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10/27/2025

Pumpkin Carving Contest Judging will take place on 10/28/2025 and conclude at Noon on 10/29/2025

> On The Cover: Summer Concert Series Wayward Sons

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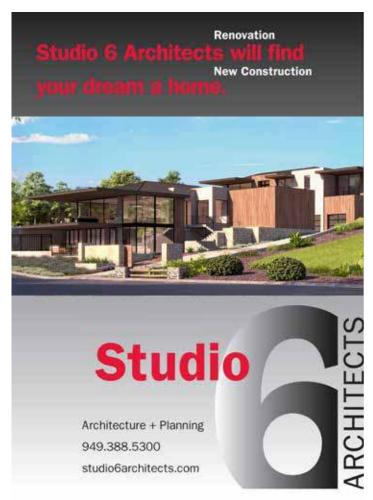


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To take all reasonable and necessary steps to preserve and improve the unique value of living in Nellie Gail Ranch and to enhance the overall sense of community.

Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for **September 16**, **2025** 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.

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Emergency Preparedness Committee

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Events Committee

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Annual 2025-26 Budget and Reserve Disclosures

DATE: August 28, 2025

TO: The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Membership

FROM: The Board of Directors

RE: 2025-26 Budget – Effective October 1, 2025

Each year the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Board of Directors performs a careful review of the past year's expenses and income to best project the amount to collect from each Member in the upcoming fiscal year. When reviewing the budget, the Board considers factors such as: recurring contract revenues and costs, inflation, utility usage and rates, insurance premiums and appropriate reserve contributions to pay for repair, restoration and/or replacement of common area components as needed. As a result of this review, the Board has determined that an assessment increase is required to meet the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association financial needs for the upcoming fiscal year. The assessment will be \$599 per quarter, an increase of 4.7%, for the 2025-26 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025.

The budget and associated disclosures for 2025-26 budget are available on our website via the following link:

https://nelliegailranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-2026-Budget-and-Associated-Disclosures.pdf

You may also use your phone to access the budget via the following QR Code.



Please contact General Manager, Brian Mitchell at 949-425-1477 or via e-mail at bmitchell@nelliegailranch.org should you have any questions or if you would like a hard copy of the budget or this packet at Nellie Gail Ranch's expense. These documents are also available on NellieGailRanch.org and are also available for review by appointment at 25211 Empty Saddle Drive.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Mitchell

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Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association

General Manager

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS & MINUTES

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The Minutes and Architectural Review results are accessible online for your convenience. You can easily view them by scanning the QR codes provided below:

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HITS DEL MAR 2025: A WEEK OF WINS, GROWTH, AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

HITS Del Mar didn't disappoint! We brought a few new horses, and it was an incredible week filled with learning, progress, and strong performances across the board. Congratulations to all of our riders — here are the results from the week:

Wyatt Millspaugh & Epic Air

Champion – Junior/Amateur 1.20m Jumper

Lane Clarke & Montreal GBL

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3rd - \$250 Small Jr 3'3" Hunter O/F

Cody 154

1st - \$250 Large Jr 3'3" Hunter O/F

3rd - IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal

Comanchero M

1st - Junior 1.10m Jumper

Landstrasse

1st – \$1,000 The League Jr/Am 1.05m Jumper Classic Hand On Heart Beaufour

3rd - USEF/NCEA Junior Hunter Seat Medal

Destiny Stewart & Show Bill

3rd - Junior 1.10m Jumper

Kimberly Mazzo & Kabelle

2nd – 1.10m Amateur Jumper

Wyatt Millspaugh & Epic Air (second highlight)

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Melina Nasab

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Campers arrived ready to play, laugh, and learn — and they certainly did just that! The kids had a blast improving their skills while building lifelong friendships. Our team of dedicated counselors brought enthusiasm, patience, and plenty of fun to every activity, earning rave reviews from both campers and parents alike.

And what a gift the weather gave us this season! Each week delivered sunshine and perfect temperatures, allowing for nonstop games, drills, and even a few friendly counselor-versus-camper showdowns.

As we look back, it's clear that this summer was about more than just tennis - it was about community, laughter, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!

As summer winds down, the excitement is only heating up for our PACSun teams. This year, we're proud to field nine strong teams:

SRA-1, SRA-2, B1, B2, C1, C3, D1, D2, D3

Each team is ready to step onto the courts with determination and heart

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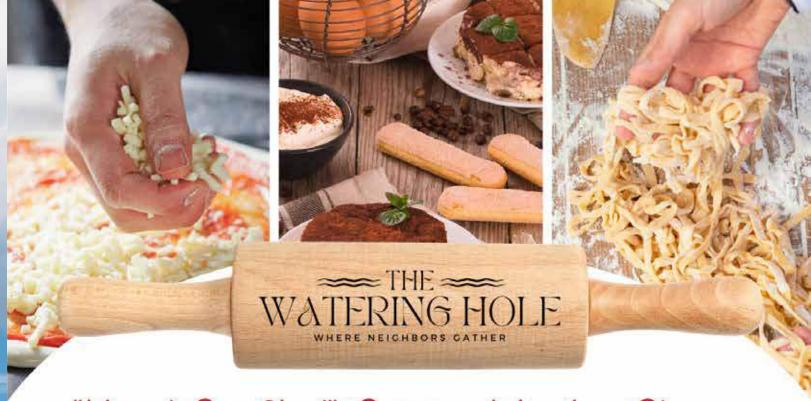
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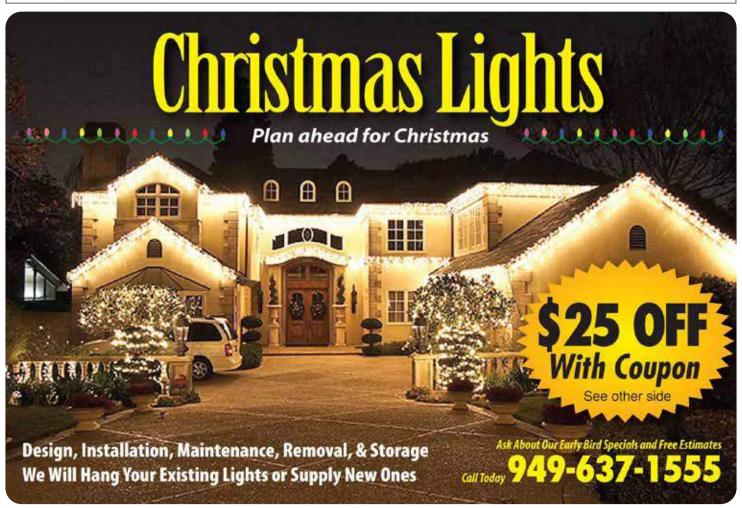
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Roofs are a highly vulnerable part of a home during wildfires

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HOW HOMES IGNITE

Homes ignite in one of three ways: embers/firebrands, radiant heat exposure or direct flame contact. An example of an ember ignition is when wind-blown embers accumulate on combustible materials such as a wood shake roof. An untreated wood shake or shingle roof covering is the greatest threat to a home.

ROOF COVERINGS AND ASSEMBLIES

Roof covering fire ratings are Class A, B, C, or unrated; with Class A providing the best performance. Common Class A roof coverings include asphalt fiberglass composition shingles, concrete and flat/barrel-shaped tiles. Some materials have a "by assembly" Class A fire rating which means, additional materials must be used between the roof covering and sheathing to attain that rating. Examples of roof coverings with a "by assembly" fire rating include aluminum, recycled plastic and rubber and some fire-retardant wood shake products. If a wood shake roof does not have the manufacturer's documentation specifying the fire retardant, assume it's untreated.

TILE AND ROOF COVERINGS WITH GAPS BETWEEN THE COVERING AND ROOF DECK

Flat and barrel-shaped tiles, metal, and cement roof coverings can have gaps between the roof covering and sheathing, which typically occur at the ridge and edge of roofs. These openings can allow birds and rodents to build nests with materials that are easily ignited by embers. Flames from this type of ignited debris can spread to the structural support members, bypassing the protection offered by a Class A rated roof covering. Plugging these openings between the roof covering and the roof deck, is commonly called "bird stopping". Regularly inspect and maintain these areas.

DEBRIS ACCUMULATION - ROOF AND GUTTERS

Wind-blown debris (including leaves and pine needles from nearby and overhanging trees) will accumulate on roofs and in gutters. Dry debris can be ignited by wind-blown embers. These flames can extend to the edge of the roof and adjacent siding. Even with Class A fire-rated roof coverings, vertical surfaces next to the roof edge will be exposed to flames from the ignited debris. Regularly remove vegetative debris from your roof and gutters.

ATTICS, CRAWLSPACES, SOFFITS AND EAVES

Post-fire research has shown attic vents, roof and gable end vents and under-eave areas are entry points for embers and flames. Reduce the size and number of embers that pass through vents into attic and crawlspaces by covering them with a 1/8-inch metal mesh screen. When wildfires threaten, vents can be covered with 1/2-inch or thinner plywood, or a thin metal plate. Ensure these are removed when the threat has passed.

REDUCE YOUR ROOF'S VULNERABILITY TO WILDFIRE

Roofs should be Class A fire-rated, such as asphalt composition shingles. If you're unsure about your roof's rating, hire a professional roofer to make a determination.

Remove debris on the roof and in the gutters at least twice a year, or more often if necessary.

Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.

Periodically inspect exposed areas under eaves and soffits to ensure construction materials are in good condition.

Cover vents, e.g., with noncombustible, corrosion-resistant ½-inch metal mesh screens.

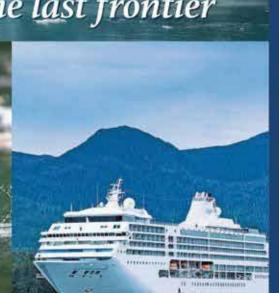
Inspect and maintain your roof on a regular basis. Replace when necessary.











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TEAM DARKHORSE

CHOW DOWN, MARINES!

BY KAREN L. ROBBINS

How can a community show support to our adopted Marines? Feed them!

In August, Team Darkhorse volunteers partnered with members of Newport Beach Mariners Church to host a "Barracks Barbecue" at Camp Pendleton for 650 Marines. Grills for burgers and tables laden with homemade salads, side dishes, beverages, and desserts were set up outside the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Barracks.

Appetites are impressive among this "20-something" group of young men, and their delight at seeing the homemade, summer-style dinner evolved into incredulity by the time they got to the end of the bountiful buffet. Every single Marine moving through the line looked directly at every single volunteer helping serve them, thanking each one in turn as they loaded their plates.

Team Darkhorse's leader of our "Baking Brigade," Melina Ferguson, rallied neighbors and friends to cook, bake, deliver, and help serve. Homemade sourdough bread, multiple salads and sides, and fifty (50) fruit pies donated by Polly's Pies gave the young Marines a welcome break from the Chow Hall.

Included here are some of the enjoyable scenes we were all treated to that night. It would be difficult to say who had more fun at these Barracks dinners — the Marines or the volunteers who enjoy bringing these Marines a "taste of home."

If you would like to participate with or donate to Team Darkhorse, please contact Karen Robbins at 35Robbins@gmail.com or 949-421-7923







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TEAM DARKHORSE - 3D Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division Support Committee is the (all volunteer) IRS 501 (c) 3 non profit org formed in 2010, following the Laguna Hills City Council formal vote to adopt this Camp Pendleton Infantry Unit. For more information, to volunteer, or make a donation please contact President, Vanessa Kon at vanessakon@cox.net.







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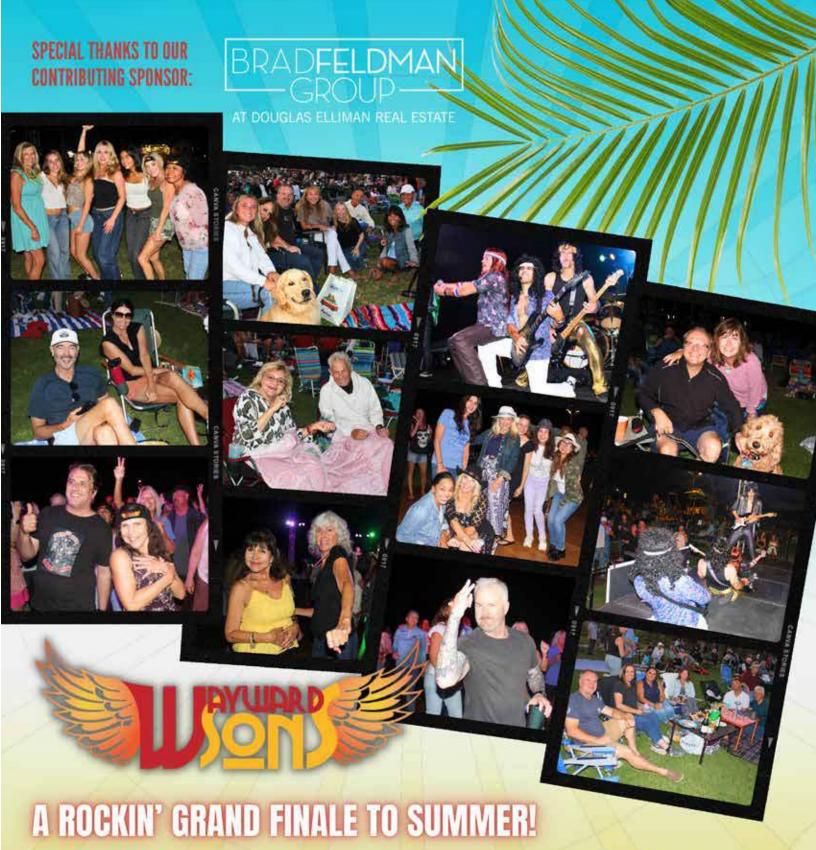
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WAYWARD SONS rocked Gallup Park on Friday, August 8, hitting every nostalgia-loaded chord and taking us on a time-travel trip to the 80s that resonated with all ages. With arena-rock anthems from legends like Journey, Queen, Bon Jovi, Styx, Def Leppard, and Guns N' Roses, the crowd sang their hearts out and danced like it was a never-ending party. Monster guitar riffs, scorching vocals, and those iconic spandex-clad, flowing-haired, faux-English-accented performances had everyone on their feet. And for those craving a savory bite or sweet dessert, The Empanada Maker, Baby's Burgers, and Dezzertaholic served up deliciousness. A massive shoutout to our awesome Contributing Sponsor, BRAD FELDMAN GROUP, for keeping the crowd refreshed with complimentary beer, seltzer, and wines! The night was a TOTAL BLAST!

Fire Extinguishers:

What Every Homeowner Needs to Know

A fire extinguisher is one of the simplest and most effective tools for stopping small fires before they grow out of control. In a community like Nellie Gail Ranch, where homes are surrounded by vegetation, barns, and open space, fire readiness is not optional -it's essential. This guide offers helpful tips about choosing, using, and maintaining a fire extinguisher at home.

Understanding Fire and Extinguishers

A UL rated ABC fire extinguisher is generally recommended for homes. It covers:

- Class A ordinary combustibles
- Class B flammable liquids
- Class C electrical equipment

Where to Place Them

- ✓ Kitchen (6 to 10 feet from stove)
- ✓ Garage or workshop
- ✓ Laundry room
- ✓ Bedrooms or hallways
- ✓ Each level of your home
- ✓ Horse barns, tack rooms, feed areas, and trailers

How Long Do They Last?

- ✓ Disposable: 10–12 years
- ✓ Rechargeable: Service every 6 years
- ✓ Check annually (pressure gauge in green, pin / seal intact, no rust / damage

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Use the PASS method:

P - Pull the pin

- A Aim low at the base of the fire
- S Squeeze the handle
- S Sweep side to side

Always keep a clear escape path.

Key Safety Tips

- ✓ Never use water on grease or electrical fires
- ✓ Keep extinguishers visible and accessible
- ✓ Equip vehicles and RVs
- ✓ Barns should have extinguishers in all key areas

After Using an Extinguisher

- ✓ Call 911 even if fire appears out
- ✓ Don't leave the scene
- ✓ Replace or recharge extinguisher immediately

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Final Word - You don't need special training to stop a fire. You just need the right tool and a little knowledge. A fire extinguisher is an investment that could save your home, animals, and life.



Different Types of Fire Extinguishers and Their Uses





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Remember the PASS Word



Pull the pin (or other motion) to unlock the extinguisher.





im

Aim at the base (bottom)





queeze

Squeeze the lever.



S

weep

Sweep the spray from left to right.



OCFA Fire Preparedness Event

The OCFA Fire Preparedness presentation brought together 45 Nellie Gail Ranch residents, who were highly engaged and asked thoughtful questions about vegetation management, home hardening, and evacuation planning. The discussion highlighted practical steps residents can take to reduce wildfire risks, protect their homes, and improve community-wide safety. We sincerely thank everyone who attended for their active participation and commitment to keeping Nellie Gail Ranch safe and prepared for the potential threat of fire, as your involvement plays a vital role in strengthening our neighborhood's resilience and readiness.



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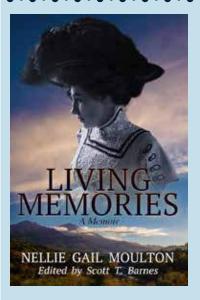
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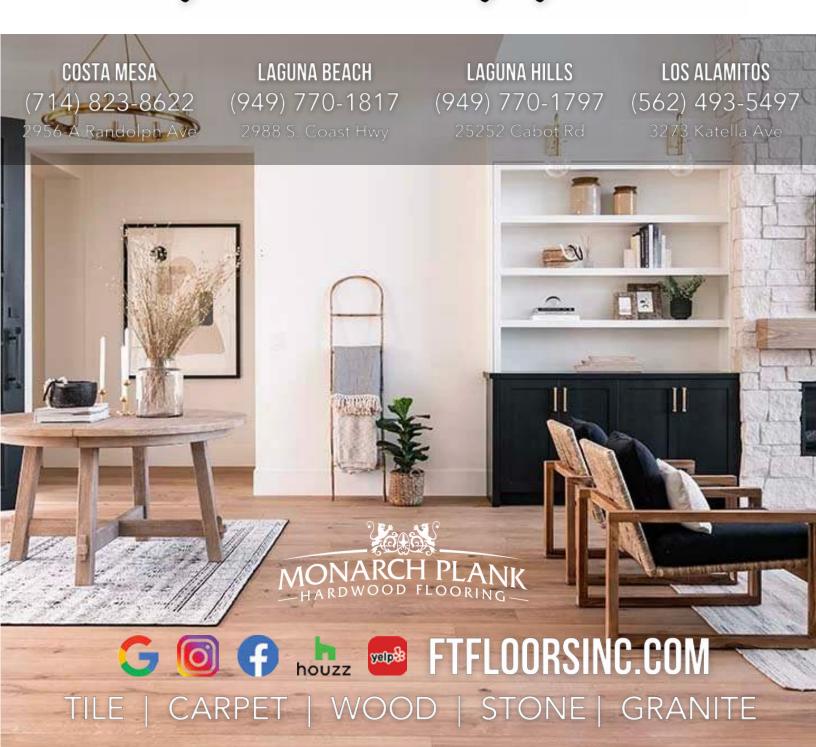
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Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

Fall is quickly approaching, and I'm already seeing subtle changes in the yard. The grass is growing slower, and its deep green color is beginning to fade. By October, we stop mowing completely until spring — one of the great benefits of St. Augustine grass. During this time, I also reduce watering. Our electric mulching mower returns nutrients to the soil, and the organic matter continues feeding the lawn until growth picks up again in spring. After years of steady growth, the grass has formed a thick, healthy mat that even helps filter rainwater, improving the quality of our groundwater.

Fall also means it's time to prune again. Regular maintenance ensures stronger growth for next year. Right now, we're enjoying the Vernon Sapotes as they ripen, safely secured from squirrels with grape containers. The pomegranates are ready, the guavas are blooming, and the Mexican Cream variety is one of my favorites to grow. The Strawberry Guavas are especially good for canning and baking.

Walking around the neighborhood, I've noticed how much cooler it feels under the shade trees. I often wish Nellie Gail would consider planting more trees in the swales, but I believe most of our yards are privately owned while the sidewalks belong to the city. Public spaces would look incredible — and feel cooler — with more canopy trees.

There are so many options:

- Crape Myrtle spreads beautifully
- Mesquite and Mimosa (Albizia) trees provide wide canopies and are drought-tolerant
- My hybrid Mesquite has no thorns, stays manageable, and I prune it to about twenty feet while allowing the canopy to spread for shade
- Jacaranda trees have stunning purple blooms, though they grow taller at around 40 feet
- The Royal Poinciana offers even more coverage if you have the space

incredible difference. They provide more horizontal shade, cooling sidewalks, homes, and the earth beneath. Here in California, many drought-tolerant species thrive at medium heights, including beautiful varieties of Acacia:

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The Power of Trees

I keep my front yard trees carefully shaped to fit the space, and the temperature difference beneath them is noticeable. Trees work constantly through photosynthesis — taking in carbon dioxide and water, using sunlight to produce sugars that feed themselves while releasing oxygen for us to breathe

- One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for four people
- According to the Arbor Day Foundation, a mature tree absorbs over 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and releases oxygen in return.
- Even more fascinating, trees help produce rain: roughly 40% of precipitation over land comes from evaporation and transpiration of water from vegetation.

Imagine how much cooler our walks would feel if every yard had just one canopy tree. With more shade, color, and greenery, Nellie Gail could become one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Southern California.

Fall is one of the very best times to plant. Take a walk around your yard and envision more shade, more color, and more life — we have so many wonderful options to choose from.

Underrated Canopy Trees

Happy Gardening, Tina Corso & Tina Frey

Canopy trees are often overlooked, but they make an







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RANCH RECIPE



ROASTED CHICKEN WITH APPLES & ROOT VEGETABLES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1. WHOLE CHICKEN (ABOUT 4-5 LBS), PATTED DRY
- 2. 2 APPLES (HONEYCRISP OR GALA), SLICED INTO WEDGES
- 3. 4–5 ROOT VEGETABLES (CARROTS, PARSNIPS, OR POTATOES), CUT INTO CHUNKS
- 4. 2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL, PLUS EXTRA FOR RUBBING
- 5. FRESH HERBS (ROSEMARY, THYME, OR SAGE), SALT. AND BLACK PEPPER

PREPARATION:

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C)
- 2. RUB CHICKEN WITH OLIVE OIL, SALT, AND PEPPER; STUFF CAVITY WITH APPLES AND HERBS
- 3. ARRANGE ROOT VEGETABLES AND REMAINING APPLES AROUND CHICKEN, DRIZZLE WITH OIL, SEASON
- 4. Roast for 1 hour 15 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165°F (74°C)
- 5. REST 10 MINUTES BEFORE CARVING AND SERVE

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		GRAPPY DEL	Taco Tuesday at The Watering Hole	Wine Down Wednesdays ® The Watering Hole 5pm to Close			
	7	8	9 Taco Tuesday at	10 Wine Down	11	12	13
			The Watering Hole ARC Meeting at 6:00pm The Association Office	Wednesdays (a) The Watering Hole 5pm to Close			
	14	15	Taco Tuesday at The Watering Hole . Board Meeting	Wine Down Wednesdays @ The Watering Hole 5pm to Close	18	19	20
	21	22	7:30pm @ Clubhouse 23 Taco Tuesday at The Watering	24 Wine Down Wednesdays	25	26	27 Saddles & Sips Event
			Hole	(a) The Watering Hole 5pm to Close			® The Equestrian Center Clubhouse at 4:00 pm
	28	ARC Submittal Deadline for October 14th meeting	30 Taco Tuesday at The Watering Hole				
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