

*San Elijo Hills #1 Homeowners Association*  
*Community Newsletter*  
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**President's Message**

by Beth Mascherin

The beautiful mature trees that line our streets, shade our yards and offer habitat for local wildlife are one of the loveliest features of our wonderful community. These trees are beautiful and thrive in our environment, but they must be properly maintained. As a policy, the Association does not "lace" any trees, because this has a tendency to stimulate growth and encourage trees to become overly large.

Some homeowners voiced concerns regarding the size of the trees and potential safety issues they may cause. As a result of these concerns, the HOA contracted with a licensed arborist to do a tree survey for our community. In August, the arborist looked at all trees that are serviced by the Association sprinkler system lines. The purpose of the survey was to identify any trees that might be the subject of tree pathogens (disease and/or insect infestation) and/or root stability and safety.

As a result of the arborist's findings, the Association has been working diligently to rectify all issues that were noted as needing attention. We continue to do our best to keep our trees healthy and safe for all to enjoy. If you would like to learn more about the trees in our community, and our policy for maintaining them, please visit our web site, [SanElijoHills1.org](http://SanElijoHills1.org). The Association's Tree Policy is posted there for all to review.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!**

**Ballot Report**

We had hoped to publish the results of the voting for amendment changes to our PC&Rs, but to date we are still awaiting a significant number of ballots to be returned to Cal West Management.

After three mailings we still do not have enough ballots to constitute the majority needed to pass either one of the proposed amendments. If you are one of the homeowners who have not yet voted, please do so as quickly as possible. If you are in need of another ballot or a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact Signe at Cal West Management, and one will be sent to you.

Association Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Members are welcome. Please contact Cal West if you desire to attend.



*Board Members:*

Beth Mascherin President  
Percy Zelnick Vice-President  
Margot Berg Secretary  
Cynthia Harrison Treasurer  
Bill Gregory Covenants/Architecture  
Adrienne Jones Membership  
Marlene Ettari Social Committee

*Note:* Please call **Cal West** with questions regarding PC&Rs, architectural matters, and your account status.

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## **Social News**

by Marlene Ettari, Social Chair

On July 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, the San Elijo Hill Homeowners celebrated their first annual Garden Party at the home of Marlene Ettari (and Chuck, of course). There were approximately 25 participants who helped spread the joy of the celebration by bringing appetizers and a special bottle of wine to share with others. Margie Sutherland's scrumptious stuffed mushrooms won the prize for best appetizer.

In addition, on October 15<sup>th</sup>, celebrations continued — this time in honor of the Oktoberfest. Bratwurst was grilled, and the homeowners added side dishes along with their favorite beer. Homeowners were also encouraged to bring a cherished beer stein in honor of the regional origin of Oktoberfest. These steins, of course, became the launching point of many nostalgic stories that were enjoyed by all. Cynthia Harrison won the prize for the largest and most elaborate beer stein!

There was never a quiet moment throughout either evening, and everyone seemed as if they had a very enjoyable get-together.

Coming next: Mailbox Decoration Contest for the neighborhood. See back page for information.

If anyone has suggestions for events, your ideas would be appreciated.

On to the New Year!



## **Recycling!**

For those of you who would like to recycle hard-to-get-rid-of items, the following list, excerpted from *Down 2 E.A.R.T.H News*, may be helpful.

### **Appliances**

*E-Z Rental*

116 Azalea Dr., Vista, CA 92083  
760-599-9002

### *Miramar Recycling Center*

5165 Convoy Street, San Diego, CA 92111  
(858) 268-8971

### **Electronic Products**

*Waste Management*

2265 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar CA 92014  
1-800-DUMPSTER

### *Computer Recyclers of America*

1390 Engineer St., Vista CA 92081  
760-599-9131

### **Tires**

*Discount Tires*

685 San Rodolfo, Solana Beach, CA 92075  
481-6387

### *Big-O-Tires*

499-A College Blvd., Oceanside, CA 92054  
760-940-1100

### **Oil Collection Centers**

*Jiffy Lube*

221 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas  
760-632-1155

### *Liberty Recycling*

2265 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar  
481-2223

### **Rechargeable Batteries**

*Staples*

681 San Rodolfo Dr., Solana Beach 92075

### *RadioShack*

2735 Via de la Valle  
Del Mar, CA 92014

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

Low cost home collection of HHW is now available to all residents of Del Mar, Encinitas and Solana Beach. The service is free of charge to seniors (65+) and homebound citizens. Other residents are charged a \$10 co-payment. For more info and to schedule an appointment, call (800) 444-4244.

Visit [www.1800CLEANUP.org](http://www.1800CLEANUP.org) for more info on recycling centers, etc.

## SHAG\* Meeting Report-11/9/05

- ❖ Treasurer's Report
  - All representative HOAs have made contributions based on one dollar per household.
- ❖ Community News
  - The proposed project to add Retail Space in the Vons shopping center is officially dead. Previous SHAG meetings brought to light concerns which ultimately may have been factors causing the developer to not go forward with the project. I know parking, for one, was a concern that was discussed, but there were other concerns (don't know what they were) presented to the developer without any response.
  - The Flower Hill Shopping Center is about to undergo new development that will double its size. The project will include:
    - Addition of 56,000 sq ft of office space
    - Addition of a public plaza
    - Addition of 70,000 sq ft of retail and restaurant space
    - Razing the 4-plex movie theater and rebuilding as a 6-plex
  - The city is preparing to award a contract for a study of the traffic flow in the Solana Vista School zone.
- ❖ Community Emergency Response Training
  - Steve Goetsch recently underwent the CERT "Community Emergency Response Team" training and gave a brief talk of what the training entailed. Basically, the purpose of this program is to train participants to become disaster workers, including basic life-and-property-saving- skills, in the event of a major disaster.

Steve passed out a *Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide* that families in our community may find very helpful and beneficial. This Guide may be found at the San Diego County OES (Office of Emergency Services) Website.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/community/families/>

Discuss and review the Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide with your family. This is only the first step in disaster preparedness. Another website Steve recommends is <http://www.72hour.org>

### ❖ Future SHAG Meetings

If the community has any ideas of topics they feel would be good subject matter for the SHAG committee to address, please pass them on. Thanks, and Happy Holidays to all!

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\*Solana Homeowners' Association Group.

## Our Website

by Sharon Costello

Want to know what the most popular feature has been on our website? So far the most frequently viewed page (not counting the Home page) has been the Policies page, where many people have been accessing the Architectural Approval Request Form.

Have you checked out our website lately? Aside from the regular features (Frequently Asked Questions, Newsletters, Policies, Links, Photos & Contacts), the site's Home page currently has information regarding neighborhood crime, the upcoming Holiday Mailbox Decorating Contest, refrigerator/freezer disposal, and the PC&R Amendment vote. Our HOA website is updated monthly, so check back for the latest neighborhood news! [www.sanelijohills1.org](http://www.sanelijohills1.org)

## Hear ye, hear ye!!

Be a participant in our neighborhood contest, and dress up your mailbox for the holiday season. The mailboxes will be judged by an unbiased neighbor from Santa Fe Hills. Please complete your decorating by December 20<sup>th</sup>. A delicious prize will be awarded.

*Note: this newsletter is an abridged version of the newsletter sent to all homeowners.*

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