

# Colony Olivenhain

Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

January 2002

From the President  
Steve Fitch



Dear members,

If you have room for a few more New Year's resolutions and are ready to do something to preserve our Olivenhain quality of life; THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR! As a 501(c)(4) non profit corporation, the OTC must refrain from endorsing or campaigning against specific candidates but can participate in every other form of politics that affect the well being of our community.

There are good and bad ideas for land use planning, managed traffic and growth among the various players. Our best defense for Olivenhain will be a well informed membership who can support or defeat the candidates who would enhance or destroy our quality of life. Our Task Force subcommittee will be hosting candidate forums for the City Council race and County Supervisor (Mr. Bill Horn vs. Kevin Barnard) race so that you can judge for yourself how best to preserve Olivenhain.

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## General Meetings

January 2, 2002

### “Bill Horn’s Opponent in Elfin Forest”

In lieu of our regular General Meeting in January, we have planned a joint meeting with the Elfin Forest Town Council meeting. Bill Horn had agreed to be their guest speaker, but his office called and cancelled claiming he had something “more important” to do. Instead, Elfin Forest had arranged for Horn’s new opponent, Kevin Barnard, to attend instead. If Kevin prevails in March, he could have a significant effect on our community. The meeting is on January 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Elfin Forest Fire Station, 20023 Elfin Forest Rd.

February 6, 2002

### Traffic in Olivenhain

Concerned about the amount or speed of traffic on your street or in your neighborhood? What about our neighbor cities? What can we do to preserve our community character in the face of rampant building and the automobile-centric thinking of Carlsbad and San Marcos? What is the City doing about it? Join us to discuss the State of Traffic in Olivenhain. Dress warmly as this could be a rather long meeting

Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2001

At the December Meeting, the Members voted to approve, the plans for landscape improvements to the Meeting Hall property. The additions include approximately 30 Coastal Live Oak and California Pepper trees to augment the eucalyptus, a new stone wood-burning barbecue, lodge pole fencing (as was used on Rancho Santa Fe Rd) identification signs for the Germania Hotel (Baecht House) and the Lickert Shanty, with a brief history and a sign welcoming guests to the property. The property will remain mulched.

Lance Dyer presented the design of the new Meeting Hall message board sign he will be building for his Eagle Scout project. He will be starting on the project soon.

Lou Haberkern, Hotel Chair, presented his ideas and progress so far on the Germania Hotel. We have several Olivenhain resident contractors who met and discussed the condition of the building. They will be moving forward soon on cleaning out the building, closing off the top, removing the window boards and installing wire mesh over the windows to start airing out the building. There is a huge colony of bats homesteading the building from March to October. By closing the openings, we should prevent them from reentering when they return in March and encourage them to use bat houses and other alternative homes.

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**Olivenhain Task Force News**  
**Bruce Ehlers, Chairman, City Watch Task Force**  
**A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council**

**CRISTY GUERIN IS OUR NEW MAYOR ...** The Council completed their yearly rotation of offices. Dennis Holz completed his year as mayor and Christy Guerin stepped up from Deputy Mayor to Mayor. Jim Bond rotated into the Deputy Mayor and should become mayor next year. Congratulations Christy.

**LENNAR HOMES DOING A SHELL GAME BEHIND OLIVENHAIN ...** Lennar Homes was granted its golf course building permit provided it placed 18% of the land in perpetual wildlife preserve. Now it is attempting to subdivide in the perpetual reserve and is asking to be allowed to purchase mitigation land elsewhere. Unfortunately the site is along the Encinitas boarder under Supervisor Bill Horn's jurisdiction. If successful, Lennar will put 1 acre lots next to our 2 acre minimum zoning. Contact the Task Force if you wish to help campaign against this shell game. Lennar should be held to the same rules that the rest of our small developers have to live by.

**KEANE PROPERTY UPDATE ...** We are continuing our effort to have Encinitas acquire this 5 acre property as a park. In parallel with our efforts, Andy Keane is pursuing a lot split for 7 houses. His plans will be reviewed in a Community Participation Program (CPP) workshop sometime in January. Andy and many people in Olivenhain continue to support the idea turning the lot into a pas-sive use park. See you in January.

**OLIVENHAIN PLANNING COMMISSIONER RESIGNS ...** Unexpectedly Ann Patton, Olivenhain Planning Commissioner, has resigned due to personal reasons. She had already told many people she was not planning to reapply when her term was up in March 2002.

**APPLICATIONS DUE JAN 25th FOR CITY COMMISSIONS ...** In a related story, applications for the City Council's advisory commissions are due to the City Clerk by January 25th. Volunteers are needed for the Planning, Parks & Rec, Senior, Youth and Arts Com-missions. These commissions provide advice to the Council. Positions on the Traffic and Planning Commission are designated one per community (Olivenhain, Leucadia, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Old Encinitas and New Encinitas.) All other commissions are at-large po-sitions. Send email to [vicepresident@olivenhain.org](mailto:vicepresident@olivenhain.org) or call me if you need an application.

**ELECTION NOVEMBER 2002 ...** It's only 11 short months to the next City Council election. Incumbents Dennis Holz and Christy Guerin are up for re-election this year. Dennis recently announced his plans to run and Christy will probably do the same shortly. (Disclaimer: As a 501(c)(4) corporation, the Olivenhain Town Council can not officially endorse candidates. We can, however, pro-vide information about the candidates and plan to host our regular "candidate's forum" later this year.)

**BILL HORN \*\* WAS \*\* COMING TO THE ELFIN FOREST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ...** Bill Horn was scheduled to speak at this month's joint Elfin Forrest and Olivenhain Town Council Meeting (in Elfin Forest) and has chosen not to attend. In his place will be Kevin Barnard, recently announced candidate running against Horn in the March 2002 primary. The meeting is January 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Elfin Forest Fire Station, 20023 Elfin Forest Rd.

Many people ask why do we care about Bill Horn or the 5th District County Supervisor race since the 5th District does not include En-cinitas. Why should we care? Unfortunately Horn's district includes our rapidly growing neighbors to the north (Carlsbad, Oceanside, San Marcos, Rancho Santa Fe, Fallbrook and parts east.) In addition to pushing for widening of Rancho Santa Fe Road, Horn has recently eliminated several local community character groups. In a recent Rancho Santa Fe Review article he denied wanting "Son of 680," but our sources say he is actively pushing it in Carlsbad City Hall. We should be concerned because the next step after adding this N-S route would be to connect Lone Jack and Fortuna Ranch Road to the "back country highway."

**ARE YOU ON EMAIL?**

Remember to let us know when you change your email address. Send all email address changes to [membership@olivenhain.org](mailto:membership@olivenhain.org). That way we can notify you of activities between newsletters.



**Meeting Hall Reminder — Please remember, there is no trash pickup at the Meeting Hall. If your group uses the Hall, please be sure to remove all your trash, including items in the refrigerator. Also, replace any supplies you use (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.).**

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## City Council and Commission Schedules

### Council/Commission

Encinitas City Council  
Planning Commission  
Traffic Commission  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Senior Citizen Commission  
Commission for the Arts  
Youth Commission

### Regular Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers  
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers  
2nd Monday, 4th Monday optional at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers  
3rd Tuesday at 5:00 PM, Council Chambers  
3rd Friday at 1:00 PM, Council Chambers  
1st Monday at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers  
1st Wednesday at 4:30 PM, Council Chambers

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## Commissioner's Corner — Traffic Calming

### Pat Klaus, Olivenhain Traffic Commissioner

In December, the Traffic Commission devoted the entire meeting to traffic calming. After reviewing materials we had previously received, we spent several hours developing a mission statement and goals to be ratified by the City Council.

The Traffic Commission has proposed the following Mission:

Develop and oversee a program that will encourage vehicles to use circulation element streets; reduce impact of vehicular traffic in neighborhoods; and improve pedestrian, bicyclist and equestrian safety within and around the City of Encinitas.

The Traffic Commission has proposed the following Goals:

- § Develop a comprehensive traffic-calming program consistent with the circulation element of the Encinitas General Plan.
- § Ensure the preservation of community character and the safety of residential neighborhoods.
- § Incorporate citizen participation in the development of the traffic-calming program.

The Traffic Commission has asked the City Council to ratify the Mission and Goals, authorize the Traffic Commission to draft a traffic-calming program, and to allocate sufficient funds to hire a traffic-calming expert to assist the Traffic Commission and Staff. This issue will be on a future City Council agenda. You can check the agenda for each City Council or Commission meeting on the Encinitas web site at [http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public\\_Documents/Agendas/agendasmain.htm](http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public_Documents/Agendas/agendasmain.htm) a few days prior to the meeting.

Additional work on the traffic calming program is likely to be either an agenda item at each regular Traffic Commission meeting, or at a special Traffic Commission meeting on the optional fourth Monday.

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## Special Thanks

Thanks to Michele Tutoli for once again hosting the Holiday Party. The Peppertree Players performed a nativity play, and a good time was had by all.

Thanks and welcome to our new board member, Karen Mendez, who recently returned to her Olivenhain house after residing in San Francisco, for stepping forward and volunteering to join the board. Karen replaces resigning board member Michele Tutoli.

Thanks to OLIVENHAIN SELF STORAGE for donating a storage space to the Olivenhain Town Council



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### Did you know . . .

Colony Olivenhain was the organization of German settlers which contracted to purchase Rancho las Encinitas in southern California? Originally, the settlement itself was referred to as either the "Colony Ranch" or "Encinitas Ranch." Over time, newspaper articles and eventually even residents referred to the settlement itself as "Olivenhain."

### And did you know . . .

The original purchase contract for Rancho las Encinitas was signed by Theodore Pinther and Conrad Stroebel without the permission of the other members. By April, 1885, the colonists discovered they had overpaid for the land and that Pinther and Stroebel were to be paid a commission on the sale of the land. The colonists kidnapped Pinther and held him captive at a secluded location until he confessed. While some colonists favored hanging, Pinther and Stroebel were only required to leave the colony. A new purchase contract was finally negotiated and recorded on July 8, 1885.

### Colony Olivenhain Reprint

Find more interesting facts about Olivenhain in Colony Olivenhain, authored by Richard Bumann. Colony Olivenhain is currently being reprinted. To reserve your copy, send your name and phone number by email to [membership@olivenhain.org](mailto:membership@olivenhain.org) or call Bruce Ehlers at 760-944-9482.

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## Hurry Before They're Gone!

At last count, there were only 23 chrome Olivenhain license plate frames available for purchase at the Postal Corner in Olivenhain. The proceeds of the sales are going to a good cause – a new wood burning stone barbecue for the Meeting Hall!

### Buildings and Grounds Committee

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. The Germania Hotel (Baecht House) is going to take huge community effort and fundraising. We will be setting up a fundraising committee at this meeting. If you are interested in working on this or have any suggestions please contact Lou Haberkern at [lhaberkern@foundation.sdsu.edu](mailto:lhaberkern@foundation.sdsu.edu) or Deborah Muzzy at [dmuzz1999@aol.com](mailto:dmuzz1999@aol.com).

Everyone in the community is welcome to participate in the committee meetings. If you have questions, please call Deborah Muzzy (760-436-8668). The Building and Grounds Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

## ✂ Help Wanted ✂

- ✂ Window washer for the windows at the Meeting Hall, inside and outside. Contact Deb Muzzy at 436-8668
- ✂ If you have a projection screen that you can donate to the Meeting Hall, please contact Bruce Ehlers, 944-9482.
- ✂ Volunteers for committee work and donations (cash/in kind). If you have some time or money and would like to help, we have a job for you. Contact Steve Fitch at 858-759-9236.



### Olivenhain Town Council Calendar

- Jan 2 Joint Meeting with Elfin Forest Town Council Meeting, Elfin Forest Fire Station, 7:30 PM
- Jan 22 Building and Grounds Committee, Meeting Hall, 6:30 PM
- Feb 6 General Meeting, Meeting Hall, 7:30 PM
- Mar 6 General Meeting, Meeting Hall, 7:30 PM