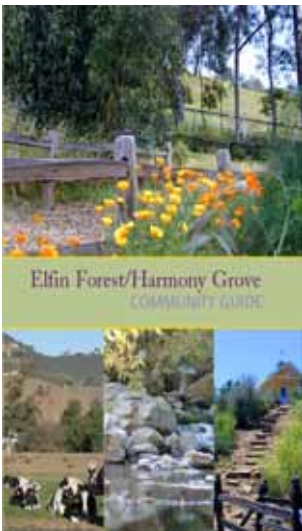
You see I am an Elf with a habit for plumerias. Last year, I brought back thousands of cuttings of a gorgeous cultivar called Lani's Beauty from a Big Island grower and rooted them here in Elfin Forest. Now, nearly all have turned into beautiful multi-branching flowering plants. So, it is time to find them their new homes here in San Diego.

The first sales stop, Balboa Park, where Lani's Beauty will be making its debut to the San Diego market at the Southern California Plumeria Society's big annual sales event with hundreds of different types of plumeria for sale, all locally, grown and conditioned (including your very own Elfin Plumerian, Janel). This event will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 4 PM, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado Building, Room 101.

For more information on growing plumerias here, call Janel anytime at 760-522-2900.

## Community Guides Are Here

By Evelyn Alemanni



Our new 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 \$25 or five for \$100.

## Demonstration At DÉCOR

By John and Carol Rayes

Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove residents are invited to attend a home decorating demonstration at John and Carol Rayes' home furnishing store, **DÉCOR**, in Oceanside. Mary Brown of One Day Design will provide a free demonstration on "How to Buy the Right Furniture" on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, from noon to 1:00 PM.

Mary Brown has been featured on HGTV, Fox TV and NBC, and will be sharing some of her best kept secrets! **DÉCOR** is located at 3760 Mission Avenue Oceanside, 760-757-6900, on the corner of El Camino Real and Mission Avenue next to Starbucks.

Mary L. Brown will provide a free in-store decorating demonstration on "How to Buy the Right Furniture."



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[www.andersonslacostanursery.com](http://www.andersonslacostanursery.com)

[www.efhgtc.org](http://www.efhgtc.org) (town council website)

[www.elfinforestgardens.info](http://www.elfinforestgardens.info)

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[www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.elfinforestcommunityfoundation.org)

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## Trifecta For Elfin Forest Gardens By Evelyn Alemanni

**Patti and Richard Newton** received the prestigious Garden of the Year award in their category of homeowner designed garden from San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine. Pictures of garden will be featured in an upcoming edition of the San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine.



Check page 48 of the August issue of Sunset Magazine for a great story about the **Karen Gardner-John Philips** garden. When you get to the part about the “two children” just remember you can’t believe everything you read.



The garden of **Evelyn and Joe Alemanni** is featured in the September issue of Better Homes and Gardens, on newsstands now, starting on page 130. The article features outdoor mosaics that Evelyn made. The magazine also commissioned her to make some special pieces for the article.



**WEEKEND PROJECT** *by Tom Oke*  
project. First, she selects a piece of patterned china at a thrift shop or garage sale, then chooses tiles based on colors in the china. She adds shimmer with flat glass pebbles or inch-square tiles of iridescent glass.  
Evelyn takes a few pieces of the tile and china to a tile store and places them alongside the samples of grout, which will fill the spaces between the mosaic pieces, to see what color looks best. The sanded grout she uses is available in several neutral shades and white. Her choices made, Evelyn is ready to begin. 59 on 130

When Evelyn gardens, a beagle hound is never far behind. Here, Sadie lounges on the Alemanni's mosaic-embellished steps. "I like patterns that suggest movement," Evelyn says.

130 BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS SEPTEMBER 2006/PHOTO

## It's Almost Time For Trick Or Treat By Lori Clark

Lori Clark, who has compiled Halloween lists of Elfin Forest homes welcoming trick-or-treaters is seeking someone to take over the task of collecting addresses and creating a map of participating homes. Please contact her at 760-510-2001 or clark-17@ix.netcom.com if you'd like to keep the neighborhood trick-or-treat tradition alive.

## Past *chaparral* Issues On Web

Past issues of the *chaparral* are now posted at [www.efhgtc.org](http://www.efhgtc.org) in downloadable PDF format.



## Your September Garden

By Evelyn Alemanni

September marks the beginning of fall planting season. It's hard to believe because it's still hot, but there's much that can be done right now to make sure that your garden is stunning next spring.

But first, let's be sure it doesn't burn down this fall. Be sure you have mowed weeds, trimmed trees overhanging your roof, trimmed trees back along your driveway and parking pad to allow fire engine access. Remember, a fire engine needs at least 14' of clearance.

In case you haven't already done this, review the coverage provided by your homeowner's insurance. That's the best protection you can have in case of fire. And while you're at it, check your policy for landscape coverage. Most policies only cover your landscape to 10% of the value of your house. Do you have valuable or especially large specimens? What would it cost to replace them? If your irrigation system melted, what would it cost to replace? Talk to your insurance agent and make sure you have adequate coverage.

Now back to the fun stuff. September is the time when we start to think about sweet peas. Dig a trench about 10-12" deep, fill it with compost and manure. Water well and let it sit for a few weeks. Then plant sweet pea seeds. Protect the seedlings from bunnies and other critters and provide a fence or netting for the sweet peas climb on. Keep the soil moist. With any luck, you may have beautiful blossoms by Christmas. If not, don't worry, by March the plants will start to grow and will be fantastic.

Another September joy is to start buying fall bulbs including freesias, iris, ranunculus, tulips, and daffodils. Refrigerate the tulip bulbs until December. Freesias can be planted in September; ranunculus and iris in October, tulips and daffodils in December.

September is a great time to put down compost or mulch on all your flower beds and around trees. Just be sure to keep mulch about 3 - 6" from tree trunks. They need to breathe!

Roses will benefit from a final feeding in September. If you keep them well fed and watered this month, they will reward you with the nicest flowers of the summer around the last week of September or first week of October. You may even want to enter them in one of the fall rose shows.

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Winter vegetables can be started now; crops like broccoli, cabbages, and lettuce. But if you want to keep the summer veggies going, it's still ok to plant some tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers if you do so at the beginning of the month.

I will be at the America in Bloom symposium the first week of September and hope to bring back some exciting news for you ([www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org)).

Happy gardening.



The garden's bounty of summer vegetables.

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## New Community Calendar Planned By Evelyn Alemanni

To help keep everyone informed about community events and opportunities to get involved, the town council approved the creation of a full-size calendar which will be distributed at no charge to every family in Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove. The design and layout are being donated by ALL.EA.

The calendar will include dates for town council meetings, fire training, due dates for grant proposals, and much more. Each month will include special information on the rural lifestyle and/or a community group. Here's what you can do to help move this project forward:

**Submit photos** (we need 12-14). You can either send me a 300 dpi .jpg or .tif file sized to a max of 8" wide or send me an original which I'll scan and return to you.

**Send a list of important dates/meetings** for your group – all groups are eligible. Email those to me at [alemanni@allea.com](mailto:alemanni@allea.com).

**Send contact info and URL for your group's website** to me, same as above.

**Advertise.** We're sending this calendar FREE to everyone, but we need to cover printing and postage expenses. Tell everyone in the community about your business by placing your ad. Send a .jpg or .tif file to me at the email address above.

### Ad rates:

3.5" x 1/2"	\$50
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### September

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - The Power and Presence of God in our Daily Living - *Rev. Phyllis Isaac*

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Facing our Shadow - Bringing Balance to the World - *Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire*

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Time -Man's Time vs. Time Eternal - *Rev. Susan S. Cary*

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - Michaelmas Retreat

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Oct 2—Initiation, Illumination and Mastery through the Feminine: The Gifts of Master Mary, Feminine Saints, and Masters - *Rev. Alexandra Alba*

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