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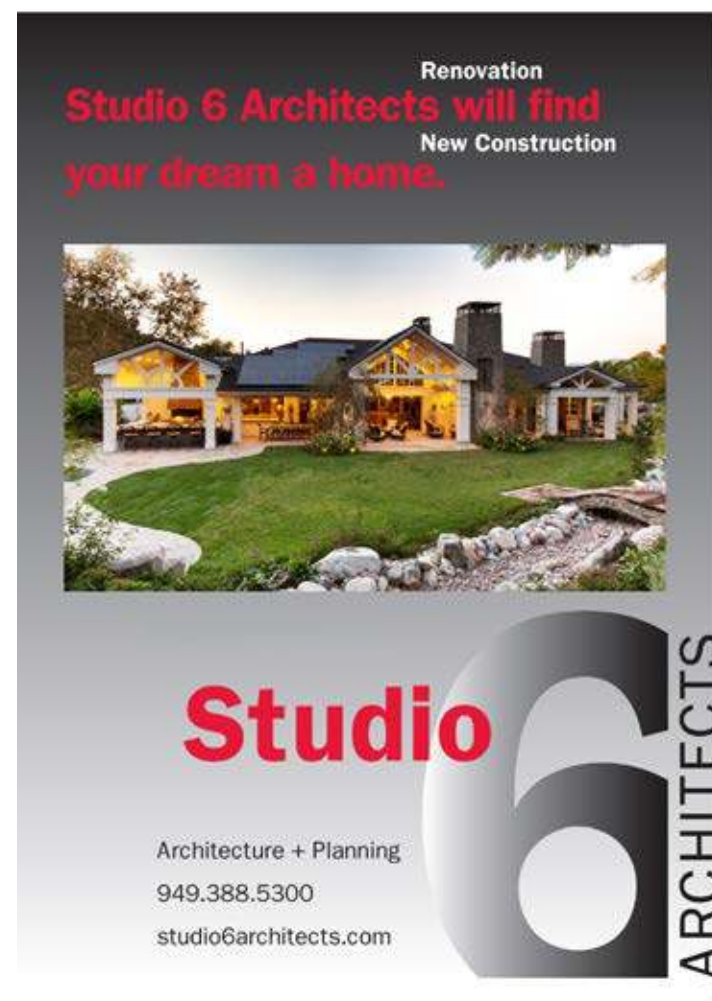
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Board of Directors Meetings

The August Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for August 17, 2021. The meeting will be held both in person at the Association Clubhouse and via ZOOM:

Board Meeting August 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88689769790?pwd=SExEVnl3OXhDeHL5RVQyWHFrUUtaZz09>

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Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Association Office. 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

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails and Safety Committee

Hidden Trail Park Playground Ad Hoc Committee

Manager's Message

By Brian Mitchell



Nellie Gail Ranch Members,
Events are back! It has been amazing to see the enthusiastic response to our events of the past few months. Our Association Clubhouse Open House, the Wine Tasting & Horse Show, Stone Soul Summer Concert and Beers, Burgers & Bingo. By the time you read this issue you will hopefully have also enjoyed our Hot August Night Neil Diamond tribute. Each event has brought out homeowners with different interests and we have enjoyed seeing our event guests interacting and socializing.

You can expect to see a nice mix of events in coming months through the end of the year. Nellie Gail Ranch has a new Events Coordinator, Mary Gonzales, and she has a lot of ideas and a lot of energy. She has a perpetual smile on her face and enjoys hosting. I hope you all have a chance to meet her soon!!

We have also been actively recruiting contributing sponsors to our events to offset expenses. We have found our contributing sponsors enjoy supporting our events, attending and being part of the Nellie Gail Ranch community.

Also, as an update on a few pending projects:

License Plate Recognition Cameras – The system is scheduled to be implemented as approved by the membership. Flock Safety is detailing specific camera locations and submitting to the city for applicable encroachment permits. Installation will commence sometime in August and go live soon after.

Clubhouse Restroom Renovation – Plans are in at the city for permitting and we are finalizing bidding. We should be able to start renovation within the next several months.

Bar / Kitchen – We are preparing to be able to offer food and drink service at the clubhouse and are in the final review stage with OCHCA and the City and OCFA. This project will follow the restroom project and will complete all pending work at the Association Clubhouse.

More info will follow as we prepare to implement the above.

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Architectural Reviews

The following properties submitted plans to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee on July 13, 2021.

The Submittal Deadline for the September ARC Meeting is August 30, 2021.

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25761 Nellie Gail	Communication Antennas	Denied
25102 Buckboard	House Remodel	Denied
25612 Dillon	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25222 Derbyhill	Window Replacement	Approved
26591 Dapple Grey	Landscape	Approved with Conditions
25502 Rodeo	Resubmittal Rear Slope Renovation	Approved with Conditions
25892 Pecos	ADU, Resubmittal Backyard Renovation	Approved with Conditions
25871 Sheriff	Solar	Approved with Conditions
24911 Nellie Gail	Backyard Pavers	Approved with Conditions
25461 Rodeo	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27321 Lost Colt	Resubmittal Wall	Approved with Conditions
25662 Dillon	Completion Extension	Approved
26181 Mt. Diablo	View Obstruction	Approved with Conditions
25335 Gallup	Stairs & Gate	Approved
25146 Stageline	Walkway	Approved with Conditions
25711 Nellie Gail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27351 Hidden Trail	Tree removal	Approved
26871 Highwood	Resubmittal Landscape/Hardscape	Approved with Conditions
25072 Nellie Gail	Exterior Painting	Approved
25202 Buckboard	Front Hardscape	Approved with Conditions
27641 Hidden Trail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27392 Lost Colt	Addition to House	Approved with Conditions
27231 Westridge	Side Wall	Approved with Conditions
25851 Nellie Gail	Artificial Turf	Approved with Conditions

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at www.NellieGailRanch.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.

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25532 Rapid Falls	Landscape	Approved
27102 Hidden Trail	Appeal	Denied
26031 Nellie Gail	Driveway	Approved
25591 Rapid Falls	Resubmittal Patio Covers	Approved
26016 Red Corral	Fence	Approved with Conditions
26512 Broken Bit	Windows & Front Door	Approved with Conditions
26022 Nellie Gail	Landscape	Denied
26022 Nellie Gail	Paint	Approved with Conditions
26402 Chaparral	Solar	Approved with Conditions
27371 Hidden Trail	Resubmittal Painting	Denied
27201 Lost Colt	Chicken Coop	Approved with Conditions
27201 Lost Colt	Resubmittal Remodel	Approved with Conditions
25752 Pecos	Backyard structure	Approved

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Board of Directors Meeting

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS
ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OPEN SESSION
TUESDAY, June 15, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Loree Blough
Joyce Taylor
Alex Presley
Mark Fisk
John Park

MANAGEMENT

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Resolved: That the Board of Directors elects each member to an Officer position on the Board. Officer terms will remain in place through the election in June 2022.

• President – Mark Fisk

Motion: Blough
Second: Park

Resolved: To appoint Mark Fisk to the position of President.

• Vice President – Joyce Taylor

Motion: Park
Second: Fisk

Resolved: To appoint Joyce Taylor to the position of Vice President.

• Secretary – Alexandra Presley

Motion: Fisk
Second: Blough

Resolved: To appoint Alexandra Presley to the position of Secretary.

• Co-Treasurer – John Park

Motion: Presley

Second: Fisk

Resolved: To appoint John Park to the position of Co-Treasurer.

• Co-Treasurer – Loree Blough

Motion: Taylor
Second: Park

Resolved: To appoint Loree Blough to the position of Co-Treasurer.

All motions carried unanimously.

III. HOMEOWNER FORUM

Three (3) homeowners attended the Open Homeowner Forum via the ZOOM link.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The regularly scheduled Executive Session meeting was held on May 18, 2021 via Zoom Conference Call.

Actions taken include:

- Approval of the April 20, 2021 & May 10, 2021 Minutes

- Reviewed the May 2021 legal report.

- Approved a contract with AMS Paving to complete a recreation center parking lot overlay and seal coat.

- Approved purchase of playground replacement parts for Dapple Grey Park, Gallup Park and Moulton Park.

- Approved further evaluation to consider complete replacement of the Hidden Trail Park playground equipment.

- Approved a contract with Boulder Earthwork to remove a portion of the old sand at the Recreation Center Volleyball Court and supplement with new.

- Approved a contract with Boulder Earthwork to replace damaged kickboards at Dapple Grey Arena and install a new gate and kickboards on the Dapple Grey Round Pen.

- Approved the purchase of seven picnic tables and one bench from Park Warehouse to replace old tables at community arenas.

- Approved the purchase of a tennis ball serving machine from Collins Company.

- Approved a contract with Blueray Management to replace the pool and spa chlorinators.

- Reviewed and filed the delinquency reports.

- Approved commencement of foreclosure on three delinquent accounts.

- Denied a payment plan request and write-off of delinquent balance for a homeowner account.

- Declined to approve spreading the concert entertainment deposit over two years. Approved taking the entire benefit for this summers concert season.

- Reviewed and filed the Violation Report.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2021 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Motion: Taylor
Second: Presley

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated May 18, 2021 as presented.

Ayes: Taylor, Presley, Blough, Fisk
Nays: None
Abstain: Park

The motion carried.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 30, 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Park
Second: Blough

Resolution: To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated April 30, 2021 reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,307,148 in reserve funds, \$1,956,515 in operating funds, \$8,900 in Petty Cash, and \$577,312 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,849,875.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,983,152 compared to the budgeted \$1,988,091.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$2,996,290 compared to the budgeted \$2,946,602.

The Consolidated Net Increase for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$102,080 compared to the budgeted increase of \$369,167. Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$535,631 compared to the budgeted of \$378,041. Year to date reserve funding is \$365,122 compared to a budget of \$344,700. The variance is reserve interest income.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS FOR THE OPEN SESSION MINUTES:

- There is (1) one past owner delinquency with a

balance of \$471.

- Thirteen (13) current owner past due delinquencies total \$28,193 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgments.

- The collection attorney is currently working on seven (7) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.

- Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 1.1% of the annual assessment budget.

End of Consent Calendar

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL TO INSTALL VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS AT NELLIE GAIL RANCH ENTRIES

The Board reported the membership approved the special ballot measure for installation of vehicle license plate recognition cameras at Nellie Gail Ranch entries. The Flock Safety proposal was approved in Executive Session and will be implemented approximately August 1, 2021 and the 2021-22 budget will incorporate the ongoing fee.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A VEHICLE AND LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERA DATA MANAGEMENT POLICY

Motion: Park
Second: Fisk

Resolution: To approve the Vehicle and License Plate Recognition Camera Data Management Policy as previously submitted to the membership via the Special Ballot Measure.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2021-22 RESERVE STUDIES AND DIRECTION FOR REVISIONS

The Board reviewed the draft studies and assumptions. The reserve studies will be reviewed again at the July 20, 2021 meeting.

D. CONSIDERATION OF HIDDEN TRAIL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OPTIONS

Action: To solicit for interested homeowners to participate on a Hidden Trail Park Playground Ad Hoc Committee to review initial playground equipment options and budgets for Hidden Trail Park.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT DRAFT EASEMENT PLANTING GUIDELINES TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR REVIEW

Motion: Fisk
Second: Blough

Resolution: To approve submitting the draft Easement Planting Guidelines to the Membership for 28-day comment prior to Board consideration of approval at the July 20, 2021 Board meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Communications, Community Events, Emergency Preparedness, Equestrian Center, Landscape - Sunset, Solar, Swim Center, Tennis/Pickleball Center, Trails/Common Area and Trails & Safety Committee.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.



X. NEXT MEETING

Motion: Fisk
Second: Blough




Resolution: The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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Board of Directors Update

We thank and express appreciation for Alex Presley and her three years serving on the Board. Alex and her family have recently closed escrow moving from their Nellie Gail Ranch home. Alex was an important part of our Clubhouse project, the Harvest For Hope food drive, our Little Free Library and so much more! She has many friends here though so we will look forward to seeing her around.

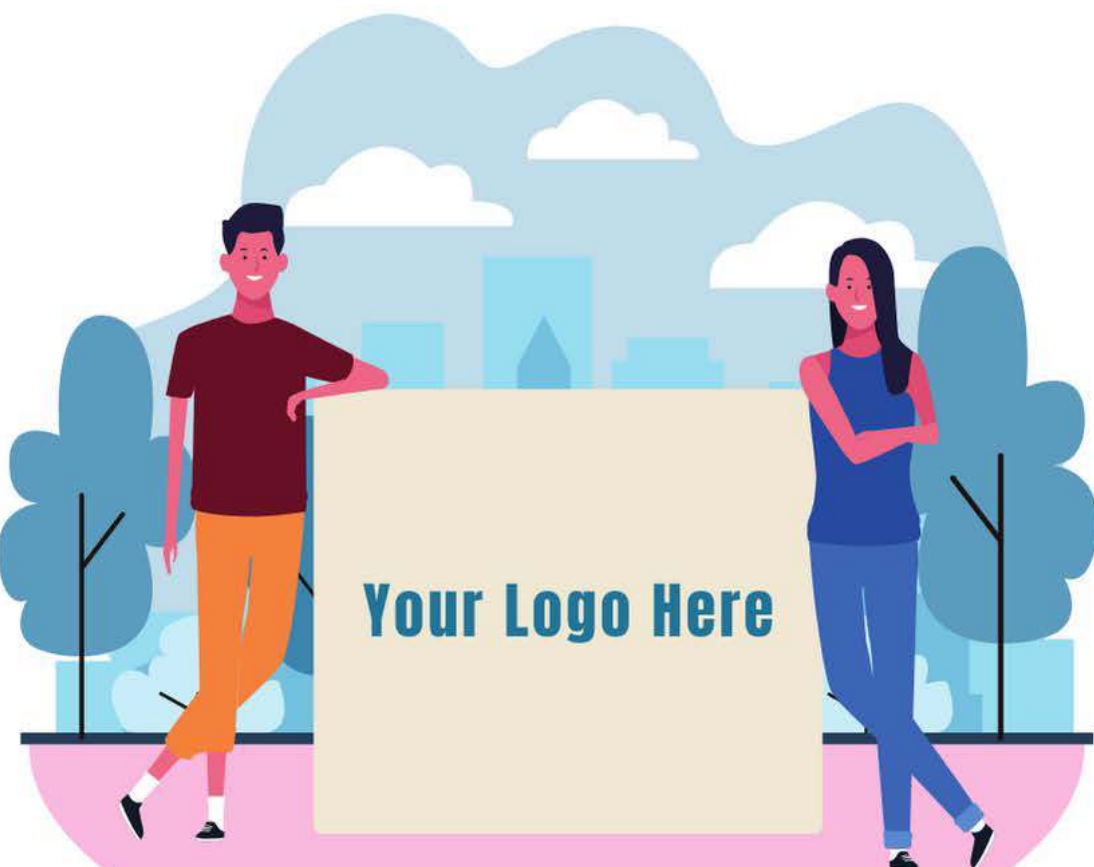


At the July 20, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting, the board appointed Paul Holland to replace Alex Presley in the position of Secretary.

Paul previously served on the Nellie Gail Ranch Board from 2014 - 2019 as Vice President, Co-Treasurer and Secretary. He's currently a Global Account Representative for Lenovo, Eagle Scout, and actively involved in Scouting (he'll be leading 11 scouts on a Philmont backpacking trek this August). He and his wife, Tracy, have been married for 21 years and grew up in Texas. Prior to moving to CA, they spent 8 years in New Jersey where their 2 children were born. He believes it's important to lead and teach the future generation and guide them to do what is right by being actively involved with family and the community.

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Hidden Trail Park Playground Inspection

Last month we recruited homeowners to participate on a Playground Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate replacement of Hidden Trail Park Playground equipment. We had several responses requesting us to clarify why the park is proposed for replacement of the play equipment and want to share the following. Our Facilities Manager Jeff Hinkle takes regular coursework and is a Certified Park Safety Inspector (CPSI) through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Following inspections we replace worn components as needed to extend the useful life. This year's May inspection identified a number of deficiencies requiring replacement parts at all playgrounds. While Moulton Park, Dapple Grey Park and Gallop Park had nominal repair needs, the Hidden Trail Park required replacement parts costing approximately \$11,200 not including the installation costs. Before investing in replacement of the above components we determined it would be appropriate to evaluate replacement of the playground equipment. The end result of the review may be to replace the worn components again and extend the life another year but the equipment is aged enough to where we can expect regular annual replacement of the playgrounds larger components. We therefore invited interested users of the equipment to participate in an evaluation to make a purposeful decision as to when the best time to replace it is and with what type of equipment.



Hidden Trail Park Playground Ad Hoc Committee

We had seven applicants to participate on a Playground Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate replacement of Hidden Trail Park Playground equipment. At the Board Meeting of July 20th all seven were appointed. Our committee member mom's dad's and grandparents have a total of 21 children of their own ranging in age from 9 months to 12 years of age. The committee looks forward to their role representing the children, parents and grandparents of Nellie Gail Ranch!!

Leash Law

Sec. 10.01.200 (Mission Viejo) Sec. 10-1-45 (Laguna Niguel)

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JULY 4 AT GALLUP PARK

A SALUTE TO WHAT WE HAVE

By Karen Robbins

More than 40 years separate the young Marine veteran of the Iraq/Afghanistan wars from the two Vietnam War veteran members of Team Darkhorse. Much changes in 40 years, and each generation has its trends, but for these men at least one immutable bond remains — their service to our country.

At noon on July 4 the two senior men, along with other members of Team Darkhorse, have come with a purpose.

USMC Corporal Travis Haggerty now lives in Texas but has kept in touch with us, and found time this morning for coffee and a visit.

We'd first met Travis— who served with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines — at our city's 2012 Half Marathon Memorial Day Race. No one there could have missed him. Thrust forward in one hand Travis carried a 6 foot pole flying an American flag. On that flag Travis had written the names of his 25 Marine corps brothers killed in action.

His run and that flag became a tradition. The photo taken of Travis' first run became an icon. When Travis couldn't be here to run, a Marine always stepped forward to carry the flag. The only year missed was 2020 when the race canceled due to Covid. Travis also was instrumental in our formation, by advising how best to support veterans, and by encouraging us along the way.

Life moves forward and Marine veterans do too. A family wedding brought him back to So Cal and so a chance to honor him was born. There were a few items of business left undone. And a few people who had not yet met. Travis' flag like all originals will not last forever — fabric frays and colors fade. Like all flags, this one deserves a fitting retirement and respect. But, this flag was also unique. We felt it should be returned to Travis, and his visit was our chance.

And so it was that USMC Vietnam veteran Owen

Litfin, and Navy veteran Evan Gost along with other members of Team Darkhorse gathered at Gallup Park that day.

Waving in greeting as they hurry toward us are NG residents Bob and Stephanie Bettey. Accompanying them is the their son and the next youngest generation — Zak Bettey. While a senior in high school Zak envisioned, fundraised and installed the Gallup Park Flag pole and plaque as his Eagle Scout project in 2016. Zak's inspiration came during the 2015 TDH "Showcase for Valor" tribute concert in the Park. The Marines Zak learned about were Travis Haggerty's friends and MC brothers. Zak noticed that night at the park there was no American Flag, and his vision for the project was born.

Who better than Zak should help fold and present Travis' flag back to him, with thanks from a grateful community? Although Travis and Zak knew the story of one another, they had not met until that day. Watching these two shake hands and engage together was wonderful.



One more person strides forward across the park, holding a plaque from the City of Laguna Hills in his hands. Dan Meehan, LH superintendent of community events, has worked closely with Team Darkhorse since 2011, after the city named its race in honor of the Battalion. His patriotic appreciative spirit shone through everything he did. Today, he brings a plaque from the city, to present to Travis, in acknowledgment of his service to both our country and community.

After the greetings, the presentations begin. There are only a few of us as witnesses but the importance, meaning and sincerity are memorable. Zak steps forward to fold the flag with Owen Litfin, and then to present it back to Travis. Evan Gost presents Travis with a hand carved wooden box, engraved with appreciation from Team Darkhorse, and donated by the Orange County Woodworkers Association. Dan Meehan presents the city Plaque.

The ceremony concludes. Everyone shares a few more handshakes and a few hugs. Travis is on his way. There is meaning in the morning. It is fitting this could take place on July 4 on the day we celebrate freedom — which the select few who step forward in each generation promise to defend.

If you find yourself at Gallup Park, perhaps for one of the concerts or passing through on a peaceful walk, take time to look at the flag, and the plaque and remember those who gave their lives under its banner. We honor them.

** While it is true that defacing the American flag is considered disrespectful — none of us felt that Travis' inscription of the names of 25 Marines recently killed in action, was intended with disrespect rather intended with all honor. None of the officers present at any of the races criticized or asked that the flag be removed.



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 Chairman Karen Robbins, 35robbins@gmail.com



4th of July Street Celebrations

By Lorrie Sutton

Nellie Gail Ranch residents gathered on Mt. Diablo street to celebrate the 4th of July. Gail and Scott were responsible for making it happen. Residents gathered at their home to hear Ms. Pezold speak. There was cotton candy and popcorn, people spoke about the freedoms that meant the most to them, a few kids played patriotic songs on their violins, then, the big finish was the kids bike parade!



Beers, Burgers & Bingo!

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Beers, Burgers & Bingo!" event on Friday, July 9, in our beautiful Association Clubhouse. This event sold out quickly. Guests received a special "Welcome Box" at check-in, a delicious assortment of appetizers and desserts, a gourmet burger meal from Baby's Burgers, an educational beer tasting by Scott Cebula of GameCraft Brewing, and Bingo games called by Dennis Moss. Special thanks to our generous contributing sponsor Melody Smith & Associates | Anvil Real Estate for purchasing the beer and prizes for the Bingo games. It was a very fun night, and I think everyone felt like a winner!

Mary Gonzales
Events Coordinator



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Summer Concert Series

Stone Soul | July 16, 2021



On July 16, 2021, we kicked off our Summer Concert Series at Gallup Park with Motown hits performed by Stone Soul. Our biggest concert turn-out to date, we were so excited to see our Nellie Gail Ranch community come together to dance, eat, and celebrate.

A big thank you to our contributing sponsor - The Brad Feldman Group - who helped raise over \$7,000 for Team Darkhorse to support Camp Pendleton Marines. We had a huge showing of veterans at the concert, including a WWII Navy Veteran. Team Darkhorse Chairman,

Karen said, "This was a huge help in replenishing our Lifeline Fund!"



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Tennis Center News

Summer Camp Report

By: Bob Hochstadter

When you read this our 27th annual Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis and Swim Camp will be almost over this summer, and we will have had another 10 weeks of great experiences for both the staff and the kids. Our camps are all about fun and introducing children to the great game of tennis. As testimony to that we have so many families that have supported us for years, and we sincerely want to thank you for that support. Another rewarding fact is that many of our past counselors, who still live locally and now have families, are now sending their children to camp.

We want to thank the whole Nellie Gail Ranch community for their continued support of our program, and we also want to thank those locally who keep coming back each and every year.

After what 2020 brought us it is so much fun to hear the yells and screams of joy from the kids not only on the courts, but also at our beautiful swimming pool.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Junior Tennis Program Head, Rogan Egerton, for doing a fabulous job of running the day to day operations of camp. We also want to thank the great group of young adults who have done a tremendous job as counselors this year.



Fall Junior Program

As amazing as it seems, summer is almost over, school will be starting shortly and that also means our after school junior tennis programs for juniors ages 5-18 will be in full swing. We offer group lessons for children that are just beginning our beautiful game all the way through having some of the top junior players in Southern California in our advanced groups. Please call the front desk for more information at 949 831-6660.



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Horse Camp

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This 5-day camp ends with a fun family horse show on Fridays, where each camper receives a ribbon and t-shirt in front of their family while showcasing what they learned all week.

Many kids have so much fun that they come back for multiple weeks and make it an annual Summer activity. This popular camp is already sold out for the rest of the Summer, but it will be back in the winter. Kids who are looking to advance their riding can also take lessons with Hayden Show Jumping, where they can focus on riding, jumping, and performing dressage competitively.



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Emergency Preparedness



A Devastating Earthquake in California?

By: Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

At press time, there have been several dozen earthquakes locally in Central California and the Sierra Nevada's on July 8, 2021, including a 5.9 magnitude felt from Los Angeles to the Oregon border. Nearly every month, we hear of significant earthquakes or other disasters in other parts of the country (and of the world). Some time in the future, these other parts of the world will hear about OUR earthquake; about how the San Andreas Fault has ruptured causing a 7.8 earthquake in southern California, about how thousands are missing or dead, how buildings have collapsed, how the resources are spread too thin and how thousands will be without water, food, and electricity for weeks to months.

Recall that we live on the Pacific's "Ring of Fire" where 90% of the world's earthquakes occur, and where 81% of the world's most devastating earthquakes occur. Living in California, earthquakes are commonplace and most of us take them in stride. Now imagine an earthquake on the San Andreas Fault with a magnitude 7.8 striking Southern California. Can this happen? It is not a function of "can it happen," it is a function of "when will it happen." According to the U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS), an earthquake of this magnitude is inevitable.

What many residents don't realize is that the southern portion of the San Andreas Fault is long overdue for a major earthquake. Historically, a magnitude 7.2 or greater earthquake strikes this portion of the fault every 200 years, yet it has been over 300 years since this last occurred. An earthquake of this magnitude is likely to happen within our lifetime. Based on the high probability of this occurring, the USGS recently released the findings of a 2008 study, "The Shakeout Scenario," which include the following:

- a magnitude 7.8 earthquake will cause the San Andreas fault to shift up to 23 feet,
- over 10 million people will experience significant shaking,
- despite the epicenter of this earthquake likely being in the Inland Empire, downtown Los Angeles will

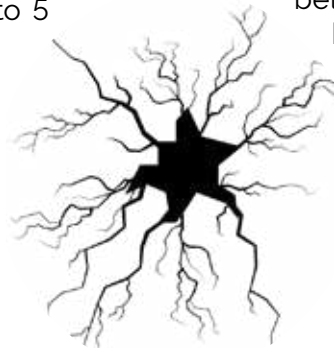
experience 55 seconds of shaking (8 times longer than the Northridge earthquake) and some areas in southern California will experience up to 5 minutes of continuous shaking,

- over 1800 lives will be lost and there will be over 50,000 serious injuries,
- electricity and gas will be unavailable for weeks to months, and water will be unavailable in some areas for as long as six months,
- 2/3 of all hospital beds in Orange County, Los Angeles County, Riverside County and San Bernardino County will be non-operational,
- there will be over 1600 significant fires with hundreds of city blocks completely destroyed, and
- economic damage to the area will total \$200-\$300 billion dollars.

These are not meant to be a doomsday, extremist views; these are likely scenarios developed by over 300 scientists and disaster experts. What is equally amazing is the number of residents the Emergency Preparedness Committee has spoken with who are unaware or unprepared. Some have even stated, "Well, I pay my taxes. I'll just call 9-1-1."

Unfortunately, there are several problems with relying on this method of getting assistance: 1) the phones are unlikely to work (including cell phones), 2) if they do work, they will be jammed with others trying to call, and 3) if the phones do work and you happen to get through to emergency services, you will not see any assistance for several days because they will be inundated with calls. We can look to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, or more recently, Superstorm Sandy to see how long it takes to get assistance.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and first responders in Orange County have already stated that we should all be self sufficient for the 72 hours after a disaster. Your Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee cannot emphasize enough: In the event of a major disaster, do not expect outside help for at least 72 hours and likely longer.



Dr. Lucy Jones, the world-renowned seismologist from Caltech and the US Geologic Survey, stated that the key to preparing for an earthquake is to network with your local resources before the earthquake occurs. This is precisely what has developed with the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee. Are you a part of it? Do you have a 30-days of supplies in your earthquake kit? Have you contacted your Block Captain?

Over the past several years, your Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee has been providing you with information through the Pony Express and the Nellie Gail website (www.nelliegailranch.org) on how to prepare, be self-reliant and be of assistance to your neighbors. Currently, community volunteers include over 40 Block Captain, 6 Area Coordinators and 7 Committee members, all of whom are here to help you better prepare for the inevitable regional earthquake. In the coming months, you will see articles that will help you in preparing before the next earthquake, how to respond during an earthquake, and what to do immediately after the earthquake. Additional articles will include the proper selection and storage of food and water, communications during disasters, proper shelter, light rescue techniques, and other information. Your committee's goal is to help you prepare, because "failing to prepare is preparing for failure" –Benjamin Franklin.

NEXT MONTH:

Learn the simple steps to take before the earthquake happens to better prepare your family.

*****Attention Residents of Nellie Gail Ranch*****

Your Emergency Preparedness Committee will be starting in-person emergency preparedness classes this month. Learn how to put together your earthquake kit, how to shut off water and gas, how to preserve water, and how to survive the next BIG ONE. Classes will be announced on the "This Week in Nellie Gail Ranch" emails that come every Friday. If you are not getting these emails, log on to the Nellie Gail website (NellieGailRanch.org) and register, or check your spam folder.



About the Author:

Dr. Kenneth Cheng is a 23-year resident of Nellie Gail Ranch and a member of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC). For the past 12 years, he has also been a volunteer deputy sheriff with the Sheriff's Department where he has also received the designation as an Expert Pistol Marksman. The opinions expressed by the author are his alone and do not represent the Nellie Gail Homeowner's Association, any committees of the HOA, or any specific law enforcement agency. Additionally, the contents of this article are for informational purposes only and should not be construed to be complete or comprehensive for the reader's individual security and protection needs.

Team Darkhorse



GOING FROM 70 TO 80

Part 1

By: Evan Gost

This is the first of a series of three articles. The title may imply that the articles are about trying to keep up with traffic on the I-5. That is not the case. The articles will describe some wonderful and noteworthy experiences in the decade of my life beginning around age 70.

As residents of Nellie Gail Ranch for 29 years, my wife and I have enjoyed living in this unique and beautiful community. However, some of the most memorable moments of living here in Nellie Gail have occurred in the last decade while serving on a Laguna Hills committee known as "Team Darkhorse."

Team Darkhorse was formed as a committee to support the Marine Battalion (3rd Battalion 5th Regiment 1st Division Marines) that was officially adopted by the city of Laguna Hills. Serving on Team Darkhorse gave me the opportunity to become familiar with some truly amazing people.

This first article will focus on some of the Gold Star families and the wounded veterans that have passed my way. The loss of life and severe casualties in the deployment to Afghanistan took a toll on the families of deceased and wounded Marines. I have been amazed by their strength and resiliency.

In 2013, the City of Laguna Hills dedicated the annual Memorial Day races in honor of the Darkhorse Battalion and Team Darkhorse provided large banners of the 25 fallen to be hung along the route of the race. At that time, I began to feel a deeper emotional attachment to the efforts of Team Darkhorse.

Replicas of the banners had been placed in a pop-up tent display for viewing after the races were completed. A brief biography of each fallen hero was included for reference. As I stood in the pop-up tent, I witnessed Maria Cenicerros, the mother of one of the fallen warriors, kissing her son's banner. My eyes teared up and I felt a sensation in my heart. When the Cenicerros family arrives in Laguna Hills on Memorial Day each year, I feel privileged to greet them and share in the honoring of their son's memory.



My wife and I were fortunate to sponsor the banner of First Lieutenant Robert Kelly, the son of General John Kelly. I retain a replica of Robert's dog tags to honor his memory. Robert Kelly's mother, widow, sister and brother have participated in Laguna Hills Memorial Day races. Robert's mother, Karen Kelly, has maintained a friendship with Team Darkhorse President, Karen Robbins.

An opportunity to speak with General Kelly arose when he dedicated a Camp Pendleton memorial to 5th Regiment Marines who died in Afghanistan. He is a brilliant man whose speeches are worthy of an internet search. The name of his son, 1st Lieutenant Robert Kelly, was inscribed on the granite memorial being dedicated that day. As he addressed the Gold Star families in attendance, he said that his sympathy for the loss of their sons came, "From the bottom of my own broken heart". He went on to explain how he reconciled with the loss of his son. After much reflection, he came to the conclusion that his son was exactly where he wanted to be, doing what he wanted to do and surrounded by some of the best men this country has to offer. The following remarks in another speech to Gold Star families reflect his sentiments about the men and women who serve in our military.

"Today, only a tiny fraction-less than a percent-shoulder the burden of fear and sacrifice, and they shoulder it for the rest of us. Their sons and daughters who serve are men and women of character who continue to believe in this country enough to put life and limb on the line without qualification, and without thought of personal gain, and they serve so that the sons and daughters of the other 99% don't have to."

Along with the introduction of the banners, Team Darkhorse established a program for honoring our wounded Marines as the Grand Marshall of Laguna Hills Memorial Day races. The Grand Marshall program provided the opportunity to become familiar with some remarkable survivors of the Afghanistan deployment—Josue Barron, Carlos Garcia, Stewart Fuke, Marcus Chischilly, George Ortiz and Michael Spivey. These severely wounded patriots truly are inspirational. They have recovered, adapted to their loss of limbs and are pursuing productive lives. They all appear to have a common goal of helping their fellow Marines and veterans.



When my wife and I attended the Marine Corps Ball, I had a lengthy discussion with Marcus Chischilly. Marcus told me that his fellow Grand Marshalls asked, "What do they get out of it?" referring to the volunteer efforts of Team Darkhorse members. I responded that we have the satisfaction of helping and befriending remarkable and deserving patriots.



I had the privilege of accompanying Carlos Garcia, on the 5K Memorial Day run. Because Carlos lost both legs above the knee, running on prosthetic blades was challenging. Spectators along the route of the race cheered and waved small American flags as they saw this inspirational Marine pass by. Carlos smiled and waved at the crowd. Other runners continually complimented him as we made our way through the race. I cherish Carlos' friendship and will remember that day for as long as I live.

As I approach age 80, I am reflecting on the past decade. I feel honored to have spent time with Gold Star families, and I feel inspired by the young wounded patriots who have accepted the loss of limbs and are leading productive lives.

My hope is that a group of younger volunteers will step forward when I become too old to participate in Team Darkhorse activities. They will find wonderful experiences that are intrinsically rewarding.

Evan Gost was a Navy pilot who served on active duty for 8 years and retired at the rank of Commander after 20 years of service with the Navy Reserves. He also was a commercial airline pilot, a real estate broker and an author.



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REQUESTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | NEW

Attention High School Students! Looking for Community Service Hours? The Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting its first Annual Car Show on Sunday, August 22, from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Laguna Hills Mall. We are looking for volunteers to assist our team (Minimum 6 hours). Free t-shirt and refreshments will be provided! If you are interested please email: Torrey Phillips at tphillips@merlonegeier.com

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- ★ Car Show Registration Fee \$25.00
- ★ Vendor 10' X 10' Booth \$150.00 (LHCC Members Free)
- ★ Event Sponsorship Opportunities Available

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE! REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 08, 2021
Please visit <https://qr.go.page.link/Mw18y> or scan QR code below for Car Show Registration, Vendor Booth Sign Up and Sponsorship Package Information.

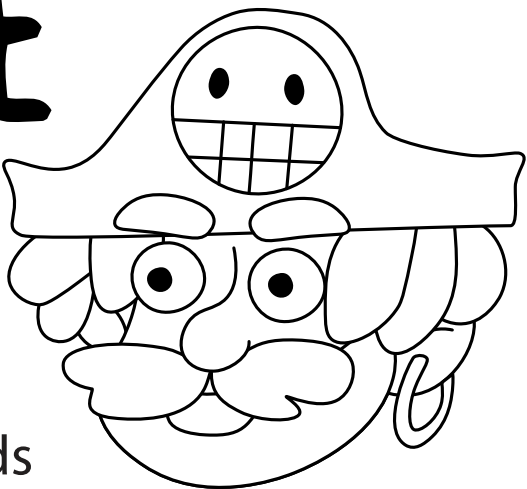
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Vanilla-Almond Ice Cream with Cherries and Pistachios

No ice cream maker required for this nutty-meets-fruity custard-based dessert.

Ingredients

- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped
- 1/2 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 3/4 cup fresh cherries, pitted and halved
- 1/4 cup shelled pistachios, coarsely chopped

Directions

Step 1: Set a medium bowl in a large bowl of ice water. In another medium bowl, beat the egg yolks until pale, 1 to 2 minutes.

Step 2: In a medium saucepan, whisk the cream with the milk, sugar, salt and the vanilla bean and seeds. Bring to a simmer, whisking, until the sugar is completely dissolved. Very gradually whisk half of the hot cream mixture into the beaten egg yolks in a thin stream, then whisk this mixture into the saucepan. Cook over moderately low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the custard is thick enough to lightly coat the back of the spoon, about 12 minutes; don't let it boil.

Step 3: Strain the custard through a medium-mesh strainer into the bowl set in the ice water; discard the vanilla bean. Let the custard cool completely, stirring occasionally. Stir in the almond extract. Pour into a large resealable freezer bag and seal, pressing out the air. Lay the bag flat in the freezer and freeze until firm, at least 8 hours or overnight.



Photo: John Kernick

Step 4: Working quickly, in batches if necessary, transfer the frozen custard to the bowl of a food processor. Pulse at 5-second intervals until smooth. Transfer the custard to a chilled 9-by-4-inch metal loaf pan and fold in the cherries and pistachios. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze until firm, about 6 hours or overnight.

The ice cream can be frozen for up to 1 week

Note: Instead of cherries and pistachios, try folding in 1 cup of chopped chocolate-covered pretzels or chopped halvah.

August

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Via Zoom	11	12 Special Budget Workshop Board Meeting 5:00 PM @ Clubhouse	13 Summer Concert Jumping Jack Flash 7:00 PM @ Gallup Park	14
15	16	17 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM @ Clubhouse and Via Zoom	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Summer Concert The Mighty Untouchables 7:00 PM @ Gallup Park	28
29	30 ARC Submittal Deadline for September 10 th Meeting	31	1	2	3	4

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