



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

August 2003

From the President — Bob Campbell

I seem to be using the phrase mixed emotions more often in my conversations and writings these days. I seem to have mixed emotions about a lot of events. Maybe it is a function of my accelerating aging wherein I have become more reflective about everything that occurs in the world. Maybe I m just losing my ability to decide how I feel about things. Or maybe it is just a factor of an old business saying that I use almost daily, All solutions just create a different set of problems. That said (and that was a mouthful, wasn't it?), it is with mixed emotions that I announce the following.



In accordance with the OTC Bylaws for vacant directorships, I am delighted to announce the appointment of runner-up, Ms. Pat Klaus back to the Board. Thank you, Pat, for agreeing to re-join us. Simultaneously, I am sad to report to you that long-time Board Member, Ms. Deb Muzzy is retiring to pursue new horizons.

Pat s return ensures a continuity in the production of this newsletter and the maintenance of the OTC website. Regardless of your feelings about what is printed here, I think all of you agree that Pat does an unsurpassable job of putting these communiqués together. Plus, the Board all agree that her experience, involvement in City matters, and level-headed wisdom are invaluable.

And now, to write the hard part (this is my job ... anybody out there want it? ... please!) Accepting Deb Muzzy s resignation is, at the very least, a milestone in the history of the OTC. Setting aside all of the tempests and controversy over "things" — some legit, some debatable, some not worthy of oxygen — I know the OTC has lost one of its most valuable_productive and hard working assets and one who has worked tirelessly on the organization s behalf. Deb has done far more than any citizen s fair share of community service. Thank you, Ms. Muzzy.

That s the big news of the month. However, there is more wonderful news to read about below ... the COOKBOOK is here!!! Buy one, please. Actually, buy a bunch for gifts to your Olivenhain friends — Christmas is closer than you think (stores will start advertising in August, right?) Best to you all from the disheveled office of the Prez Guy.

Monthly Meetings

General Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2003, 7:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

It's the first meeting of the new OTC year and we want to do some planning! Do you have ideas for topics and speakers for our upcoming General Meetings? Do you have suggestions for special events for the Community? Do you have recommendations for fundraising activities?

Come meet the Board of Directors, ask questions, and share your ideas for the coming year. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2003, 7:00 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. All members are invited to attend.

Building and Grounds Committee

No committee meeting in August, but please contact Twink Bumann, Building and Grounds Chairperson, for questions or to volunteer for Building and Grounds, or Lou Haberkern, Hotel Chairperson, for questions or to volunteer for the Hotel.

Olivenhain Task Force News

A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council

By Bruce Ehlers

SOME LIMITED WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS ALONG RSF ROAD SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST ... The City is accelerating some limited improvements to the paths on one side of RSF Road hopefully completing them before school starts. The improvements will likely be only on one side of RSF Road and only between El Camino Del Norte and OPE. The idea, according to several council members and City's engineering staff, is to get an emergency safe walking path in place before students have to walk to school again. The cancellation of bussing to elementary schools raised the urgency of this issue. Obviously there is not much time, so the improvements will be very limited. The eastern side of RSF Rd has the greatest need for safety improvements and this is the side they plan to improve. At this time, the tentative plan is to run a 4 to 5 foot wide path of mulch or decomposed granite (DG) along the edge of the pavement. I've been working with City staff and am trying to convince them to allow space between the pavement and path for future plantings and lodge pole fencing. We've been told by several Council members that these fixes are not to be pretty or permanent. They are intended to eliminate the greatest safety concerns.

We are attempting to work with the City such that any "short term" improvements fit in our long term vision. I hesitate to call these temporary improvements since "nothing is as permanent as a temporary fix." What do we envision for these paths? Most Olivenhain residents I've talked to envision a meandering, 5 foot wide DG path with lodge pole fencing and some minimal landscaping separating the trail and traffic. The trail opposite "The Wall" (between El Camino Del Norte and Lone Jack Road) exemplifies this vision. DG is specified since it provides safe footing for horses as well as smooth, durable paths for bicycles, jogging strollers, wheelchairs and pedestrians.

Funding for future improvements beyond these emergency fixes has become cloudier since, when the City Council agreed to restore funding for our trails, they lumped our trail improvements and funding into a City-wide "safe routes to school" program. At this time, lodge pole fencing, any landscaping and improvements to the west side of RSF Road and both sides between Encinitas Blvd to El Camino Del Norte do not have committed City plans.

The City is currently completing a circulation study and also implementing a traffic calming policy. There are City Council members who want to complete the circulation study before proceeding with further improvements along RSF Road. Should the circulation study recommend widening of RSF Road and the Council were to vote to widen, our paths could look considerably different. Hopefully we won't have to fight that battle and we can proceed in the 2003/04 fiscal year, as previously planned, with completing further trail improvements. I'm sure we will need your help in keeping the City focused on our vision of a beautiful and safe RSF Road.

PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSSING ... Parents at Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary have organized a private school bus to replace the public service cancelled as a result of recent school budget cuts. If you'd like your child to ride the bus to school (OPE) next year and have not signed up yet, please email Patty Keck at Patty@PattyKeck.com. You may also visit www.PEPTA.org for detailed information! We appreciate your support in helping us reduce traffic congestion along Rancho Santa Fe Road, Calle Acervo and other well-traveled Olivenhain streets!

VACANT LOT NEXT TO MEETING HALL WAS SOLD ... You may have noticed the sold sign on the vacant lot next to the Olivenhain Meeting Hall. This lot is actually 6 small lots that were originally subdivided in the 1880s as part of the original Colony Olivenhain. I mention this only because these lots had been a concern because similar lots were used to build higher-density houses on substandard lots here in Olivenhain. Several years ago, the previous owner had proposed 2 or 3 houses on the 0.6 acre total lot. Obviously this was a higher density than the 0.5 acre minimum zoning. I understand the current owner is proposing a single house on the entire 0.6 acre lot which meets the current zoning.

WHAT WERE THOSE BRIGHT LIGHTS TO THE EAST? ... Did you notice the bright lights in the east. No it is not a UFO landing ... no close encounters ... nor has Encinitas approved a new shopping center in east Olivenhain and sadly it not the Chargers new training center. The Horizon Country Club at the Bridges in Rancho Santa Fe was hosting a nighttime golf tournament. The tournament was televised on ABC on July 28th. Since I am writing this before the event, you'll have to read the results in your sports page. If you missed the lights ... don't worry ... it will be the site for the Lincoln Financial Battle at The Bridges for the next three years. Do you suppose we could get Rancho Santa Fe to adopt a dark skies policy like Olivenhain in the next 364 days? ;-)

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.

Olivenhain Cookbook Has Arrived!



The cookbook has finally arrived and it is so great!!!! For those of you who have reserved copies, Debbie McCauley has them ready for you. For all others, there are 1000 to sell, so if you'd like one for yourself or as gifts for family members, or children who have grown up here, they are available. The cost is \$25 (inc. tax) — a little more pricey than hoped, but when you see it, you'll understand why—gorgeous cover (notebook style) and over 500 recipes.

For now, pickup at Coldwell Banker in the Harvest Ranch shopping center (next to Meritage). The office is open 9-5 M-F, 10-4ish on the weekends. Cookbooks will also be available at the Postal Corner and at Olson's Car Wash on El Camino Real. PLEASE come with the \$25 in cash or a check made payable to Olivenhain Town Council. Don't forget all proceeds go to the restoration of the Germania Hotel

Treasurer "Notes"

Donations It's in the details!

On behalf of the board, I extend a thank you to all of you who not only faithfully send in your membership dues to the OTC but also GIVE EXTRA as a DONATION! Every month I am amazed at the level of generosity here in the valley. Many OTC members feel compelled to send in just "a little extra" with their membership to help cover the expenses of maintaining the hall and property. Also, these extra funds enable us to continue offering fun events to foster community spirit.

However, please be advised that monetary donations are not tax deductible. The OTC is a non-profit corporation and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue code. Contributions or gifts to the OTC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. But don't let that stop those donations!

Speaking of donations, we want to inform all of the valley residents who purchased chrome license plates that the OTC received a \$2,065.77 check from the Muzzy & Mowry families, who funded and ran the license plate effort, to cover the cost of the irrigation system on the hall grounds. Thanks to all who bought license plates as well as thanks to the Muzzy and Mowry families for making this happen.

If you have a question you would like answered in this column, please email me at treasurer@colonyolivenhain.org.

Olivenhain Meetings & Events

August 6	(First Wednesday)	OTC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
August 9	Special Event	Potluck Community Dace, 5:00—7:00 PM, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
August 12	(Third Tuesday)	OTC Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
August 26	(Fourth Tuesday)	<u>No</u> Building and Grounds Committee Meeting in August
September 1	Special Event	Labor Day Picnic, noon-4:00 PM, Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Special Thanks to **Christy Guerin** for her personal visit to share with the board the details of the planned Safe Routes to School changes to Rancho Santa Fe Road.

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

Community Events

Cindy Brandenburg

Community Events Coordinator

In case you haven't heard, the FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC was a huge success! An estimated 175 people attended, including a visit by Encinitas Mayor Jerome Stocks. Numerous people came to me and said it was so much fun that we need to have something like this regularly. The games were well coordinated, keeping the party going until almost 6:00. Of course, the cleanup crew chatted and told jokes 'til after dark, per Olivenhain tradition. Even the kids played in the water/mud pit from the obstacle course until their parents dragged them home at dark. There were some very dirty, tired kids that day.

The picnic was kicked off with the Boy Scouts raising the flag at noon and the pledge of allegiance. Next, the Bike Parade. There must have been 50 bikes and other vehicles (including my 4year old daughter's pink Barbie



jeep and Elaine Tiglio's golf cart) - we could not fit the whole parade in one camera shot! Winners were: Everett Brandenburg, Michael S., and Caileigh Poeschl. After a brief break to eat, the games started.

First was the Obstacle Course — rope swinging over the water pit, jumping hay bales, slalom through cones, running through tires, then leap frog to the finish. The winning team was: Brian Poeschl, Jim Lee, Kirsten Lee, and Bayardo Abaunza.

Next was the Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest. Kids level winners were: Michael S. (boys), Britta Nancarrow (girls). Teenager winners: Liam Kilgallon and Kelly Kean. Adults: Bob Litzlbeck with 37'7" and Kim Forrester with 32'.

The famous Beer Drinking Contest did end with the last person on the team drinking their beer from a baby bottle. Jeff Day won for his team by finally biting off the end of the nipple, or else the game would have lasted till midnight.

Gerry Kilgallon and Jaime Rodriguez won the exciting, long distance Egg Toss.

Just as much fun was had in the Cow Chip Toss, and the manly Tug-of-War at the end.



Finally, we want to THANK the many donors and volunteers who helped put it together. Thank you to Bill Dean at Edco for providing a free dumpster, and to Brenda at Carters Hay & Grain for loaning hay bales. Elaine Tiglio for donating paper goods, lemonade, and condiments for this event and future. Pat Ward for hand-printing the calligraphy game signs and for her expertise in setting up the famous obstacle course. Russ Lanthorne lost his voice announcing everything. Cyndi and Bayardo Abaunza for the kids' Crafts Table and for the margarita machine. Jack Quick for the natural wood award medallions, same as the ones that have been used since 1994! Russ and Michele Lanthorne for decorations. Maggie Judge for washing the musty burlap sacks. Gerry Kilgallon for cow chips. Bob Litzlbeck, Jeff Day, Patty Dutra, Tim Dutra,



Michele Lanthorne, and many others who helped set up and tear down. Lynwood and Stanley Cole for wood and tending the barbecue. Pat Ward for hand-printing the calligraphy game signs and for her expertise in setting up the famous obstacle course. If I missed anyone, thank you. So many people chipped in to make this a great day in Olivenhain!

Upcoming Events

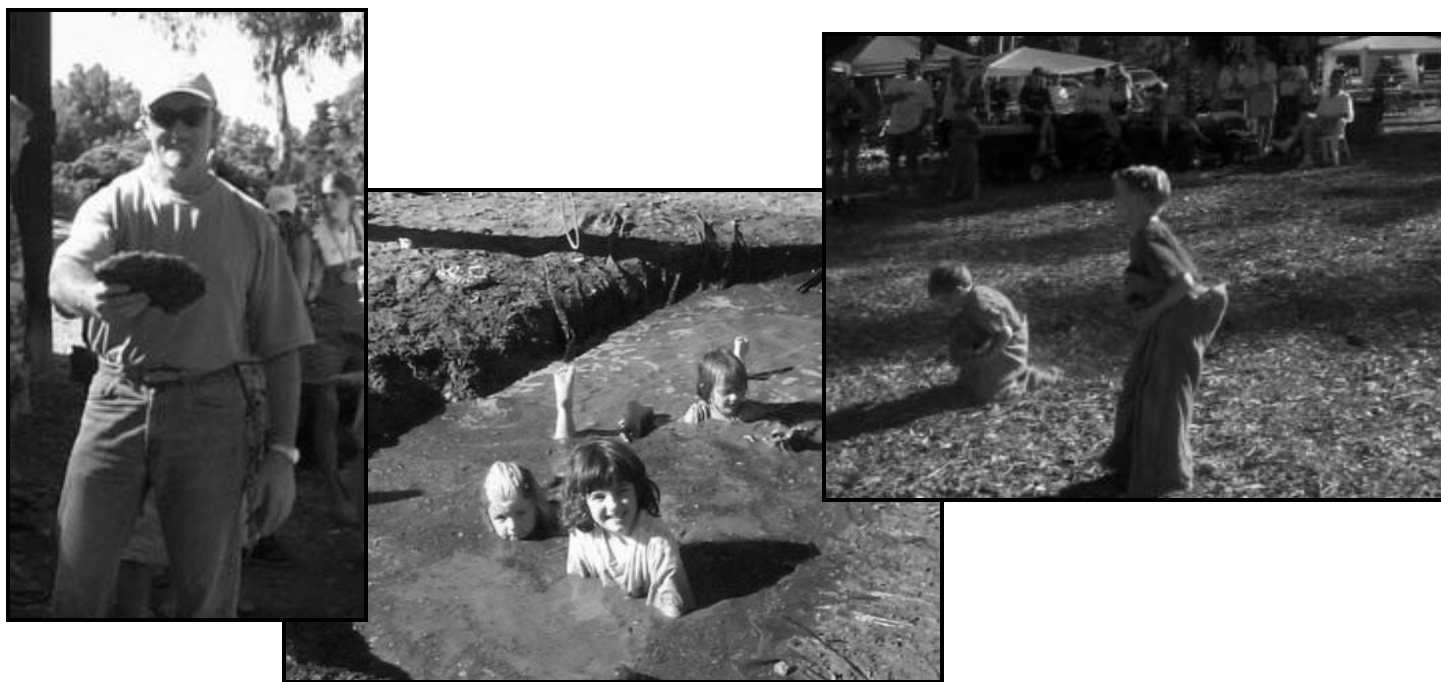
POTLUCK COMMUNITY DANCE - Saturday, August 9, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. — Bring your favorite dance tunes on labeled CD for the volunteer DJ's! Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Lemonade available.

LABOR DAY PICNIC - Monday, September 1, Noon to 4:00 p.m. — Bring a side dish and your own barbecue entrée and beverages. Raffle and other games.

HALLOWEEN PARTY — October, exact Date and Time to be announced —

THANKSGIVING FOR "ORPHANED" MILITARY — November, exact date and time to be announced — we want to thank some of the service people who cannot go home for Thanksgiving by sharing a Thanksgiving Dinner with Olivenhain families at the Hall. Please RSVP your attendance and contribution in the coming months.

Call me at (858) 395-7587 to offer your help and contributions.



“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!

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

On Monday, August 11, 2003, at the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., the Traffic Commission will hear a presentation on the Draft Traffic Calming Program Guidelines from the consulting firm retained to conduct the workshops and draft the Program. This is a public meeting and your participation is encouraged. This subject is near and dear to me, so I hope members of the Olivenhain Town Council will be present to hear the report and comment on the Program.

You can keep up to date on the Traffic Calming Program by visiting the City of Encinitas web site and the Traffic Calming Program page at:

http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/City_Services/trafficalm.htm

Steve Fitch, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

The Parks and Recreations Commission is working on an effort to find a location 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 Sheriffs' Department tell us that gangs are a growing problem in our coastal areas, promoting the wonderful activities and values that youth groups such as the 4-H provide 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. Maybe we can find a location in Olivenhain?

By the way, the City is seeking to fill one vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Commission which expires March, 2004. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 760-633-2740 or see the requirements at

http://www.ci.encinitas.ca.us/Top_Level/pdfs_top_level/pr_recruit.pdf.

Applications are due by August 6 at 6:00 pm, so don't delay!