



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

January-February, 2013

Message from the President — Jon Jeretz

Welcome to 2013 and I know it is a month in already, but since this is our first Newsletter of the year, I wanted to take the time to wish everyone a great year ahead and I certainly hope the start has been superb. It seems we rolled into this New Year with so much uncertainty, coming from economic stability of not only our State of California, but the Country in a whole. Some big things that people discussing and rightfully so are the ongoing, "Fiscal Cliff" talks and our taxes increasing, both of which could potentially adversely affect many here locally. One thing I know to be true with any event is that we can only control the things that we are in actual control of. That being said, I am looking forward to a great year ahead and hope that things work out for the majority as I just cannot control the rest.

I can tell you that from what I see, when we go out to eat or shop, people look to be spending money. In speaking to the local Real Estate professionals, the housing market is doing really well and the trend of increasing home prices seems to be carrying on through our neighborhood, which is a very good sign. So, I am hopeful that we have many positive things economically coming ahead to look forward to.

If you made those New Year resolutions, now is the time to look at them again and do a self-check. If you haven't made the progress or fulfilled the check list, start over, it is all right to do that and it is better than giving up. If resolutions are not for you, try goal setting; write them down, look at them every day and it is amazing how things fall into place.

Let's take a look back for a moment. For those who attended our December Wine Tasting, it sounded like you had a great time, (I happened to be in Chicago for that event). Thank you to all the volunteers and especially the local Vineyards for providing an exclusive tasting. It is a very special event to be able to sample wines that you cannot otherwise purchase, that are derived from locally grown grapes. The Town Council had many great events last year and we will continue that trend moving forward.

The events that will be coming for 2013 will be expanded to include an adult Art Show in June combined with what we hope will be a Grand Opening of the Germania Hotel, (if all things go as planned). We will of course have our Community Work Day in the spring, Beer and Brat Festival in April, Cinema Series at the end summer, Oktoberfest in the fall and our Wine Tasting in December. Please keep the watch out for all the dates so you

can plan ahead and of course, please note that we always need volunteers.

We will have our Annual Elections for the OTC Board in June and we will need some volunteers to step up and help. Please know that we have term limits to be on the Board and one incredibly important seat, our Treasurer will need replacing because of the limit. Please reach out ahead of time if you are interest for further discussion.

For more local news within Olivenhain, our Fire Department should hopefully be up and running 24 hours as soon as the permitting process and additional build-out is completed. I am pleased to have it for the 12 hours a day right now until that is finished.

For those who have been watching the Save Desert Rose project, it went to the City Council this past week. If you are not familiar with this, it is a proposed high density housing project in the Desert Rose area. Several months ago the City's Planning Commission rejected the plans on the grounds that it was unsafe and it would create too many environmental issues, but their word is not the final word and that is why it is now to the City Council. This week the Council refrained from making a decision on the appeal by the developer after more than four hours of discussion as they still had legal and environmental questions in regards to the development. The Council voted to continue the public hearing on March 13th for those that would like to schedule that date.

We need to continue our upward trend for our membership. In order to do this, we need our current members to help. If you know someone, a friend, family member or neighbor that is not a current member, please urge them to join or gift it to them as a friendly gesture. Thank you for supporting the Town Council.

For donation purposes, our Olivenhain Preservation Society can now take tax deductible donations as a 501c3. Please make sure the checks are made to the above so they can be properly processed and feel free to reach out to a Board member with any additional questions.

Just an FYI for those that would like to know, Olivenhain is (pronounced Oh-LEE-ven-hine).

I wish you all, happiness and most importantly good health for the year ahead!

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2012 Holiday Wine Tasting Event

The holiday wine tasting was again a great success. We had a wonderful evening tasting wines from local vintners, catching up with old neighbors and meeting new ones. We would like to give a special thanks to the local vintners who provided the bulk of the wines. Without the help of our fellow residents, it would be impossible to hold events like these. We also had the opportunity to sample some great flatbread pizza from Stone Flats. Stone Flats is located in the Vons center on El Camino Real. Please be sure to stop by and give them a try.

Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you at the many events held throughout the year.

Tentative 2013 Event Schedule

Saturday, April 6Property Improvement Work Day
Sunday April 28Bratwurst & Beer Festival
Wednesday, June 5.....OTC Annual Election
Friday, June 7Art Olivenhain
Wednesday, July 4Potluck 4th Of July Picnic
Sunday, October 13.....Olivenhain Oktoberfest
Wednesday, October 31Trick Or Treat Caravan
Saturday, Nov 19Olivenhain Arts & Craft Fair
Wednesday, Dec 11Holiday Wine Tasting

Monthly Meetings

No February General Meeting	Board Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 7:00 PM Olivenhain Meeting Hall
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Olivenhain's Character is at Stake! - Save Desert Rose

The newly-installed Encinitas City Council met on January 23rd to hear an appeal of a decision by the Planning Commission that would forever determine the fate of the safety, environment and character of Olivenhain. Save Desert Rose (SDR) stood in support of the Planning Commission's ruling against the unsafe project that is being proposed for the property now occupied by the horse-boarding facility at the northern border of Olivenhain.

For those who were not there, or couldn't stay to the closing gavel, it was a marathon session.....lasting until 11:15pm. The council, after reviewing the 1,074 pages of reports and testimony and hearing additional expert opinions, still had unanswered questions. City Council asked the planning department to provide written answers to a number of issues. Because of the complexity of the issues, planning requested March 13th as the earliest date they could provide answers. As an aside, Mark Muir, whose signature was on the original fire protection plan that has been challenged, recused himself from the proceeding.

Expert opinions from traffic safety professionals, fire behavior experts, biologists and hydrologist as well as input from local residents served to support SDR's position that the project not only threatens the welfare of the adjacent wetland, it poses a serious fire-safety threat to both its future residents and the neighboring community. It should be noted that the City is not currently meeting its own goals for response to emergencies in the area. Adding more homes to the neighborhood will only exacerbate this.

Every single tree on the property to be cut down. This, plus the increased water run-off created by additional hardscape, seriously compromises the environment and the streets and properties downstream. The builder is asking for a wetland buffer zone that is half that imposed on other builders in the area. The developer has reported that the project will generate 182 additional vehicle trips per day onto Rancho Santa Fe. A traffic study done by SDR shows a significant impact to intersections that are already rated E or F (worst) by the City. The City has declined to conduct a traffic survey and continues to ignore traffic conditions on Rancho Santa Fe Road.

The City Council was presented ample evidence to support the Planning Commission's ruling and admittedly, it might have been overwhelming. If the Council felt unable to reach a decision regarding the appeal, they could have at least required a full Environmental Impact Report of the developer. It seemed that the threat and subsequent fear of litigation loomed large in their minds. This threat was re-enforced by comments from the developer's attorney.

The impact of this decision will affect the future of not only Olivenhain but other neighboring communities as well.

The Council continued the appeal hearing until March 13th. We urge all members of the community to attend that meeting, in support of the Planning Commission's very prudent decision to deny the Tentative Map and Negative Declaration for this unsafe project.

For more information or to make a contribution, please visit SDR's website at www.savedesertrose.com

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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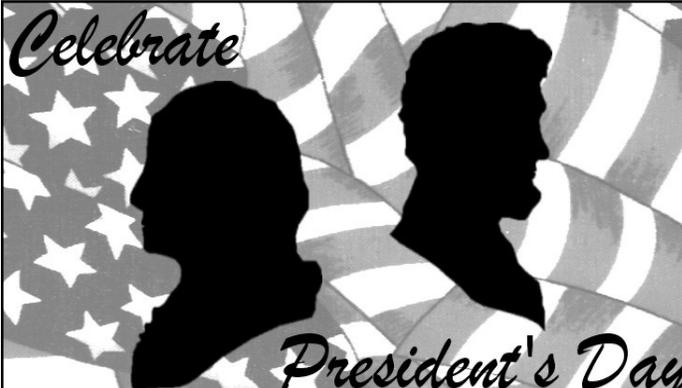
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