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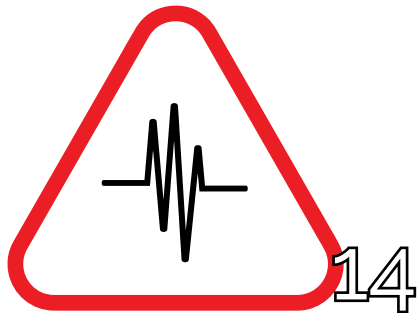
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05/08/2026
Live Music Friday
 Jeff Sisil Multi-Instrumentalist
 and Entertainer
 From 6:30pm - 9:30pm

05/22/2026
Country Trivia Night
 at The Watering Hole
 From 6:30pm - 9:00pm

06/12/2026
Summer Concert Series
 Wayward Sons
 At Gallup Park
 starts at 7:00pm

06/19/2026
Yacht Rock Trivia Night
 at The Watering Hole
 From 6:30pm - 9:00pm

06/26/2026
Summer Concert Series
 Surf City All Stars
 At Gallup Park
 starts at 7:00pm

On The Cover:
 Trail Photo
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Mission Statement

To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for **May 19, 2026**, and will be held at the Association Clubhouse.

Executive Session starts at - 6:00 pm and Open Session - 7:30 pm

The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has several committees comprised of Homeowners that provide support to the Board of Directors on selected Community topics. For more information or to join any of our Committees, please contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477.

Architectural Review Committee

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Equestrian Committee

Events Committee

Fire Prevention Committee

Historical Committee

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails Committee

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



NELLIE GAIL RANCH COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Brian Mitchell

At the Board of Directors Meeting of April 21, 2026, the **Equestrian Handbook of Policies & Procedures** that was published in the March 2026 issue of The Pony Express was adopted. You may download a copy for your records using the below link or QR code. If you have equestrian boarders on your property, please forward them a copy of these policies. As homeowners are responsible for the actions of their boarders and guests on trails and community arenas, we recommend you have them sign an acknowledgment of receipt so you have a record of advising them of the policies. Meanwhile, happy hiking and riding to all! **Link:** <https://wp.me/aaT6YM-3bv>



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By popular request, our Nellie Gail Ranch apparel and merchandise store is on the way! Express your pride in Nellie Gail Ranch by wearing high quality t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, visors and beanie's. Also available will be travel mugs, glassware, pet bowls and beach towels. A link to the new store will be sent soon!

Sumer Concert Schedule (Page 6)

The 2026 Summer Concert Schedule is in this issue. Be sure to calendar the dates and get ready for another awesome summer of music and fun!!

Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

And finally, please mail in your ballot for the annual election of directors. The names on the mailing label are the owners of record the Inspector of Election will be using to confirm submitted ballots. Please sign the envelope and mail. Postage is pre-paid so please cast your ballots and mail at your earliest opportunity.



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for Dinner
& Dessert

JUN 12

Wayward Sons

80's Rock Nostalgia

Contributing sponsor: **Brad Feldman**

JUN 26

Surf City All Stars

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JUL 10

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JUL 24

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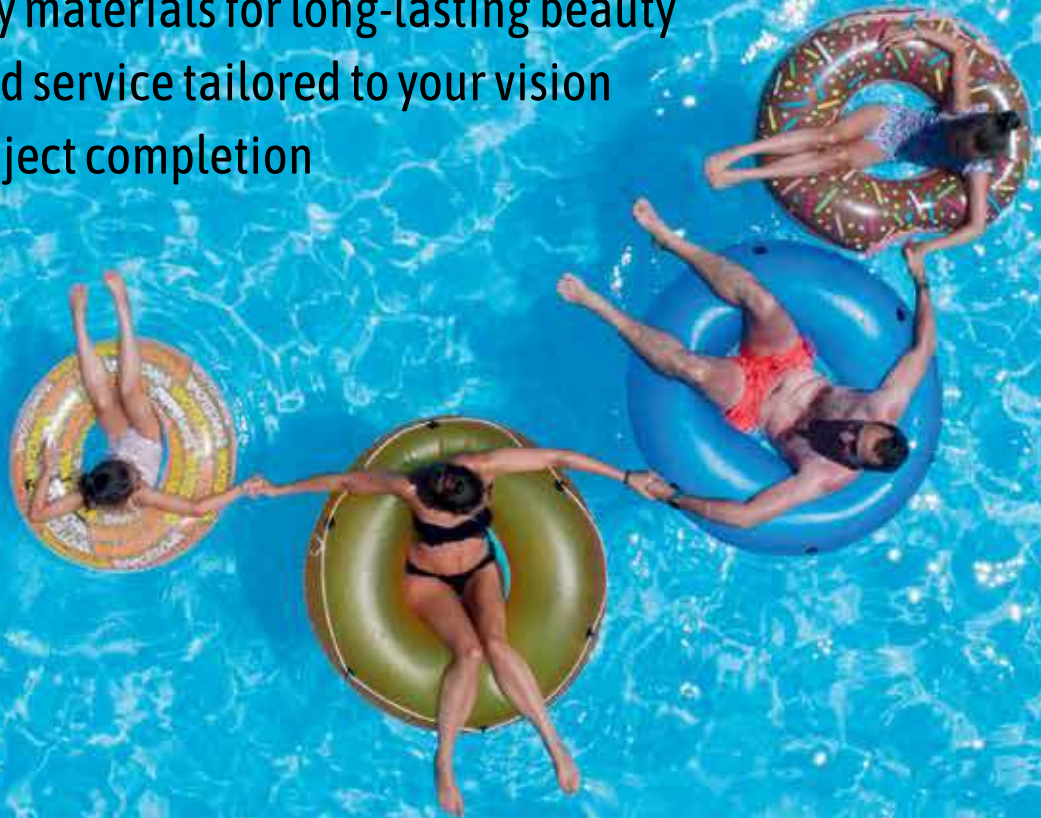
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May 16th

Ladies:

3.0 (50+)

3.5 (50+)

4.0 (50+)

4.5 (50+)

May 17th

Mens:

3.0 (50+)

3.5 (50+)

4.0 (50+)

4.5 (50+)

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Yacht Rock

TRIVIA NIGHT

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DID YOU KNOW? TRAIL-FACING CAMERAS ARE PERMITTED

If your home backs up to the horse trails, you are permitted to install security cameras that face the trail from your property. It is one of the simplest and most effective ways to add an extra layer of protection to your home.

A visible camera alone can act as a strong deterrent, while also giving you a clear view of activity along your rear access points. Many residents find that even one well-placed camera provides meaningful peace of mind.

Where cameras become most effective is in how they are positioned and used. Focus on natural entry points such as gates, fence openings, and side yard access. Angling cameras slightly downward toward these areas, rather than broadly across the trail, improves visibility while remaining respectful of privacy. Motion-activated alerts can also be valuable, allowing you to stay aware of activity without needing to constantly monitor footage.

To get the most value from your setup, consider the following:

- Position cameras to clearly capture gates, fence lines, and side yard entry points
- Angle cameras downward to prioritize your property rather than wide trail views
- Enable motion alerts to stay informed without constant monitoring
- Pair cameras with subtle motion lighting to improve nighttime visibility
- Check periodically that cameras are working, clean, and unobstructed by landscaping

If you already have cameras in place, it is worth periodically checking that they are fully operational, lenses are clean, and coverage has not shifted over time. Landscaping changes, new fencing, or even seasonal growth can impact visibility more than expected.

If you are considering adding a camera, start simple. A single, well-placed device covering your primary rear access point is often more effective than multiple cameras with limited visibility.

As always, placement should be thoughtful and respectful of your neighbors' privacy. The goal is to enhance security while maintaining the trust and character that make our community special.

Living along the trails is one of the things that makes Nellie Gail Ranch unique. Taking a few intentional steps to improve visibility and awareness helps protect not just your home, but the shared environment we all value



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS: ARE YOU READY?

Recent seismic activity near the Salton Sea is a reminder that Southern California sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," where most of the world's earthquakes occur. While smaller quakes are common, experts agree that a major event along the San Andreas Fault is not a matter of if, but when.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the southern portion of the fault is overdue for a large earthquake. Historically, major quakes have occurred every 200 years, yet it has been more than 300 years since the last significant event. Scientists estimate a magnitude 7.8 earthquake is likely within our lifetime—and the impacts could be severe.

Studies such as the "ShakeOut Scenario" project widespread consequences, including prolonged shaking across Southern California, thousands of injuries, major infrastructure damage, fires, and extended outages of electricity, gas, and water. Emergency services and hospitals would be overwhelmed, and assistance may not reach many communities for days

One of the most common misconceptions is that help will be immediately available. In reality, phone systems may fail or be overloaded, and first responders will be stretched thin. Residents should plan to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours—if not longer—following a major disaster.

Preparation is key. Experts recommend assembling emergency supplies, including food, water, and essential items, and developing a plan with your household. Connecting with neighbors and local preparedness groups can also make a significant difference in how well a community responds and recovers.

The Nellie Gail Ranch Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to support residents through resources, planning guidance, and a network of Block Captains and Area Coordinators. Future communications will provide additional information on preparing before, during, and after an earthquake.

Taking steps now can help protect your family and your community. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail."



FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION FOR NELLIE GAIL RANCH THIS SUMMER

As summer approaches, wildfire season becomes a growing concern across Orange County. Dry vegetation, rising temperatures, and seasonal winds can quickly create dangerous conditions. For residents of Nellie Gail Ranch, preparation and prevention are key—not only to protect individual homes, but to help safeguard the entire community.

One of the most effective ways to reduce wildfire risk is by maintaining defensible space around your home. The first five feet should be kept clear of flammable materials like mulch, dead plants, and debris. From five to thirty feet, trim trees and shrubs, keep grass short, and space vegetation to prevent fire spread. Extending out to one hundred feet, clearing dead vegetation and thinning dense growth can significantly slow a fire's path. These efforts not only reduce risk but also provide firefighters with a safer environment to defend homes.

Wind-driven embers are the leading cause of home ignition during wildfires, making home hardening essential. Installing ember-resistant vents, keeping

roofs and gutters clear, and sealing gaps around windows, doors, and eaves can help prevent embers from entering your home. When possible, using fire-resistant materials for roofing, siding, and fencing can further improve protection.

Staying informed is equally important. The Orange County Fire Authority provides valuable resources, including home safety guidance, community education, and emergency preparedness information. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these tools and stay aware of local fire conditions.

Finally, be ready to act quickly. Have a family evacuation plan, prepare a go-bag with essentials, and keep your vehicle fueled during high-risk periods. Signing up for emergency alerts ensures you receive critical updates when they matter most.

Fire prevention in Nellie Gail Ranch is a shared responsibility. By taking proactive steps and staying prepared, we can work together to protect our homes and community throughout fire season.



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Board of Directors Election

The Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors is scheduled on **June 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** with a reconvened meeting date set for **June 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Association Clubhouse at 25281 Empty Saddle Drive. This year three (3) seats are up for election. The five (5) nominated candidates appearing on the ballot are: **Dan Sparks, David Woolgar, John Park, Josh Nessa and Mark Fisk.**

Candidate Statements are on the following pages. Ballots should be in your mailbox about the same time as this issue of **The Pony Express**. The quorum for the June 3rd meeting is **50%** of homeowners represented that reduces to **25%** (i.e. 351 out of 1405 members) for the June 10th meeting. **Please return your ballots at your earliest opportunity.**



Mark Fisk

Homeowner since: 2012

Current Occupation:

Business Management in Assisted Living and Senior Support Services. Education and experience in Business Information Systems and Computer Programming

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served our community as a Board member for the past decade. I have had the privilege of working alongside an exceptional group of homeowners who genuinely care about Nellie Gail Ranch and are willing to dedicate their time and effort in service of our community.

Biographical Information:

I first moved to Nellie Gail Ranch with my family in 1980 at the age of five, and I had the unique experience of growing up as the community evolved into the prestigious neighborhood it is today. In 2012, my wife and I were fortunate to return and build our home here, where we are now raising our two sons.

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board:

I believe it is essential that the Board represents the interests of all homeowners—not just the most vocal. Preserving the rich equestrian heritage that defines Nellie Gail Ranch is critical to maintaining the character and prestige of our community. At the same time, I believe our Owners Association should be operated with the efficiency, accountability, and transparency of a well-run business.

Notable accomplishments thus far:

- Implemented a new playground at Gallup Park, creating a well-used amenity that has been embraced by neighborhood children and young families
- Utilized community resources responsibly to refresh and elevate the clubhouse to a standard our homeowners can take pride in
- Helped establish gathering spaces and amenities that foster community engagement and connection
- Supported long-term initiatives to preserve and strengthen our landscape
- Maintained reasonable dues despite ongoing inflationary pressures

Objectives moving forward:

- Continue evaluating and optimizing the use of resources to maintain a safe, well-managed community
- Foster a responsive and approachable HOA that encourages homeowners to invest in and improve their properties
- Ensure our Equestrian Center, pool, tennis facilities, and restaurant remain world-class while operating in a financially sustainable manner
- Maintain the highest community standards while preserving strong value in dues compared to surrounding areas in South Orange County

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Josh Nessa

Homeowner since: 2019

Current Occupation:
Fire Fighter/ Small Business Owner

Civic Activities:

President of the nonprofit Honor Guard for the Los Angeles County Fire Department; member of the department's Peer Support Program; Volunteer coach with Laguna Hills Little League. Military Veteran and fire captain dedicated to community service, mentorship, and public safety.

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

I frequently use the parks, trail systems, and clubhouse at Nellie Gail Ranch and value the sense of community they provide. I would like to become more involved in supporting and improving the HOA to help maintain and enhance these shared amenities for residents.

Biographical Information:

I am a military veteran, former Orange County Sheriff's Department Deputy, and current Fire Captain with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. I have devoted my career to civil service and community leadership. I hold an MBA and a Certificate in Strategic Leadership, licensed General Contractor, and previously served two years on the Mission Viejo Environmental HOA. My wife and I are raising our two young children in Nellie Gail Ranch, where we enjoy the trails, parks, and connecting with neighbors and making new friends.

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board:

I want to serve on the board to help ensure fair, firm, and consistent treatment for all residents of Nellie Gail Ranch. A strong HOA should balance protecting community standards while supporting homeowners who want to improve and invest in their properties. I hope to help streamline the architectural and improvement process so it is clear, timely, and predictable, while still preserving the character of the neighborhood.

I also believe in building on the solid foundation created by past board members and volunteers, continuing what works while seeking thoughtful improvements where needed. Transparency and communication are important to me, and I would work to ensure residents understand how decisions are made and feel confident in the board's actions. My goal is to contribute to a board that is professional, approachable, and focused on long-term health, value, and livability of our community.



John Park

Homeowner since: 1984

Current Occupation:
President/General Manager
Aerospace Space Defense Company

Civic Activities:

Committee member of the JEDEC Solid State Technology Association

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

Serving my 15th year on the Nellie Gail Board of Directors; Serving my 17th year on our Emergency Preparedness Committee; Current Neighborhood Watch Block Captain; Serving on the Steering Committee for the 2026 Nellie Gail Ranch Fall Festival

Biographical Information:

I am a senior executive who has been associated with Fortune 500 companies and served various Corporate boards and several Advisory Committees for start-up and emerging companies. I am proud to be a Nellie Gail Ranch resident, sharing conversations with our community, and attending local events.

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board:

I am looking forward to continuing my service to our great community and keeping Nellie Gail Ranch a safe place where our neighbors can enjoy our great amenities – equestrian, aquatic, tennis, pickleball and the opening of the Watering Hole. I support by using sound fiscal responsibility and oversight, maintaining Nellie Gail Ranch as a unique and attractive environment in which to live whether raising a family or enjoying a retired life while enhancing the appeal of Nellie Gail Ranch and homeowner property values. I support the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" concept in preparation for emergencies that might affect our entire community.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



Dan Sparks

Homeowner since: 2005

Current Occupation:
Staffing and Recruitment

Civic Activities:

I have coached more than 30 youth soccer teams with Laguna Hills AYSO, supporting young athletes on and off the field. Through coaching, I emphasize teamwork, character development and positive experiences. I'm also involved in my children's schools, volunteering in the classroom and school events.

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

Current Nellie Gail Ranch Board of Directors member. I believe strongly in investing time and energy into the community we call home. Serving on the board allows me to give back to a neighborhood that has meant so much to my family.

Biographical Information:

I was born and raised in Orange County. My parents moved our family to Nellie Gail in 1988, and my mom still lives in that same home today. I attended SMHS then UCLA, where I had the opportunity to play soccer. My wife, Michele Sparks, and I chose to move our family to Nellie Gail in 2005 because it has always felt like home to me. The small-town feel, strong sense of family, and commitment to community made it the perfect place to raise our three children.

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board:

Nellie Gail has been home to me for most of my life. My parents moved our family here in 1988, and today my wife Michele and I have raised our three children here for the past 21 years and plan to call Nellie Gail home for the rest of our lives. The connections and friendships we have made through this community are truly priceless. Because Nellie Gail has meant so much to my family, I feel a strong responsibility to give back.

I joined the Board to help preserve the things that make Nellie Gail special, including a safe, clean, and welcoming environment with a strong sense of community. I also enjoy creating opportunities for neighbors to connect through fun activities and events such as holiday celebrations, family festivals and community gatherings.

Lastly, as the owner of multiple local businesses, I understand the importance of being fiscally responsible and making decisions that protect our community's resources. I'm open to new ideas while maintaining the important traditions that make Nellie Gail such a special place to live.



David Woolgar

Homeowner since: 2016

Current Occupation:
Saddleback College Professor
(*Business Department*)
St. J Serra Catholic School- Teacher
(*English Language Arts*)

Civic Activities:

Orange County Hockey League- Board of Directors (Treasurer);
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Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

Nellie Gail Equestrian Center- Leased a stall for several years via Mickey Hayden. Involved with Pickleball & Patron of The Watering Hole

Biographical Information:

I moved from Canada to Laguna Hills in 1993 and I have remained in the area since. Shannon, my wife, and I purchased our home in Nellie Gail 10 years ago, and it has been everything we hoped for and more. We raised our two kids here, and they both went to Laguna Hills High School. Professionally, I have been a professor for over 20 years and at Saddleback College for over 16 years. I have taught English Advanced at St. J. Serra Catholic School for 4 years. I love golf and I still play hockey several times a week. I especially enjoy hiking on our trails!

Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board:

I feel very fortunate to be able to live here and enjoy all the amenities that our community has to offer. There is just so much to do, and I would like to get more of our community involved to bring us even closer together. I would like to use my background as an educator, coach, organizer, and athlete to take our programs to the next level while introducing new activities to encourage involvement. Nellie Gail has given so much to our family and I would like to show my gratitude by giving back.



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While horses and dogs typically do not eat stinging nettle, the plant can still pose a risk. If pets or equines brush up against it—or lie down or roll in areas where it is present—the plant's fine, glass-like hairs can penetrate the skin and cause an intense stinging or burning sensation. This irritation can be quite uncomfortable and may last 24 hours or more.

To effectively manage this issue, trail crews are using a combination of methods. Taller nettle

plants are trimmed down using weed whips to reduce their height and spread, followed by targeted spot treatment at the base and surrounding areas to help limit regrowth. This approach allows for efficient control while minimizing impact to the surrounding environment.

Residents are encouraged to remain mindful while using the trails during this time. Please do not allow horses or pets to graze on stinging nettle or on grasses and weeds in close proximity, as these areas may be affected. Staying on designated paths and maintaining awareness of trail conditions will help ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all.

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As we look ahead, we're excited to continue this tradition and are now accepting submissions for our Class of 2026 Graduates. Whether your student is graduating from high school, college, or beyond, we would love to recognize their accomplishments and share their story.

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Our city's adopted 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines departed Camp Pendleton in early April as the ground combat element of the 11th MEU (short for Marine Expeditionary Unit), a forward-deployed, rapid-response force. These Marines are trained for a wide range of missions, including crisis response, humanitarian aid and disaster relief, security operations, deterrence, and amphibious assaults.

The 11th MEU deployment is regularly scheduled, though in this case it was moved forward by a few weeks on fairly short notice. Recent developments in Iran and the Middle East raised concern and speculation that the Marines could be sent to that region, but as of now, they have not been. Regardless of their specific mission, we are eager to show our appreciation and support for these hardworking young men and women who volunteer to leave the safety and comfort of home to serve our country.

So what, one might ask, would Marines most appreciate from home? Whether at sea or on land, a frequent request is fresh socks! One does not need much

imagination to understand why. To get a shipment out as quickly as possible, TDH partnered with Socks for Heroes to sponsor a shipment of three-pair packages of boot socks for the 1,000 Darkhorse Marines and Sailors currently deployed. Jim Hogan, founder of Socks for Heroes, explained that the time from shipping to receiving the heavy boxes onboard ship is about three weeks. We are grateful to Jim Hogan for handling the heavy lifting, and he was grateful to us for sponsoring the shipment.

What else do Marines miss from home? Heavy training, big appetites, and limited food choices often create cravings for grab-and-go snacks, protein bars, and protein powder mixes. Our next goal is to surprise them with boxes of these treats. If you would like to support this effort, please contact me at 35robbins@gmail.com for more information.



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A special thank you to Tate Lamott Group for being the contributing sponsor, as well as to the many community volunteers and volunteers from Lion's Heart who helped make the event a success.





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Guests relaxed, socialized, and soaked in the music while enjoying the welcoming ambiance that has made Friday nights at The Watering Hole a favorite community tradition. From upbeat favorites to familiar sing-alongs, Two For The Show kept the crowd engaged and entertained throughout the evening.

Events like these continue to bring neighbors together, creating a fun and inviting space to unwind and connect. We look forward to many more memorable nights of live music at The Watering Hole!





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Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

Our February meeting at Pam Di Giovanni's home was yet another example of balance in a yard. In her front yard, by the sidewalk, she planted a variety of flowers for color and scent. Underneath her eaves, she has camellias growing in the shade—a must for this beautiful shrub. She has planted different varieties, each selected for its unique and elegant blooms.

On the right side of her home, where she gets the most sun, she has enclosed a brand-new screened garden with a wood frame for her tomatoes and various other edible vegetables. This enclosure protects her delicate plants from our persistent rodents. On the left side of her home, she has a loquat tree, already well established and thriving.

As you walk into the backyard, there is an abundance of flowers in pots and a rich collection of succulents. Mexican sage stands as the centerpiece, attracting bees and birds that mingle throughout the day. She has added a bird feeder as well, and the sound of their activity is truly music to our ears.

Just beyond the vegetable garden sits her first compost bin, and next to it begins a beautiful row of fruit trees. A plum tree is just starting to bloom—a sign of the season ahead. Beside it stand absolutely beautiful, disease-free, full-grown citrus trees, vibrant and healthy. Nearby are additional bins for worm composting, completing her natural fertilizing system.

Behind the barbecue and seating area, there are even more fruit trees. Avocados have become her newest additions. The Mexican avocado, with its shiny, edible skin, was already present when they purchased their home and continues to produce excellent fruit. Newer additions include Hass, Lamb Hass, and Sir Prize avocados. In between stands a Strawberry Verte fig. Along the center, she planted a Spice Zee nectarplum and a Babcock peach tree, carefully positioned to receive full sun.

Throughout the yard is a thoughtful mixture of flowers, succulents, and fruit trees. Her grass area absorbs

rainwater efficiently and provides open space for her dogs to run and play. Gardening is her pride and joy, and it shows everywhere you look. This yard has everything one could want, and every space is utilized with purpose. The fruit trees are placed where they receive optimal sunlight, while the flowers serve an essential role in pollinating blossoms and supporting the ecosystem.

As we all sat together around a large table discussing our shared challenges with rodents and pests, I reminded everyone that worm composting is one of the most important steps toward creating a disease-free garden. Composting kitchen scraps, old soil, dead plants, eggshells, and fruit and vegetable skins produces living soil. Even cardboard, which is made from wood pulp, can be added, along with mulch and steer manure.

Red Wiggler worms transform this organic matter into castings rich in beneficial microbes, including bacteria and fungi that build soil health. These microbes not only break down organic material but also strengthen plant immunity and help suppress harmful pests such as whiteflies and other insects.

This material is among the most valuable fertilizers available. The true benefit lies in how it builds stronger plants from the soil upward. Healthier trees grow faster, resist disease, and become more resilient over time.

Peach leaf curl is the only disease I must occasionally treat. It is caused by a fungus encouraged by our rainy conditions that damages peach leaves. Even then, the strength provided by healthy soil greatly reduces its impact. I use a copper spray only on my peach trees when necessary.

Pam's garden is a perfect example of what happens when nature is allowed to work with you instead of against you. Every element has a purpose—from the flowers that attract pollinators, to the compost that builds living soil, to the fruit trees carefully placed in full sun. Nothing is wasted, and everything contributes to the health of the whole system. This is the true meaning of gardening: not control, but balance. When you build

healthy soil and create diversity, your garden becomes stronger, more productive, and more resilient. Pam's yard reminds us that with knowledge, patience, and care, any space can be transformed into a thriving ecosystem that gives back year after year.





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