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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 November 15, 2022 and will be held live in 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 7:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

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

Architectural Review Committee

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Equestrian Committee

Events Committee

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails and Safety Committee

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

THE CLUBHOUSE & THE WATERING HOLE UPDATE

By Loree Blough



Well this is my favorite time of the year as the holidays approach & everyone gets in the spirit of family & friends. This year is especially exciting as we are celebrating the long-awaited opening of our refreshed clubhouse & The Watering Hole. I am writing this

Directors Message sitting in The Watering Hole with a big smile on my face. I am really enjoying watching people come in & get excited when they see their friends already at a table.

"I have personally met so many nice people & have connected with some to the point that I can say I have found new friends. What a great thing!"



"Check out some of the fun things going on. Check out the smoker for super tasty smoked bourbon drinks!"



"We also have a lot of fun games & puzzles that can be checked out."



We are at the one-month mark and from survey forms we have learned some of your favorite food & drinks. The chef has a couple of specials each night. One common comment on the surveys is that the acoustics need work. It is very loud. The board is working on that issue as we speak so bear with us for a little while longer.

Enjoy photos and comments from our first four weeks.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Submittal Deadline for the October ARC Meeting is: **November 29, 2022.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25478 Nellie Gail	Painting	Denied
25531 Lone Pine	Windows	Approved with Conditions
25511 Rapid Falls	Resubmittal Garage Doors	Denied
26151 Glen Canyon	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26571 Dapple Gre	Corrals	Approved
26116 Red Corral	Resubmittal Landscape	Approved with Conditions
27775 Hidden Trai	Painting	Denied
26132 Red Corral	Driveway	Denied
26081 Hitching Rail	Fencing	Approved with Conditions
25831 Pecos	Tree Removals	Approved
25041 Farrier	Painting	Denied
25222 Buckskin	Hardscape/Landscape	Approved with Conditions
26101 Hitching Rail	Resubmittal Side Yard	Approved with Conditions
26101 Hitching Rail	Front landscape	Denied
27215 Stagewood	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26401 Houston	Deck	Denied
27582 Gold Dust	Addition, Hardscape	Denied
25761 Dillon	Addition to House	Denied
25761 Dillon	Doors	Approved with Conditions
27735 Pinestrap	Landscape	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.



HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

**Judging takes place
December 14-15, 2022**

**Enter your home or nominate a home
to be included in the contest!**

Go to <https://nelliegailranch.org/holiday-decorating-contest-2022>
or scan the **QR code below** to fill out the entry form online.

Please have all lights and decorations on for the judging.

All winning homes will receive a special prize with a yard sign to proudly display and will be featured in January's Pony Express. **GOOD LUCK!**

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No BIKES ON TRAILS

Bicycle technology has come a long, long way since the first homes in Nellie Gail Ranch were sold in 1976. E-bikes have opened up whole new avenues of fun for people of all ages. The bikes have more power to assist riders on steep Nellie Gail Ranch streets and with the power they also have higher speed capability than manual peddle power. Please review with your families appropriate e-bike safety.

First and foremost, no bikes of any type are permitted on the trails. It's not just a rule for the sake of having a rule. Our community is an equestrian community and horses and bikes do not mix safely. Horses are flight animals and bikes appear to horses to be predators. The easements our homeowners have over their properties are easements for equestrian purposes, not easements for every conceivable sport. Bicycles and E-Bikes of any type are not permitted on trails. Please know it's not just kids...we have had just as many reports of adults riding on the trails, so this message is for **EVERYONE**.

Nellie Gail Ranch is not just an Equestrian Community, we are also a community of families and youths and we support recreation. We do not currently have rules restricting bicycles in the parks and we prefer not to. We trust and rely on our homeowners and guests to use common sense and ride safely. Ride slow when there are pedestrians and be extra cautious around the elderly, the very young, and pets on leashes.



NELLIE GAIL SAFE

NGROA SECURITY AWARENESS

In the past several months, there has been an increase in home robberies across all of southern orange county targeting high end residences. There appear to be perpetrators from outside of the Laguna Hills area drawn to Nellie Gail Ranch by proximity to the freeway.



Their burglary feats are as devious as they are simplistic when plundering a neighborhood such as Nellie Gail. They appear to spend some time on reconnoitering a residence striking when no one is home. They typically strike in the late afternoon to early evenings. They can also find cover on our horse trails that the Sheriff's Department can't easily cover.

They enter the property through open side gates or hop a fence to gain entrance. They will scale a balcony in order to enter through a second story bedroom door and windows that are typically not alarmed. If an easy entrance is not readily available with an open door or window, they will simply smash in a glass door. Regretfully, alarmed door and window "opening" sensors are incapable of detecting such violent entries. However, glass breakage sensors on alarm systems may deter them because of an immediate alarm sounding. Interior motion detectors have been defeated by these criminals and have been generally ineffective.

The thieves typically focus on the master bedrooms, while focusing on safes and luxury items. They are very professional, wearing gloves and leaving no finger prints or DNA samples for the Orange County Sheriff's department to track or process. As evident to their professionalism, they make every effort to be in and out of a home in less than ten minutes.

The OC Sheriff's Department is doing all that they can to address this situation, but the onus is on each homeowner to increase their resolve to be more observant and step-up their own personal residential defenses to thwart these criminals in our community.

If you feel something is not right, then it most likely is not right! If you see something suspicious, report it.

Enter the OCSD non-emergency number into your cell phones and call or text them when you see something suspicious. Use the following "OCSD Non-Emergency" contact number @- 949 770-6011

In the future we all need to be more diligent in locking our exterior entry gates and interior doors and windows in addition to keeping lights on in the house when we are away. Move your precious valuables and cash out of your master bedrooms to less conspicuous locations within the house. If you have an older alarm system, ask yourself if it might need a tune-up or upgrade. If you do have a residential alarm system, use it and arm it when you leave your home.

Article submitted by Gary Juneau President
Hi Tech Protection Systems Alarm - Sales &
Installation

MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk
Paul Holland
John Park
Loree Blough
Joyce Taylor (Via Zoom)

MANAGEMENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Whitney, Legal Counsel Whitney / Petchul

II. REVIEW OF CC&R AMENDMENT SURVEY

Motion: Blough

Second: Park

Resolution:

To move forward with balloting to amend the CC&R's to restrict short term rentals of less than 30 days, authorize fines for violations of the short term rental restriction and change the future threshold for CC&R Amendments to 50% approval from the current 75%.

The motion carried unanimously.

III. HOMEOWNER FORUM

Five (5) homeowners attended to speak regarding the following:

- Short term rental amendment
- Request clarifications regarding the Equestrian Center budget and fee schedule
- Offer to donate a plaque honoring retiring Tennis and Pickleball Director Bob Hochstadter
- Comment on The Watering Hole soft opening quality of food and staff.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

An Executive Session meeting was held on August 16, 2022. Actions taken include:

1. Approval of July 19th and August 2, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
2. Reviewed August 2022 Legal Report.
3. Review of enforcement matter.
4. Review boarder issue.
5. Approved contracted hours for The Watering Hole bar and restaurant.
6. Approved contract for community tree trimming.
7. Approved renewal of the Blueray pool maintenance contract.
8. Approved a contract for pickleball court lighting.

9. Approved a contract to resurface three tennis courts and repair concrete.

10. Approval to hire Handyman and Clubhouse Reception Specialist.

11. Received and filed the FSR and CLA collection reports.

12. Approval to commence foreclosure on parcel 627-321-05.

13. Received and filed the Violation Report.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Blough

Second: Holland

Resolution:

To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items V-A through V-E.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2022 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution:

To approve the Open Session Minutes dated August 16, 2022 as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JULY 31, 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution:

To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated July 31, 2022 reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,106,070 in reserve funds, \$1,769,228 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$692,411 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,576,109.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$2,454,859 compared to the budgeted \$2,731,776.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$3,921,356 to the budgeted \$4,151,634.

The Consolidated Net Increase for the **month** prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$67,382 compared to the budgeted increase of \$395,239. Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$133,199 compared to the budgeted increase of \$380,901. Year to date reserve funding is \$483,744 compared to a budget of \$471,008. The variance is reserve interest income.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO RECORD LIENS

Resolution:

To authorize and instruct Management to record a lien on the following delinquent accounts should their assessments not be paid within the time period established in the Intent to Lien Letter. In accordance with the Corporation's Assessment Collection Policy, a letter was sent to the homeowners notifying them that they have 30 days to pay the balance owed or a lien will be placed on their property. Therefore, the Board directs Management to lien the account listed below should the delinquent assessments not be paid within the time period established in the Intent to Lien Letter:

Date	Account No.	Total Amt Due
09/08/22	0452-01	\$1,581.20
09/08/22	0640-02	\$1,581.20
09/08/22	1084-01	\$1,581.20
09/08/22	1252-04	\$1,581.20

D. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS REPORT

· There is one (1) past owner delinquency with an assessment balance of \$485.40.

MINUTES - CONTINUED

- Twenty-four (24) current owner past due delinquencies total \$41,961 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.

- 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 1.6% of the annual assessment budget.

E. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Resolution:

To accept the resignation of Tom Burns from the Security

Committee and acknowledge his contribution to the community through his dedicated service as a member of the Committee.

End of Consent Calendar

VI. REPORTS

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

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Open Session Board of Directors meeting is on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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Adopt-a-Family

Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association in coordination with Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) in San Clemente, invite Nellie Gail Ranch residents to adopt a family for Christmas. A list of families in need for the Christmas holidays has been provided by FAM.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Please help support a family in need this holiday season:

- Stop by the Association Clubhouse to select a family from the Christmas Tree and commit to give.
- Purchase gift(s) and wrapping items for your selected family.
- Place unwrapped items in bags and label with family information.
- Deliver items to Association Clubhouse by **Sunday, December 11, 2022.**
- FAM distributes the gifts and items to selected families via their drive-thru program.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NELLIEGAILRANCH.ORG

SWIM CENTER NEWS

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY SWIM TEAM?

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

The Nellie Gail Ranch community offers children's programming throughout the year. Our children can take riding lessons, practice tennis, and swim on a year-round basis. But how much do you know about our community swim team, Evolution Racing Club?

Evolution Racing Club has been operating out of Nellie Gail for many years. The team offers our children a platform to join the sport of swimming at whatever level a family can commit to. The swim team offers three seasonal swim programs and a year-round option for families that would like to take it to the next level. Where other swim teams stop at summer swim team, the Nellie Gail Ranch community swim team offers spring, summer, and fall swim team, which allows our families to include swim as part of seasonal activities.

The spring swim team is an 8-week program that starts in April and ends in June. This is a great way to get your kids "summer ready" whether the goal is to participate on the summer swim team, Junior Guards, or to just have a safer summer. To participate in any of the seasonal swim team programs, a swimmer must have a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke and the other two strokes will be learned throughout the weeks. The summer swim team is a traditional summer program that starts in June and ends in July. This program is also an 8-week program and aligns with the start of summer. All our seasonal programs offer swim meets, and although not required, are highly encouraged, because swimming on a team and not participating in meets is like having dinner without dessert. Yes, you can do it, but it's always more fun when it's included.

The final seasonal program that Evolution Racing Club offers is our Fall swim team. This program starts in August and ends in November, is 12 weeks long, and is offered in the same format as the other two seasonal programs. Swimmers are encouraged to attend 2-times per week, for a 45-minute practice, and swim meets are encouraged. All our seasonal programs are instructed by certified USA Swimming coaches, who are passionate about teaching at the novice level.

As the third seasonal swim program comes to and end, swimmers will be encouraged to jump onto the year-round swim team and while some will, others will opt to take the colder months off and rejoin our programming in the spring. The seasonal programs are great because they encourage participation in multiple weekly activities by only allowing for 2x per week participation. The idea is that kids need to be kids and that one program should not consume your entire activity calendar. On a personal note, my daughter participates in swim 2x's per week and participates on her AYSO soccer team 1x per week. With the new swim meet format that we launched (read the October issue of the Pony Express for more information), she can also participate in week-end soccer games and swim meets in the same season. It's a win/win.

The year-round team also offers the flexibility of participating in swim and other activities as well. Both of our novice year-round programs encourage multi-activity participation by only allowing 2x per week swim team, for either 1-hour for our younger swimmers or 1.5 hours for our older swimmers. Just because a child decides to



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participate in swim on a year-round basis doesn't mean that all other activities go out the window. I've learned over the years that swimming has historically consumed too much time and swim meets are long and out-dated. For this reason, we offer our families a 2x per week options and we changed the swim meet format to allow for multisport participation on the weekends. Once a swimmer moves to the more advanced groups, the commitment level may increase but we continue to work with families in assuring that we are always aligned with a swimmer's commitment level.

Although Evolution Racing Club has adapted its approach to a more flexible schedule, allowing for all levels of participation, the same cannot be said for all clubs. The luxury to choose a seasonal or year-round program for most of the year is unique to this Club and I am honored to be able to offer it to my neighbors.

I hope you have a great November and a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

TEMECULA VALLEY NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

The month of October took us to the Temecula Valley National Horse Show for weeks of competition. Natalie Banis and Gigi competed in the 1.40m and 1.45m Jr/Ao division with clean rounds. Ashley Terrell and her horse, Warbucks won the 1.25m Jr/Am division. Stella Saunders and Canterbrook Prince Charming won several classes in the Small Pony Hunter Division and Katy Vatahagot won 2nd place in the Adult Amateur Classic. Lane Clarke and Hooverphonic Odeveld and Epic Air had many top placings in the 1.40m Division. Lauren Wilson and Elliot were awarded the reserve champion in the Adult Amateur Division, and Team Hayden Clarke competed in classes starting at the .70m height all the way up to the highest level of competition, the Grand Prix. Below are some photos of the competition.





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HORSESHOW EVENTS
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Held at the Equestrian Center Clubhouse on October 1, 2022, guests enjoyed a beautiful ambience of table seating under the stars, a fabulous horse show (flag ceremony opening, dressage presentation, and jumping), tray-passed appetizers, a delicious BBQ dinner, and palate-pleasing wines and beer. The weather was very comfortable and everyone enjoyed this very special and intimate evening.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Brad Feldman Group (Contributing Sponsor), Nikki Garcia, Jan Curtis and Dressage Riders, Holly Permeah, Lane Clark (Hayden-Clark) and Jumpers, Justin Myers and Delectable OC Staff, and NGROA Events Committee and Staff



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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Our USTA U10 JTT are now 3-0 this Season which puts them at the top of the League. We are fully on track to reach the Sectional Playoffs at the end of the year at the Tennis Gardens, Indian Wells



Left:

The visit from former Top 10 ATP player Nicolas Almagro was a huge success, we look forward to him visiting again soon.

Right:

Congratulations to Performance Mini Player Ava Krukrubo on winning her USTA U10 Event!





Left:

Former Top 30 WTA Player Alexandra Dulgehr is back working on the Coaching Team. She has extra-ordinary knowledge of the game so if you are interested in lessons or Pro hits please contact the reception for more information

Right:

Our little Superstar Danielle Han with her brother Joseph and Coco Gauff at the WTA Event in San Diego.



Below:

The Junior Program runs all year round and is lead by our experienced and qualified Coaching Team. We offer a free trial so if you'd like to come down or for more information please contact reception.





ADULT TENNIS

This month we wanted to highlight some of the lessons, clinics and teams we offer at Nellie Gail.

We are currently successfully running 7 PACSun, 3 Hill & Canyon and 2 Money League Adult Teams.

If you are looking for a high level player club with exceptional history in League then contact us to see how you can get involved.

Using are Team of expienced and qualified Coaches we offer a full range of lessons & clinics incuding:

- Drill

Team Practice (Members only)

- PACSun League Teams (Members only)

- Live Ball

- Ladder (Members only)

- Hill & Canyon League Teams

- Team Mixers (Members only)

- Find a Partner (Members only)

- USTA Leagues (Members only)



ADULT TENNIS CLINIC SCHEDULE

Come down and get involved in some of our most popular Adult Tennis Clinics!

LIVE BALL

Live Ball is a fast-paced, calorie burning, Doubles based work out.

LEVEL	SCHEDULE	TIME
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Monday - Friday	9am - 10.30am
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Saturday & Sunday	8.30am - 10am
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Tuesday & Thursday	6pm - 7.30pm
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Monday & Wednesday	5pm - 6.30pm

DRILLS

"Drill" clinics are run by our Team of experienced Coaches and are a resource for players who want to improve their skills technically & tactically.

We implement a range of drills in which we put players into different situations on the court and teach various shot intents to improve skillset.

LEVEL	SCHEDULE	TIME
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Friday	8.30am -10am
Beginner (Women only)	Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
Intermediate / Advanced (3.5+)	Saturday & Sunday	8am - 9.30am
Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced	Sunday	9.30am - 11am

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HOME SECURITY: PREPARING FOR PROTECTION

Written by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

Before we start on the topic of Home Security, it is important to note the recent discovery of a new single earthquake fault stretching from the coast of Dana Point to the cliffs of Palos Verdes. Previously believed to be an "aggregate fault" (composed of multiple different faults), Harvard scientists recently released a study identifying the single Palos Verdes Fault that is capable of a 7.8 earthquake (45 times larger than the 1994 Northridge quake). This is significant news as all of Orange County is in the middle of two parallel fault zones (San Andreas Fault, capable of an 8.3 earthquake and now, the Palos Verdes Fault). We have just doubled the need to be prepared.

often never arrive with the scammer now having your credit card or checking account information, and worse, if you have let them in, they will have important information about the interior of your home, such as the general layout, occupants, and the presence of alarm monitors.



Home security is of paramount importance, both in disaster and non-disaster scenarios. Those who have experienced property loss know the feeling of intrusion and violation. Our idyllic Nellie Gail Ranch has also been the target of several attempted and successful burglaries, including teams posing as housekeepers, gardeners, utility employees or other workers. These teams would walk up to homes with minimal cleaning supplies or trade tools in hand, and in official looking uniforms, enter through an unlocked door and ransack the home in 15-20 minutes before moving on to other homes. Fortunately, some of these teams were recently apprehended by local law enforcement, but other teams likely exist.

Another common tactic involves young adults/youths who are selling magazines and later ask to use your bathroom. The magazines you may order

During disasters or civil unrest, looting is commonplace. In studying the psychology of looting, John Pitts, a prominent criminologist, notes, "looting makes powerless people feel powerful." This power is "contagious" causing a cascade of others to desire that same power. The recent images of the local looting during demonstrations in Santa Monica and Los Angeles, and the devastations from natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy are all too vivid. Of particular interest was a discovery by local law enforcement that tweets by some of the looters were suggesting to "stop looting from your own. Go to the 'rich' areas." It is well known by criminals in this county that areas such as Nellie Gail Ranch, Coto De Caza and Newport Coast are some of these "rich" areas. Nellie Gail Ranch is commonly a preferred target due to its close proximity to the freeway.

Whether it be mass looters, organized but unsophisticated crime rings, or the lone individual who has selected your home for home invasion or burglary, the examples highlighted above should serve as a reminder of the importance of security and protection,

not only of our property but also for our families. The recommendations in this article will focus on general security in non-disaster situations, but these recommendations may also be applicable to situations of civil unrest or natural disasters.



Security Patrol. For several years, Nellie Gail Ranch has implemented a 24-hour private security patrol. Although this can be helpful in deterring crime, it is critically important that residents understand that our security patrol does not replace your diligence and responsibility in crime prevention or reporting. Criminals may be deterred by such patrols, but they also know that patrols have no law enforcement authority. Specifically, the Nellie Gail Security Patrol cannot arrest, apprehend, or detain individuals, nor can they investigate or determine if criminal activity has occurred. They will not be able to guard or protect you or your property; residents should have no expectation that these things will occur with security patrol. Instead, one can expect the patrols to act as an extra set of eyes and ears; they can call the sheriff's department if they observe suspicious activity or behavior.

Social media posts (Nextdoor, Facebook, Ring, etc.) often describe or question observed suspicious activity, and occasionally these posts seek the phone number to our private security patrol. Posting suspicious activity can be helpful at informing the community, but should be done after contacting the sheriff's department. Additionally, calling the home owners association office or the private security patrol to report suspicious activity only serves to delay law enforcement involvement and decreases the likelihood of successful investigation or apprehension of criminals.

Situational Awareness. Most important is for residents to maintain a level of situational awareness. This is where you take on a greater level of attentiveness to your surroundings. It is often helpful to think like a burglar or home invasion robber. Are you aware of the areas that make good hiding places on your property? Do you notice when unfamiliar vehicles are parked on your street? Have you noticed if someone has followed you home from the market or mall? These questions are not meant to cause fear but to alert you to inattentiveness. It is not uncommon for criminals to sit in their cars to get a feel for the activity on one's street; it is not uncommon for criminals to follow individuals home and enter your garage just after you pull in your car. Greater awareness of your surroundings is the first step to prevention of being a victim of criminal activity.



Locking Your Car. With the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014 and Proposition 57 in 2016, there has been a spike in theft of personal property. The propositions decreased the punishment for simple theft crimes. More recently, the Covid Pandemic and the subsequent inflationary economy has caused dramatic spikes in crime. One such crime is "car phishing", where an individual walks down a street, checking all car doors to see if any are unlocked. An unlocked car door usually results in the perpetrator getting wallets, purses, phones, computers, iPads, and even recently purchased merchandise. Additionally, they may also now have access to your garage (and home) via the remote garage door opener. Very simply, remove all valuables from sight (including your garage door opener) and lock all the doors of your car.

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Catalytic Converter Thefts. Theft of catalytic converters takes only a few minutes and has exponentially increased over the past several years. These can be worth several hundred dollars to thieves, and cost as much as \$3,000 to replace. The most common car models for catalytic converter theft is the Toyota Prius. Other common vehicles include Ford trucks, Honda Element, and Jeep Cherokees. In addition to parking your car in the garage, other steps to prevent catalytic converter theft includes: purchasing and installing a catalytic converter cage or cable, turning on your car alarm so that jacking up the car sets off the alarm, having motion-activated cameras and lights on your driveway, and even backing your vehicle as close to the garage door or wall as possible to limit the ability of a thief to jacking up your car.

Locking Doors and Windows. Although this sounds overly simplistic, according to FBI statistics, 22% of burglaries occur when the perpetrator enters through ground floor window. Additionally, 30% of home burglaries occur through an unlocked door. Even when your door is locked, most doors can be easily breached by kicking in the door. These doors can be reinforced and made 17-fold stronger for less than a dollar; strike plate screws (normally $\frac{3}{4}$ inches) should be replaced 3 inch screws (89¢ at Home Depot) that penetrate the door jamb and the adjacent stud (the strike plate is the metal plate in the door jamb that allows the door to latch and stay closed.) This simple, do-it-yourself fix will increase the strength of the door and make it less penetrable to forced entry. Another

common entry point is an open garage door. Make it a habit to close your garage door anytime you are not in the garage. Lastly, most burglars don't bring tools with them when breaking into your home. Don't leave your tools around the exterior that can help a burglar enter your home. This would include ladders, crow bars, gardening tools, sledgehammers, etc.

Lighting. A well-lit house lessens the chance of a burglar selecting your home to invade. Having your neighbors do the same exponentially lowers that risk. Exterior lights can be placed on inexpensive timers where the wall switch is replaced with a timer/switch (also available at Home Depot). These timers can be set to turn on and off at specific times, in addition to functioning as a regular light switch. Installation takes 10 minutes and can easily be done with basic home repair knowledge.

Shrubs. Our landscaping is often a source of pride for us. However, it is important to keep shrubs low so that criminals can't hide behind them while making entry through a window. Additionally, shrubs with thorns (roses, bougainvillea, etc.) make excellent shrubbery near windows as they serve as a deterrent as a hiding place. Lastly, keep in mind that shrubs or trees used to provide you privacy from your neighbors can also provide criminals sufficient privacy from your neighbors to enter your home



Home Alarms. Many of the homeowners in Nellie Gail have home alarm systems. Not surprisingly,

however, is that only 19% of homeowners actually set the alarm when not at home according to a national home alarm association. Unfortunately, criminals are also aware of this statistic. Certainly alarm company signs may provide some deterrence, but criminals often "test" to see if you have even set your alarm by jiggling doors or otherwise disrupting the door or window contacts. A common excuse for not setting the alarm is due to pets in the home. Fortunately, all reputable alarm manufacturers have adjustable motion or infrared detectors that can discern between a large dog and a human being. Inquire with your alarm company if this is one of your reasons for not setting the alarm.



Self Protection. Even within your home, one must always be prepared, as personal protection doesn't end at the front door. This can include learning self defense/martial arts (available and effective for all ages), having a "safe room" built into your home (using an interior walk-in closet with a solid core door and a deadbolt lock), understanding how to use common, everyday home items for self defense (fire extinguisher, tools, etc.), use of commercially available pepper spray, Electronic Control Devices (commonly known as "Tasers") or if properly trained, having a home protection firearm. The author acknowledges that controversy may exist with the concept of having a firearm in the home. The purpose of this article is to neither advocate nor dissuade various forms of self-protection, but to implore that all of the tools mentioned above, including firearms, can be excellent tools in your self-protection arsenal as long as you are properly trained and maintain proficiency in the use of these tools. An alarm system serves no purpose if you don't know how to use it properly. The same can be said of martial arts, pep-

per spray, firearms, or any other form of self-defense. Regardless of the form or forms of self-protection selected, one must also practice in order for self-protection to be effective. Learning karate 20 years ago with no practice in the meantime is of limited value.

More Information. Additional information on this topic can be obtained by our local law enforcement agency, the Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Specialist, as well as the Department of Homeland Security. The Crime Prevention Specialist can also assist in developing a "Neighborhood Watch" Program, should your neighbors decide on taking a more proactive approach. It is always best to prevent home burglaries, home invasions and other criminal activity. Your situational awareness and preparation are the cornerstones to such prevention.

Attention Nellie Gail Residents

Look in your email Inbox for announcements from the Nellie Gail Home Owners Association for upcoming Emergency Preparedness Educational Presentations that are open to all community members. We have previously provided a beta version of these classes with great success and interest from our residents.

About the Author: *Dr. Kenneth Cheng is a 24-year resident of Nellie Gail Ranch and a member of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC). He is also a volunteer deputy sheriff with the Sheriff's Department. Within the Sheriff's Department, he is a member of the SWAT team as a tactical physician, and he is a member of the Search and Rescue team as a High Angle Rope Rescue Technician. The opinions expressed by the author are his alone and do not represent the Nellie Gail Homeowner's Association, the EPC, or any specific law enforcement agency.*

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GALLUP PARK

PLAYGROUND SUB-COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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We have each Nellie Gail Ranch playground inspected twice per year and we have been replacing worn components as needed to extend the useful life. Before investing in replacement of additional worn components we felt it would be appropriate to evaluate the cost to replace the playground. 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 thought it would be best to invite some interested users of the equipment to participate in an evaluation and make a purposeful decision as to when the best time to replace it is and with what type of equipment.

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To make a long story short, the insurance company attempted to delay settlement of the little girl's injury claim. Many attorneys would have likely given the insurance company another opportunity to settle for the maximum insurance policy limit of \$250,000.00, but I was determined to obtain justice for this little girl. I was not going allow the insurance company play games with this poor family!

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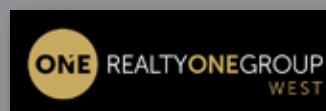
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By Karen Robbins

November is Veterans Day and November is Thanksgiving Day, and so when I sat to write about Team Darkhorse News — the topic of thankfulness could not be ignored! As most our community now knows, Team Darkhorse is the volunteer committee formed to generate community support for the Veterans, Marines, and families of our city's adopted 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Below is a recap of recent events this past summer made possible by our community of volunteers and donors alike, for which we and especially the Camp Pendleton Marines we serve, are thankful.

Gift cards for military spouse appreciation day:

As most of you know or can imagine, being a military spouse with children is often quite a challenge, as it involves long absences of one's partner, frequent moves, and often spartan circumstance. Team Darkhorse was pleased to be able to contribute gift cards to the annual spouse appreciation event held on base in June. In a Battalion of 1,000 Marines there are often 500 or more young spouses. If you would like to participate in this program, cards of any denomination are welcome, especially popular are Target, Walmart, Best Buy or any online store which sells family goods.

28 welcome baby baskets delivered to the Darkhorse Newborns!

Polly's Pies for the hungrey returning Marines:

Thanks to Polly's Pies and their generous customers we delivered 216 pies to Darkhorse Family Day, which was held immediately following the return of the Marines from a months long training event off base.

Fresh fruit for the weary:

Team Darkhorse brought and helped distribute fresh

fruit at the end of an intensive training event in the midst of our summer heat wave. This type of tangible community support builds morale among the young Marines because it feels "like home" to them.

Presence in our community:

The Command Team at the Battalion lets Marines know of volunteer opportunities in our city, to which the Command Team had been asked to attend. Memorial Day Weekend and July 4 are two such events. While the Marine volunteers call themselves — only partly in jest — "Voluntolds", it is also true that the Command Team tells us that the Marines who attend in support often return talking about how much fun they had, all the kind people they met, and how cute are the kids who come up to see the displays.

These volunteer Marines who give, without pay, of their limited free time, set a strong example of civic service for our youth. For them, we are grateful!

Marines of the quarter, and non-commissioned officers of the quarter are selected by the Commanding Officers:

According to the Marine Corps, "These programs were established to provide recognition to enlisted Marines, private through sergeant, who have demonstrated exceptional performance of duty. Lance Corporals and below will compete for recognition as the "Marine of the Quarter. Sergeants and corporals will compete for recognition as the "NCO of the Quarter."

While the Marine Corps awards and records these recognitions, there is no monetary bonus or gift given, nor is one expected. However, once official MC approval was given for the Marines to receive a gift of acknowledgement from us, 2014 Team Darkhorse Board established our program to do so. Each MOQ and NCOQ receives a gift check of \$150.00 (made possible

by our donors!), and a hand carved wooden box and pen (made possible and created by Orange Country Woodworkers Association). The awards are announced and gifts given at one of the Battalion's "Formations" during which the entire Battalion witnesses the honor earned through exceptional work.

Pictured below is our Board member Owen Litfin with MOQ LanceCorporal Luke J. Dutoit, and NCOQ Corporal Thomas B. Miller Jr. Of special note and fitting to this Veterans Day month is that Owen Litfin also served as an Infantry Marine - with 1st Division at Camp Pendleton during the Vietnam War. Owen was a recipient of a "Purple Heart " ribbon given to Marines wounded in combat. Owen is a modest man. He does not like special attention, but it seems appropriate to mention this today.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Please look for our Christmas Gift Collection Baskets this month and through December 15 when we take toys to the children for Christmas. Thank you all for being ever faithful to our adopted Marines!



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.

Holiday Toy Drive

For our
Dark Horse 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

Nov. 28th – Dec. 15th

Laguna Hills Team Darkhorse is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the younger children and gift cards for the teen aged children of our Darkhorse Marines. Donated toys and gift cards will go directly to the children of our 3/5 Marines at Camp Pendleton. For information or for pick up items you'd prefer not to leave in the box, please contact vanessakon@cox.net

Team Darkhorse Collection Sites:

- Nellie Gail HOA Office
- Big Bad Wolfe Ironworks
- Heidelberg Pastry Shop
- Laguna Hills Community Center
- Florence Sylvester Senior Center
- Team Darkhorse Toy Drive Trailer:
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We Served Bob Some Love

CONGRATULATIONS TO Tennis and Pickleball Director *Bob Hochstadter*

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On Wednesday, 9/28/22, members of the Board as well as Bob's family and friends had many words of appreciation and great memories to share. The Board presented

Bob with a Lifetime Membership to the Tennis & Pickleball Club, and Joani Eittreim and Millie Christie presented Bob with an honorary personalized plaque for Court 3.

Happy Retirement, Bob!





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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.

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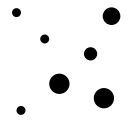
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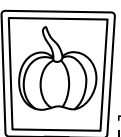
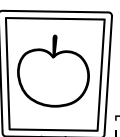
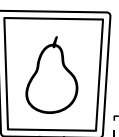
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3 TO 4 LARGE SWEET POTATOES PEELED AND CUBED
1/2 CUP MILK
1/4 CUP BROWN SUGAR, PACKED
1 TEASPOON PURE VANILLA EXTRACT
1/2 TEASPOON KOSHER SALT
2 LARGE EGGS

TOPPING:

1/2 CUP ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR, PACKED
1/2 STICK (4 TABLESPOONS) UNSALTED BUTTER,
MELTED
1/4 TEASPOON KOSHER SALT
3/4 CUP CHOPPED PECANS

PREPARATION

1. ADD 1 3/4 POUNDS PEELED AND CUBED SWEET POTATOES TO A LARGE POT OF SALTED WATER. BRING TO A BOIL, THEN LOWER THE HEAT TO A SIMMER AND COOK, 15 TO 20 MINUTES. DRAIN AND MASH THE SWEET POTATOES.
2. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 350 DEGREES F. BUTTER A 2-QUART BAKING DISH.
3. WHISK TOGETHER THE BUTTER, MASHED SWEET POTATOES, MILK, BROWN SUGAR, VANILLA, SALT AND EGGS IN A LARGE BOWL. TRANSFER TO THE PREPARED BAKING DISH.
4. COMBINE THE FLOUR, BROWN SUGAR, BUTTER AND SALT IN A MEDIUM BOWL UNTIL MOIST AND STIR. SPREAD THE MIXTURE OVER THE TOP OF THE SWEET POTATOES IN AN EVEN LAYER. BAKE UNTIL MOSTLY SET IN THE CENTER AND GOLDEN ON TOP, 25 TO 30 MINUTES. SERVE HOT.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7	8 ARC Meeting at 7:00pm	9	10	11 Veterans Day 	12
13	14	15 Board Meeting 7:30pm at Clubhouse	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 ARC consulting call HOA for appointments	23	24  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26
27	28	29 ARC Submittal Deadline for December 13th Meeting	30			

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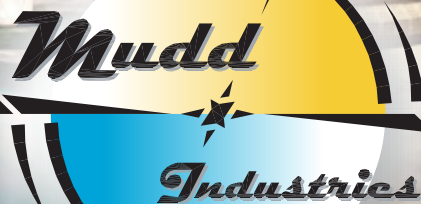




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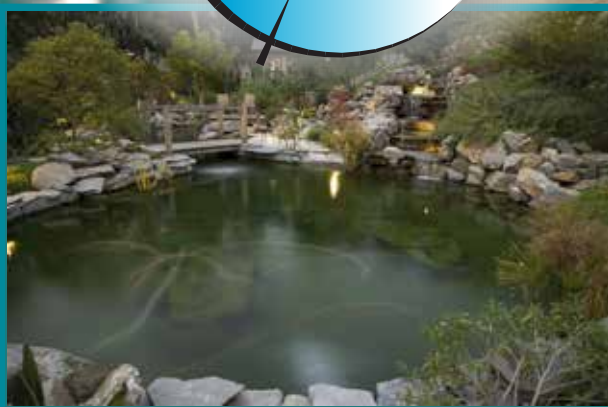
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