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Please remit all assessments to:  
P.O. Box, 30354, Tampa, FL 33630-3354  
or drop off at the Association Office.



### 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 **June 20, 2023** 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

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## COMMITTEE FORMED TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF GATING

In response to homeowners' expressed interest in the logistics and the costs to gate entrances of Nellie Gail Ranch community, the Board took action during the meeting on Tuesday, May 16th. They approved the establishment of a committee tasked with assessing the feasibility and potential expenses involved in gating. To ensure a diverse range of perspectives and expertise, the committee is actively seeking homeowners who are interested in participating. The links below contain the Draft Charter and the application for appointment. If you wish to be considered for a position, kindly submit your application accordingly.

Your participation will contribute to the evaluation process and decision-making regarding the logistics and associated costs of gating the Nellie Gail Ranch community entries. Contact the association office for a copy of the Draft Charter and application, and submit your application to be considered for an appointment.

### **Application:**

<https://nelliegailranch.org/wp-content/uploads/Gate-Committee-Interest-Application.pdf>

### **Charter:**

<https://nelliegailranch.org/wp-content/uploads/Committee-to-Evaluate-Feasibility-of-Gating.pdf>



# DIRECTORS MESSAGE

## I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY!

*By Loree Blough*



I am so proud of our committees; the Board and all of the homeowners in our wonderful community! I always say that Nellie Gail Ranch is a small town in a large county. I am so happy as I look through pictures of the variety of activities in just the past few weeks.

"I hope this doesn't sound corny but,  
**I LOVE** this community!"

At The Watering Hole there has been an Easter Brunch, Cinco de Mayo celebration, Kentucky Derby Party, and Mother's Day celebration! We have hosted an Easter Egg Hunt, where we hid 5,000 eggs, held



a Movie in the Park and held riding lessons and a Dressage Exhibition at the Equestrian Center! We hosted the Sheriff twice at town hall meetings on crime prevention & neighborhood watch.

We have held two emergency preparedness training courses & approved 56 architectural reviews for people to make improvements on their homes. Our landscape committee has walked the ranch and carefully selected 33 locations where new trees can be planted to maintain our lush aesthetics for future generations.



Pickleball is booming, our tennis players are winning trophies, and our kids are about to start summer camp learning to swim, ride horses & play tennis. Our summer concerts will start off with a bang. What a line up it is for this year! We are trying something new with a Nellie Gail's Got Talent event & hosting a Saturday Woodstock concert.

The Watering Hole crew will have a booth set up at the concerts selling charcuterie and other nibbles. So dust off your tie-dye, grab your blankets and coolers and get ready to dance & meet up with old friends at Gallup Park!





In September the Events Committee is also planning the very popular Equine & Wine Event and another new event, a Luau!

Our clubhouse is alive with NGR history and contributions from neighbors which are making it such a special, warm & meaningful place to hang out. We have received paintings, saddles & bridles, a rustic milk can from a ranch right here in Nellie Gail and a whiskey barrel. The restrooms have been recently decorated with custom made décor for Nellie Gail. Many of the pieces have been hand made. We are adding café lights for outside dining & will be bringing in live music to The Watering Hole! I have met so many nice neighbors there who I am now happy to call my friends.

So as you can see, there are fun things going on for every passion and age. THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers who are contributing to making Nellie Gail the special place that it is!

**See you around the Ranch!**



# MINUTES

## NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - OPEN SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

#### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk  
Loree Blough  
John Park  
Joyce Taylor (via Zoom)

#### DIRECTOR ABSENT

Paul Holland

#### MANAGEMENT

Brian Mitchell, General Manager  
Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

### II. CONSIDER HOMEOWNER APPEAL TO REQUEST SIGN-OFF ON NOTICE OF COMPLETION

**Motion:** Park

**Second:** Fisk

**Resolution:** To deny the homeowner appeal requesting sign-off on the Notice of Completion as the improvements as built were not completed per plan and the ARC review was consistent with its review policies.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### III. HOMEOWNER FORUM

There were three (3) homeowners present.

### IV. REPORTS TO MEMBERS

#### A. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT ON MARCH 16th AND MARCH 21, 2023 MEETINGS

**Action:** Received and filed the reports.

### B. REPORT ON STATUS OF CC&R AMENDMENT BALLOTING

The Inspector of Election received a total of 778 valid signed ballot envelopes. A total of 1,055 votes in favor were required to pass the proposed amendments.

#### Both amendments failed with votes as follows:

- Article IX, Section 10 (Adding rental restrictions, including the ability to adopt reasonable fines.)

**In Favor – 685**

**Opposed – 92**

**Abstain - 1**

- Article XIV, Section 5 (Revising future amendments to the Declaration to be approved by affirmative vote of 50% of the members.)

**In Favor – 525**

**Opposed – 250**

**Abstain - 3**

A draft city ordinance restricting advertisement and short term rentals of property is pending the second reading and adoption at the April 25, 2023 City Council Meeting.

### V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Proposed Consent Calendar Resolution: To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items V-A through V-D.

**Motion:** Park

**Second:** Taylor

### A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2023 OPEN SESSION MINUTES



Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated February 21, 2023 as presented.

## **B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Resolution:** To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated February 28, 2023.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,134,925 in reserve funds, \$1,640,200 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$732,434 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,515,958.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,274,955 compared to the budgeted \$1,437,954.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$2,401,550 compared to the budgeted \$2,494,980.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$191,257) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$168,653). Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$58,256 compared to the budgeted of \$183,268. Year to date reserve funding is \$259,245 compared to a budget of \$252,300. The variance is reserve interest income.

## **C. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVAL TO COMMENCE FORECLOSURE ON ONE ACCOUNT**

Resolution: To report the April 18, 2023 Executive Session approval to commence foreclosure for collection of outstanding assessments on the following property:

Parcel Number	Assessments Due	Total Amount Due
636-151-02	\$2,989.20	\$4,439.30

Delinquency Statistics for the Open Session Minutes:

· There are two (2) past owner delinquencies with an assessment balance of \$996.40.

· Sixty-three (63) current owner past due delinquencies total \$48,784.85 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.

· The collection attorney is currently working on five (5) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.

· Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 1.9% of the annual assessment budget.

## **D. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ALTERNATE**

**Resolution:** To approve appointment of Nellie Gail Ranch Member Lauri Delson to serve as an Alternate Member of the Architectural Review Committee through January 31, 2024, subject to complying with the Committee Member Criteria standards adopted October 19, 2021 and signing the Community Leader Code of Conduct.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**End of Consent Calendar**

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BALLOT STATEMENT TO BE MAILED WITH THE BALLOT FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO CONTINUE / DISCONTINUE MOBILE PATROL SERVICES**

**Motion:** Blough

**Second:** Park

**Resolution:** To approve the ballot measure statement for mobile patrol security.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **B. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES**

**Action:** Reviewed and filed potential future projects.

# MINUTES - CONTINUED

priorities and budgets.

## C. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF FOUR KITCHEN SHELVES

**Motion:** Park

**Second:** Fisk

**Resolution:** To approve the purchase of four (4) kitchen shelves.

**Ayes:** Fisk, Park, Taylor

**Nays:** Blough

**The motion carried.**

## VII. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Amendment to CC&R's – Inspector of Election Report, Architectural Review Committee Reports, Community Events, Communications Report, EPC, Equestrian Center Managers Report, Equestrian Committee Report, Solar, Quezada Landscape Report, Swim, Tennis / Pickleball Center, Trails & Common Area,

## VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

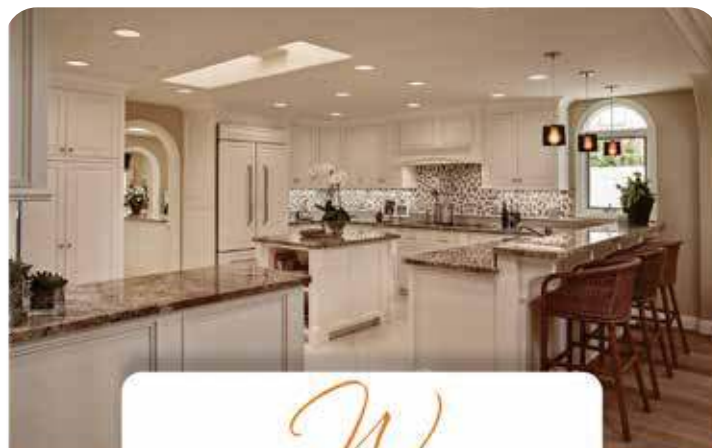
**Action:** Received and filed.

## IX. NEXT MEETING

The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



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## ENSURING POOL SAFETY: PROTECTING LIVES AND ENJOYING SUMMER FUN

As the warm summer days approach, many families eagerly anticipate spending time by the pool. However, it is crucial to prioritize pool safety to prevent accidents and ensure a fun and worry-free experience. Each year, incidents related to pool accidents occur, highlighting the importance of implementing safety measures. By adopting proper precautions and maintaining a vigilant attitude, we can create a secure environment for everyone, especially children, around swimming pools.

One of the primary measures to ensure pool safety is constant supervision. Designate a responsible adult as a designated "water watcher" who keeps a watchful eye on swimmers at all times. Avoid distractions such as mobile phones or engaging in other activities that may divert attention. Install physical barriers, such as fencing around the pool area, to prevent unauthorized access and reduce the risk of accidents. Additionally, it is crucial to teach children basic water safety skills and swimming techniques to enhance their ability to navigate the water safely.

Furthermore, the presence of safety equipment, such as life jackets and rescue floats, should never

be overlooked. Ensure that these items are easily accessible near the pool area and that everyone knows how to use them. It is also advisable to learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) techniques, as immediate action during emergencies can make a significant difference in saving lives. Regular pool maintenance and inspections should be conducted to address any potential hazards, such as broken drain covers or slippery surfaces, promptly. By prioritizing pool safety and implementing preventive measures, we can create a secure and enjoyable environment for everyone to relish the pleasures of summertime swimming.

Pool safety is a paramount concern to safeguard lives and prevent accidents, especially during the summer season. By adhering to constant supervision, establishing physical barriers, teaching water safety skills, and having essential safety equipment readily available, we can significantly reduce the risk of pool-related incidents. Let us prioritize pool safety, ensuring that every splash and dive is met with joy, laughter, and above all, the peace of mind that comes from knowing we have taken the necessary steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones.



# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the  
**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON MAY 16, 2023**

The Submittal Deadline for the **July** ARC Meeting is: **June 27, 2023.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25042 Buckskin	Fence, gate	Denied
27582 Fargo	Painting	Approved
26542 Wildview	Plan review	reviewed
25701 Dillon	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25162 Anvil	Painting	Approved
25272 Mustang	Windows	Approved with Conditions
25821 Rapid Falls	Resubmittal RV area	Approved with Conditions
27672 Hidden Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25012 Nellie Gail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25911 Rapid Falls	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27602 Hidden Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25501 Gallup	Hardscape, fence	Approved with Conditions
26921 Rocking Horse	Landscape	Approved with Conditions
25751 Highplains	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25472 Wagon Wheel	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25261 Derbyhill	Hardscape	Approved with Conditions
27281 Lost Colt	Driveway	Approved
25221 Derbyhill	Resubmittal rear yard renovation	Approved with Conditions
25532 Rapid Falls	Front hardscape	Denied
27301 Lost Colt	Addition, patio cover	Approved with Conditions
25102 Buckboard	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26025 Red Corral	Resubmittal landscape, view obstruction	Approved
26101 Hitching Rail	Landscape, hardscape, paint, entry	Approved with Conditions
25672 Pinto	Hardscape, Landscape	Approved

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at [www.nelliegairanch.org](http://www.nelliegairanch.org). Submissions for approval are due by 5:00 PM ten business days prior to the meeting date. Please see the calendar at the back of the Pony Express or contact the Association Office at (949) 425-1477 for specific meeting dates and deadlines or with any questions pertaining to your proposed project.



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Two Egg Muffins with egg, cheese and choice of ham or sausage for \$6.00. served from 10am to 12pm

### Tuesday – Friday Kitchen Service Hours

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### Bar Service Hours

4:00pm – 9:00pm

### Saturday Kitchen Service Hours

8:00am – 9:00pm

### Bar Service Hours

11:00am – 9:00pm

### Sunday Kitchen Service Hours

8:00am – 6:00pm

### Bar Service Hours

11:00am – 7:00pm

The Watering Hole may be reached at **949-524-0527**

Parties of seven or more are invited to call ahead for the best dining experience.

## WELCOME TO SUMMER

*By Felipe Delgado, Founder & Managing Partner - Evolution Swim Academy*

Welcome to summer! I know that many of us have been looking forward to the summer of 2023 and clearing out our school calendars and ushering in camp & vacation calendars. As Nellie Gail Ranch residents, we have a lot to look forward to including our community camps, a new community restaurant, and our concerts in the park.

This summer, Evolution Swim Academy is offering two summer camps. One in Nellie Gail Ranch and one in Rancho Mission Viejo. The camp in Nellie Gail Ranch is close to being sold out so I encourage those that would like to get their kids involved, to do so more sooner than later. More information about our camps can be found on our website, [www.evolutionswim.com](http://www.evolutionswim.com)

Evolution Swim Academy seasonal swim lessons at Nellie Gail Ranch will open June 5th and this year, we are reintroducing a new swim lesson format that many of our families have been requesting. I am excited to reintroduce 2-week block lessons. This is a break from the "perpetual" format that we currently use at our year-round, indoor locations. Our 2-week block format gives families the opportunity to customize their participation based on their summer plans. We are offering 5, 2-week blocks and families can register for 1 or more of

these sessions. We are also offering Sunday swim lessons on an ongoing basis. For more information about our swim lessons, please visit our website and search under the seasonal swim lessons tab.

The summer also ushers in our summer swim team, where swimmers with a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke may participate. This is a great opportunity for kids in our community to participate on a swim team and do so in an 8-week session. We offer 1-hour swim practices and fun dual meets v. our other seasonal swim team sites. The summer swim team starts on June 5th.

If you'd prefer to stay out of the sun, we also offer swim lessons and precompetitive swim team at our two indoor locations in Mission Viejo and Rancho Mission Viejo.

Welcome back to summer and summer programming Nellie Gail Ranch families. I am honored to be able to offer my neighbors quality programming, right here in our community.



**FELIPE DELGADO**  
FOUNDER, EVOLUTION SWIM ACADEMY  
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## IT'S TIME!

### ✔ SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Starts June 5, 2023

Registration opens: Ongoing

### ✔ SUMMER SWIM TEAM

Starts June 5, 2023

Registration opens: Ongoing

### ✔ SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Starts June 5, 2023

Registration opens: Ongoing





# 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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# MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP FEES

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(Fees effective January 1, 2023)

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Members enjoy special member-only events and tournaments as well as daily access to the association clubhouse and The Watering Hole bar and restaurant with free Wi-Fi service.

For more information about the facilities, go to our website at [nelliegailranch.org](http://nelliegailranch.org).

<b>CLUB HOURS:</b>	<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>SAT-SUN</b>
<b>Tennis Courts</b>	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
<b>Swimming Pool</b>	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
<b>Pickleball Courts</b>	9am - 8pm	9am - Dusk

<b>Nellie Gail Ranch Membership</b>	<b>HOMEOWNER Monthly Fees</b>	<b>NON-OWNER Monthly Fees</b>
Family Tennis	\$127	\$158
Single Tennis	\$107	\$130
Junior Tennis	\$58	\$65
Family Swim	FREE	\$75
Single Swim	FREE	\$55
Family - Tennis & Swim	n/a	\$190
Single - Tennis & Swim	n/a	\$166
Swim Member Guest Fee*	\$3	\$3
Tennis Member Guest Fee*	\$10	\$10
Family Pickleball**	\$70	\$100
Couples Pickleball**	\$50	\$75
Single Pickleball**	\$35	\$50
Pickleball Member Guest Fee*	\$10	\$10

\* Member must be present with Guest.

**NOTE:** Tennis Club Membership includes use of Pickleball Courts.

\*\* Tennis and Pickleball courts are available to Nellie Gail Ranch homeowners from 11:30am to 3pm with no additional club membership.



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## **Auto v. Auto \$19,000,000**

Client's car was rear-ended on the 10 Freeway in California, causing a severe brain injury.

## **Auto v. Motorcycle \$12,500,000**

Insurance company failed to pay policy limits to injured client suffering from a fractured arm and clavicle.

## **Premises Liability \$12,500,000**

Plaintiff was sitting on a bench outside a pharmacy when someone pinned him between their car and the building. Settlement was against both the driver and the pharmacy chain.

## **Auto v. Bus \$6,000,000**

Three clients were severely injured during a bus accident.

## **Premises Liability \$4,750,000**

Case against the State of California for a dangerous public condition.

## **Product Liability \$3,300,000**

Client's car rolled over due to a faulty tire and design of the vehicle, resulting in a brain injury.

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The client was walking across the street and was hit by a rideshare driver on New Year's Eve

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# EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

## COMPETITION UPDATES

Congratulations to all the winners of the recent competitions! A special shoutout goes to Venom and Lane Clarke for their outstanding performance in winning the 75k Grand Prix. A round of applause also goes to VDL E-Cecilia and Keri Potter for securing the 5th position in the same event. Well done to Canterbrook Prince Charming and Stella Saunders for becoming the Small Pony Hunter Champions, and to Destiny Stewart and Clavius for their impressive 3rd place in the Children's Classic. Additionally, kudos to Katy Vataha and Landstrasse for their 2nd place finish in the Adult Classic. Hats off to Lauren K and Footloose for their victory in the 1.25m Classic, and to Lane Clarke and Nobless for winning the 1.30m division and becoming the Champions. Finally, congratulations to Lane Clarke and Hilton PSH for their triumph in the 1.35m event, and to Epic Air for their impressive performance as winners and Reserve Champions in the 1.35m jumpers. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we applaud your achievements in these competitions!







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# TENNIS CENTER NEWS

## PACSUN LADIES LEAGUE SEASON

The PACSun Ladies League Season has come to an end. We had a brilliant representation at the Award Ceremony in Newport Beach last week bringing home 3 trophies; Runners up in B1 and SRA Leagues as well as the Sportsmanship Award for our D3 Team. Great job Ladies!



## USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS SPRING SEASON

The USTA Junior Team Tennis Spring Season has also completed with our U10 Team winning their League and reaching the Sectional Playoffs at the end of May.





## JUNIOR PROGRAM PLAYERS

Our Junior Program players have had a fantastic month. Notably Club Members and Nellie Gail Residents, Myna Medicetty and Austin Choi bringing home titles in USTA L4 & L5 Events.



## CONGRATULATIONS

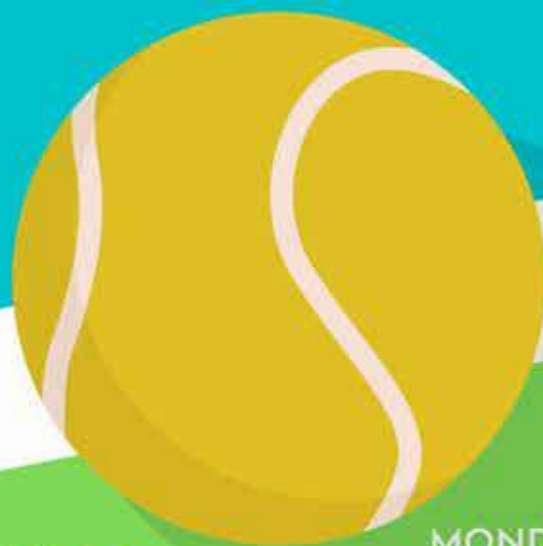
Congratulations to resident Pros Mary and Maggie Brascia on their 5th place finish in the Women's Pro Doubles event at the PPA Tour North Carolina Open this past weekend. Further congratulations to Mary on a 5th place finish in Women's Pro Singles - way to go girls!

Congratulations to members, Mark Wilbur, Julie Henderson, and Preston Romm (L to R) on their Gold Medal performances at the USA Pickleball West Diamond Regional Championship this past weekend in San Diego. Julie in women's doubles. Mark and Preston in men's doubles.



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# EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

## ROCK 'N' RIDE DRESSAGE SHOW

On Saturday, May 13th, the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center played host to the Rock 'N' Ride Dressage Show. We had nearly 30 dressage rides showcasing each of the various levels, from Introductory Walk/Trot all the way to FEI Grand Prix! Nellie Gail's own Jan Curtis and Nicole Bhathal served as our judges. Many residents come out to enjoy the show, shop the Equivont pop-up shop, and grab some delicious food from Alexa's Catering.

This event presented a wonderful opportunity for our competition riders to get additional practice and 'ring time' before the show season heats up and heads into championships later this summer. It also served as a great confidence-building experience for the horses and riders new to dressage, allowing them to get their 'feet wet' in a supportive and familiar atmosphere. Spectators were treated to a unique opportunity to see what dressage is about, how training progresses throughout the various levels, and finally view the polished performances in the show arena.

During the lunch break there were several group classes that allowed riders to demonstrate their talents. The young rider and leadline classes are always a favorite, they impressed the crowd with their equestrian skills. We wrapped up with a stick horse class to let all the 'riders' throughout the community participate – even if they didn't have a horse!

Congratulations to all the riders that participated – Ruby Tullis, Lori Southworth, Terri Cruz, Jennifer Elia, Joanna Schielein, Jessica DiCostanzo, Breeanna Kenney, Johanna Paine, Hudson Gauthier, Blaire Miller, Emma Mabry, Annika Roman, Kristina Huff, Cassie Cherry Nolte, Charm Sweetser, Victoria Spiegel, Jenni Coury, Marcus Bhathal, and Liam Faurot.

A very special thank you to all the volunteers that kept the show running smoothly throughout the day, judges Jan Curtis and Nichole Bhathal, show photographer Christine Stephenson, the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Committee and Brian Mitchell, Equestrian Center Manager Nikki Garcia, and the amazing staff that ensure our center is well cared for.







## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DRESSAGE

Dressage is one of the three equestrian events that are included in the Olympic Games. The word dressage means 'training' and it is the basis for nearly all equestrian disciplines. The dressage instructors at the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Center can often be found working with riders from other disciplines to help them improve, and conversely you can sometimes even find our dressage riders taking lessons from our Hunter/Jumper friends to help improve their horses too!





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## Holly Permeah

Homeowner Since: 2016

### Current Occupation:

As a real estate investor, I direct all aspects of my company from purchasing properties, to renovating and leasing. My passion for real estate began in my 20's while managing

several apartment complexes in Oregon. I particularly enjoyed the relationship building aspect of the role and contributing to the overall well being of the neighborhoods.

### Civic Activities:

I have been an active equestrian for over 25 years and have taught 4-H and other various Western Riding Disciplines. During fire season, I work with local agencies to evacuation horses. I also foster stray dogs and work closely with the local animal shelters.

### Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

As Co-Chairman of the Nellie Gail Events Committee for the last two years, we have added several new events and have continued to seek out new bands for our summer concert series. We have managed to add new events while staying within budget.

### Biographical Information:

While having lived in Laguna Hills for 30 years and a Nellie Gail Resident for 7, I am very rooted within the city. As an equestrian, I wanted to live in a community where I could have my horses in my backyard and ride the trails but still enjoy OC living. I am a mother of two children, ages 11 and 13. While raising children here, the safety of our neighborhood is extremely important to me. If elected I would take more action to prevent crime in our neighborhood and continue to build the Neighborhood Watch Program.

### Statement:

I believe that a valuable board member listens closely to homeowners, understand both HOA and homeowners wants and needs, is open minded to change, understands cost control and is direct and honest. With my real estate and HOA experience, I have the skill set, personal investment and expertise to contribute to the future of Nellie Gail. My goals are to continue to host community events, maintain our facilities and properties, work with local law enforcement to reduce crime and be fiscally responsible. I would very much appreciate your vote for the board.



## Loree Blough

Homeowner Since: 1993

### Current Occupation:

Engineering Project Manager at Boeing after 28 years. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Specialization in Cost Reduction & Energy management

### Civic Activities:

- 7 years - UCI's Board.
- 14 years - President/Manager of a houseboat timeshare.
- Certified for emergency response from City of Laguna Hills Community Emergency Response Team
- 2 years - Executive Director of Kids Konnected Non-Profit for children who have a parent with cancer

### Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

- Serving my 12th year on Nellie Gail's Board of Directors
- Serving my 13th year on Nellie Gail's Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Serving my 8th year on Events Committee
- Planning new events-Luau, Movies in Park & Yappy Hour

### Biographical Information:

Born and raised in California. I am married to a wonderful man-Dennis for the past 39 years. I love life in Nellie Gail with our dog & cat.

### Statement:

I love Nellie Gail Ranch and want nothing but the best for our community & residents. I believe my Engineering Project Management skills are an advantage when evaluating projects, enhancing trails and facilities maintenance and other assets, while improving cost controls and reductions

### I want to ensure that:

- We work on projects that raise the standards of our centers to better compete with what new communities offer.
- We hold events designed to create great family memories & build community togetherness
- Everyone is treated with respect
- We listen to and weigh all opinions to make the best decisions possible for the greatest good of our community
- Each situation is examined on its own merits.
- Continue to keep our dues low, spend within our budget & fully fund our reserve budget

I will do my best to evaluate every issue brought before the board with a logical and open mind. I pledge to continue to work hard for our wonderful community.

# Special Ballot Measure

**Should Nellie Gail Ranch continue to contract for Mobile Patrol services and at which service level?**

**Option 1** - YES Please continue 24-hour mobile patrol services at a cost of \$16.70 per home per month (\$200.43 annually).

**Option 2** - YES Please revise mobile patrol services to implement a premium priced service provider armed patrol officer for 8-Hours per day at a cost of \$19.67 per home per month (\$236.00 annually).

**Option 3** - NO Please discontinue mobile patrol services.

**Option 4** - NO Please discontinue mobile patrol services and consider additional camera or technology alternatives.

## Special Ballot Measure Statement

After evaluating homeowner requests to implement patrol services in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, the Board of Directors approved a contract for mobile patrol services in March 2017. After competitively re-bidding, Allied Universal Security Services was selected as the service provider effective April 11, 2020. The current scope of work includes providing dedicated 24-hour, 7 days per week, mobile patrol services for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association streets and recreational facilities including Clubhouse, Swim, Tennis, Parks and Equestrian facilities to provide an observational presence and to act as a deterrent to criminal activity. The current cost for this service is \$14.30 per home per month (171.60 annually). The two Special Ballot options for retaining the service represent increases of 17% and 38%.

Since implementing this service homeowners have provided input both in favor of and opposed to the ongoing budgeting for this service. Crime statistics vary based on a number of factors including the Sheriff's apprehension of active criminals in our area. This makes it difficult to know specifically if the mobile patrol is playing a role as a deterrent for criminals since there is no way to calculate statistics for crimes not committed.

This matter is submitted on the ballot to provide the Nellie Gail Ranch Membership the opportunity to again decide whether or not to continue to budget and contract for this service. In response to homeowner feedback requesting more options for varying levels of service, multiple options are provided for consideration.

If the combined "Yes" votes for 8-hour or 24-hour patrol options exceed the total of "No" votes then services will be placed under contract for the mobile patrol option that receives the highest vote total. A "Yes" vote does not obligate the Association to remain with the proposed service provider as that decision can be altered at any time subject to evaluation of the vendors post orders and performance.



# Special Ballot Measure

## **24-hour mobile patrol services ( \$16.70 per home per month - \$200.43 annually)**

The focus of 24-hour mobile patrol is to deter criminal behavior by being a visible presence throughout the community and reporting substantive incidents. Each shift the officer is responsible for maintaining awareness of suspicious activities, circumnavigating all community streets twice and conducting a foot patrol of all parks and the recreation center. There are three shifts in each 24-hour period.

The following is a summary of incidents the current patrol company Allied Universal has submitted reports on April 1, 2022 through March 30, 2023.

- Suspicious Vehicle / Activity - **15**
- Facility Check (i.e. broken sprinkler, recreation center gate unlocked, open equestrian center stall, alarm) - **10**
- Thefts reported to Security Instead of Police - **7**
- Vandalism - **6**
- Noise Complaints - **5**
- Safety Hazards (fallen trees primarily) **4**
- Other (i.e. nuisance animal, reports of accidents, or police activity) - **14**

The above resulted in eight calls by the mobile patrol officer to the Sheriff with one call regarding door-to-door sales leading to arrest for outstanding warrant.

The mobile patrol contract rate quoted in this ballot measure is for an alternate patrol vendor under consideration, Superior Protection Services. The Association is not finalizing negotiations until the ballot measure votes have been counted.

## **8-hour armed mobile patrol services (\$19.67 per home per month - \$236.00 annually)**

The City of Laguna Hills contracts with High Level Security Solutions, Inc. (HLSS) for armed patrol officers to *“provide properly trained and equipped, uniformed, security officers with marked patrol vehicles to patrol residential neighborhoods, shopping centers, and public facilities on an as-needed basis in order to enhance public welfare and safety. HLSS patrols certain areas at City staff direction based on input from the Chief of Police.”* Patrols are eight hours daily focused on a specific area in the city with high criminal activity as well as shopping centers and public facilities. Nellie Gail Ranch is not currently patrolled.

This option is submitted to homeowners for consideration as the Sheriff representative attending the February 16<sup>th</sup> Nellie Gail Ranch Crime Prevention Workshop spoke favorably of their interaction with HLSS. Sheriff representatives indicated HLSS has been proactive with calls for sheriff dispatch.

The cost for this service is significantly higher at \$333,000 for 8-hour armed patrol as compared to \$282,000 annually for 24-hour unarmed patrol. A primary difference is the labor rate paid to HLSS officers. HLSS does not have any law enforcement authority and per company policy may not draw their weapon unless they are defending their personal life. Which eight hour shift is undetermined at this time and will be selected based on the time periods with more frequent incidents.

## **Please discontinue mobile patrol services**

There are two voting options for discontinuing mobile patrol services. The first is just a straight vote to discontinue and the second is a vote to discontinue but request the Board to consider

# Special Ballot Measure

additional camera or technology alternatives. If mobile patrol funds are freed up and a favorable camera or technology plan is developed it could be considered for implementation.

If the total “No” votes exceed the combined “Yes” votes of the 8-hour and 24-hour options, then mobile patrol services will be discontinued. The current contract expires June 30, 2023 which means the service may be discontinued at that time if the vote is opposed to continuing the service. Discontinuing the service will not result in a direct reduction in assessments for this fiscal year that ends September 30, 2023. The 2023-24 budget will be evaluated in July and August evaluating all anticipated expenses and services under contract and the budget will either include or not include the mobile patrol services based on the membership vote.

## **Historical Votes:**

The past four years the ballot included a measure for a membership vote to continue or discontinue 24-hour mobile patrol services.

2019	330 in favor of keeping the service	192 Against	17 Abstained
2020	340 in favor of keeping the service	258 Against	8 Abstained
2021	322 in favor of keeping the service	201 Against	1 Abstained
2022	325 in favor of keeping the service	176 Against	7 Abstained

## **Orange County Sheriff's Department Statement Regarding FLOCK Cameras**

In response to a request for a statement regarding the use and effectiveness of the FLOCK Safety Camera system we received the following from Laguna Hills Police Services Chief of Police:

Thank you for your inquiries in reference to the importance of the FLOCK cameras.

I want to share some information about the benefits of using the FLOCK cameras. These cutting-edge cameras are known for their exceptional image quality, advanced features, and versatile applications.

Firstly, FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras are renowned for their accuracy and reliability in capturing license plate information. They use advanced technology, including high-resolution cameras and image processing algorithms, to capture clear and accurate images of license plates in real-time. This allows them to detect and record license plate information with exceptional accuracy, even in low light or adverse weather conditions.

One of the most significant benefits of FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras is their ability to enhance public safety and security. By capturing and recording license plate information, they can help law enforcement agencies track down stolen vehicles, identify suspects in criminal investigations, and prevent and deter crime.

Overall, FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras are an essential tool for anyone who wants to enhance their security and protect their community. With their accuracy, reliability, and ease of use, they are a wise investment that can provide significant benefits for years to come.

**Bill Burk | Captain**  
**Orange County Sheriff's Department**  
**Laguna Hills Police Services | Chief of Police**



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- Exposure in all promotional materials (i.e., flyers, banners, digital signage, etc.)
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- Promotional booth space at the event so the audience can see your generosity in action (sponsor provides canopy/shade cover, tables, chairs, promotional items, etc.)
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## Sponsorship Levels and Pricing

(as of January 2023)	Large \$2500	Medium \$1500	Small \$750
# of expected guests	200+	60-199	1-59
Acknowledgement at event and in all printed and online promotions	X	X	X
Sponsor announcements during event	3	2	2
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Nellie Gail Ranch

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Looking for a local resident in Nellie Gail, who does House/Pet sitting. We need someone who is loving, reliable, flexible and has availability. We have an active life style and unexpected travel dates. We would appreciate someone who is able to stay home with our furbabies from time to time, and can also be flexible enough for a quick visit. Please give us a call at 805-714-6153.

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### HAPPY HOUR MIXER FOR ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION

Thursday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30 We invite you to learn about Illumination Foundation and the different opportunities to get involved with this organization. Dear neighbors, please join me for a glass of wine and appetizers to learn about how a local non-profit, Illumination Foundation, is integrating housing and healthcare solutions in Southern California. Our hope is to bring together like-minded community members that are interested in supporting this mission to disrupt the cycle of homelessness. Stop by to learn more, get involved, or just enjoy a glass of wine with neighbors! Please RSVP to Anna at [amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org](mailto:amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org).

### JOIN THE GLEAM TEAM,

A dynamic group of passionate and amazing individuals dedicated to supporting Illumination Foundation. The Gleam Team works with Illumination Foundation by volunteering and assisting with year-round events that make an immediate impact upon those we serve. We meet once a month in the evening between now and March. If you are interested in joining us please email Anna Murphy-Duehring (a Nellie Gail resident) at [amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org](mailto:amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org). We welcome all! For more information on Illumination Foundation please visit the website: [ifhomeless.org](http://ifhomeless.org).

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Bernese Mountain Dog / Poodle mix. These F1B Bernedoodle's are hypoallergenic and will not shed. They will be 40-60 lbs and stand about 24" when they are grown. They are a smart, athletic, playful, and yet mellow breed. I have 2 males available. You can see pictures at [BernedoodlesByFaith.com](http://BernedoodlesByFaith.com) or call Julie 925-389-6363 to meet them. The cost is \$5000/puppy.

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## GET FITT WITH BRITT

Come train with me at my private home gym right here in NGR. Certified personal trainer, corrective exercise specialist, nutrition coach and NGR resident. I will help you set and keep your health goals, while making it fun! All fitness levels, teens and adults, welcome. 1:1 personal training, small group training sessions, and strength cross training for youth athletes, all provided in private gym. Call, text or email to set up a free initial consultation: 949-257-2123 or [hello@fittwithbritt.com](mailto:hello@fittwithbritt.com) website: [www.fittwithbritt.com](http://www.fittwithbritt.com)

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### HOST FAMILY - FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

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### DRUMMER NEEDED

To play at the Nellie Gail Talent Show on July 22, 2023. WHOA NELLIE! is a resident band, and a drummer would enhance our group. Check out our audition sampler on YouTube <https://youtu.be/wmqGIPdRri8>. We began practicing together during the shutdown and continue play our favorite classic rock songs: Somebody To Love, Do It Again, One Is The Loneliest Number, I Should Have Known Better, Roadhouse Blues, Harvest Moon, Piano Man, Into The Mystic. Join us or create a new neighborhood musical group. Inquiries/comments/suggestions: [andwhoanellie@gmail.com](mailto:andwhoanellie@gmail.com) Lin Klawitter (949) 697-9412

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# Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

Here in Nellie Gail Ranch, many of us gardeners enjoy growing various types of fruit due to our Mediterranean climate, characterized by warm to hot dry summers and cool to wet winters. <https://www.thespruce.com/characteristics-of-mediterranean-climates-and-gardens-2736687>

We can grow Apples right next to Sapotes and Cherimoya. We can grow Apricots, Grapes, Bananas, Figs, Loquats and many varieties of citrus. And we can grow the most difficult of them all, the Avocado.

Avocados are very particular; they have many needs. A warm spring to pollinate, 58 degrees and above are needed for bees to cross pollinate, full sun, and space to branch out that large canopy. You must give them good well draining soil, fertilizer and most importantly water. Most of the avocados grown are inland in Southern California. But you can grow many different cultivars here in Nellie Gail.

I have a Mexicola Grande (A type) which is one of my favorites, large purple when ready to eat; even the skin is edible. Three Fuertes (B type) which is one of the best tasting but produce alternately some years you get a few others many. One Hass (A type), Two Zutano's (B type). I have a few seedlings that are fun to grow to see what you will produce. A seedling is

a non-grafted tree. It can be extremely good or not. Usually not true copy of parents but can be. The original first Hass tree was a seedling. I have hand grafted a Fuerte myself. Not very easy to do but fun to learn. It blossomed first time year at the age of three in the ground. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/OC/files/328863.pdf>

But one tree which I think is best for Nellie Gail is the Reed Avocado (A type) because it blossoms in May/June. We bypass our difficult colder spring. I have around ten trees now and a few babies growing as well so it's been an experiment to see what varieties we can grow here in Nellie Gail. And everything depends on temperatures, bees, sun, location and how we care for them.

I have had years of success and years of failures. I always hear neighbors talk about never having fruit. So what you need is one type A and one type B to start with so they can cross pollinate but this is not essential. Some Avocado's will have a neighbor who is growing. And it's still not essential because having two different types usually affects yields but it is essential for some cultivars like Pinkerton (A type) needs a B type. Confused yet?

Every Avocado has its needs and one must read up on them before buying or trying to grow a







seedling. One good thing about seedlings is they have a sturdier trunk, they are a larger tree and live longer than a grafted tree. But they take on average 5-7 years to produce fruit. A mature Avocado tree is large enough to produce usually 7-10 years old. When you buy a five gallon grafted tree from any nursery it's usually one year old. A larger tree might be 2-3 years old and they will produce in the ground at year 3-4 for most that are sold. And why is this, a grafted tree is aged, its graft is from the mother tree that is already producing fruit. The graft is scion and the rootstock is grown for it's durability, quality and ability to grow avocado's.

If you do not fertilize your avocado's you will not get fruit. They are heavy feeders. I give mine Azomite (minerals), Aged Steer manure (slower rate of nitrogen), worm castings from my own compost, I make sure they have mulch around their surface roots which is 60-70% of their root system. I will also give them avocado/citrus organic fertilizer 4 times a year. I use organic because it's a slow and steady fertilizer that won't hurt the beneficial insects at the base of the tree. I also have given them Peet moss for acid (we have alkaline soil here which I test every year as well) and sometimes acid fertilizer to keep the PH at 6.5.

And water--you must water your trees at least every

other day in the heat, 2-3 times in the winter and hand water them once a week for deeper water as well. This is what I do. You must be able to read your trees needs and water when they are drooping as well. I even water the leaves which reduces the surface temperature by 6 degrees when it's over 90 here on my hillside. When they need water I make sure they get it. Or else you will not get fruit.

So, if you do all of the above and still do not get fruit ,the next problem with growing Avocado's is our bees. This year especially I have noticed very few bees. Next year I will hand pollinate like I do with my Cherimoya's. I have a Mason bee hive, Black carpenters bees, Bumble bees because I grow all kind of flowers for my orchard. But I do not have a Honey bee hive. I own dogs and they will bother the bees. So bees are essential for Avocado's we do need dedicated space for bees. A area large enough but will not bother our horses, dogs or people. If we don't have bees we don't have fruit. So growing Avocado's is not easy--but boy they are delicious folks--so much better than store bought. Let me know the variety you are growing and if you are having any problems. Our garden group meets on Fridays the third week of the month. Write to me if you want to know location and dates. TLC8386@gmail.com;

## Summer Time







## CHICKEN & POTATO TRAYBAKE

### INGREDIENTS:

1. 3 TBSP OLIVE OIL
2. 500G NEW POTATOES
3. 140G LARGE PITTED GREEN OLIVES
4. 1 LEMON, QUARTERED
5. 8 FRESH BAY LEAVES
6. 6 GARLIC CLOVES, UNPEELED
7. 4 LARGE CHICKEN THIGHS
8. BAG WATERCRESS OR SALAD LEAVES, TO SERVE

### PREPARATION:

1. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 200C/180C FAN/GAS IN A LARGE ROASTING TIN, COMBINE THE POTATOES, OLIVES, LEMON QUARTERS, BAY LEAVES, AND GARLIC WITH OLIVE OIL, ENSURING EVERYTHING IS WELL COATED. ARRANGE THE CHICKEN THIGHS, SKIN SIDE UP, ON TOP OF THE MIXTURE, AND SEASON TO TASTE.
2. PLACE THE ROASTING TIN IN THE OVEN AND ROAST FOR 1 HOUR, REMEMBERING TO BASTE WITH THE PAN JUICES HALFWAY THROUGH. ONCE THE HOUR IS UP, ENSURE THE POTATOES ARE TENDER AND THE CHICKEN IS FULLY COOKED, THEN CONTINUE ROASTING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES TO ACHIEVE CRISPY CHICKEN SKIN.
3. REMOVE THE ROASTING TIN FROM THE OVEN. PRESS DOWN ON THE ROASTED GARLIC CLOVES WITH THE BACK OF A SPOON, DISCARD THE SKINS, AND MIX THE MASHED GARLIC WITH THE MEAT JUICES. SERVE WITH WATERCRESS OR YOUR FAVOURITE SALAD LEAVES ON THE SIDE.

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Ballot Deadline	6	7 Election @ 6:30pm Via Zoom	8	9 Summer Concert The Reflexx @7pm at Gallup Park	10
11	12	13 ARC Meeting @ 6:00pm	14 Reconvened Election Via Zoom @ 6:30pm	15	16	17
18 	19	20 Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Clubhouse	21 	22	23 Summer Concert Catch A Wave @7pm at Gallup Park	24
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