



# Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

May 2003

From the President — Bob Campbell

Dear Folks:

Now that you are all stuffed with the Beer (or soda) and Brat consumed at the festival on April 27, waddle on down to our next general meeting and help your digestion with the gala presentation on (insert drum roll here)...RATTLESNAKES !!

Yes, there's nothing more conducive to gastronomical delight than learning your back yard may be filled with rattlers, lizards, and other slimy, but wondrous vermin and reptiles. The lecture, conducted by our local "Crocodile Hunter", will include vivid slides for that appetite-appealing effect.

Refreshments will be limited, as we have lost the mop to clean the floor.

Come on down and bring your pet Boa.



## Monthly Meetings

### OTC General Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

Olivenhain Meeting Hall, 7:30 PM

Join us at the May meeting for a special presentation by our own Richard and Twink Bumann — **Photographing reptiles and amphibians.**

Richard and Twink Bumann are grandparents and in every way, an inseparable team. They enjoy seeing and photographing all forms of nature, including amphibians and reptiles. Their presentation includes the technique of photographing frogs, turtles and snakes. Working with venomous snakes will be extensively covered with tips on posing and safety precautions. The Bumann's eagerly look forward to the OTC May meeting and hope you can attend.

The Bumann's are honorary members of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society and have presented slide shows at UCSD and at the San Diego Civic Theater. Twink was awarded first place in 1999 Birders World magazine and second place in color nature at the 2001 San Diego County Fair. Richard has photographs in three published books and was awarded first place in color nature at the 2001 San Diego County Fair.

### OTC General Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

Olivenhain Meeting Hall, 7:30 PM

Every June, the Olivenhain Town Council elects new board members. The Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month to plan special events, take care of regular maintenance items, and discuss future plans. Many issues are resolved by email.

If you'd like to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors or would like to nominate another member to serve on the Board of Directors, please be sure to join us.

## MEMORIAL DAY



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## Olivenhain Task Force News

A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council

By Bruce Ehlers

**SMALL NEW SUBDIVISION GOING IN NEXT TO THE 7-11 ...** Have you noticed the small lime-green sign on top of a hill next to Rancho Santa Fe Road adjacent to 7-11? Neither did I until one of the neighbors emailed me. It marks a proposed development on that vacant lot and another adjacent property on the WEST side of RSF Rd. According to the plans distributed at the April 19th neighborhood meeting, a total of eight houses will be built. This initial request is to subdivide the land and grade for house pads. According to the handout, access to the subdivision will be gained via McCain Lane, an existing private street connecting to Encinitas Blvd. None of the homes will access RSF Road. As currently proposed, the project would be responsible for widening RSF Rd along it's frontage. The Planning Commission should hear this project in the next month or two. If you want to see the plans or have concerns about this project, contact Bill Weedman in the Encinitas Planning Department. He can be reached at City Hall at 760-633-2600.

**ENCINITAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT CUTS BUSING ...** In a 4-1 decision that heavily affects Olivenhain, the Encinitas Union School District voted to eliminate busing next year. The majority of the students using buses live in Olivenhain. It has been estimated that this will result in an additional 200 to 250 cars on Rancho Santa Fe Road each morning and afternoon. If you are concerned about this cut, you can join others in

expressing your opinion. Contact Sherry Schroeder, an Olivenhain resident, at 760-942-2450 if you would like to join the effort to protest this decision. Sherry and group of other residents are organizing events to protest. Time is short according to Sherry, the decision will be finalized and sent to the state the first week in May. One common complaint is that the decision was made with very little public input. If you'd like to express your opinion directly to the district, contact Superintendent Doug DeVore at 944-4300 x110. The district website is <http://www.eusd.k12.ca.us/Directory/districtoffice.htm> where you can find their phone directory.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...** The Community Character Implementation Plan (CCIP) goes back to the City Council for two more hearings before being passed or rejected. The City Council will split this final round of public reviews into two meetings on May 14th and June 18th. The meetings are at 6pm at City Hall, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue in Encinitas. A summary of the proposed ordinance changes can be found on the city website at [http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public\\_Documents/community\\_character.htm](http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public_Documents/community_character.htm)

**ARE YOU ON THE OTC EMAIL LIST? ...** Remember to let us know when you change your email address. Send all email address changes to [behlers@coppermountain.com](mailto:behlers@coppermountain.com). That way we can notify you of activities between newsletters.

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### Special Opportunity!

#### Elfin Forest Garden Festival

Saturday, May 3, 2003, 20:00 AM to 4:00 PM

20223 Elfin Forest Road

Elfin Forest (Escondido) CA

- Visit Eight Fabulous Gardens
- Win Garden Stuff—Raffle and Silent Auction
- Free Consultations with Garden Experts
- Garden Marketplace
- Gourmet Lunch

**\$20 for Garden Tour**

**\$12 for lunch (\$6 for children)**

(Benefits the Elfin Forest Landscape Foundation, preview the gardens at [www.elfinforestgardens.info](http://www.elfinforestgardens.info))

Directions: From Olivenhain, take Rancho Santa Fe Road northbound. Turn right on San Elijo Road. Turn Right on Elfin Forest Road, proceed to 20223 Elfin Forest Road (Fire Station).

Watch for the Elf Signs!

Many of these gardens have been featured in national magazines and on television. One of them was a finalist for Good Morning America's best garden in America contest.

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## 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 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!

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### Olivenhain License Plate Frames

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

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### Olivenhain Cookbook

Debbie McCauley tells us the first ever Olivenhain Cookbook should (hopefully) arrive near the end of May. This special cookbook is being published by Debbie to raise funds for the restoration of the Germania Hotel on the Meeting Hall grounds. The cookbook is expected to sell for around \$25 and would make a great gift for folks in Olivenhain and out.

Nearly 300 copies have been pre-sold to date. To reserve one (or more) copies for yourself and friends, visit [www.debbiemccauley.com](http://www.debbiemccauley.com) and click on the Olivenhain Cookbook link.

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### Beer and Brat Thanks

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Beer and Brat Fest this year. Your efforts are what make this event possible every year. Special thanks to the Wild Bird Center for donating the raffle prize this year.

A complete report on the Beer and Brat Fest will be in the June newsletter.

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♥ Happy Mother's Day! ♥

## Building and Grounds Committee

"The Meeting Hall grounds have never looked so cared for." This is what we often hear now and the positive comments are most definitely encouraging. Along with the car honks and thumbs up when driving by!

This past month Larry Eddington, trailored his 1950 Ford Tractor down to the Meeting Hall and spent the day smoothing out all the ruts and spreading mulch on the southwest and southeast of the property. We have cleared the north side of the property of debris and we are proud to say that because of this the entire property can now be used. In May the Olivenhain 4-H and San Dieguito Heritage Museum Barbecue will be sharing the property for the first time in history. Thank you Larry!

Sunshine Gardens owner Ron Martin, will be delivering the Olive, California Sycamore and Oak trees in the next 30 days and we will be calling on all the youth groups, Olivenhain 4-H, San Dieguito 4-H, Cub Scouts, Eagle Scouts to assist with planting. We also will be planting the donated Willow trees, from Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano and installing the lodge pole fencing. This is going to be a huge job and an impressive contribution to the community. Thanks again to Sunshine Gardens and Tree of Life Nursery.

The roof on the rear portion of the Meeting Hall is scheduled to be replaced by Schott Roofing within the next 30 days.

The Germania Hotel now has new front steps and steps outside of each of the side doors. Doors have been hung in the two side openings. Don't be alarmed about the neon painted door to the southeast, it is temporary. Once the first phase of the Hotel restoration is near completion, the doors will be painted.

The front elevation of the Hotel will be getting new windows, a new front door, a new front railing, and the roof and siding cleaned. The kitchen cabinets donated by Home Depot have been installed, along with rough plumbing and electrical for future use.

We still need your help. If anyone is interested in working on the Hotel please contact Lou Haberkern, [lhaborkern@foundation.sdsu.edu](mailto:lhaborkern@foundation.sdsu.edu).

There will be no Building and Grounds Meeting in May.

Finally, the Building and Grounds Committee wants to remind the residents, we are all volunteers that take care of the Meeting Hall and Grounds. PLEASE do not dump your trash, yard debris or any other materials on the property, and if you see someone doing so, call one of the board members. We all need to take pride in this property that has been left to us and future generations.

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

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## Commissioner's Corner

### Pat Klaus, Traffic Commissioner

This month, the Traffic Commission considered new speed limits on 54 street segments within Encinitas. Why, you ask? Because California Vehicle Code Section 40802 stipulates that a speed limit established by local ordinance and not justified by an Engineering and Traffic Survey within seven years prior to the date of an alleged violation and where enforcement involves the use of radar or other electronic devices is considered a "speed trap." Citations issued as a result of a "speed trap" are thrown out of court. And our seven years are nearly up!

The Staff-recommended changes were in accordance with CalTrans requirements that the speed limit should normally be set at the first five mile per hour increment below the 85th percentile speed. However in matching existing conditions with the traffic safety needs of the community, the CalTrans manual states that engineering judgment may indicate the need for a further reduction of five miles per hour. Of the 54 streets, 36 streets had no change recommended by City Staff. Among these were Rancho Santa Fe Road and Manchester Avenue. Of the remaining 18, one street was recommended for a speed limit decrease! Staff recommended 17 increases in speed limit including increases on El Camino del Norte (to 45), Lone Jack Road (to 40), and Olivenhain Road (to 50). The Traffic Commission recommended three of the 17 increases be reversed due to safety needs of the community (including El Camino del Norte).

The Traffic Commission Resolution will now go forward to the City Council with the Traffic Commission recommendations for speed limit increases. The City Council can accept the Traffic Commission recommendation, or can make changes of their own prior to approving the new speed limits. I don't know when this will be on the agenda, so if you're interested in this topic, watch the City Council agenda found at

[http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public\\_Documents/Agendas/city\\_council\\_agenda.htm](http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Public_Documents/Agendas/city_council_agenda.htm)

The good news is that this "speed trap" rule does not apply to "local streets," as defined by the functional usage and federal-aid system maps submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. All our streets except the 54 have been included in the maps and can be posted and enforced at 25 mph.

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