



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

September 2003

From the President — Bob Campbell

Greetings! We are deep in summer (I know this because I work "inland" where it is as hot as Topeka--yes, Topeka's my original home town--and Mars is very red in the morning sky) and thoughts turn to fun, friends, and, oh, say, "outdoor barbequing". Speaking of barbeques (okay, hold onto your hats, I am AGAIN about to go somewhere that really raises the hair on some folks' necks), your Board has agreed to take possession of a new barbeque unit that was donated to the OTC many moons ago. Key phrase here is "take possession"--and that is ALL we are doing with it. A year ago, it was given to the OTC. Then, in a reasonably surprising--at least to me--turn of events, our Membership voted not to install it. Meanwhile, the donors have been storing this gift for the OTC's re-consideration. So we reconsidered.



We decided we owed the donors at least the courtesy of not asking them to store it any longer. So, we'll take it, look at it, store it, think about it, and as of now, probably forget about it. I make that assertion, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, because there was a significant portion of the OTC membership who did not want the old barbeque replaced with the new one. I respect that choice, and of course, your Board honors the vote of the Membership that was taken over a year ago.

I have also recently asserted that, to me, it seems a shame that a new barbeque cannot be installed and used--even if it just becomes a second facility on the grounds for use when more than one group wants to use the grounds. From some reactions, even this seemingly harmless suggestion received vibes as if I was suggesting covering the Town Hall with aluminum siding (uh, I'm not suggesting that.)

So now, we own a new barbeque. And we are likely not to do ANYTHING with it, unless a significant contingency of Members tells us otherwise. Come on down to a General Meeting sometime and tell the Board where to stick **it!** (Have you ever received a more inviting invitation!!!)

By the way, this all sort of reminds me of a story about the invention of the automobile. In my home state, the Kansas legislature passed a law (this is absolutely true!!) where any new-fangled automobile approaching a horse was required to be dismantled and hid in the weeds by the road until the horse passed by. I don't think this law is still on the books, so any of you passing through the Sunflower state on vacation need not worry.

May Peace reign in the Valley. Prez Guy

Monthly Meetings

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2003, 7:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

In September, we're asking the commissioners from Olivenhain to come and answer any questions you might have about events in the City of Encinitas (or at least try to answer them all). We know we have commissioners on the Planning Commission, Traffic Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission, but if we've missed any, please come on down to the meeting and let us know who you are!

We'll also have the usual committee reports and question and answer period, of course. See you then!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, September, 16, 2003, 7:00 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. All members are invited to attend and observe.

Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, September 23, 2003, 6:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

The Building and Grounds Committee meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All members are invited to attend and participate.

Olivenhain Task Force News

A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council

By Bruce Ehlers

UPDATE OF THE CITY'S CIRCULATION PLAN ... The City is hiring the consulting group Austin-Foust Associates to update the General Plan's Circulation Element (aka Traffic Plan) at a cost of \$148K. We'll be keeping a close watch on this update since it could provide an analysis that some might construe as supporting the opening of additional east-west thoroughfares and widening of roads within the city. Stay tuned.

OPE TRAFFIC ... School will start (has started when you read this) August 18th. The realignment of RSF Road at La Posta is done and, for some reason, Carlsbad chose to not stripe a dedicated right turn lane for turns from RSF Road to Calle Acervo. I will be following up with the Carlsbad project manager. There is obviously enough pavement for a dedicated right turn lane, bike lane and one, or possibly two, north-bound lanes. To fix this problem will only require a little cooperation and paint.

On a positive note, Carlsbad traffic engineering installed a much-needed stop sign at the entrance to OPE. This stop sign was needed since the new subdivision went in across the street and many parents were crossing there to reach their parked cars in the new subdivision and along the opposite side of Calle Acervo. The stop sign will improve student and parent safety when crossing this busy intersection.

RSF ROAD TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1 ... Kudos to the City of Encinitas Staff and City Council for completing emergency improvements to the trail along the eastern side of RSF Road. Finally, students and parents living to the east can walk to school more safely. The improvements were installed along the eastern edge of RSF Road from Lone Jack Road to OPE. The improvements included curb cuts, Decomposed Granite (DG) walking path, trimming overgrown plants and installation of a few hundred feet of drain. Previously, the path had been so wet, I would see students walking in the street. The OTC, OPE PTA, Diegueno PTA and Encinitas Trails Coalition urged the city to retain funding for improvements all along RSF Road. The City recognized the emergency need and responded in a matter of months. The interim improvements were in place BEFORE school started. This is a great example of our City government working! Please call or write your City Council and thank them for completing Phase 1 so quickly (and urge them to continue phase 2). It was the outpouring of support from the community and schools that saved the funding.

PHASE 2 ... Phase 2 of the RSF Road trails improvements would complete the remaining stretches RSF Rd trails and add more aesthetic improvements to the trails. As stated in previous newsletters, most people I have talked to envision trails separated from the pavement by lodge pole fencing and planting (where feasible). Where sufficient right-of-way exists, the trail would meander and maintain a landscape buffer like the trail across from "the wall." Funding for these improvements was transferred from a TRANSNET fund into the "Safe Route to Schools Program." I have also been told that there is a desire to delay further improvements until after the circulation plan update so the city can determine the ultimate alignment (number of lanes?) along RSF Road. Again we will watch this very closely. More of your help and involvement will be needed to get the entire project done. As was demonstrated by Phase 1, public involvement CAN make a difference.

COUNTY MEETING IN ENCINITAS TO GATHER YOUR INPUT ON THE REGIONAL PLAN ... The San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG) is updating their comprehensive plan which governs growth and land development in San Diego County. They are coming to Encinitas Community Center on Saturday September 6th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to gather public input. The county recently completed their first round of workshops on the San Diego Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) between January and March. Heavy public participation resulted in a revised version of the Regional Vision and Core Values. The revised Regional Vision is to: "Preserve and enhance the San Diego region's unique features - its vibrant and culturally-diverse communities, its beaches, deserts, mountains, bluffs, and canyons, and its international setting - and promote sustainability, economic prosperity, and an outstanding quality of life for everyone."

The county RCP core values also were modified based upon the public input received at the workshops - Added were Citizen Participation in the Planning Process, Water Availability, Fiscal Responsibility, and Schools as Community Assets. Building upon the first round of workshops, the county started a second round of workshops in June. This next round will focus on how our region will grow and what our communities will look like. For more information, visit SANDAG's website at <http://www.sandag.org/> and click on the "Regional Comprehensive Plan" link. They've really improved the vision statements, however public involvement is needed to move these visions down to policy and practice.

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.

Meet Your Neighbor

Thank you Elaine and Bob Tiglio!

By Russ Lanthorne

If you have never driven through Olivenhain and turned the corner of 7th Street and Cole Ranch Road you have missed one of the beautiful experiences of the valley, Elaine and Bob Tiglio's beautifully landscaped 2-acre home. Their lush lawn areas, well thought out circular driveway, and beautifully maintained landscape, are a wonder all to themselves.

Thirty years ago our community was blessed with the arrival of the Tiglio's. At the time, Bob had a business in Santee and was designing golf courses all over the world. Under his control that business grew and the company's name "Hydroscape" became well known to growers, landscapers and "do it yourselfers". Elaine and the five children, Dale, Denise, David, Diane and Dawn, all became involved in the growing community of Olivenhain.

Elaine glows with pride and joy when she speaks of the history and the events that she helped create and still takes part in today. Elaine is our unofficial historian of Olivenhain. She related a story of a woman who was searching the internet and came across Olivenhain. The woman called Elaine from Australia and wanted to know the history of the community.

Elaine has tirelessly given to our neighborhood. She has served on 10 different boards, was the first chairperson of the Fourth of July party, which began as the bicentennial celebration in 1976. She continued to co-chair that position until the 90's. She was even gracious enough to house a pig for the greased pig contest in the footings of the new addition that they were adding to their house several years ago. She was in charge of the Bratwurst Festival for many years, ordering the food and taking care of all the details. And who could forget the many years that she dressed up as the "Witch of Olivenhain" each Halloween and came to the Hall, even though all her children were grown! Finally, Elaine managed the scheduling calendar and the keys to the Hall. As "Keeper of the Keys", she distributed the key graciously for twenty-five years. Even today, with her days filled with caring for her Great granddaughter, Reilly, there is still time for Christmas presents for the local children and every youngster knows where the best house to trick-or-treat is! Elaine is truly one of the First Ladies of Olivenhain.

As I sat writing this I was completely enthralled thinking about the history of the Tiglio family here in Olivenhain, their endless giving, and the joy and love that they have brought to all that know them!

Thank you for all that you are and all that you do!



We'd like to make "Meet Your Neighbor" a regular feature of the newsletter. Please send suggestions for people to profile to Russ at vicepresident@colonyolivenhain.org or call 760-944-4426.

Notes from the OTC Board Meeting

Due to an error in the newsletter, the Board meeting was held on August 12, the second Tuesday, rather than on August 19, the third Tuesday. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Congratulations to our new Olivenhain Town Council Secretary ... Cindy Brandenburg! Cindy was elected unanimously by those board members present.

After discussion, the Board voted to take possession of the previously donated barbeque hardware, to determine exactly what we have, and to store the hardware either in the basement of the Meeting Hall or in our storage unit at Olivenhain Self Storage. At some time in the future, the General membership will be asked for ideas and a vote on what to do with the hardware (sell, raffle, donate to the city, auction, create an off-shore reef, or whatever the members decide).

A budget for the Labor Day Picnic was set at \$400 with a goal of final cost to be closer to \$250. Discussion of the overall budget for the 2004 fiscal year was deferred until the September board meeting.

Thank You!

Thanks to Patty Dutra who volunteered to be "Sign Monitor" for our Meeting Hall sign. Patty will be checking regularly to ensure that old signs are removed, making way for new signs.

Thanks also to the folks who volunteered to lead new events and fundraising activities ... Mary Jo Nortman will be looking into organizing a monthly Farmer's Market starting sometime after the Craft Fair this year and Tammy Valley will be working on an Ice Cream Social. The Pancake Breakfast is still up for grabs! If you have ideas for activities or fundraising events, please contact Cindy Brandenburg.

Olivenhain Cookbook Has Arrived!



Have you seen it yet? It's beautiful! If you'd like one for yourself or as gifts for family members, or children who have grown up here, they are plenty 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.

You can pick them up 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 are also 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

“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!



Olivenhain Meetings & Events

September 1	Special Event	Labor Day Picnic, noon — 4:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
September 3	(First Wednesday)	OTC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
September 16	(Third Tuesday)	OTC Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
September 23	(Fourth Tuesday)	Building and Ground Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
October 1	(First Wednesday)	OTC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
October 11	Special Event	Oktoberfest, noon — 4:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Events Around Encinitas

September 6 & 7	Greek Festival, 11:00 AM — 9:00 PM, Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Church
September 13	Annual Gala, 5:30 PM — 9:30 PM, Quail Botanical Gardens
September 20	Multicultural Festival, 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM, Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA
September 28	9th Annual Oktoberfest and Craft Faire, 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Mountain Vista at El Camino Real
October 4	17th Annual Encinitas Day Celebration, 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Moonlight Beach

Can You Help?

- ✕ The OTC needs someone to audit our books. This isn't a full IRS audit, just an independent financial review. If you have bookkeeping experience and would like to volunteer, please contact Jill Treadwell-Svendsen.
- ✕ We are looking for an electrician to "hard wire" our irrigation system controller. If you can help, contact Jill at 753-4250 or email to buildingandgrounds@colonyolivenhain.org.
- ✕ We're looking for a structural engineer to give us an expert opinion on whether the structure of the Meeting Hall will support dances inside the Hall. Dancing in the Hall hasn't been allowed for many years, but with the revival of the Saturday Night Dances, it would be good to hold them indoors, particularly when the weather turns cool and damp. If you can help, please contact Jill at 753-4260 or email to buildingandgrounds@colonyolivenhain.org.

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

Saturday Night Dance

Well, our first Saturday Night Dance was a success, after a bit of a slow start. We ended up with about 40 or more guests, including kids. We played rock n' roll, kids' party tunes, a little disco, a little 80's and a lot of Roy Orbison. I learned a couple of things.... first, never have an event a week before school starts (everyone is taking last-ditch vacations or hosting family), and second, start it later in the evening!

We had the best speakers in the county, thanks to the loan by Larry Longobardi of speakers he built in college. By 7:30 folks were self-DJ'ing their favorite CD's and 8:00 came too soon... so we kept playing music in the dark till 9:00! It was such a positive experience that everyone was talking about the next one. It was a successful first attempt at a new event at the Town Hall. We wanted to try to squeeze another one in for September between the Labor Day picnic and Oktoberfest, but decided it will just have to wait until early November.

Upcoming Events

LABOR DAY PICNIC ... Fourth of July was such a hit, we're doing a similar picnic on Labor Day, Monday, September 1, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The barbecue will be blazing (and I'm sure the sun will be too) and the ice tubs will be welcoming your cold drinks. Lemonade and water will be flowing freely. I hear tell that there may be a keg of beer too! Bring your favorite beverages and a potluck dish. Don't forget your steaks and burgers. We'll have some games going, but mostly relaxing, cooking, eating, and chatting up the neighbors.

Jeff Day is heading up the Labor Day force. He could use your help! Call him at (760) 436-4540 to get in on the organizational meetings and offer your help. If you have a picnic-time game you like, he'd love to hear it. We want to have a little variety from the Fourth of July games.

OKTOBERFEST ... Save the date! October 11th, 2003. You asked for it, you got it. Oktoberfest is back in Olivenhain. Get on the organizational committee. Contact me, Cindy Brandenburg, at (858) 395-7587 with your ideas, your energy, and your hands. Do you know a good German band? Key word here is "good."

Pioneer Pledge Days Are Here...

Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary would like your support. The school recently kicked off its fall fundraiser, the Annual Pioneer Pledge Drive, a month long campaign which will continue to run through Friday September 19th. The event raises money for the local division of the Encinitas Educational Foundation (EEF at OPE). EEF at OPE provides financial backing for key programs that are recognized as integral components to an elementary school curriculum that are not funded by the school district. At OPE, these programs include: music, reading, science, and technology. EEF at OPE also provides funding for instructional materials teachers may need to augment the quality of their lesson plans.

Through the Pioneer Pledge Drive, EEF at OPE hopes to raise \$100,000 – more than has ever been raised before. With another \$100,000 from the spring fundraiser, the group should be able to keep the current enrichment programs going strong and help ensure that the school maintains its National Blue Ribbon standing. **EEF at OPE would like you to make a pledge of financial support to the campaign.** While some of you may no longer have grade school-aged children, all of the residents in the Olivenhain community benefit greatly from having a nationally recognized, highly decorated school in our area.

The campaign will culminate in a celebration of the schools' success and an acknowledgment of the strong support from the Olivenhain Valley community - past, present, and future. Students will enjoy a presentation on the area's local history as well as musical and scientific demonstrations. OPE parents; local leaders and the business community will enjoy an Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday September 18th.

On behalf of the entire board of representatives and planning committee for EEF at OPE, Olivenhain residents, Julie Hindle, EEF at OPE Pres. and Lesa Thode and Carol Mohan, Pioneer Pledge Drive Co-Chairs, thank you for in advance for your support and urge you to visit the school's website: <http://www.eusd.k12.ca.us/op> for information about this organization and to download a copy of the donor pledge form. **Contributions should be made out to EEF at OPE and can be mailed to the school at 8000 Calle Acervo Carlsbad, CA 92009. Donations are fully tax deductible as EEF is a 501[c]3 non-profit charity organization.**

What a Beautiful Sight!

Students safely walking and biking to OPE!



Thank You, Encinitas!

Open Board Meetings

Cindy Brandenburg

The OTC Board has now held two open Board Meetings. There has been some discontent with how these meetings are conducted, mostly because of misunderstanding of what our intent was – and perhaps a lack of clear communication from the Board about how they were to be carried out and why. The Board felt it best to dedicate an article to this concept and the spirit in which it was motivated.

As the new Board Members joined the old, it became clear that much of the community, feeling disenfranchised, believed that board meetings were being held behind closed doors. The remaining original Board members suggested that we visit the idea of having open board meetings at the Meeting Hall to quell those feelings. It was also suggested that we offer a “gallery” setting similar to how City Council meetings are conducted, permitting members to sign up to speak for three minutes on issues of concern. However, since these are Board meetings wherein directors make decisions for the organization, the speakers’ topics would not be discussed with them by the Board – but the Board would take notes and bring the topic to future General Meetings. Please understand, if the Board discussed every speaker’s topic, there would be no time for a proper Board Meeting. That is why we have General Meetings. Anyone who works for or invests in a corporation knows that their Board of Directors meets privately once a month or more to make corporate decisions and policy. Usually the stockholders are involved only during an annual meeting.

At the last meeting, some members were upset that they were not allowed to interject during motions and discussion during the formal board meeting. We realize that we did not publicize clearly the concept of these open Board meetings. This is partly because it is a novel concept for us too, and we are learning how to manage it as we go.

The main thing to remember is that, by opening our board meetings to the membership, you are now privy to everything that is discussed, if you choose to be present. There are no secrets. While you may not be able to join in the conversations and the motions, we do have a General Meeting for that purpose. We promise to try very hard to determine what items are important enough to be handed over to the membership vote at General Meetings. The Board will decided on more mundane issues during the Board Meeting. Significant improvements to the grounds and new fundraisers, for instance, will be saved for the membership’s vote. We promise to give ample newsletter notice to items for the membership to vote on, perhaps two newsletters in advance when possible. Because of this notice, this means that progress and turnaround time from first mention of the issue to vote and resolution can be months. But you will be aware of everything that is going on. While we will post the General Meeting topics in the newsletter prior to the meeting, members may bring up other topics during the question and answer period. Board Meeting Agenda will be posted on the Meeting Hall door prior to the start of the meeting.

Believe me, it was much more comfortable to have a Board Meeting in a Director’s home, having coffee, sitting on a couch, but we all agreed that we want to heal the wounds within the membership. Until guests stop attending the Board Meetings, we will continue to have open Board meetings. Just check the agenda on the door, sign up to speak, and be heard. Then attend the General Meeting for full discussion of your issues.

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

In August, the Traffic Commission reviewed the first draft of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program document. For a first draft, it looks pretty good. By far the most controversial item identified in citizen input was the requirement for 65% of a "neighborhood" to agree on the traffic calming features for their neighborhood before changes were implemented. Most thought this number was too high, especially based on the definition of a "neighborhood" as bounded by major roadways or other features such as ocean, railway, etc. This consultant responded that approval percentage was selected to ensure that subsequent challenges to traffic calming features (which are likely to happen) would not require that the features be removed. By gaining the acceptance of a super-majority, challenges will have a difficult time succeeding.

On behalf of Olivenhain, I made the point that concrete is not always the preferred material for curbs, that sidewalks might actually be trails and constructed of other materials, and that these alternatives should be explicitly identified in the next draft of the document. I also asked for alternatives to street lights on traffic calming features for the dark skies areas of the City. These should be added in the second draft of the program.

I've received email concerned with EMS response time in the Olivenhain area, particularly in the back country off Lone Jack Road. During the discussion of the draft Traffic Management Program, the Encinitas Fire Marshall mentioned that the Encinitas goal is for emergency response (both fire and ambulance) to arrive within 5 minutes in 80% of all calls, and that the Fire Department was currently meeting that goal. I have confirmed that the emergency access gate at the top of Double LL Ranch Road is now fully operational with Opticom access for emergency vehicles and the ability to open the gates remotely in case of an emergency as an alternate exit for Lone Jack Road. With Carlsbad becoming part of the regional 911 response team, it is likely that those of us at the end of Lone Jack will see Carlsbad responding to ambulance and fire calls in the future, ensuring that the response time goals of Encinitas will continue to be met.



Colony Olivenhain



First Annual Labor Day Picnic

Monday September 1, 2003
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Another excuse to eat, drink,
frolic and get to know your neighbors!

Fire pit hot for grilling by noon.
As usual, bring your own grillable entrée
and your favorite beverages
plus a potluck salad, side dish, or dessert.
Don't forget the blankets, chairs, & awnings!

Games for everyone!

Questions or want to help?
Call Jeff Day (760) 436-4540
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