



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

April, 2011

From the President — Tony Brandenburg

Happy Spring everyone! I was sitting at the kitchen table searching my thoughts for a subject for this month's newsletter, when my wife burst into the room with a bright smile on her face and excitedly announced, "I'm a mommy again! We have three new babies, two girls and a boy," she added. No, I wasn't surprised, because clutched gently in her arms, wrapped in a towel was one of our three newborn baby goats.

Allow me to explain. You see, we are a 4-H family and, it being spring and all, the new critters abound at our house and are no real surprise. Goats, chickens, and yes, even pigs. When spring arrives, being a 4-H family we are ready and know the County Fair is not far off.

Did you know we have our own Olivenhain Valley 4-H Club? Yes, we do, and the youngsters who belong to the club are dedicated, active, and committed to the animals they raise or the other projects they participate in, such as home arts or sciences. But keep in mind it is not just kids. 4-H is a family affair. Parent involvement and participation is a critical part of the mission and objective of the program. Do you know what 4-H stands for? Members pledge their: 1) Head – to greater thinking; 2) Heart – to greater loyalty; 3) Hands – to larger service, and 4) Health – to better living. My 14-year old son courageously gave an "impromptu speech" at Presentation Day answering the question: What does "giving your Heart to greater loyalty" mean to you? Public speaking, leadership skills, and record keeping are also a large focus in 4-H.

Surely you've seen the livestock exhibits at the Del Mar Fair... oops, sorry, San Diego County Fair. Well, next time you visit those exhibits, look for Olivenhain – whether in the Swine barn, the Dairy Goat barn, Sheep barn, Rabbits and Guinea Pigs, Poultry, meat Turkeys and Chickens, or at the Dog Show or Horse Show. If you are interested in having your children get involved in 4-H there are several local persons you can call: Tracy Williams, the Club Leader at (760) 944-7343 or tw.ov4h@gmail.com; Cindy

Brandenburg (my wife) leader of the Poultry project, Dairy Goat project, and Record Book Project (858) 395-7587 or cynthiabran@gmail.com. The minimum age is 5 years old and you don't have to have a lot of land or go to any great expense. For the little ones, owning and showing a chicken or rabbit is a great place to begin, before moving on to larger animals like goats or sheep at the age of 9. Some may be more interested in home arts like cooking, sewing, crochet, or being of service in the Pet Therapy project by helping elderly folks interact with dogs or rabbits.

If you are truly interested, at this month's OTC General Meeting we are going to have some of our 4-H kids on hand to present and discuss more on this subject. So, on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. join us to hear your local 4-H members in action. It's going to be a lot of fun for young and old alike, and we may even have a surprise or two for you!

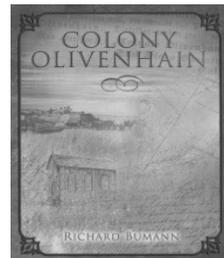
Recently, some of our neighbors came to our Board meeting and voiced their concern regarding the response times of our City fire and paramedic services to Olivenhain. If I am correct, I believe they had over 140 signatures of Olivenhain residents supporting their concerns. As a result, the OTC Board formally agreed, by way of a resolution. The resolution was presented at an Encinitas City Council meeting in support of their efforts in correcting this imbalance in response times for these services in Olivenhain versus the rest of the City of Encinitas.

Our next big event is the favorite spring Beer and Brat on May 2nd. While I have written about this event several times in the past, once again I want to stress what a wonderful community affair this is. There are so few places left where one can bring their whole family and enjoy an afternoon of friends, food, and fun at such a reasonable price. And it's close to home! So please, mark your calendars and save the date. I hope to see you there.

Meanwhile, once again, have a Happy Spring!

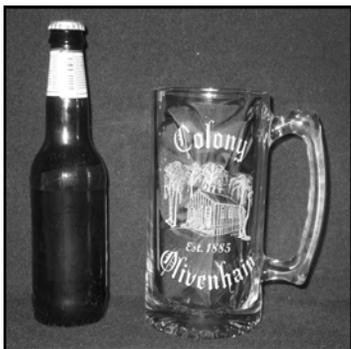
“Colony Olivenhain” History Book

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 in Olivenhain Platz, on the corner of Rancho Santa Fe Road and Encinitas Boulevard.



Olivenhain Cookbook

The Colony Olivenhain Cookbook compiled by Debbie McCauley has over 500 recipes collected from members of the community. All the proceeds from the sales of this cookbook go to renovate the Germania Hotel. The cost is \$15 (including tax), and you can pick them up at Coldwell Banker in the Harvest Ranch shopping center (next to Meritage), at the Postal Corner in the Olivenhain Platz at the corner of Rancho Santa Fe Road and Encinitas Boulevard, and at Olson's Car Wash on El Camino Real.



Beer Steins

Colony Olivenhain Beer Steins are available at Postal Corner for \$13 plus tax for a 25 oz. Stein. These are the best Beer Steins ever!



License Plate Frames

Chrome license plate frames are available at the Postal Corner in Olivenhain Platz. for \$30 plus tax. All proceeds go toward maintenance of the Meeting Hall, the Germania Hotel, and the Meeting Hall grounds.

Work Day — Saturday, April 9

9 AM to Noon

Please join us to spruce up the Meeting Hall before our Bratwurst and Beer Festival.

Can you help organize the kitchen, empty storage areas and reorganize? Help plant trees, wield a paintbrush?

We've got work for you! Please join us for our annual Work Day on Saturday, April 9.



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Community Events

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**BRATWURST AND BEER FESTIVAL—SUNDAY, MAY 1,
NOON-4:00 PM**

The Olivenhain Town Council is pleased to announce that the 2011 OLIVENHAIN BRATWURST & BEER FESTIVAL will be held Sunday, May 1st, from Noon to 4:00 PM, on the grounds of the historic Olivenhain Meeting Hall at the corner of Rancho Santa Fe Road and 7th Street. Once again we are delighted to announce that JAMES JAM, of Prudential California Realty, will be our Primary Sponsor for the 6th consecutive year. Thank you, James for you loyal support !!!!

The Bratwurst & Beer Festival is an all-you-can-eat buffet of special German bratwurst, knockwurst, and wieners hot off the grill accompanied by savory sauerkraut, potato salad, dill pickles and an assortment of chips and sodas. A Beer Garden featuring a smorgasbord of draft beers from our beer sponsors Stone Brewing Company, Ballast Point Brewing, and Pizza Port/Port

Brewing will be available for adults 21 years of age and older. For our patrons that prefer grapes to grains, wine also will be available.

Musical entertainment will once again be provided by the ever popular EARL FLORES and HOLY TOLEDO.

Ticket prices are as follows:

Kids 5 and under: Free

Kids 6-12: \$10

13 & up, food only: \$15

Food & beer: \$20/OTC members, \$25/non-members

A celebration of Olivenhain's German heritage, the Olivenhain Bratwurst & Beer Festival has been held annually on the Olivenhain Meeting Hall grounds for nearly 40 years.



Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour 2011

April 30 from 10 am to 4 pm

This year's tour features well established gardens along picturesque tree-lined streets and large lots with historic architecture, complimented by ocean and backcountry views. There are Mediterranean style gardens, succulent gardens, tropical gardens and gardens that beautifully blend a variety of styles.

- Shop, learn, and eat at the FREE Gardeners' Marketplace along the festival route
- Gardens of all sizes and styles
- Boutique plant vendors, garden books, garden art and more
- Talks about growing vegetables, saving water in the garden, composting and more

The Marketplace is where locals and visitors shop booths filled with everything a gardener could want:

- The latest gardening tools, hats to ward away sunburn, and gloves to protect sensitive hands.
- Cut flowers, planted color bowls, and unusual garden plants.
- Botanical theme paintings and hand-thrown pots.
- Expert gardeners offering advice and guidance.
- Information about saving water in the garden, gardening with wildlife, and attracting birds.
- The latest books about gardening in San Diego's Mediterranean climate.

To find where to purchase tickets in person, by mail order, or on-line, or to learn more about the Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour, go to

[http://www.encinitasgardenfestival.org/
Reservations-and-Tickets.html](http://www.encinitasgardenfestival.org/Reservations-and-Tickets.html)

Monthly Meetings

April General Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 7:30 PM
Olivenhain 4H

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2011, 7:00 PM
Olivenhain Meeting Hall

Firestorm in Olivenhain — Save Desert Rose Way

There is a firestorm developing in Olivenhain....not the kind that involves a lot of heat, smoke and ashes and leaves the community in ruins but one that has the same potential to forever change the character of the neighborhood we all cherish and love.

Our community, steeped in the history of the immigrant farmers who settled it, is dotted with landmarks that remind us of their struggle to create a very special place to do their life's work and raise their families. Anyone who has driven down Rancho Santa Fe road is aware of the humble buildings that have been vigorously defended and preserved to honor the heritage and memory of the founders of the community. As current placeholders in the history of Olivenhain, we must do our part to defend the character of our community just as strenuously as we defend the wooden structures that are testaments to those who lived here before us.

Although very few of us are descendents of the hearty few who developed the area, we all inherit the appreciation for the very unique environment that we are fortunate to live in. We place a premium on a community that is defined by its rural character and is free of some of the symbols of urbanization like sidewalks, street lamps, traffic lights and wide open spaces; a community where trails are the links between neighbors; trails that are shared by walkers, people on horseback, bicyclists, joggers, gentle athletes, our four-legged friends and children walking to school.

While the homes in the community have taken on the face of newer construction and styles, the character of the community has nonetheless been valued and preserved. Over the years, the governing body of the area has done well to require compliance with the zoning laws that thwarted overcrowding and overbuilding in the area. Our current City leaders are soon likely to be faced with a challenge that will test their mettle.

As some (but not enough) community members know, the horse ranch on Desert Rose Way, at the end of 13th Street, was sold a few years ago to a developer, AJ Pacific Homes. This is not a new phenomenon, other builders have purchased lots and built homes. However, it was done with the intent of creating value to the neighborhood while maintaining strict compliance with the zoning laws and the wishes of the neighboring residents. One such builder was Bob Booker of Venture Pacific, a local contractor who built probably more homes in the valley than any other company.

The difference with the former horse ranch is that the developer is snubbing its nose at the residents in the area, the intent of the zoning laws and the very heart of the community; its character. When the property was first purchased, informal meetings were held at the office of the designer of the community. A plan was

laid out that called for 8-9 homes that would be built on the 6-acre parcel. The homes were to be consistent in design and on lots that met the minimum half acre per home. There were obvious questions about style, size, access, impact on the community and the environmental impact. While there are always those few folks who resist change, the project was viewed as perhaps an unavoidable progression.

The timing of this project is very crucial. The property was purchased at the peak of the housing boom. This means that the developer paid an inflated price for the property and was counting on selling the new homes for homes that cost in excess of two million dollars. This was the figure that was talked about in the informal meetings. It is interesting to note that Bob Booker passed on the purchase of the property because it didn't "pencil out". His in-depth knowledge of the area and the market caused him to pass on the opportunity to purchase and develop the property.

Now, here we are, four years and one horrendous recession later and the developers are scrambling to salvage their investment. Instead of the 8-9 homes that they initially talked about, they are using little-known loopholes in the State building laws to build 16 homes on that same parcel. They know that the economy will no longer support the original price tag so they are simply doubling the number of homes to end up with the same bottom line profit. It is painfully obvious that the lot size will not come close to the local zoning requirements.

The developers have retained the services of an attorney/environmentalist to put a positive spin on the project. Speaking for the developers, his position seems to be that the addition of 16 homes to the area, along with the inherent streets, buildings, traffic, hardscape and congestion will actually improve the area. He has repeatedly pointed out the detrimental effect that the horse property has on the adjacent stream and open space. On a recent walk, he pointed out the hoof prints that were left on an open-space trail and commented on how detrimental to humans that might traverse that same trail. Imagine, hoof prints in a community that is home to a multitude of horses! His point was that the number of hoof prints would be diminished by ridding the community of the horse farm. That is a given and frankly, old news. There isn't anyone in the neighborhood that has not resigned him/herself to the fact that the horse property is going away.

Also under the guise of "improving" the environment and the sensitive native wetlands, he scorned the trash, sawdust, manure and debris tossed into the stream. The fact is that the developers have owned the land for about four years now. If their concern is so great for the integrity of the streambed and the surrounding vegetation, why have they not cleaned it up or

caused their tenant to clean it up? Can the natural resources only be saved through the building of 16 new homes?

Within the first few steps of the walk with the developer's attorney, he pointed out the negative effect that erosion is having on the stream bed. That point is not arguable. The problem is that with the addition of so many hard, non-absorbing surfaces, the addition of thousands of gallons of water per hour in a hard rain storm will only exacerbate the problem. The developer has designed swales and other water collection systems that are intended to funnel the water into the existing creek. It will be incumbent on the owners of each property to properly maintain their water-collection system. Most likely they will be modified or even abandoned without any enforcement by a regulatory agency. He said that there will be a homeowners association (HOA) to monitor and enforce. An association of only 16 homes is too small for most community management companies to manage and many who serve communities of that size only serve their financial and bookkeeping needs. It is doubtful that any community manager will devote the time and energy to enforce compliance. When asked whether or not the system designed will contribute to the erosion problems downstream, he replied "Hopefully not".

In order to provide a firebreak for the homes, the developer will be caused to build an 8-foot non-flammable wall around the community. It is likely that it will be of a masonry product and will most certainly give the enclave the look of a prison more than an enhancement to the community. In order to facilitate 16 homes, they will be spaced 5 feet from the property line, about the size of the average kitchen table.

Of grave concern to many of the families along the roadway leading to the development is the tremendous increase in traffic that will be added to the little two-lane road leading to it. When asked about the increase in the "vehicle trips", a calculation re-

quired by the impact studies, it was learned that with the addition of 16 homes, it was estimated that 250 vehicle trips per day would be made to the property. This means that there will be a huge increase in the traffic on the already congested Rancho Santa Fe.

Lest you think that Olivenhain is a community of elitist NIMBY's the fact is that it is largely made up of working-class people, retirees and many people who have spent their lives here. Those who have purchased here have worked hard to be able to afford to live in a rural area that is a reminder of a gentler past and will fight to preserve that environment for their heirs.

It has been said that all it takes for "evil" to succeed is for "good" to do nothing. This is not to suggest that the developers are evil people but it is certainly clear that this project is not good for Olivenhain. If the residents of Olivenhain fail to get involved, then this undesirable mass of homes will be built. If you leave it to the most affected people to take up the challenge, the odds are that the opposition will fail. If, as a neighbor, you allow somebody else to fight this battle, who will fight for you when someone comes up with an idea that will greatly impact your freedoms? Who will help those who live along Rancho Santa Fe when someone gets the notion to make it a major thoroughfare with timed streetlights? What if some misled environmentalist proposes doing away with horses in the community? We must all get involved! If you are able contribute money, time or a talent to the fight then please do so. When it comes time to appear before the various commissions and ultimately the City Council, the number of people in the room will be a great factor in their decision-making process. Show up!

Please go to SaveDesertRose.com to read more about what is going on. Take the time to subscribe to the newsletter and make certain to attend critical meetings.

Together, we stand a chance of defeating this project!

Visit our website: www.Olivenhain.org



Olivenhain Residents Speak Up On Slow Emergency Response Times

On March 23rd 100 or so Olivenhain area residents packed City Council chambers to express their concern about the community's exceedingly slow fire and paramedic response times, and to ask the Council for additional resources to remedy the situation.

Olivenhain's public safety problem was reviewed as part of Fire Chief Mark Muir's report on the Standards of Coverage for the entire city. The report showed that essentially all of Olivenhain is out of compliance with the city's goal of answering 80% of its emergency calls in 5 min. -- with some areas experiencing average response waits of nearly 14 minutes. The report indicated that brain damage, due to lack of oxygen, can begin in 4 min. and lead to brain death by 8 minutes. For a structure fire the critical flashover point is typically reached in less than 8 minutes.

Emergency services are spread thin in the eastern part of the city with only a single station, on Village Park Way. The city's remaining four stations are clustered in the western half of the city.

The Chief's report made clear that based on our slow emergency response times we need help. But based on our low incident numbers compared to more densely populated portions of the city such help was not typically warranted. So the issue be-

comes one of policy – that is up to the City Council to decide if the city will help.

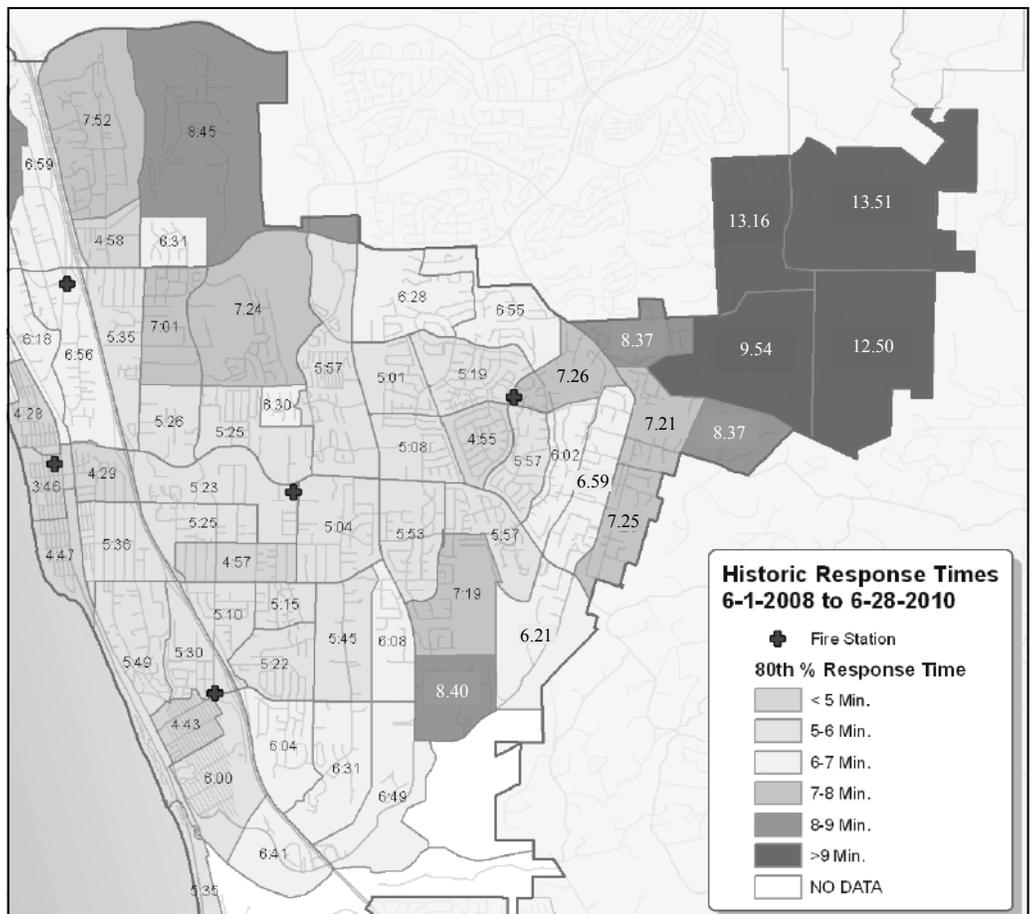
As part of the meeting, City Council also heard from 20 area residents demanding the city provide Olivenhain a fire and paramedic facility to bring our emergency response times in line with the rest of the city. Leading-off the public comment was our own OTC President, Tony Brandenburg who drove home the point that Olivenhain is not some distant outlying area, but "part of the city, the incorporated city of Encinitas", and deserving of the same emergency services received by the rest of the city.

In the end Council agreed to support the Fire Chief's effort to explore an interim measure that would relocate a contract EMS/ambulance unit to Olivenhain, and to engage Rancho Santa Fe and Carlsbad in discussions on a possible joint station in the area. In response to resident's demands to make this a high priority planning and budget item, Council by unanimous consensus, agreed to make this issue a top priority in future planning efforts. However, with no specifics committed to, it will remain up to the Olivenhain community to keep the pressure on if we hope to get the resources we need to solve this critical public safety problem.

	Percentage of Calls 5 minutes or Less **
Fire Station 1	53%
Fire Station 2	43%
Fire Station 3	29%
Fire Station 4	43%
Fire Station 5	44%
Olivenhain Community	21%
Olivenhain Study Area *	0%

* Olivenhain Study Area is east of 11th Street to City Limits

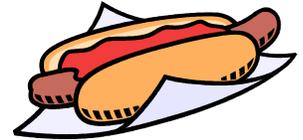
**Statistics are for High Priority calls which include Firest, EMS/Rescue, and Hazardous Conditions



The Olivenhain Town Council Annual Bratwurst & Beer Fest

Sunday, May 1st — Noon to 4:00 pm

Olivenhain Meeting Hall
corner of Rancho Santa Fe Road & 7th Street



Join the community as we celebrate Olivenhain's German Heritage



All-you-can-eat special bratwurst and hot dogs hot off the grill, with sauerkraut, potato salad, rolls, dill pickles, assortment of chips, and brownies for dessert.

Enjoy a slate of donated on tap micro-brew beer from **Stone Brewing Company, Ballast Point Brewing, and Pizza Port/ Port Brewing**, as well as wine, and help-yourself sodas and water.

All-You-Can-Eat-And Drink...

Food and Soft Drinks

Children 5 and under	FREE
Children 6 to 12	\$5.00
Adults 13 and up	\$15.00

Food and Beer or Wine (21 and up)

OTC Members	\$20.00
Non-members	\$25.00

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**Bring folding chairs, cushions,
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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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