



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

February 2004

From the President — Bob Campbell

I am very pleased to report to you this month that we appear to be well on our way towards a mutually beneficial and amicable settlement to the land encroachment ("fence") issue. Your OTC Board unanimously approved **a motion to seek your approval and acceptance** of the offer to purchase the 140' by 7' strip of land-in-question. Our neighbors, the Lees, have offered to purchase the land for \$12,000. Included in the offer is the agreement to share equally all subsequent transaction costs involved in the completion of this situation. (Since all parties agreed that we need to research and itemize what the subsequent costs shall be, your Board approved the motion **contingent upon** said costs not exceeding \$4,000--thus the OTC share would be a maximum of \$2,000. At this time, we anticipate the costs will be much less.) Given that the two appraisals for the land showed values of \$14,000 and \$5,000, your Board felt the purchase offer of \$12,000--considerably more than just "splitting the difference"--was quite reasonable. We hope you concur. If you have questions or concerns, I would really appreciate it if you would write such to me /or attend the next two General Meetings to voice your concerns for discussion and answers. We will research any concerns and share our findings with everyone. Final details will be reported to you in the next newsletter, then, at the subsequent General Meeting, those present will vote to approve or reject the transaction. As your Board now stands unanimous in approval of this pathway to resolution, I am hoping you will also unanimously approve this neighborly, "win-win" solution.



Okay, enough of the heavy stuff...there's **fun** stuff to read about below so I am going to sign off. Best to you all and stay warm in February (I don't know about you, but when the wind chill factor gets below 67 degrees around here, I bundle up!!!) ... Prez Guy

Monthly Meetings

General Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 7:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Meet the Mayor ... Each year the Encinitas City Council selects a new mayor. Come meet this year's Mayor, Maggie Houlihan. Maggie will join us for our February General Meeting to give you an opportunity to ask questions about what's going on in the City ... and especially in Olivenhain.



As always in the winter months, dress warmly!

Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 6:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

The Building and Grounds Committee has recently installed a new picnic table, replaced blocks and caps around the dance floor, and completed a structural survey of the Hall (yes, we need more support before we can have dances in the Hall again). Still ahead are fire sprinklers, floor repair, and ??

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

General Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2004, 7:30 PM

Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Our March General Meeting will be devoted to discussion and vote on the proposed resolution to the fence encroachment issue. Join us and have your vote counted in this very important issue for the Olivenhain Town Council.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2004, 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. Members will have an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting to comment and bring issues to the Board's attention.

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

CITY COUNCIL 2004 GOAL SETTING SESSION ... was full of interesting items pertaining to Olivenhain.

1. Council member Jim Bond asked for a goal to "emphasize (the city's) effort on traffic circulation." He went on to describe the need to straighten Manchester Avenue (in Olivenhain) and widen it to accommodate turn lanes and handle more traffic. During the ensuing discussion, Jim also asked for the status of the widening plans from 2000 that he considered to still be the plan of record. These are the plans that Ex-Director of Engineering Alan Archibald presented to the OTC back in 2000. These plans called for 70 feet of Right-of-Way and pavement 50 feet wide. (A standard lane is approximately 11 feet wide) Rancho Santa Fe Road was not directly mentioned at this session, however it will likely be included in the future discussion.

Staff described several city-wide efforts in support of this project. The City is currently updating their "Circulation Element" and traffic model. The City is anticipating the final report in August of 2004. In parallel with this effort, a consultant is preparing a "Traffic Calming Policy" to provide a toolbox of traffic calming methodologies for Encinitas neighborhoods. Methods of calming traffic include narrowing of lanes, special signage, unique lane striping and in the extreme case, speed bumps. Staff also described an effort where the revised circulation plan would be used to revise road designations in conjunction with the other two studies. Presumably, the majority of redesignations would be to higher classifications with more pavement and more lanes. Staff also stated the updated road designations would include new designations "tailored to the neighborhoods" within Encinitas. This is potentially a bad thing for Olivenhain if it results in four lane roads or a very good thing for Olivenhain where we can finally have a special class of rural roads with less lanes and rolled curbs. To achieve this will require significant involvement from our residents. This effort was to culminate, according to the staff report, in Fall of 2004. Coincidentally, (or maybe not), three of the Council members are up for reelection in Nov 2004.

2. Staff provided a status of the Olivenhain Road widening on the City's northern boundary. This is the project to increase from one east-bound lane to two. This portion of Olivenhain Road is located partially in Encinitas and partially in Carlsbad. In conjunction with this widening, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District has plans to expand their headquarter facilities located on the southwest corner of Olivenhain Road and RSF Road. According to the staff report, the Carlsbad Planning Commission recently approved their building plans and the project will be proceeding. Our widening of Olivenhain Road and Carlsbad's widening project are both tied to the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's expansion plans.

I don't have any details about the OMWD project or what effect it will have on the intersection. I thought I had heard it might eliminate the little one-way spur from east-bound Olivenhain Road to south-bound RSF Road. There was also a rumor about Carter's Hay and Grain being effected. If you have any information on this project, please contact me at Bruce@Ehlers-Online.com

3. Fire Chief Heiser provided a report on his department's effort to provide resources and grant money for open space fuel management. If you live near open space and are concerned about fire, Chief Heiser encourages you to contact the department. They welcome your questions and can help residents in pro-actively reducing the fire threat. At a recent OTC meeting, Chief Heiser said his staff would be happy to meet with residents and help with creating defensible spaces. If you're interested in getting advice and potentially help reducing the fuel load in a neighboring open space, contact Encinitas Division Chief, Tom Tufts at 760-633-2802 or email him at TTufts@ci.encintas.ca.us

CITY COUNCIL SAYS YES TO SIX HOUSES, NO TO EIGHT ... The City Council recently heard an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of the subdivision next to 7-11. This was an application for 8 houses on approximately 5 acres on the west side of Rancho Santa Fe Road. I've written about this in several previous columns. In a unanimous 5-0 vote, the City Council supported the Planning Commission's viewpoint that the project only justified mid-range density of 6 houses. The project will be returned to the Planning Department and will have to repeat much of the planning process. The revised plans will go through another CPP neighborhood meeting and a future Planning Commission Public Meeting review. Look for this project to come back in several months in a much improved form.

OUR NEW MAYOR IS MAGGIE HOULIHAN ... With each new year the Council rotates the Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions. Maggie Houlihan was voted to be Mayor for 2004 with Dan Dalager becoming the Deputy Mayor. Please join us in congratulating Maggie and Dan.

BE SURE TO WATCH YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ... The City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and are aired the next day on cable. You'd be surprised what you can learn from these meetings. It can range from a summary of the San Diego's fire fighting deployment in the recent fires to the history of shore line retreat and

bluff collapses in the last 50 years. I may be seriously warped, but it sure beats Survivor "reality TV." Catch the replay on Thursday's following the Wednesday meeting ...

Cox — Channel 19 at 6 PM on Thursday

Adelphia — Channel 3 at 12 noon on Thursday

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT ... Just an FYI ... the City Council will be appointing commissioners for the Planning, Traffic, Parks and Rec, Senior and Arts Commissions. I have reapplied for another two year appointment, if the Council will have me. Last time no one else applied. One of my daughters said she thought I shouldn't do it again. so I asked her to write the Council in opposition to my appointment. After all, it is a free country.

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 Community Events

Cindy Brandenburg

Community Events Coordinator

BOOK SWAP: Don't forget to bring your used books to EVERY General Meeting to swap with other avid readers in the community. It's a great way to lighten up your swelling bookshelves and get some exciting new reading without spending a fortune on new books. I've gotten some new novels to read this way, and if you're like us, you've got hundreds of paperbacks or hardbacks collecting dust and taking up space in your home. Heather Callaghan has been bringing a sack of books each month and I plan to do the same. I'll be setting up some coffee next time to take the chill out of your bones, so you have no excuse! Come on down, get some new reading, and stay involved in Olivenhain news!

We Need Your Help!

Meeting Hall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, February 7, 9:00 AM

It's that time again ... we have yard debris that needs to be cleaned up, shutters to reattach, and some general sprucing up to do to the Meeting Hall and grounds. Please join us to keep our treasure looking good ... and have some fun doing it!

New Hotel Committee Chair Needed

Many thanks to Lou Haberkern for all his hard work heading up the Hotel committee for the last several years. But now Lou no longer has the time to devote to this project and has asked to have someone else take over this committee. Can you help? If so, please contact Twink Bumann, 858-756-5121, or Jill Treadwell-Svendsen, 760-753-4250.

Commissioner's Corner

Parks and Recreation Commission — Steve Fitch

The Parks and Recreation commission has submitted recommendations to City Council for Bocci ball courts in up to 4 locations; 1st choice, Glen Park. We have also submitted recommendations regarding facility fees and rules; mostly first come, first served but some facilities may still be reserved for weddings and parties. A much higher fee schedule was recommended for commercial users.

The commission is spending considerable time on its task to plan and recommend plantings, and walkways in the passive use buffer zone at the Hall property park site. We are also recommending names for the new community park. If you have some good ideas, forward them to city council who will be choosing a name shortly.

We are also working on our recommendation for the coastal 4-H groups who have been displaced from the Hall property by the demolition of the greenhouses.

Finally, 4 commission seats are up for reappointment including mine. I am seeking reappointment so we'll see how that goes.

Traffic Commission — Pat Klaus

The January meeting of the Traffic Commission was cancelled, and February sounds like it will be pretty minor stuff. The big news is expected to be the March meeting ... at last report, the draft Traffic Management Program should be coming back to the Traffic Commission in March. Originally, this would have come back before now, but the sub-committee asked for a few more tweaks to the document before it came back for major review.

If you're interested in traffic calming and the process within the City of Encinitas for managing traffic speeds and volume on your street, check back here next month to confirm that we're still expecting the report in March ... and mark your calendar to attend the Traffic Commission meeting on March 8 at 5:30 PM.

Elfin Forest Garden Festival

April 24, 2004

Last year, our neighbor's to the Northeast, the Elfin Forest, held their first Garden Festival. It was so successful, they've decided to have another this year, and they've given us advance notice so we can get our tickets before it's published in *Sunset* and some other major magazines. "Blossoms and Barns" is the theme for the second annual Elfin Forest Garden Festival held on April 24, 2004.

In Elfin Forest, CA, a rural community just north of San Diego, many of the residents are not just passionate gardeners, but they share their acreage with wonderful animals. This year, six of the eight open gardens will include barns and creatures ranging from alpacas to llamas, horses, and more. The minimum lot size is two acres. The festival celebrates the opportunities of rural gardening; two of the favorite gardens from last year will be back, the others have never been open to the public before. Several have been featured in national

magazines and one of them was named a finalist in Good Morning America's best garden in America contest in 2001.

Besides the garden tour, we will have a garden marketplace, arts, photography, and crafts for sale. Garden-themed "goody bags" will be given to the attendees thanks to donations from our sponsors, and horticulture experts will be on site for free consultations. A gourmet luncheon will be served, a raffle and silent auction of garden-themed items, and a book signing by Don Walker will round out the events.

The garden festival benefits the Elfin Forest Landscape foundation, which constructs and maintains trails, and plants trees along the roads in Elfin Forest.

Tickets are \$20, and lunch is \$12. Get your tickets soon – we sold out last year! Preview the gardens and order tickets at www.elfinforestgardens.info.

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License Plate Frames

The OTC Board is working with Postal Corner to get more chrome license plate frames ordered and available at Postal Corner.

Currently, we're planning to return to the original design used for the plastic license plate frames some years ago, and we're working on the final design at this time. With luck, they'll be here by the next newsletter! Get your name on the list at Postal Corner to reserve yours today!

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Advertising?

Would you be interested in advertising in the newsletter?

We are considering accepting business card size advertisements for \$10 per month. Send email to newsletter@colonyolivenhain.org if you are interested or have comments.



Olivenhain Cookbook

The Colony Olivenhain Cookbook Debbie McCauley compiled is absolutely beautiful — gorgeous padded cover, notebook style binder, lots of historical tidbits and photos, and over 500 recipes collected from members of the community! All the proceeds from the sales of this cookbook will go to renovate the Germania Hotel on the Meeting Hall grounds. They also make great gifts!

The cost is \$25 (including tax), and well worth every penny. You can pick them up at Coldwell Banker in the Harvest Ranch shopping center (next to Meritage), at the Postal Corner, and at Olson's Car Wash on El Camino Real.

“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.

You can order using the order form on the cover sheet, or stop by and pick one up at the Postal Corner.



Plant Soup, Water Wise Plants for Olivenhain by Nan Sterman

Thank you, Nan Sterman, for your wonderful program on Water Wise plants for Olivenhain at our January General Meeting!

As a service to our members, Nan has provided the following list of the plants she included in her presentation.

Rancho Santa Fe Road

Tagetes lemmonii — Yellow flowered, perennial marigold

Toyon — Large native shrub with dark green leaves and red berries. The plant for which Hollywood was named. Evergreen

Ceanothus — Large native shrub with dark green leaves and tight clusters of tiny blue flowers. Evergreen

Zauschneria — Coral orange trumpet flowers, fine gray foliage. Native, perennial

Nan's House and Nearby

Palo Verde 'Desert Museum' — Tree with green trunk and branches, bright yellow flowers, very fine leaves. The variety 'Desert Museum' is unusual in that it is thornless.

Acacia Stenophylla Shoe String Acacia — Tall weeping tree. Long, hanging narrow green leaves. Evergreen

Aesculus Californica, Buckeye — Small native tree, to about 15'. Plumes of creamy white, fragrant flowers. Drops leaves in summer. Beautiful white silhouette.

Quercus Suber, Cork Oak — Grown in Spain and Portugal. Beautiful old trees at Quail Gardens. Fairly large evergreen oak.

Shrubs

Tecomaecoma x Sunrise (variety of Tecoma Stans) Arizona Yellow Bells — Lush tropical green foliage, showy clusters of yellow flowers, orange on the outside and in the throats. Evergreen.

Abutilon Palmeri — 3 to 4 feet tall and wide native shrub with golden mallow flowers and felty gray-green leaves. Evergreen.

Halimicistus Wintonensis, hybrid rockrose Cultivar: 'Merrist Wood Cream' — Creamy yellow flower with burgundy spot at the base of each petal. Low growing shrub, 2' x 3' or 4' wide. Evergreen.

Buddleia Marrubifolia, Woolly Butterfly Bush — Soft, felty silver foliage, rounded clusters of tiny orange flowers. Evergreen, to 5' tall and wide.

Eucalyptus Macrocarpa — "Big fruit" evergreen eucalyptus. Sprawling bush, to only about 12.' Large white leaves and flower buds. Deep red flowers.

Sphaeralcea Ambigua, Desert Mallow — Small evergreen shrubs to only about 3' tall and wide. Pink, coral, or orange flowers. Native.

Fremontodendron Californica, Fremontia, Flannel Bush — An evergreen native shrub. Different varieties can be low growing or up to 10' tall and wide. Deep green, leathery leaves and gorgeous golden cup like flowers in spring. Plant in fall/winter. Water at planting and never water again. Takes part shade.

Perennials

Phlomis Fruticosa — Large green leaves with golden fuzzy underside. Whorls of yellow flowers. To 2 1/2' tall and wide. Mediterranean

Phlomis Purpurea — Like above but with purple flowers and gray leaves. A bit taller. Takes part shade.

Beschenorria Yuccoides Mexican Lily — Looks like Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. Yucca looking but with soft gray-green leaves and stalks of pink/coral flowers. Flower stalk 4' tall. Plant okay in the ground or in containers.

Manfreda Undulata — Tall flower spikes with no petals, just stalks of burgundy colored stamens. Leaves are at the base. SW desert native

Manfreda Maculosa, Texas Tuberosa — Like above but with white petaled, fragrant flowers. Green leaves are covered in brown spots. SW desert native

Salvia Africana-Lutea — Shrub-like salvia with small, dull gray leaves and peach/rust colored flowers. To 4' tall.

Glaucium Flavum, Horned Poppy — Crenulated gray leaves give rise to stalks of apricot colored poppy flowers. Short lived perennial blooms after second year. Self seeds but not too much. Some varieties have golden yellow flowers.

Bulbs

Scadoxus Puniceus, Blood Lily — Red and orange flowers in red bracts grow to about 18" tall. Brush-like orange filaments in the center of each flower. Grow in pots as it is sensitive to cold and needs more water than other plants.

Zephyranthes x Prairie Sunset — Grass-like green leaves grow in clumps about 12 inches tall and wide. Flowers are soft pink. Other varieties are white, yellow, apricot. Flowers in August.

Gladiolus Tristis — Fine leaved gladiolus with creamy white flowers that are among the earliest spring flowers. Fragrant.

Urginea Maritima, Sea Squill — Huge bulb with tall stalks of white flowers. Native to the Mediterranean. Dry grown in Murietta. Green leaves from November to June or July. Leaves die back and flower stalks emerge Aug/Sept. Long bloom. Flower stalk dies before leaves come out again.

List and plant descriptions © Nan Sterman, 2004.

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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

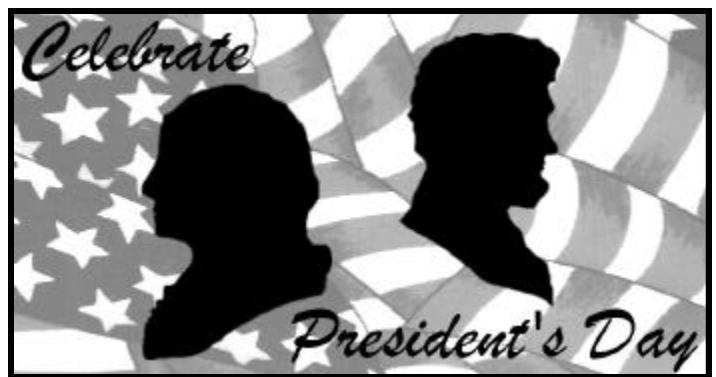
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers
2nd Monday, 4th Monday optional at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
3rd Tuesday at 5:00 PM, Council Chambers
3rd Friday at 1:00 PM, Council Chambers
1st Monday at 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
1st Wednesday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

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Olivenhain Meetings & Events

February 4	(First Wednesday)	OTC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
February 17	(Third Tuesday)	OTC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
February 24	(Fourth Tuesday)	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall



Visit our web site at www.olivenhain.org!

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

Many thanks to **Van Slyke Landscape, Inc.**
for their donation of monthly grounds
maintenance for the Olivenhain Meeting Hall.
