



# Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

March 2004

## From the President — Bob Campbell

*"Beware the Ides of March."* I'm not particularly a "literature guy", but, as I stare at a blank computer screen writing you on a cold, potentially rainy Saturday morning, this phrase is stuck in my head. (I always wondered why "Ides" was plural, because, in March, there is only one Ide: March 15.) This will be the day my daughter turns 11...and gets her ears pierced. Oh my, perhaps that is the source of the "beware" part?



Anyway, I am pleased to report to you that I have done a pretty good job of staying out of trouble this month, so there is not much news for me to report to you. (You've learned by now that all the stuff you need to know is below in the real articles.) As always, I encourage you to attend the upcoming General Meeting. For those of you interested in the details of the proposed solution to the fence encroachment issue, March is your meeting. We will go over all of the details-to-date in preparation for a Membership Vote at the April meeting.

I also want to ask again for volunteers to help guide the restoration of the Hotel. As always, the OTC needs physical and mental help (insert jokes of questioned sanity here, then move on). It's time for some of you newer members to step forward and have the fun of mixing splinters, winged bats, and weird odors as you make your neighborly contribution to the continued improvement of the OTC property. We have money! We need leadership on the project and talent.

Enjoy the rains of March.... Prez Guy

## Monthly Meetings

### General Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2004, 7:30 PM  
Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Agreements and contracts always seem to take longer than expected, so our March General Meeting will be different than originally expected. We will still devote the meeting to discussion of the facts, issues, and questions on the proposed resolution to the fence encroachment issue, but we will not vote on the proposal until the April meeting. This will give us an opportunity to address issues and questions which you bring to us and have the proposed legal agreement ready prior to the vote of the organization. Join us to share your issues, opinions, and questions ... and dress warmly!

### Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, March 23, 2004, 6:30 PM  
Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Meeting Hall Clean Up Day had a good turn out. In a couple hours the work was done! Thank you Tom & Linda Shipman, Jill Treadwell Svendsen, Russ Lanthorne, Jeff Day, Lynwood Cole, and Richard & Twink Bumann (Pat Klaus came late and the work was already done!)

Upcoming projects include selling additional family blocks around the dance circle, repairing and refurbishing the floor and installing fire sprinklers in the Meeting Hall, and getting the new windows installed in the Germania Hotel. If you'd like to help, come to the meeting and get involved.

### General Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 2004, 7:30 PM  
Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Our April General Meeting will be devoted to review of the final proposal for resolution of the fence encroachment issues and a vote by the members present to accept or reject the proposal. Join us and have your vote counted in this very important issue for the Olivenhain Town Council.

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 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.

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## Olivenhain Task Force News

A Committee of the Olivenhain Town Council

By Bruce Ehlers

**GRADING ALONG MANCHESTER NEAR EL CAMINO REAL ...** After losing their ten year battle with Encinitas Country Day School, the City of Encinitas issued a grading permit to start building the school's new campus on the southeast corner of Manchester Ave and El Camino Real. Upon completion of the new campus, the school will be moving from their present location on Encinitas Blvd. Both locations are in Olivenhain. The City and Coastal Commission had fought the development because of its close proximity to the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy. Plans for the school include a care taker's residence. Although many residents opposed the school locating there, prior to the school be considered, the land had been slated for houses.

**TRAFFIC ON RANCHO SANTA FE ROAD ...** The City of Encinitas completed their initial traffic study. Mayor Maggie Houlihan reported some of the early results during the OTC's February Membership Meeting. According to her report, traffic was up sharply across the entire city, except along Rancho Santa Fe Road. Rancho Santa Fe traffic volume dropped by approximately 5% since the last traffic survey. Since the last traffic study, the lights along El Camino Real were timed to improve traffic flow, Leucadia Blvd was put through to I-5 and several additional stop signs were installed along Rancho Santa Fe Road.

My personal experience underscores this drop in traffic volume. A friend who worked with me in Sorrento valley commuted from his home in Oceanside. His morning commute from Oceanside included cutting through Olivenhain on Rancho Santa Fe Road to avoid congestion on I-5 and El Camino Real. After the timing of the lights and stop signs, he found his trip was much quicker on El Camino Real. If you have similar stories or comments, email me at [Bruce@ehlers-online.com](mailto:Bruce@ehlers-online.com). Once the City publishes their traffic study, we'll provide a full report in the OTC newsletter.

**WARNING LETTERS FROM OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...** During this school year, Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary has sent home two memos warning of attempted child abductions in nearby neighborhoods. I thought after getting two of these, it would be in the community's best interest to pass the information on to more of the community. Here are key excerpts from one of the letters.

"Dear Parents, ... there was an attempted abduction of a Park Dale Elementary School student at the child's home ... The child, a sixth grade girl, said that a man wearing a brown shirt approached their home after school and knocked on the front door saying, 'UPS - I have a delivery for you.' ... He knocked again and when there was no answer, placed a box with the word 'toys' written on it about twenty feet from the front door. The child did not answer the door and when an adult went to look for a box, none was seen. ... The police were notified."

The memo went on to explain some very important safety tips for our children. If you observe any suspicious behavior, please call our sheriff.

**IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR ...** As though you haven't already seen too many ads on TV ... This year, we have both the March primary and November elections. In local politics, there are several races worth watching. On March 2nd, County voters will be considering Prop. A. This is the proposition called the Rural Lands Initiative which would establish minimum parcel sizes for new parcels in an overlay area covering certain land in northern and eastern San Diego County. The Olivenhain Town Council has not taken a position on this. The various websites have rather cryptic names so I have included both sides here as an aid to voting.

YES on PROP A website: [www.cwfi.com](http://www.cwfi.com) or [www.yesonpropa.org](http://www.yesonpropa.org)

NO on PROP A website: [www.rurallands.net](http://www.rurallands.net)

In the November election, incumbent Mayor Maggie Houlihan, City Council members Jim Bond and Jerome Stocks will be seeking reelection.

**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](mailto:bruce@ehlers-online.com).

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### Advertising in the Newsletter?

If we have enough interested members (only 2 so far), we are considering accepting business card size advertisements for \$10 per month. Send email to [newsletter@olivenhain.org](mailto:newsletter@olivenhain.org) if you are interested or have comments. Advertising is tentatively targeted to begin with the June newsletter.

### Beer and Brat Festival

It's getting close to that time again (April 25 this year) when the OTC has its celebration of our German heritage with our Beer and Bratwurst Festival. Please contact Twink Bumann, 858-756-5121 if you would like to help (planning, set-up, cooking, serving, or whatever). It's great fun!



## 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.



**COLONY**

Coming Soon ...

**License Plate Frames**

No exact date yet for the new chrome license plate frames, but get your name on the list at Postal Corner to reserve yours today!

**OLIVENHAIN**

**Hall Scheduling Change!**

Due to increased work demands, Karen Mendez-Carter has handed over Meeting Hall scheduling to Russ Lanthorne. Thank you, Karen, for your work maintaining the Meeting Hall schedule for the last year.

Effective immediately, please contact Russ to schedule the Meeting Hall, 760-943-9063, [vicepresident@olivenhain.org](mailto:vicepresident@olivenhain.org).

## Commissioner’s Corner

### Parks and Recreation Commission — Steve Fitch

The Parks and Recreation Commission has submitted its recommendations to the City Council for the buffer zone between the ball fields and the residences behind the Hall property park site. It is essentially native species habitat with winding paths, boulder clusters, par course, and a dry creek bed with numerous other passive use features. The City council will have an agenda item on the Hall property at its 22 March meeting. The commission has submitted 6 names to the council as well; Elise Hall Community Park, Rossini Canyon Community Park, Las Flores Community Park, Casa Verde Community Park, Encinitas Community Park and Celebration Community Park. After over 10 years the Cottonwood Creek park (a.k.a. I wanna park) will be completed and dedicated in late March; all are invited to the dedication. 18 applicants for the 3 open Parks Commission seats (mine included) presented their case to the City Council on 12 February. Olivenhain is seeking to increase its presence on the Parks and Recreation Commission with the additional application of Board Member Cindy Brandenburg. The council will make their selections of the 3 commissioners at their 3 March 2004 meeting. Stay tuned.

### Traffic Commission — Pat Klaus

Since the City Council has delayed it's appointment of new commissioners until March 3, and since we know there will be at least one new Traffic Commissioner because the incumbent didn't reapply, the Traffic Commission has deferred the review of the Traffic Management Program until the April meeting to give the new commissioner(s) time to come up to speed on the document. This required that the April meeting be scheduled for the alternate Traffic Commission meeting date due to the consultant's schedule.

If you're interested in traffic calming and the process within the City of Encinitas for managing traffic speeds and volume on your street, mark your calendar to attend the Traffic Commission meeting on April 26 at 5:30 PM.

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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  
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

March 3	(First Wednesday)	OTC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
March 16	(Third Tuesday)	OTC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall
March 23	(Fourth Tuesday)	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Olivenhain Meeting Hall

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### New Hotel Committee Chair Needed

Many thanks to Lou Haberkern for his 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 head up this committee.

Can you help? If so, please come to the Building and Grounds committee meeting or contact Twink Bumann, 858-756-5121, [buildingandgrounds@colonyolivenhain.org](mailto:buildingandgrounds@colonyolivenhain.org) or Jill Treadwell-Svendsen, 760-753-4250, [treasurer@colonyolivenhain.org](mailto:treasurer@colonyolivenhain.org).

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



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Visit our web site at [www.olivenhain.org](http://www.olivenhain.org)!

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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.

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