**Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove Town Council General Meeting**

**Fire Station**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

**7:30 pm**

**EFHG Town Council Board Members present:** Bonnie Baumgartner, Amy Molenaar, Nancy Goodrich, Melanie Fallon

**EFHG Town Council Board Members absent:** May Meintjes, Gordon Taggart, Sandra Bartsch, Minoo Sohaey, Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Mid Hoppenrath

**Guests:** Bill Burkhart, entomologist and docent at Elfin Forest Preserve will speak about flies and proper manure maintenance.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

* This Meeting was called to order by EFHG Town Council Vice Chair, Bonnie Baumgartner, at approximately 7:35 pm.

1. **Introduction of EFHG Town Council Board Membership**

* EFHG Town Council Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

1. **EFHG Town Council Board Chairperson’s Report by Vice Chair Bonnie Baumgartner**

* Bonnie Baumgartner offered an overview of the Equine Ordinance Committee noting that it is composed of members of the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove community for the purpose of forming a position and opinion of the new proposed Equine Ordinances, and communicating that position and opinion, on behalf of our community, to the County Board of Supervisors.
* The Trails committee is busy planning events for improvements and has begun some tree cutting and fence maintenance.
* The EFHG Fourth of July Parade and Picnic and Silent Auction will be held on July 3, 2011. Jeff Swenerton will be heading that up.

1. **EFHG Community Crime Report**

* There was not crime report as Jacqui Cruz was not in attendance

1. **EFHG Fire Department Report**

* Fire Chief Twohy reminded residents to keep weeds down as there have been several county reports of fire in east San Diego County.
* There have been a few accidents on Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest roads – people need to keep speeds down.

1. **Guest Speaker Bill Burkhart, Entomologist and docent at the Elfin Forest Preserve**

* Our guest speaker, Bill Burkhart gave an overview of flies and manure management. He noted that manure from animals breeds flies and stated that there are ways to prevent flies from becoming a nuisance. In the EFHG community there are many types of flies. Most common are the House Fly, Stable Fly and Little House Fly.
* In order to keep fly breeding to a minimum, it is important that residents ensure that manure does not stay moist or wet as flies breed in wet manure. Manure should be spread out in the sun to dry, or should be composted. When composted, manure heats up to the point that the fly larvae cannot survive. The most important recommendation: Ensure the manure is either dried or composted to reduce fly larvae and adult flies in the community. Good manure management is crucial to ensuring reduction of flies.

1. **Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm