



Dedicated to a continuing rural atmosphere

**From The Chair**

**By Mid Hoppenrath**

I hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is coming but, unlike the Midwest where I grew up, here the days will first be getting warmer not cooler thanks to the Santa Anna winds. But soon enough we'll be raking leaves and feeling that chill in the air. We're fortunate to live in a beautiful rural valley.

Living in a rural area also means there's a lot of vacant land around suitable for development. With the proposed Jet Ridge development in Eden Valley, Cielo del Norte and the extension of the Bridges into Elfin Forest, the Village in Harmony Grove, and the possibility of an Escondido high school site, we'll have choices to make as to whether or how these projects fit our vision for a rural community.

We need to continue to be proactive, rather than reactive, to realize our goal of preserving our rural character. We need to promote our vision of a rural, not suburban, community to our neighbors, our San Dieguito Planning Group, Supervisor Horn and the Board of Supervisors, the City of Escondido, and state authorities like LAFCO. Annexation and suburbanization is the path of least resistance. If you value the rural lifestyle, become involved!

Remember, the vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps—we must step up the stairs (Dr. Vance Havner).

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**Town Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30PM**

**At The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Station**

**Topic: America in Bloom, Update on Creek Restoration**

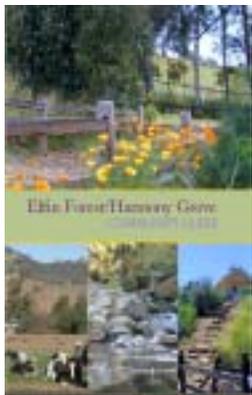
## Vacancies On The San Dieguito Planning Group

By Doug Dill

Two vacancies currently exist on the San Dieguito Planning Group (SDPG): Seat #5 (whose term expires 12/04) and seat #6 (whose term expires 12/06.) Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, be a registered voter and legal resident of the San Dieguito planning area, and be approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Further qualifications may be found in San Diego County policy i-1. Persons interested should contact the chairman or vice chairman, submit a biography of experience and qualifications, and attend at least two consecutive meeting of the SDPG.

## Community Guides Are Here – Special Offer

By Evelyn Alemanni



Our brand new community guide is here and will be available at all town council meetings. This is a beautiful, keepsake edition with 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. *If you ordered your community guide already, pick it up at any town council meeting.*

**When you renew your newsletter subscription for two years, you can purchase the community guide for \$20. Renew for five years and it's only \$15.**

## Calendar For September 2004

Date	Time	Event
Weds 9/1	7:30 PM	EF/HG Town Council Mtg
Tues 9/7 9/21	7 PM	Fire Training@Firehouse
Every Thurs	6:30 PM	Yoga@Firehouse
Mon 9/13	7 PM	Fire Board@Firehouse
Weds 9/15	7 PM	Fire Auxiliary@Firehouse
Sat 9/25	8 AM	Fire Training@Firehouse

## Welcome New Elfin Forest Residents – The Bright Family

By Karen Gardner

Brian and Jaisa moved to 19925 Fortuna Del Este about a month and a half ago. Previous to their move to our valley they lived in La Jolla for eight years and Leucadia for two years. They have no children but do have an Australian shepard and Siamese cat. They also have three horses and plan to build a stable area on their property in the near future. Brian is a mortgage broker in La Jolla and Jaisa is a real estate broker with Prudential. They are both avid surfers and love living in our rural community.

## School Is In Session

By Joe Alemanni

Anyone who has driven through the San Elijo Hills (SJH) town center knows that the SJH school, part of the San Marcos school district, is in session. This year it has a K-8 student population of 1000. Despite rules that direct parents to drop-off and pick-up kids via a circular drive on the north side of the school, I've observed parents dangerously double parking along Elfin Forest Road.

Drop-off times are from 7:10–7:55AM. Pick-up times are 11:15AM & 2:00-2:20PM. Report problems you observe to Principal Doug Hall at 760-290-2803.

## Price Increase For Newsletter

By Evelyn Alemanni

For more than sixteen years the annual cost for a *chaparral* subscription has been \$15. Sixteen years ago the newsletter was 4 pages. In the last three years it's averaged 16 pages. Despite increases in the cost of supplies and postage, we've worked hard to avoid increases. We've received non-profit status to reduce our bulk mail costs and our newsletter is still written, edited, and produced by volunteers. It's still your best news resource for Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove.

However, the Board has decided, effective June 29, 2004, to increase the subscription price to \$20 per year. There is no guarantee that the price will not increase again, so your best bet is to take advantage of the special community guide offer – pay for your newsletter for several years now and get a discount on the new community guide.

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## The Rural Village: Where We Are And How We Got There

By Mid Hoppenrath

Several years ago, when I was serving my first term on the Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove Town Council, Escondido was in the middle of its fifth attempt at annexation and industrialization of Harmony Grove. This would involve not just having an industrial park in our valley, but actually a rezoning from residential to industrial of our existing homes with no vote or approval of the owners necessary because we were in the Escondido sphere of influence (SOI.) We began a long and difficult battle to leave the Escondido SOI.

Meanwhile, the county was busy with the new general plan (GP 2020) in response to a California state mandated ruling to accommodate the densities predicted by the year 2000 census. Our valley was to be rezoned to 7.3 dwelling units (du) per acre that would result in about 5,600 homes in the same 900 acres Escondido wanted to industrialize.

Obviously not liking either option, we got busy making our own alternative: a rural village development with about 400–500 homes and a small commercial center. The county agreed to work with us on the village concept and forgo the uniform 7.3 du/acre zoning if we would accept more density than was shown on our map.

The county held three ‘visioning workshops’ at the Spiritualist Center. We worked with Howard Blackson, a county-hired consultant, to design a rural village center for Harmony Grove of about 800 clustered homes with a down-zoning of the surrounding existing residential area to stop the development of any additional high-density projects (urban sprawl), and allow large animal keeping on ~50% of parcels to attract rural-minded residents with similar values. Up to this point New Urban West Inc. (NUW) was completely unknown to any of us and was not involved in the process in any way.

Around this time Mayor Pfeiler and Council woman Waldron of Escondido voted to let us leave the SOI, as did, by unanimous vote, the LAFCO Board of Directors.

The dairy and egg ranch owners optioned or sold their properties to NUW. NUW began an outreach in the community to solicit feedback on the village development. NUW agreed to support the community

map, while Centex developers, who claimed they had bought or optioned land south of the creek, chose to not continue meeting with the Village subcommittee and presented their own high-density map to the Board of Supervisors. The fate of that project is unknown.

The county village design formed the basis for the NUW proposed general plan amendment now at the Notice of Preparation (NOP) stage. The Village subcommittee worked with NUW to provide continuous community feedback. The question of final density is as yet unanswered. The Village subcommittee only approved the village concept. According to the county, the listed density is the maximum; the final density is determined from the results of the EIR, and that is why the NOP comments are so important.

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## Thar She Blows!

By Evelyn Alemanni

As most of you have already seen, blasting has resumed at San Elijo Hills to make way for more homes. San Elijo representatives have indicated that blasting may continue nearly every weekday for up to one year. If you are bothered by the noise, dust, vibrations, etc. and would like to be notified of blast times, contact San Elijo’s Hale Richardson at 760-798-1765 x222. San Elijo representatives will be our guest speakers at the October town council meeting.



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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.

## Suburban Versus Rural: It's Not about Density

By Mid Hoppenrath

From my perspective as a town council board member, I have seen many high-quality, large-lot estate development projects come up for consideration within rural communities. They are usually quite lovely, but they share characteristics that demonstrate they will become separate communities rather than contribute to the existing community: there is usually one road in/out of the development, and that is often gated. There is no large animal keeping allowed, even though the lot sizes may be an acre or more.

Each development is given a separate name and has restrictions that often disallow activities encouraged elsewhere in the existing community (such as home businesses). Because they are usually walled and gated, residents within these developments are physically isolated from the community at large.

As the fences, walls, and gates go up, we lose the well-worn foot paths that cross neighboring rural properties and travel for miles through scenic backcountry. There is no linkage between these developments except singular roadways without sidewalks, requiring residents to travel in cars to visit their neighbors.

In every detail, these developments separate and fragment the existing community. In addition, because these homogeneous developments offer none of the characteristics of the existing community (such as a variety of housing options or large animal keeping) they are unlikely to attract new residents that have much in common with existing residents. Neither our adult children nor our retiring parents can afford the estate housing and have to move away.

This last item is perhaps the greatest threat to our community. Because these new, but dissimilar, residents will become the majority in our small community, our collective voice is increasingly diminished. Complaints about our animals, compounded by the loss of our trails and our sense of community, will drive more and more long-time residents away, and the transformation of our diverse rural community into a homogenous suburban one will be complete.

In great contrast, a village will establish a formal town structure designed to foster the attributes that characterize our rural lifestyle. The open design, with trails and pathways throughout, will allow all residents to enjoy community features without losing these attributes within walled developments. The town center, with local-serving shops and a large grass park, will encourage social interaction and likely become a popular neighborhood meeting place. Thus, rather than separate the old and new communities, the village design draws us together.

Traveling out from the center will be gradually decreasing density for residential homes. Limited large animal keeping will be allowed on ½ acre lots. This design will attract new residents who value the same rural attributes as the existing community. The range of housing means no one has to leave the community to accommodate the financial restrictions of a certain stage of life. So, unlike gated suburban developments, the village design, even though small portions are high density, accommodates the diverse needs of our residents and truly preserves our rural lifestyle. *(Based on excerpts from letter to Mayor Pfeiler, Feb. 2003)*

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## What's Happening At The Fire Department – August 2004

By Nona Barker

1. The EF/HG Fire Department is pleased to announce we're recipients of the FY04-05 FEMA Grant. Submitted by Chief Frank Twohy, Captain Dawn Pettijohn and Mary Garman, the \$80,000 grant is for fire safe landscaping of the fire station to compliment the existing 2.6-acre Fire Wise Garden. This will serve as a county wide example of how to provide the maximum amount of protection while still maintaining an aesthetically pleasing California native environment.

2. Our annual hose testing is complete thanks to a lot of hard work by fire fighters Mike Patton and Lance Candelaria. All hose must be tested annually to satisfy ISO requirements and ensure it is in serviceable condition to stand up to the high pressures required for pumping hose lines at a fire.

3. A new Self-Contained Rescue Tool obtained from a SAFE Grant awarded last month is here. This tool, a battery operated version of the "Jaws of Life" allows us more flexibility in vehicle rescues where hydraulic lines are impractical or impossible to use. It also gives us an intrinsically safe tool in hazardous atmospheres where a spark from an external motor could ignite flammable liquids or gases.

4. The EF/HG Fire Department has entered into the *North Zone Fire Effectiveness and Regionalization Study*. Actively participating in the preparation of the RFP and RFQ since March, Chief Twohy brought the final proposals to the Fire Board for discussion and approval. September begins the actual participation in two phases. Phase 1, the *Emergency Services Evaluation*, will catalog, analyze, and make improvement recommendations to the fire protection systems of each participating agency. Phase 2, the *Opportunities for Cooperative Effort*, will identify and evaluate the feasibility of interagency programs.

5. Extreme fire conditions are present this summer. Live fuel moistures in July were already down to levels we don't normally see until late September and are now considered critical...resulting in extreme fire behavior and fast moving fires. Be vigilant about your property clearance, both of native vegetation and your own landscaping. Have an evacuation plan and meeting place for your family members and, above all, always evacuate when instructed to do so.

## Eden Valley May Lose Land To Jet Ridge Development

By Mid Hoppenrath

A new residential development to be built by local developer Michael Crews will make Eden Valley a little smaller. According to Mike Ott, Executive Director of LAFCO, there have been initial discussions about annexation of a 43-acre parcel now in Eden Valley to Escondido which will allow sewer and higher density development.

The boundaries of the annexed area may need to extend beyond the parcel so that the annexation does not leave islands of unincorporated parcels. This may involve adjacent neighboring county residents. If it is annexed to Escondido the development, called Jet Ridge, may have 61 homes clustered on small lots. It will be a gated community with the main entrance off Country Club Drive across from Progress Place.

According to Dahvia Locke, San Diego County Planner for our area, the density for that same parcel developed within the county is four times lower, at 1 home per 2 acres. The county has assigned lower densities for this area because it is at the perimeter of the rural village planned for Harmony Grove.

Janice Mills, EFHGTC at-large board member, feels that since Eden Valley has spent many years fighting off annexation, high density, and industrialization from Escondido that most Eden Valley residents will probably oppose the annexation of this parcel as it would lead to further fragmentation and destruction of their fragile rural environment.

The fear of losing their rural character was the driving force behind the recent very strong opposition shown by Eden Valley residents to the proposed high school site. Gated developments with high-density housing and no large animal keeping are contrary to the expressed goals in the Eden Valley Community Character statement.

Those who wish more information may call Michael Crews Incorporated, 760-749-1919, or Jay Petrek, Escondido city planner, at 760-839-4556. This development will be discussed at the next Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove Town Council meeting on September 1st.

# Minutes Of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council Meeting

By Patti Newton

**DATE:** August 4, 2004

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:35 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patti Newton, Jan Denny, Bob McGurk, Arie Franken

**UPDATES:** **Jan Denny** discussed results of the two New Urban West (NUW) Notice of Preparation (NOP) meetings. A town council letter incorporating community concerns was drafted, circulated, approved, and sent. Harmony Grove (HG) residents expressed concerns about NUW's proposed equestrian center, specifically, that it not be rezoned once it's established. NUW proposed to dedicate the facility to the county (details forthcoming.) Mid will discuss design options for street monuments a la Elfin Forest and explore financing options for design and installation.

Some HG residents expressed interest in getting a zip code for HG. Escondido High School has narrowed its search to three potential sites. Superintendent Hughes will be the featured speaker for the November town council meeting to discuss this issue.

A request for reduced weight and speed limits on Country Club Drive has been submitted to the county Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). If TAC approves, it is likely the county Supervisors will also.

The town council traffic subcommittee is asking residents who either have no street names, or whose streets are difficult to identify and/or locate, to donate funds toward procuring signs. The projected cost to cover all areas is \$1,400. Residents are asked to ante up \$700; the fire department and town council will chip in on the balance. Bob Kephart is kicking tires to get the best price.

**Arie Franken** announced that wireless Internet provider, Ricochet, is putting more antennas up in the valley.

**Bob McGurk** gave the treasurer's report. The picnic revenues amounted to approximately \$500 profit.

**Item #1: Michele Stress**, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist for the Watershed Protection Program, County of San Diego spoke. Michele discussed the recycling programs available throughout the county such as the household  
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hazardous waste sites and the Ramona waste transfer station which is now in fulltime operation.

Escondido Disposal is working toward establishing an electronic waste facility (older computer/monitor models contain heavy metals.) The county has grant money available to subsidize this and will hold "round-ups" to collect this type of waste in the interim. A new law will front load the disposal fee at the time of purchase of electronic equipment (as for example is now done with tires.)

The watershed protection program deals with compliance, flood control, and the inspection of businesses and industry. It is mandated to regulate any and all pollutants that degrade the system. It also deals with residential compliance and services. It reports directly to the Integrated Waste Management Board in Sacramento.

The Clean Water Act requires that we all must keep waste from entering storm drains. The county has coordinated education programs and continually works with cities, the port, and the airport, some of which have formed partnerships. The county unincorporated area has natural attenuation; roads are considered to be storm drains for example. There are some types of discharge which are exempt, e.g., A/C condensation and pool water.

The county is making an effort to more closely monitor equestrian facilities for proper management practices. Dirt, pesticides, and manure top the list of contaminants. The goal is to reduce, and ultimately eliminate the residential pollutants from entering the storm drain systems.

Ask your neighbors to employ best management practices (BMPs) to prevent illegal discharge. Manure dumped on hillsides and illegal grading are primary sources of pollution of our waterways, so think about what you're doing and how you're doing it. Have your septic tank (a major source of nitrates) serviced regularly.

**ADJOURNED:** 8:45 PM

## San Elijo Hills Contact

If you need to report any problems with the grading, traffic, etc. regarding the San Elijo Hills (SEH) project, please contact Phil Stillman who is SEH liaison with the community. He can be reached at [philstillman@fstlaw.com](mailto:philstillman@fstlaw.com). If you feel the problem was still not resolved, call San Elijo at 760-918-8200.

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## The School Yard

By Jim Depolo ([jdepolo@rsf.k12.ca.us](mailto:jdepolo@rsf.k12.ca.us))

Welcome back to the School Yard! Just a reminder that our next regular meeting school board meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Agendas** - What is on the agenda for our next meeting? First you should know that you can always find the final agendas posted at the RSF post office, outside the school office as well as on the school website, [www.rsf.k12.ca.us](http://www.rsf.k12.ca.us), at least three days before the meeting.

What was discussed at the last (August 18<sup>th</sup>) meeting besides the regular reports and business?: A report on the STAR testing results, further discussion on the status of the new school site, review and discussion of “two school” budgets, and a progress report on our summer maintenance activities. We also introduced all of our new staff members.

**Second School Site** - Discussion with the developers of Rancho Cielo Estates Ltd. continues in regards to a school site and partial funding in exchange for the annexation of approximately 300 homes into the school district. Cielo has also been talking with the Escondido School District and things do not appear to be going as smoothly as they (and we) had hoped.

As a Board we will continue to evaluate the potential of an agreement for a school site in Cielo. As with all the sites we have discussed, there seem to be no easy answers as we continue to try and do the right thing for our students and our community. This remains an ongoing process, with more to come as we work through it.

**New School Schedule** - The first day of classes was Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> this year. This year’s earlier start date allows students to be off the whole week of Thanksgiving from November 22nd – 26th. This change was adopted by the board after much collaboration with Administration, Staff and parents and it seems to best meet everyone’s needs.

As a reminder school starts as a full day at 8:25AM for grades K-5 and at 8:00 AM for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. There is a Back-to-School Coffee on campus that morning at 8:30 AM. Even if you don’t have kids in school you might want to remember the times just to avoid the “10 minute traffic jam,” as I have heard it called. Every parent should have received a packet in the mail by now. If not please contact the school office.

**Path Forward** - The School Board was looking at “two school” budget scenarios at our August 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. As always we welcome your comments at our board meetings or via e-mail. Enjoy summer vacation and we’ll see you on September 15<sup>th</sup>!

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## Runaway Truck On Country Club Drive

By Mid Hoppenrath

On Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> around 4:15 PM, a driverless PROVCO truck that had been parked on hillside SDG&E property in Harmony Grove was found blocking the northbound and half of the southbound lane of Country Club Drive. There were no PROVCO personnel on site.

Fortunately, no one was injured when the driverless truck, still towing a chipping machine, rolled through the fence, across the walking path, and onto the street. A local resident directed cars around the truck which, of course, created a serious traffic hazard. The California Highway Patrol was notified of the safety hazard on the county roadway.

SDG&E contracts with PROVCO for tree trimming services and allows their trucks to park directly on native grass on the hilly slope located in a rural residential neighborhood. The Elfin Forest / Harmony Grove Town Council has repeatedly asked SDG&E to move the trucks which are an eyesore as well as a safety and fire hazard. A large storage container has also been placed on the property.



Local resident directs traffic around runaway PROVCO truck

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## 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.

## Brugmansias

By Evelyn Alemanni



Did you ever wonder about those beautiful trumpet shaped flowers that smell so good? The common name is angel's trumpet – brugmansia for those of you who prefer the Latin. A well loved and easy to grow variety called Charles Grimaldi displays golden trumpets up to 12" long. What starts as a shrub can quickly grow into a

12–15 foot tree that can be covered in blooms on and off all year. With regular watering, your brugmansia can grow 5 or 6 feet annually. (Hint: after the first year, cut back on water and fertilizer.)

The interesting thing about brugmansias is that they are not fragrant all day long. They release their pleasant fragrance toward evening – usually around 5:00 PM in order to attract a specific species of moth that pollinates it. Besides yellow, brugmansia hybrids are available in pink, peach, white, and orange. Several beautiful varieties can be seen at Quail Gardens in Encinitas.

The versicolor type starts with yellow buds, which open into pink flowers that eventually fade to white. Single and double forms are available. Although they tolerate full sun, Brugmansias will be grateful for shade when the sun is hottest. Otherwise, prepare to watch them droop until temperatures cool down.

To use them as cut flowers, cut a stem 2 or 3 feet long before the buds open. Sear the cut end using a match or by placing it on the stove burner for a few seconds. Strip off all the leaves, and place it in a vase of water. The buds will open and the flowers will last several days.

Be sure to wear gloves when handling any part of brugmansia plants. All parts of the plant are poisonous if ingested. The flowers can cause hallucinations and may appeal to risk-taking young people but are more likely to result in a trip to the emergency room for anticholinergic (a belladonna alkaloid) poisoning.

## America in Bloom

By Evelyn Alemanni

Last year Elfin Forest entered the America in Bloom contest, a nationwide friendly competition among cities for the best beautification programs. In last year's attempt, we missed first place by 24 points out of a possible 900. Elfin Forest will again enter the competition in 2005.

This summer, I had the privilege of being a national judge for the contest. Along with Bruce Riggs of New Rochelle, NY, I judged eight towns in the 5K – 10K population category. As volunteers, we traveled to Mt. Rainier, Md; Goshen and Horseheads, NY; Williston, VT; Logan and Oberlin, OH; Montgomery, IL; and Vernal, UT. After special training, we evaluated the communities on eight specific criteria: Floral displays, landscape, urban forestry, environment, tidiness, community involvement, turf & groundcover and heritage. In each *chaparral* issue from October until next spring, one of these categories will be addressed.

In every town we visited, reaction to the program was highly enthusiastic. People greeted us with the same refrain, "We've already won, just by entering. Our town has never looked so good." The program brings together people from all parts of the community, and they work on projects that make a difference, such as cleaning streets, eliminating eyesores, putting out colorful planters, holding local beautification contests for the best street, best garden, and more. New friendships are formed, new community traditions develop, and people everywhere reported a greater satisfaction and pride in where they live.

At the September town council meeting, I will be showing pictures of the towns I visited and share some ideas about what we can do to **WIN** in our population category next year. Hint – there's something for each of you in this.

For those who are seriously interested, the America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program will be held in Indianapolis, IN on October 7 – 9. Details are at [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org). It's a great way to find out what other towns have done and to get ideas for next year. If you would like to join the steering committee for the local America in Bloom effort, please contact me at [alemanni@allea.com](mailto:alemanni@allea.com) or 760-471-7224. Judging will be in May – June next year, so we need to get busy now!

## Mountain Lion Sighting

By Evelyn Alemanni

Several residents have recently reported mountain lion sightings. No mountain lions have been seen in the area since the fire in 1996, but with all the grading, brushing, and destruction of habitat in the surrounding areas, it is likely that one may be living in our area. This is of particular concern to hikers, equestrians, and people who let their pets out at night.

The following safety tips are provided by the California Department of Fish and Game. They are based on studies of mountain behavior and analysis of attacks by mountain lions, tigers and leopards.

- Don't hike alone. Go in groups, with adults supervising children and keep children close to you. Observations of captured mountain lions reveal that the animals seem especially drawn to children. Keep children within your sight at all times.
- Don't approach a lion. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Don't run from a lion. Running stimulates a mountain lion's instinct to chase. Instead, stand and face the animal. Make eye contact. If you have small children with you, pick them up if possible so that they don't panic and run. Although it may be awkward, pick them up without bending over or turning away from the lion.
- Don't crouch or bend over. A squatting or bending person looks a lot like a four-legged prey animal.
- Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak firmly in a loud voice.
- Fight back if attacked. Some hikers have fought back successfully with sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools and their bare hands. Since a mountain lion usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the attacking animal.

For more information about mountain lions, contact the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Other resources are:

[www.dfg.ca.gov/lion/outdoor.lion.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lion/outdoor.lion.html)  
[california.sierraclub.org/mountain-lion/safety.html](http://california.sierraclub.org/mountain-lion/safety.html)

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## News From Questhaven Retreat



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All are welcome.

20560 Questhaven Road.  
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[www.questhaven.org](http://www.questhaven.org).

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

### Weekly Meditation

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Meet at El Chapelito, Led by Jean Michalewicz.

### The Way Within Meditation Classes

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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

### Sunday Services

Sep 5—The Ministry of Work —*Evelyn Alemanni*

Sep 12—Creating Our Life Story

—*Rev. Susan S. Cary*

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## September Playgroup Schedule

By Anna Waite

Hope you have been having a wonderful summer with your family.

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM-1:00PM - The Wave Water Park in Vista. Meet near the Kiddie Pool. 161 Recreation Drive, Vista, 760-940-9283, [www.thewavewaterpark.com](http://www.thewavewaterpark.com). Take I-5 North to the 78. Exit Vista Village Drive. After exiting turn left. Turn right on Recreation Drive the water park is on the right. \$12.50 for 42" and taller, \$9.50 for under 42" and under 2 free. Toddlers and young children can splash in the Children's Play Pool, which slopes from zero depth on the perimeter to 12" deep. Older children can take an inner tube ride around Rio Loco, a continuous wave that simulates the ideal bodyboarding wave. No outside food, beverages or coolers are allowed. Mom or Dads: Wear your swimsuits. You and your kids will have loads of fun splashing in the water. Call Anna with questions at 760-752-1835.

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM-Noon.- San Elijo Park. Located on Elfin Forest Road just past the San Elijo Town Center.

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00PM -Welcome Back Dinner and Mom's Night Out. Sushi On the Rock, Carlsbad (in the new Forum Shops), located at Calle Barcelona and El Camino Real. They have an extensive menu with cooked entrees other than sushi.

Many new families have moved to Elfin Forest in the last six months and I'd like to invite them to join our group. If anyone has names or phone numbers of our new residents please call me so I can get them involved. Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

## Town Council Website

The town council's website is continually updated. Check it out at: [efhgtc.org](http://efhgtc.org). **Note:** the town council is not affiliated with [elfinforest.net](http://elfinforest.net) and [elfinforest.com](http://elfinforest.com).

## Brushing, Grading, Clearing Questions?

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## Sheriff's Department Contacts

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

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

George Barrone – COPPS - 760-510-5221

Sgt. Dan Wilson – COPPS – 760-510-5231

Robert Jennings – Deputy 760-510-5223

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In search of the perfect horse community all her life, Deanna knows she found it here in San Diego after traveling the globe quite extensively. She trains with her Hanoverian horse under a well known Grand-Prix rider in Rancho Santa Fe, while competing in both jumpers and dressage. *"I feel that Elfin Forest is truly a wonderful horse community, and am very excited that I can be a part of it", says Deanna.*

Deanna can occasionally be found exercising race horses in her spare time. Luckily her office at the Gultinan Group is located in the middle of horse Mecca across the street from Del Mar Race Track, and down the road form Del Mar Horse Park. Along with her horse life, Deanna has a strong compassion for rescuing animals, and teaching the community preventive care for companion animals.



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Thanks again for your valuable input. We will continue to be a good neighbor and listen to your comments on all levels.

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