



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

March 2003

From the President — Bob Campbell

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings fellow rain lovers! For those of you who don't recall, "rain" refers to H2O experiencing gravitational forces. What "rain" means to Olivenhain: 1) the Town Hall roof should have been repaired sometime within the last four years (when it last "rained"); 2) "Dirt" piled on the Town Hall grounds will be noticed by seemingly well-meaning City Officials, who will subsequently declare the potential--but largely imaginary--runoff an ecological disaster akin to the Mt. St. Helens volcanic eruption, yet those same politicians are fully appeased by a stolen sand bag artfully placed near said "dirt" (ya gotta love `em!); 3) irrigation lines and new trees may have to wait because mud is not a good first home for either; and 4) the Olivenhain River, more commonly known as Rancho Santa Fe Road, holds standing water better than an abandoned, concrete missile silo in Nebraska.



Overall, though, rain is good. We should hope for more within the next four years. Anyone who has driven by Pond Hodges lately would agree. Stay dry and stay in touch.

Monthly Meetings

OTC General Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

Olivenhain Meeting Hall, 7:30 PM

We've been heard! SANDAG is coming to Olivenhain. No community is an island anymore and its fate and quality of life depends on the communities surrounding it. If we truly value the quality of life in Olivenhain, we need to take every opportunity to let regional planners know how important it is to preserve areas like Olivenhain. Please seriously consider attending on Wednesday to interact with SANDAG Communications Director Garry Bonelli and staff as well as our city SANDAG representatives Christy Guerin and Maggie Houlihan. Garry will be presenting SANDAG's program called the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). SANDAG is developing core values to focus on for the region over the next 30-50 years so we have a perfect opportunity to speak up for rural quality of life preservation. It is therefore important to "pack the house" and make sure they go away knowing that Olivenhain is serious about preserving rural atmosphere.

A packed house will send a powerful message. If you had to pick one meeting to attend this year, this one might be it.

Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Olivenhain Meeting Hall, 6:30 PM

Our regularly scheduled Building and Grounds Meeting, will be March 25th at 6:30 PM. We have a lot going on and can always find something for you to do, so don't be shy!

Yes, I know progress is slow, but things are moving. Although at times it seems as though nothing is happening, behind the scenes we are busy little beavers.

Granghetto's Farm & Supply, has come through on the irrigation materials for the Meeting Hall grounds. They have been delivered. Thank You Judy Woodward! We really appreciate this huge contribution to our community.

Ron Martin, Sunshine Gardens is standing by to deliver the Sycamore, Olive and Oak Trees, for the grounds.

COMING SOON, watch for a notice posted on the Olivenhain Meeting Hall Sign, regarding a work weekend. We are going to need a lot of helping hands to pull this project off, but it will be well worth it.

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Olivenhain Task Force News

A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council

By Bruce Ehlers

SPRINT CELL TOWER NEXT TO RSF ROAD APPROVED ... The Planning Commission unanimously approved SPRINT's application for a cell tower adjacent to RSF Road about 150 feet north of Whisper Wind Drive. What was the justification? The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 prevents local authorities from denying cell sites based on health concerns. The local government is, however, allowed to approve or deny based on local planning and aesthetics. In this case, SPRINT chose to use a quiet and diminutive technology. There will be no air conditioner and the antenna is comprised of two "whip" antennas attached to an existing SDG&E pole. Furthermore, SPRINT is using 5 foot tall equipment cabinets and not a building. The cabinets will be painted dark green and screened with drought-tolerant shrubs. In addition, SPRINT is removing three existing micro transmitters in Olivenhain and replacing them with this one site. Since the new antenna was of minimal impact and resulted in fewer cell antennas in Olivenhain, the Planning Commission was obligated to approve.

We will be revisiting this issue in several years when the utilities along RSF Road are put underground. According to staff testimony, when SDG&E removes the power pole for undergrounding, SPRINT will need to go through the approval process again.

UTILITY POLES ALONG RSF ROAD TO BE UNDERGROUNDED (HOPEFULLY IN 2005) ... SDG&E has a program to gradually underground utilities. Each year, the City designates a "district" for this program and RSF Road is currently slated for 2005. Originally, we were slated for 2004, but the recent SDG&E budget fiasco delayed the program for at least a year. Hopefully this will stay on track for 2005. By the way ... Thanks to Deb Muzzy for getting this onto the City's capital improvement plan and monitoring it's progress.

LA POSTA DIVERTER GATE TO REMAIN ... Well over one hundred people packed the City Hall for a discussion of removing the diverter preventing east-bound traffic on Avenida La Posta. The overwhelming majority of speakers opposed the diverter's removal. At the meeting, city staff revealed that there was "new" information and they asked that Council not take action to remove the diverter that night. Unfortunately, the exact nature of the new information never surfaced at the public council meeting. Subsequently, Mayor Jerome Stocks made a motion to drop the issue until there is an "equivalent or better" mitigating solution. The motion passed 5-0 including Christy Guerin who originally put the item on the agenda.

What does this mean relative to the possibility/justification of opening 11th or Village View or the widening of RSF Road? Nothing really ... The reason for dropping this had little to do with the number of people against the issue. According to the lawyers I talked to at the meeting, the city backed themselves into a legal corner with their previous Environmental Impact Report (EIR.) Basically the city's original EIR documented an environmental impact to the neighborhood. Several years ago the original gate (blocking both east and west bound traffic) was removed citing "overriding safety concerns" in spite of the EIR predicting significant impact on the neighborhood. When traffic levels immediately jumped to the excessive levels predicted by the EIR, the city worked to erect a compromise solution ... the diverter. Since the diverter does not impede emergency vehicles, the "overriding concern" used to remove the gate did not apply to the diverter. The city could not use the same "overriding concern for safety" to bypass the old EIR. Hence, the only way they can remove the diverter is if they identify a new solution that mitigates the effect on the neighborhood. One proposal we might hear in the coming year or so is to open up all east-west routes (11th, Village View, La Posta) and widen RSF Road. We'll be following this one closely and let everyone know via email. (subscribe at Bruce@ehlers-online.com)

ART RANCH ASKING TO BE ZONED COMMERCIAL ... The 2.17 acre Encinitas Art Ranch at the corner of El Camino Real and Manchester Ave is asking to be rezoned from "R3" Residential to "GC-PCD" General Commercial - Planned Commercial Development. The 30 day environmental review comment period just closed on February 24th. The proposed on-site uses would be limited to art and art-related activities.

ARE YOU ON THE OTC EMAIL LIST? ... Remember to let us know when you change your email address. Send all email address changes to bruce@ehlers-online.com. That way we can notify you of activities between newsletters.

In Memoriam

We sadly report that Bill Diamond passed away on Sunday, February 9. Not only was Bill a member of the Olivenhain Town Council, he served on the City of Encinitas Blue Ribbon Environmental Committee as one of two Olivenhain members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Carol, and the rest of Bill's family and friends. We too will miss you, Bill.

Fundraiser Sales and Events

“Colony Olivenhain” History Book

In 1981, Richard Bumann, descendent of one of the original colonists, published a local history book titled Colony Olivenhain. The original printing sold out long ago, but thanks to a very generous donation by publishers Kristina and Reid Tracy, the Olivenhain Town Council has made this book available once again, and will be able to use all the proceeds from the sale of this book for renovation and repair of the Germania Hotel.

We have books for sale at each General Meeting and other OTC events, but if you can't make it to the meeting, you can order using the order form on the cover sheet, or stop by and pick one up at the Postal Corner.

Buy several ... they make great gifts!

Olivenhain License Plate Frames

Those attractive, chrome Olivenhain license plates frames you may have seen around town are available at the Postal Corner. When supplies run out, Robert keeps a list of names to notify when the new order comes in. Stop by the Postal Corner today!

Olivenhain Cookbook

The first ever Olivenhain Cookbook should be available soon at General Meeting and at the Annual Bratwurst and Beer Festival in April. We're keeping our fingers crossed.

This special cookbook is being published by Debbie McCauley to raise funds for the restoration of the Germania Hotel located on the Meeting Hall grounds. The cookbook is expected to sell for \$20-25 and would make a great gift to folks in Olivenhain and out.

To reserve one (or more) copies today, visit www.debbiemccauley.com and click on the Olivenhain Cookbook link.

Annual Bratwurst and Beer Fest

Grilled bratwurst, savory sauerkraut, beer on tap, and Mal Jaeger & the Edelweiss Band. What more do we need for a fun afternoon celebrating Olivenhain's German heritage.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Bratwurst and Beer Festival coming up **April 27, 2003 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** This year we're changing the pricing structure to make it more affordable for families. If you have questions or would like to help, call :

Twink Bumann (858-756-5121 or Elaine Tiglio (760-436-0322).

Hey! What Happened Last Month???

Some of you (ok, probably most of you,) may have noticed that the newsletter arrived late last month. What happened?

Last month was our trial of Postal Corner's new bulk mail capability. Unfortunately, we were a little late getting the issue to press, and it got to the post office late. We're trying to do better this month!

As a result of using the bulk mail postage rate, we are saving about 25¢ per copy of the newsletter. This will result in a savings of more than \$1,500 per year in postage and handling.

Now for the bad news ... Unfortunately the bulk mail database lists only Encinitas for 92024. Robert spent a few hours trying to work around this limitation, but so far he's been unable to get Olivenhain in there. We're hopeful we can eventually work around this problem since we've seen other bulk mailers with Olivenhain in the address.

In the meantime, it's hard to walk away from \$1,500, so please have patience. We'll keep working to get our Olivenhain identity back on the mailing labels.

Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you **Lance and Juli Gillett** for graciously donating native plantings for the stone planters at the front of the Meeting Hall. Thank you **Juli Gillett, Nan Sterman and Valerie Thorpe**, for driving up to the "Tree of Life" nursery in San Juan Capistrano and picking out several native California plants. They were planted in February. With little water we should have a beautiful entrance to our Historic Meeting Hall.

Thank you **Tree of Life** and **Manager Mike Evans** for donating the native willow trees, that will be planted at the Meeting Hall.

Thanks to the **Larsen Family** for generously donating red, white and blue bunting decorations for the Meeting Hall. They will look great on the front of the hall, on those special times of year.

Thanks to **RentX, Shawn Spiewak**, Manager, for once again graciously donating equipment for the grounds of the Meeting Hall. We really don't know what we would have done without you!!

Thank you to **Rancho La Playa Pools & Landscape, Brett Moore**, for the new dirt to fill in the gullies at the Meeting Hall.

Thanks to **Olivenhain Self Storage** for their on-going donation of a storage unit to the OTC.

Thanks to **Robert Neill and all his Crew** at the Postal Corner for helping to get the newsletter out each month.

We appreciate all the giving hearts that make the difference in our community.

February General Meeting — Law Enforcement in Olivenhain

In February, Matt Blumenthal from the Community Policing Unit with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department came to our General Meeting to discuss topics of interest to the audience. Unfortunately, the February newsletter was our first experiment with bulk mail to save money, and the newsletter arrived late. Due to the late arrival of the newsletter, a Father/Daughter event at OPE, and the cold and flu season, Matt spoke to a record small crowd. As a result, I'm including in this newsletter an expanded summary of the information Matt presented to us. Matt was a great sport and shared information with us enthusiastically. He's volunteered to come back and speak to a larger crowd some other time. Many thanks to Matt and the entire San Diego County Sheriff's Department!

Olivenhain Law Enforcement ... Encinitas contracts with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement. The Encinitas contract includes three patrol vehicles on a 7-day schedule, plus one patrol vehicle and four motorcycles Monday-Friday. In addition to the patrol vehicles and motorcycles, there are a number of deputies in the Community Policing Unit, also known as COPS. Community Policing is our plain-clothes group. The Encinitas substation supports not only Encinitas, but Solana Beach, Del Mar, and the unincorporated areas of Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch.

Encinitas has 4-6 deputies per shift to cover all of Encinitas, so calls are prioritized with the most serious highest on the list. This means that if you call about a noisy neighborhood party, for example, it may take a while for a deputy to appear on your doorstep. But, the more residents who call about a particular problem, the higher the assigned priority.

While Encinitas has problem areas in Leucadia, due to a high rate of rental property, and near San Dieguito Academy, overall, Olivenhain is a very low crime community. If you have a non-emergency complaint, please call 858-565-5200 to report it rather than 911.

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol ... Those cars marked RSVP are exactly what it says, seniors who have volunteered their time to supplement our deputies by driving around town and keeping their eyes open. The next time you go on vacation, you can call the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol and request a vacation check. They will drive by your home once a day to check on it. You can call RSVP at 760-966-3500.

Neighborhood Watch ... Neighborhood watch programs are very effective at deterring crime in a neighborhood. If you are interested in establishing a neighborhood watch program in your area, call Marcia Mann, Crime Prevention Specialist. She can be reached at 760-966-3500 (ask for Marcia). She will come out, talk to your neighborhood group, and help you set up your neighborhood watch program.

LoJack Works! ... According to Matt, LoJack really works to recover stolen vehicles. Most stolen autos in Encinitas end up in Vista or Oceanside, not Mexico. All Sheriff's Department patrol cars and helicopters have LoJack detectors. With LoJack becoming more common, auto thieves are stealing cars and parking them for a few days and waiting for them to NOT be recovered. This tells the thief if LoJack was installed.

Speeding Problems ... If you feel that your public street has a significant problem with vehicle speeds, please notify Sergeant Ray Miller, or Rob Blough, City Traffic Engineer, (760) 633-2705.

School Safety Program ... The biggest problem in area High Schools is still drugs ... not illegal drugs, but prescription drugs. Prescription drugs that are most common are Oxycontin (stimulant), Ritalin (stimulant), Soma (depressant), Xanax (depressant), and pretty much anything else they can get their hands on. They can be sold, traded, or used. They generally fall into two categories: stimulants and depressants. It all depends on which type of "trip" they want. If your teens have access to prescription drugs, monitor prescriptions to ensure that they are not being pilfered for this purpose.

Gangs ... There is one gang with two subsets in Encinitas. The subset in Leucadia is call "Tortilla Flats". The subset around San Dieguito High School is called "Southside". All Encinitas gang members claim "Varrio Encinitas" but will also claim "Tortilla Flats" or "Southside" to better show where they live. Both subsets hang out together and commit crimes together. No specific colors or clothing is associated with the gang. Generally shaved heads are the norm, but not always. "Tags" will be "ENC", "TF", "SS", "TxFx", "5-14-3", or "Encinitas". None are, thankfully, in Olivenhain.

Megan's Law ... In 1995, a convicted child molester was arrested for the murder and rape of 7 year-old Megan Kanka in a New Jersey suburb. The offender lived right across the street from the Kanka residence. At the time the law did not allow the Police Department to release sex offender information to the public. On May 8, 1996, that was changed when President Clinton signed "Megan's Law" in remembrance of Megan Kanka. California's version of Megan's Law went into effect on September 25, 1996. This law was implemented to allow potential victims to protect themselves and allow parents to protect their children.

The law enforcement agencies of San Diego County have established the Automated Regional Justice Information Service (ARJIS) which allows you to view a map with the approximate location of registered high risk and serious sex offenders shown. Visit <http://www.arjis.org/SDCRPinMapEntry.html>. You can enter your address and determine if there are registered sex offenders living in your area. If you determine that there is a registered sex offender in your area, you can get additional information from the Sheriff's department. Information on the CD-ROM includes the high-risk or serious sex offender's name; aliases; photograph (available on more than 65 percent of the individuals) physical description; ethnicity; date of birth; scars, marks, and tattoos; registered sex offenses; and county and zip code based on last registered address.

Matt cautioned that not all offenders on the database are equal. Their offenses range from rape and murder down to urinating in public. You can get the details on a nearby offender from the Sheriff's Department, including any special restrictions which can be monitored. According to this map, there is only one serious sex offender in Olivenhain, but three additional in New Encinitas east of El Camino Real. There are no high risk sex offenders in Olivenhain. In all, there are 25-30 registered sex offenders in Encinitas.

Bottom Line ... The deputies can't be everywhere at the same time and they depend heavily on us to be their eyes and ears. Please DO call in ever suspicious or unusual circumstance. It could be a car parked where it is unexpected or a potential burglar casing a hit. When the deputies check them out, they decide other places are easier to terrorize, and Olivenhain continues to be a very safe and secure place to live.

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Stan and Lynwood Cole will be fixing the concrete blocks on the concrete circle soon. Seems like every time you turn around another is missing! Thank you Stan and Lynwood.

Larry Eddington, has finally slowed down long enough to make that missing shutter on the Meeting Hall. Thank you Larry!

Finally, the most important thing of all, is the Meeting Hall roof. The rear portion of the Meeting Hall roof has been scheduled to be replaced, along with a few other minor repairs to the main roof. Bruce Weigand worked with Roy Schott and Schott Roofing, is doing the work. Twink Bumann was given the task and authority to sort through the maize of bids and make the decision. This was a big responsibility and the board thanks her for doing this. Work was postponed last week because of rain, imagine that! Look to see workers in the next couple of weeks pounding away.

NEWS ALERT-HOTEL UPDATE:

Lou Haberkern, Hotel Chair, now has a budget to work with, whoopee! He could use your help. We need electricians, carpenters, painters, anyone with legs, feet, arms and hands, no heads please! Really we need your help, if you have time to donate a day, a weekend or your life, we will take it. This is a worth while project. Future generations are depending on us to restore this old building. Please contact Lou at: lhaberkern@foundation.sdsu.edu or phone 760-943-9947.



Happy Saint
Patrick's Day!



City Council and Commission Schedules

Council/Commission

Regular Schedule

Encinitas City Council	2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th Wednesday at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers
Planning Commission	1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers
Traffic Commission	2nd Monday, 4th Monday optional at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
Parks and Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday at 5:00 PM, Council Chambers
Senior Citizen Commission	3rd Friday at 1:00 PM, Council Chambers
Commission for the Arts	1st Monday at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
Youth Commission	1st Wednesday at 4:30 PM, Council Chambers

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Commissioner's Corner

Steve Fitch, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

The Master Trails Plan has passed the Coastal Commission and been adopted by the City Council. Now the improvement projects begin. Each trail will have neighborhood involvement. Currently, the Parks Commission has received a recommended short list of projects to start for connectivity and safety. In Olivenhain the only short list items are the Lone Jack trail at the dangerous curve between Crystal Ridge and Jackie Lane and the stretch between Rancho Encinitas and Fortuna Ranch. About that mess at the Hall property, the Citizens for Quality of Life (mostly local neighbors) have filed suit against the city to stop the demolition based on health concerns. So far, the city has not received a restraining order and so has not stopped the clean-up work. Cottonwood Creek park is set to go with contract award for construction set for 19 March with a 6 month construction period. Also the 2 new sports park facilities are set to open by 1 March. Commissioners Doug Goad and Bob Nanninga have been reappointed for another 2 year term. Joe Aurora will be retiring and a new commissioner will be taking his place next month.

Pat Klaus, Traffic Commissioner

At long last, Encinitas has it's consultant to help develop the Traffic Calming Program. We're kicking off this project with two public workshops. Hopefully, you got the postcard Encinitas mailed to every resident and were able to attend at least one of the two sessions. If not, I'll report more next month on those workshops. If you'd like to participate even though you weren't able to attend either workshop, you can submit, in writing, your concerns, issues, and priorities by email to: tdouglas@ci.encinitas.ca.us or by letter to: Traffic Engineering, City of Encinitas, 505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024.

On a different subject, I've gotten questions from various people about street paving and maintenance. Interestingly enough, the Traffic Engineering Department and the Traffic Commission have nothing to do with street paving in Encinitas. That is handled by the Public Works Department. If you have questions or issues with street paving or repair work needed, contact Public Works by email pubworks@ci.encinitas.ca.us or call (760) 633-2850. You can also fill out an on-line form at:

http://ci.encinitas.ca.us/City_Services/PW/streetform.htm

Finally, I'm happy to report that both Chris Hall and I were reappointed to the Encinitas Traffic Commission or another two years.
