



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

July 2003

From the President — Bob Campbell

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." (Tale of Two Cities; Dickens) "What we have here is...failure to communicate." (Paul Newman as Cool Hand Luke) I thought I would start this month's message to you with these two famous literary quotations, because each one was ringing in my head as I walked to my car following *Election Night*. What a "barn-burner" of an evening! Over 300 voters. A jam-packed Town Hall. Eight candidates for four Board seats. Strong, clear speeches. Stronger, clearer passion from all attending. If you weren't there, you missed a textbook example of American grass-roots democracy. To all of you who came, we thank you very much.



When the Election dust settled, the OTC board gained two new Board Members, Mr. Russ Lanthorne and Ms. Cynthia Brandenburg, trading places with ex-directors VP Steve Fitch and Pat Klaus. Historic 300 plus ballots in a dead heat finish means only one thing to us - a significant portion of our constituency feels disenfranchised and unheard, an intolerable situation that will be fixed right here and now.

We immediately convened our last (outgoing) board meeting with special early invitations to the new board members. Our agenda was simply to get to the root of the issues as a team and set our new course for the future, together. We began the meeting on June 12, 2003 with a toast and a pledge to become the best, most open, most constructive OTC Board in history.

First, since folks clearly felt the board was not available to them, we will do whatever it takes to meet at the Olivenhain Town Hall at regularly scheduled times where our membership may sit in a gallery and even have a minute or two to address the board with their concerns or questions. We selected Russ Lanthorne to be our Board's Vice President. Cynthia (Cindy) generously volunteered to lead a brand new, formal function titled Community Events Coordinator, so that we can focus on rekindling constructive, enjoyable happenings at the Hall. We look forward to our newly invigorated membership to take up the "barn-raising" spirit to put on these events and help out whenever called. We have also commissioned several subcommittees, that include our new board members, to look into all concerns recently raised by our general membership. We will be publishing our findings in the next few issues of this newsletter.

One might think that with two new Board members being elected, we would be saying "goodbye" to two former Board members. But, au contraire, the contributions and wisdom of Ms. Pat Klaus and Mr. Steve Fitch are so valuable, we simply won't let them go. Sure, they are no longer Board members, but how about these apples: This newsletter is coming to you via the Editorial and Production skill of Ms. Pat Klaus and both Pat and Steve are facilitating transition and sharing of excellent new ideas. On behalf of all OTC members, my hat is off to both Steve and Pat.

And now back to those quotations with which I started my message to you. I had the distinct pleasure of getting together with Russ for three hours a few nights back. (Cynthia could not join us as she was out of town.) I learned a lot. Russ helped me become aware of many issues that have been unresolved and have caused, over time, hard feelings. We began to list the issues. We agreed to work strongly together to research, assess, and report fully on every issue.



Enjoy future newsletters, General Meetings, and, yes, open OTC Board meetings—you are going to learn a lot. Above all, we will be reporting all the facts about all the issues as discerned by this new Board—a group of volunteers, supported by all of you, who joined together to care for our community; magnificent Olivenhain.

Olivenhain Task Force News
A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council
By Bruce Ehlers

FUNDING RESTORED FOR RSF ROAD TRAIL/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ... Thanks to your strong support, the City Council decided to restore funding for our trails along RSF Rd. The combination of dozens of emails, calls and people attending the June 11th budget hearing helped convince the entire Council of the urgent need for these trails. Your involvement does make a difference!

Mayor Jerome Stocks got quick support for this funding by comparing our critical safety issue with other project priorities. He made it clear that student safety should take priority over other traffic projects like traffic light upgrades. In the end, the RSF Rd trails project was combined, along with additional funding, with the "Safe Routes to School" budget item. Wording was added to The Safe Routes to School project that clearly indicates the high priority of the RSF trails. Paul Ecke Elementary, located in Leucadia along Vulcan Avenue and saddled with similar pedestrian problems, also was identified as a high priority project.

Although agreeing the trails are urgently needed, a couple of Council Members expressed concern that the trails be compatible with any ultimate alignment of the road.

Design of the trails should start shortly with construction starting as early as next year. Our presentation to Council made it clear the trails need to be designed for the whole community (students, bikers, runners, horses and walkers) with the community intimately involved in the design process. When I last talked to the Director of Engineering, Peter Cota-Robles, he thought the design effort would start in July. I will follow-up and send email alerts with any meeting notices. In what is possibly a related effort, I noticed our City's traffic engineer out measuring lane widths along RSF Road. Pat Klaus (Olivenhain Traffic Commissioner and OTC newsletter editor) and I will follow-up on this to see "what's up."

CARLSBAD SOUTH RANCHO SANTA FE ROAD REALIGNMENT ... You may be wondering why, Carlsbad has not realigned the La Posta/RSF Road intersection in the final configuration. I followed up with the lead inspector and discovered that they've run into a design problem that will require reworking (yes tearing out and replacing) some concrete at the intersection. Unfortunately they did not find the error until late in the program. He assured me that the design modifications will be complete BEFORE school starts in August.

They decided to temporarily realign the intersection and delay any concrete work until the summer when school is out. I'm sure anyone traveling there since June 1, when the temporary configuration took effect, noticed the incremental improvement. The current alignment was not striped on the road, but allows room for a dedicated right turn lane to Calle Acervo. Although it has helped, some drivers still inadvertently block the right turn lane. The good news ... The ultimate alignment (left turn, two straight and one right turn north bound lanes) will improve traffic flow even better, but not until August.

OPE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ... Dr Minor, OPE's principal, formed a transportation committee earlier in the year to improve traffic flow around the school. (I weaseled my way onto to it too!) This committee is looking at everything ... including improved parking lot flow, coordination of car pooling, improved traffic light timing, encouraging walking to school and coordination of schedules with other schools. Since there will no longer be school buses in the lot, the drop-off area should be larger and more efficient next year.

A neighborhood-by-neighborhood program to provide information for car pools and walking pools is being developed. Are you interested in car pools or walking to school? We're looking for a person from each neighborhood to be the neighborhood contact point. Your effort would be minimal and it is a good chance to meet some new neighbors. For instance, as new people move into your immediate neighborhood, they would contact the neighborhood captain to see if there were others interested in car pooling. The would work similarly for walking pools in neighborhoods within walking distance. I'll have more information on the committee's progress as school approaches in August.

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.

In Memoriam

George Theodore Bumann

March 2, 1913—June 1, 2003

We are saddened to report that George Theodore Bumann passed away June 1, 2003 in Encinitas, California. George was a descendant of early Olivenhain pioneers. George is survived by his wife, Rosemary, two sons, Ronald and Richard, a sister Alta Teten, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

George Bumann was born March 2, 1913 on the Bumann homestead ranch in Olivenhain, California. His father arrived in Olivenhain in 1884 as a member of a German colony called Colony Olivenhain. George's mother, a former resident of San Diego, loved the homestead life and each of the twelve children.

George's childhood was filled with adventure. He and his younger brother, Bill, were usually together and often into mischief. But George's childhood ended at age twelve with the sudden death of his father. Even though he completed the eighth grade, work became a necessity to help support the family and continue the homestead farming operation. At age 18, George joined the California Conservation Corps, working in the forest near Georgetown, California.

In 1938, George married Rosemary Howard of Escondido, and in the years to follow they would have three children, Ronald George, Richard Leigh, and Carol Ann. They first resided in Solana Beach, then in Encinitas, and in 1958 moved back to Olivenhain.

In 1941, George found employment with the County of San Diego Road Department and for 34 years, worked as a heavy equipment operator. During his many years with the County, George was respected and liked by his fellow workers.

In addition to his day job, George managed a Herculean work load at home. George and Rosemary owned 20 acres and leased an additional 20 acres. George farmed field crops and maintained 20-24 head of cattle. Additionally, he and his brother Emil, were in the bee apiary business for 45 years and annually harvested honey from over 400 boxes of bees. Then there was the annual garden that supplied family and friends and did we mention the 150 avocado trees.

George Bumann enjoyed physical labor. Hardly a person left his home without receiving a sack full of vegetables or fruits which he grew year after year in his organic garden. We will all remember George as being a kind and generous man. He enjoyed people and went out of his way to make friends. He set an example for all of us to follow.

You were special, we loved you, and will miss you always.

Olivenhain Meetings & Events

July 2	(First Wednesday)	<u>No</u> OTC General Meeting in July
July 4	(Annual)	Annual July 4 Picnic at the Meeting Hall, Noon-5:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
July 15	(Third Tuesday)	OTC Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
July 22	(Fourth Tuesday)	<u>No</u> Building and Grounds Committee Meeting in July

*Have a Safe and Happy
Fourth of July!*

Many thanks to **Olivenhain Self Storage** for their continued donation of a storage unit for the Olivenhain Town Council.

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

2nd, 3rd, and 4th 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

Pat Klaus, Traffic Commissioner

At the June meeting of the Traffic Commission, Staff presented the Annual Traffic Collision Report. This report identifies the locations with the highest number of traffic collisions over the past three years. The information was divided into three categories: signalized intersections, non-signalized intersections, and mid-block segments.

I'm happy to report that Olivenhain did not make the Top 11 list for signalized intersections, and had only one intersection that made the Top 15 list for non-signalized intersections (Rancho Santa Fe at 13th Street/Olive Crest tied with 5 other intersections for 15th place with 5 total collisions in three years). We did not make the Top 10 list for mid-block collisions.

Of the 582 total collisions reported to police in 2002 in Encinitas, there were two fatal collisions, both occurring in mid-block collisions, 199 injury collisions, and 381 property damage collisions. Fourteen collisions involved pedestrians, 23 involved bicyclists, 74 were alcohol and drug related, and 63 were the results of red-light violations.

So how does Encinitas compare to other California cities of about our size? We are well below average in all but alcohol-related collisions. We were ranked 37th of 92 for all alcohol-involved collisions, 47th of 92 for drinking drivers aged 21-34, but shockingly 8th out of 92 for drinking drivers under the age of 21. While there's no indication that these are all our own kids, we should all be aware of this statistic and do everything we can to discourage drinking and driving at any age, but particularly for our children out having a good time on Friday and Saturday night.

Steve Fitch, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

The Commission is lining up an effort to research a location in Olivenhain for all Encinitas 4-H groups to use now that the coastal groups have lost the use of the green houses on the Hall Property. Since hearing the Sheriff's department tell us that gangs are a growing problem in our coastal area, promoting the wonderful activities and values such as 4-H needs to be a priority. We will be facilitating communications between intra city 4-H Clubs and seeking input to the commission on the specific needs of our 4-H clubs.

Community Events

Cindy Brandenburg

Community Events Coordinator

First a thank-you to the board for suggesting me as the new "Community Events Coordinator." Since I already had some thoughts going for possible new events to start new traditions, I embraced the assignment with enthusiasm. I want to see that the Hall gets used even more for the purpose it was given to our village... community and civic events to bring Olivenhain neighbors closer together. Wouldn't it be great if you could go to any event at the Hall and know all your neighbors by name?

Allow me to present some ideas... but remember, they are still in the idea stage. I am seeking input from anyone who can help with creative development of these events...and help kick them off. Events like:

- Wine Tasting Festival
- Oktoberfest Brewmeisters Festival with brewing competition
- *Midsummer Night Dances*-revive the Saturday night dances, ending before dark, on a trial basis twice this summer. Voice your preferences...old Rock'n'Roll, Swing, Fifties, Country/Western
- Ice Cream and Pizza Socials
- Bingo Nights (or Beano if you're from Boston)
- Concerts at the Hall...relax, picnic and enjoy local talent

Fortunately we have years of experience working on the Fourth of July picnic, but new ideas require new perspective. Tell me what YOU want! When do you want them? How often?

Finally, don't fight the crowds at the beach this Independence Day – COME PICNIC WITH US AT THE OLIVENHAIN TOWN HALL. It's on July 4th. It's FREE. It starts at noon with the flag-raising. Just bring your own barbecue meat and beverages and bring a potluck side dish to share. Show your spirit for your country and your town. See you there!

Olivenhain Cookbook

This special cookbook, containing more than 500 recipes provided by residents of Olivenhain, is being published by Debbie McCauley to raise funds for the restoration of the Germania Hotel on the Meeting Hall grounds. The cookbook will sell for around \$25.

Debbie will send out a message to all those who have reserved a cookbook to let you know when they arrive, and will arrange for a day at the Meeting Hall to deliver the pre-sold books and sell new books to those who procrastinated.

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

"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!

Check out our new web page at www.colonyolivenhain.org!



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★ Celebrate Independence Day! ★

Join your Neighbors at the Annual

**Fourth of July at the
Olivenhain Meeting Hall**

Friday, July 4, 2003

Flag Raising at Noon

The fire pit will be hot for grilling by noon. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share along with your favorite beverages and some chairs and a blanket.



Games for all ages and physical conditions!



Bring your **decorated** bike to the **Bike Contest!**

Special awards for the winners!



Questions? Call Russ Lanthorne 944-4426 or Elaine Tiglio 436-0322