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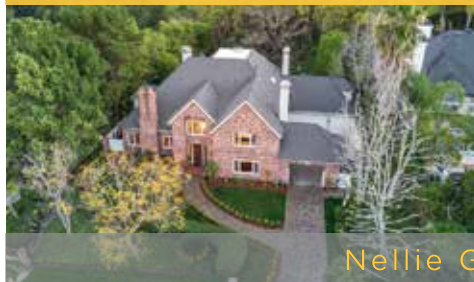


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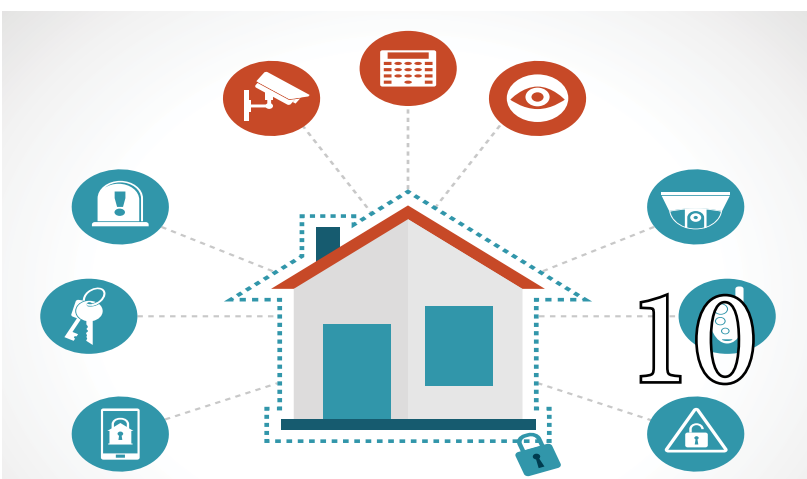


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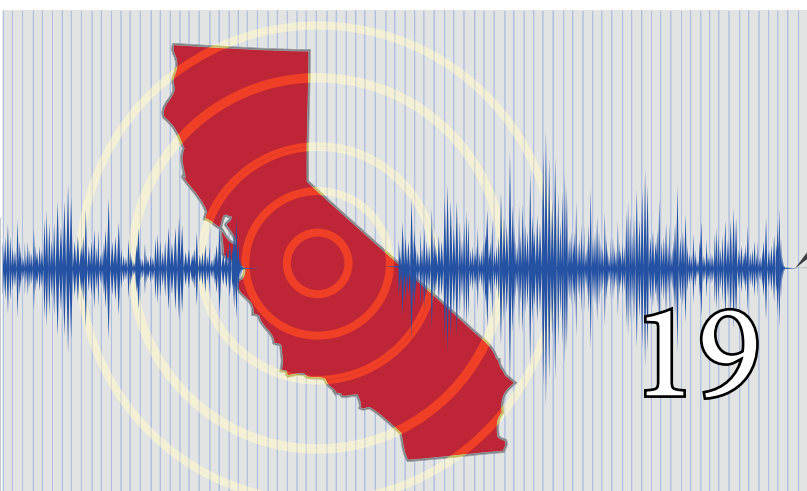
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or drop off at the Association Office.



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 **February 21, 2023** 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 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

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

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Emergency Preparedness Committee

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Landscape Committee

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MANAGERS MESSAGE

THE WATERING HOLE

By Brian Mitchell



The Watering Hole begins its fifth month of operations in February. We have been happy with the start and are very optimistic for the future. Like any new food and beverage service, we are learning a lot! We are learning what our membership likes to eat and drink and the day to day customer flow. We are also experimenting with hours as we learn the most favorable hours to be open.

We invite you to keep returning as we gain our service traction and develop fun programming for special events like the Super Bowl and heritage celebrations like St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Mayo. We also have much, much more in the planning stages.

The following are some interesting stats:

Beers Sold: 1,242

Wine Sold: 1,297

Mixed Drinks: 1,875

To date Food & Beverage sales are nearly equal at 51% and 49% respectively.

Our top food sales are Beef Sliders, Tacos, Coconut Shrimp, and Chicken Arugula with Quinoa Salad.

Modelo is our top selling beer brand but our IPA selections of 805, Elysian Firestone and Space Dust are popular choices as well. We also have Stella Artois Cidre which has proven to be a frequent choice of our patrons.

Our Raymond Collection Cabernet is our most frequently purchased wine with other top Paso Robles Cabernet selections being Austin Hope and Justin Isosceles. Meiomi Pinot Noir is popular as is our Butter Chardonnay. We have an eclectic selection of

wines available for your enjoyment.

When it comes to spirits, all things Margarita inclusive of Blue, Cadillac and Prickly Pear lead the way. Tito's has been the vodka of choice to date but our other category brands are pretty evenly divided according to patron preferences. And Espressos are definitely gaining traction.

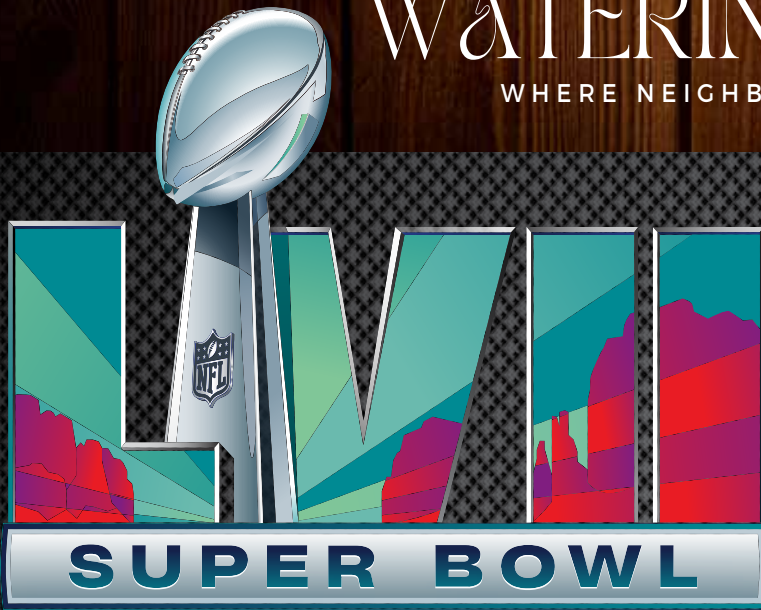
In the nineteen weeks of The Watering Hole existence we have witnessed what we had hoped to see, neighbors gathering with neighbors, new friendships being made and family events being celebrated. In December we also had an exciting opportunity to be part of the Laguna Hills Hawks 28-27 CIF State Championship Division 3-A Bowl Game win as we hosted the telecast. Parents and fans went wild watching the comeback win and we could not have been happier to witness it at The Watering Hole!!

We hope to see you again soon!



THE WATERING HOLE

WHERE NEIGHBORS GATHER



WATCH PARTY
SUN. FEB 12
Kickoff: 3:30pm



Eat, drink and
join your neighbors at
The Watering Hole for
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Bar Service Hours:

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kitchen Service Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Bar Service Hours:

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Kitchen Service Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bar Service Hours:

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Watering Hole may be reached at **949-524-0527**
Parties of seven or more are invited to call ahead for the best dining experience.

View our food and drink menu's at
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THE WATERING HOLE

WHERE NEIGHBORS GATHER

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

Electric Lavender Lemonade \$13

(Gin, lemonade, lavender simple syrup)

Seasonal Sour \$15

(Whiskey, citrus, sugar, seasonal fruit, egg white)

Suns Out, Guns Out \$15

(Gin, elderflower, mango puree, citrus)

El Pickle Ball \$16

(Tequila, Triple Sec, citrus, egg white, cucumber, cilantro, Tajin rim)

Lemon Lush \$16

(Vanilla Vodka, Limoncello, citrus, simple syrup, egg white)

Saffron Star \$18

(white Rum, pineapple and citrus, saffron-infused orgeat, egg white)

WINE

SPARKLING

Split of Veuve de Vernay Brut \$7
Saint Hillaire Brut G\$8 / Btl \$26
Gambino Prosecco G\$8 / Btl. \$26
Veuve Clicquot, Bottle Only \$98

WHITE

House Chardonnay G\$7 / Btl.\$23
Butter Chardonnay G\$10 / Btl. \$32
Lagaria Pinot Grigio G\$10 / Btl.\$32
Lloyd Chardonnay G\$16 / Btl. \$58

ROSE

Whispering Angel The Beach G\$10 / Btl.\$30

REDS

House Cabernet G\$7 / Btl.\$23
Cockburn Port G\$8 / Btl.\$24
Old Soul Zinfandel G\$9 / Btl.\$30
Caymus Conundrum G\$10 / Btl.\$24
Graves Bordeaux Blend G\$14 / Btl.\$45
Bell Glos Pinot Noir G\$16 / Btl.\$57
Austin Hope Cabernet G\$17 / Btl.\$60
Justin Isosceles Red Blend G\$25 / Btl.\$90
Jayson Cabernet, Bottle Only \$120

BEERS + SELTZERS

Stella Cider \$3
White Claw \$5
Coors Light \$6
Stella \$7
Mango Cart \$7

Heineken \$7
Sculpin \$7
Estrella \$8
Sofie \$8
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BONELESS PORK RIBS	12.95	ARTISAN CHEESE BOARD	24.95
GRILLED FISH TACOS (3)	13.95		

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SALADS

GREEK SALAD	11.95	GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	13.95
BLUE CHEESE WEDGE SALAD	12.95	<i>with parmesan and croutons</i>	
<i>with blue cheese crumbles, hard-boiled eggs, red onions, and bacon</i>		<i>(or add Salmon +\$10)</i>	
<i>(add Grilled Chicken Breast +\$4)</i>		ARUGULA AND QUINOA SALAD	14.95
		<i>with grilled chicken</i>	

ENTREES

CHEESEBURGER <i>with fries</i>	15.95	GRILLED 6oz SALMON	24.95
BUCATINI ALL'AMATRICIANA	18.95	<i>with mashed potatoes and vegetables</i>	
<i>with pancetta, diced tomatoes, garlic, shallots, parmesan (Vegetarian option available with basil, artichokes, mushrooms, caper, asparagus, and mozzarella)</i>		GRILLED 8oz PETIT FILET	28.95
		<i>with mashed potatoes and vegetables</i>	

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 10, 2023

The Submittal Deadline for the **March** ARC Meeting is: **February 28, 2023.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25042 Buckskin	Driveway	Approved with Conditions
25082 Anvil	Resubmittal hardscape, landscape	Approved with Conditions
25672 Pinto	Front & back landscape, hardscape	Denied
25691 Nellie Gail	Front landscape, hardscape	Approved with Conditions
25672 Rangewood	Roof & painting of barn	Approved
25442 Gallup	Completion extension	Approved
27431 Lost Trail	Patio cover/deck	Approved
25252 Derbyhill	Garage doors	Approved
&	Wire Fencing	Denied
25111 Mustang	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26182 Orville	Solar	Denied
26432 Broken Bit	New home construction	Denied
27752 Greenfield	Completion extension	Approved
25761 Dillon	Landscape	Denied
25411 Gallup	Roof	Approved

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.

KEEPING YOUR HOME SECURE

Home security is an important issue for homeowners, as it can provide peace of mind and protect against the loss of valuable possessions. One of the most effective ways to prevent burglaries is to make your home appear occupied, even when you're away. This can be achieved through the use of timers on lights and electronics, as well as by having a trusted friend or neighbor keep an eye on your property.



Another key aspect of home security is to physically secure your property. This includes installing deadbolts on all exterior doors, and using security cameras or alarm systems to deter potential burglars. It's also important to keep windows and doors locked, even when you're at home. Additionally, consider trimming back any bushes or trees near your windows to eliminate potential hiding places for burglars.

Finally, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to the authorities. This includes keeping an eye out for unfamiliar cars or individuals in your neighborhood, and being mindful of any door-to-door salespeople or solicitors. By working together with your neighbors and local law enforcement, you can help create a safer community and reduce the risk of burglaries in your area.

It's also important to remember that technology has a great role in home security, as well as smart home devices that can be controlled remotely, like smart locks, smart cameras, and smart alarms. These devices can provide additional layers of protection and allow you to keep an eye on your property even when you're away.





PROGRAMS:

✓ JUNIOR GUARD PREP PROGRAM:

Start: February 6, 2023
Registration opens: 1/1/2023

✓ SPRING SWIM TEAM:

Starts: April 10, 2023
Registration opens: 2/1/2023

✓ SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Start June 5, 2023
Registration opens 2/1/2023

✓ SUMMER SWIM LESSONS:

Start June 5, 2023
Registration opens 3/1/2023

✓ SUMMER SWIM TEAM:

Starts June 5, 2023
Registration opens 4/1/2023



THE NELLIE GAIL RANCH SECURITY COMMITTEE
invites you to join our community on

Thursday, FEBRUARY 16 @ 6PM

at Nellie Gail Ranch Association Clubhouse
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EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

WEATHER UPDATE & CENTER EVENT

The five weeks of December and January intermittent rain gave our Equestrian Center quite a challenge. Fortunately our staff and boarders and the horses were up to the challenge!

For those who may not be aware, we have a tarp for the Middle Arena that serves to keep the footing dry and rideable after each rain event. It's a full staff operation of both Equestrian Center staff and Hayden Clarke staff to cover and uncover and everyone has had a lot of exercise this rainy season.

Another challenge is to continue to feed and care for the horses during heavy rains. The manure carts get heavier, feed has to be kept dry, the ground is wet and slick. Our operations staff have worked to install pea gravel in low spots, divert runoff and re-grade after each rain. We are also mindful though of the blessing the rain is as we look up at the hills above the Equestrian Center and see them green and hopefully getting ready for a nice Spring bloom.

This month we also held our first Equestrian Tack Swap providing an opportunity for those with excess tack to offload some to others who need more. Twelve booths were set up with a wide variety of tack and there was a lot of trading/selling of tack amongst sellers. Attending homeowners got a chance to meet other equestrians in the community and were able to meet some of the Equestrian Center instructors and boarders as well. And as luck would have it, it was held on the first gorgeous sunny afternoon of the prior five weeks!





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TENNIS NEWS



USTA JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS SPRING 2023 - REGISTRATION OPEN

Nellie Gail is a strong participant in the USTA Junior Team Tennis League, competing in all age groups (U10, U12, U14 & U18).

Our Teams play against many other Teams in Orange County and are consistently ranked among the strongest teams in the Section.

Junior Team Tennis is a one of the most positive forms of competitive tennis and an experience the players remember forever.

If you would like some more information on how to get involved contact:

(949) 395-5297

Info@danapointtennis.com



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP FEES

Tennis - Swim - Pickleball

(Fees effective January 1, 2023)

Nellie Gail Ranch's facilities include 10 lighted tennis courts, 8 lighted pickleball courts (open play only), junior Olympic heated lap pool, zero-depth wading pool with water feature, large in-ground spa, and use of the clubhouse amenities, patio seating, and shower facilities. The club offers (for additional fees) private lessons by certified tennis and pickleball professionals and swim instructors, ball machine rental, racket repairs, restringing services, and camps/clinics.

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

For more information about the facilities, go to our website at nelliegailranch.org.

CLUB HOURS: MON-FRI SAT-SUN

Tennis Courts	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
Swimming Pool	6am - 10pm	6am - Dusk
Pickleball Courts	9am - 8pm	9am - Dusk

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

* Member must be present with Guest.

NOTE: Tennis Club Membership includes use of Pickleball Courts.

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

PICKLEBALL NEWS



NELLIE GAIL RANCH PICKLEBALL REPRESENTED WELL

Nellie Gail should be proud to have such great representation in Pickleball in tournaments around the country. Our players are doing their best to bring a positive reputation to Nellie Gail Ranch.

It's awesome that we have pros in Mary and Maggie Brascia doing so well, and Jamil Atcha (2022 5.0 National Mixed 50's champion) among other members winning or advancing far in big events such as the Margaritaville Nationals, West Regionals, Southwest Regionals, and USA Diamond National events.

Since then, more members have gained recognition for their successes. After winning the USA Southwest Regional Qualifier in Mesa, AZ, in March 2022, Sue Morgan, and her partner Annabelle Rogan, just won the 4.5 Women's 70's and 4.5 Mixed 70's with Grant Wyborny at the 2022 USA Pickleball Diamond Amateur Championship, in Daytona Beach, FL, which is the National Championship Series year end finale with a qualifying Golden Ticket to the Margaritaville Nationals next year.

Congratulations to all those who have represented Nellie Gail and those who have gained titles. With the amazing growth in pickleball nationally, the competition is getting tougher every year. We appreciate all your hard work and determination. Now, let's all continue to grow the sport and show what great talent Nellie Gail Ranch offers. See you outside "the kitchen!"

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SURVIVING THE EARTHQUAKE, STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Written by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

This is one article in a series written by your Emergency Preparedness Committee to help you prepare, be self-reliant and be of assistance to your neighbors in the event of a regional emergency. Every month we see and hear in the news of natural disasters (earthquakes, tornados, floods, and hurricanes) that should remind us of the importance of preparation. By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail (Benjamin Franklin).



The information provided is not meant to be exhaustive or complete, but instead is a good starting point in your planning process of preparation. These articles, and additional information, can also be accessed and downloaded through the Nellie Gail website (www.nelliegailranch.org) by signing in, clicking on the Resource Center tab, and opening the Emergency Preparedness Folder.

Last month we described the likelihood ("inevitable" according to the USGS) and possible magnitude (7-10 times stronger than Haiti) of an earthquake striking the Southern California area. Despite that devastation, earthquakes are very survivable with simple preparation. You can minimize the damage within your home and improve your chances of rescue and full recovery by taking some very simple steps. This month's focus will be an overview of what should be done BEFORE the earthquake occurs. The

Boy Scouts say it best in their motto, "Be Prepared." In order to minimize injury and inconvenience, we must prepare ourselves, our home and our community. Below are some basic, yet essential steps to becoming prepared.

Most of us have our water heater strapped to the wall, but are the straps sturdy and attached to studs? Water heaters weigh anywhere from 600 lbs to over 900 lbs. Check your water heater straps to make sure they can support this weight (the old “plumber’s tape” and nails are woefully inadequate.) This is important for several reasons: it lessens the chance of a gas leak and fire, it minimizes your chances of flooding from broken water pipes, and it preserves 75-100 gallons of usable drinking water should you need it. Water heater straps are available at any hardware store and can be easily installed with minimal effort. If you are not sure how to do this, a handyman can easily accomplish this in about an hour.

Attach a gas and water shut off tool on your gas meter and practice how to use it. Attaching it to the meter with a lightweight chain or thin cable is important so it won't get lost nor will you waste time searching for it through the mess and devastation in your garage while gas is leaking from your water heater (which is probably in your garage as well.) Practice shutting off your water from the meter (at the street) and/or from the entry point in your home (usually found at the base of your front yard hose bib.)

ALL unsecured items on your walls and shelves WILL BE on the floor. Most of our homes have a hallway or two with family pictures hanging on it. The floors in these hallways will be littered with broken glass. Secure your pictures (especially ones over or near your beds) so that they can't fall off. This is easily done by placing two or more finishing nails into the wall immediately above the frame of the hanging picture. These nails will prevent the picture from coming up

and unhooking from the picture hanger. Kitchens are also notorious for being extremely vulnerable to earthquakes. Contents from your cabinets and drawers will likely be on your floor, including food, cooking utensils, pots and pans, broken jars, etc. This can be minimized by having childproof locks on the cabinets. Yes, this is

inconvenient and most will not do this but at least consider this for lesser used cabinets and glass containing pantries. It is strongly recommended that the cabinets containing household chemicals (cleaning supplies, etc.) be childproofed as the chemicals can be hazardous by themselves, possibly fatal if mixed with other chemicals. The lock will prevent these chemicals from spilling and mixing with each other.

Tall furniture, book shelves and refrigerators should be attached to the studs behind them. Rescue teams have seen refrigerators that have "walked" from their location, travel 6 feet across the kitchen floor and take out large chunks from a granite countertop (Northridge Earthquake, magnitude 6.7, 1994.) These furniture attachment straps are easy to install and readily available at Home Depot or other hardware stores.

With all the broken glass described above, you should have closed-toed shoes under your bed (some also recommend that you store one of your emergency flashlights in these shoes so that it will always be nearby.) You do not want to be running down a dark hall in bare feet or slippers with broken shards of glass on the floor as one of the most common injuries from earthquakes is from victims cutting their feet on broken glass within their own home. Avoid the temptation of running to different rooms or running outside; FEMA research shows that most earthquake injuries happen when one is entering or exiting a structure.

Prepare by having adequate food, water and supplies. This is a whole topic in itself and will be thoroughly covered in a future article, but to summarize, one should have one gallon of water per person per day, canned or dried foods that require little or no preparation, and shelter (tents, tarps, blankets, etc.) in the event your home is uninhabitable.

AN EARTHQUAKE FAULT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD?



On Monday, April 23, 2012, a 3.9 earthquake stuck much of south Orange County. This quake's epicenter was located in Laguna Niguel (specifically near the corner of Crown Valley Parkway and La Paz). Most of the readers of the Pony Express won't remember this earthquake, and although no injuries or property damage occurred and having startled only a few residents, it definitely startled the geologic community. This small earthquake brought to light a little known "thrust" fault, the San Joaquin Hills fault. Thrust faults are difficult to identify because unlike the San Andreas Fault where the fracture of the earth's crust is visible and on the surface, thrust faults have fractures deep beneath the surface. One might ask, "Since these faults are under the surface, aren't they less dangerous?" Geologists feel that these blind thrust faults are likely more dangerous since their boundaries can't be identified. Geologists were not aware of the faults that caused the 6.7 magnitude Northridge Earthquake (1994) and the 6.0 magnitude Whittier Narrows Earthquake (1987) until the ground started shaking as both were caused by these blind thrust faults. We now know a blind thrust fault lies literally in our backyard. All the more reason to be prepared.

NEW EARTHQUAKE KIT OPTION

As many of you know, I have assembled a very extensive earthquake kit that should easily sustain my family in the event of an emergency. I chose to assemble my own (vs. purchasing a pre-made kit) because I could customize it and to insure that I had high quality items in my kit. All too often, pre-assembled kits cut costs by using inferior products

(and you certainly don't want inferior products when your life may depend on it.) Additionally, these kits often contain items that sound good, but are of limited usefulness. For these reasons, I have always directed our readers to sites to assemble your kit (using the previously published list of items for an earthquake kit), but I have not recommended pre-made earthquake kits.

Recently, I had a chance to evaluate a high quality, pre-assembled earthquake kit that made its debut at the Los Angeles County Fair. The company is actually a local Orange County company, Emergency Case (www.emergencycase.com). It should be noted that my evaluation below of Emergency Case is done so without their knowledge or input, and that this author and other members of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee have no financial interest in Emergency Case, nor do we receive any financial considerations from them.

Most impressive is that much thought went into developing this particular kit. The items in the kit are of high quality (including some Stanley-branded tools that I want to include in my current kit.) They have designed this emergency kit around five basic components: Food and Water, Shelter and Sleep, Advanced Medical, Tools and Safety, and Health and Hygiene. Each of these five components are packaged separately within the case and easily identified as such. These kits include a sleeping bag and bivouac sac, shelter/tent, water filter, head lamps and a number of items not found in the cheaper pre-made kits. Of particular interest to me was the Advanced Medical component. The supplies found here are more robust than your basic first aid kit. These "advanced" items include a SAM splint, hemostatic gauze, burn relief ointments, etc.

One of the inherent difficulties with pre-made kits is that one size doesn't fit all. Emergency Case addresses this by allowing you to purchase additional components based on your needs. One can purchase a "food vault" for additional food and water, and/or purchase a 2 person add-on kit (the standard kit accommodates a family of four). There are still items that one will need to add to have a fully ready emergency earthquake kit, but these items (toilet paper, eating utensils, etc.) are minor and not difficult to acquire.

The other impressive part of this case is the case itself. This is not a bucket or soft-sided bag; Emergency Case uses high quality, hard sided, waterproof cases that can be wheeled along much like luggage (in the event you need to move.) On their website is a video showing the ruggedness of their case. Another plus is that these cases are made in "rescue orange" for easy identification and are stackable in your garage.

In summary, this kit is ideal for the non-do-it-yourself individual but still desires a high quality, ready-made earthquake kit. It should be noted, however, that having even a high quality earthquake kit alone does not make you truly prepared. You will need to add knowledge; something that you will continue to receive from your Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee and these articles in the Pony Express. Future articles will address what to do DURING and AFTER an earthquake, as well as how to turn off

utilities, if necessary. As always, please feel free to contact us with your questions at the email emergencypreparedness@nelliegailranch.org.



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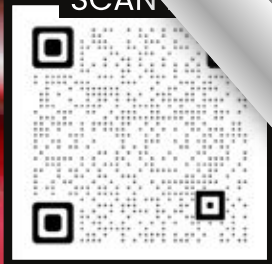
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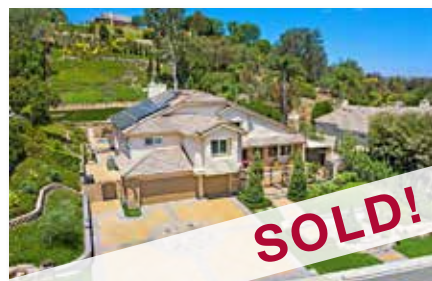
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Thursday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30 We invite you to learn about Illumination Foundation and the different opportunities to get involved with this organization. Dear neighbors, please join me for a glass of wine and appetizers to learn about how a local 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.

JOIN THE GLEAM TEAM,

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

WRITER NEEDED

Part-time • Pay: 15/hr - Job Description: Looking for a writer to transpose, co-author science fiction graphic novel intended for sixth grade and older audience. Looking to write 100-150 pages. Responsibilities: • Attend weekly zoom meeting to discuss progress • Write 2 to 3 pages or more each week • Email progress to author each week and take any notes from author • Keep track of hours worked Job Qualification: • High school Diploma or equivalent • Proficient in English • How to apply: Email bettsm15@gmail.com your name, contact information and when you are available to be contacted Provide a resume. Provide samples of writing (2-3 pages)

SAGE AND TIME WISE PERSONAL CONCIERGE

Do you often wish you had your own Personal Assistant to help with everyday, routine tasks which have become a burden? Need an extra hand for Home/Life organizing & decluttering, shopping/errands, online research/help, pet sitting, or just companionship? Sage and Time Wise Personal Concierge offers these and many more services, providing reliable, compassionate, & quality personalized help to ease your stress and free up your time! Contact me for a complimentary consultation: Donna @ 949-533-9420/

Donna@SageandTimeWise.com.

FRESH HONEY FOR SALE

Twelve oz jars of local honey at \$ 14.00 a jar. Contact Alberta at Hey Honey 949-646-2606. Also does backyard hives rescues and host hives, or can transport them to other pollen rich parts of OC.

LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

If you have a child, teenager, or emerging adult who is struggling with hurt, grief, anxiety, or any other burden that appears heavy on their heart, I am here to help. It is my desire to create a space for clients to feel safe and heard within the counseling room. I believe that deep healing and change occur through a genuine and honest relationship with a caring counselor. You are warmly welcomed here. Grant is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who specializes in working with teens and young adults. He's lived in Nellie Gail for the last six years and also serves as the Young Life Area Director for South Orange County. He'd love the opportunity to work with you and your family. Please call (714) 276-8957 for a free 15-minute consultation or visit www.grant-waggoner.clientsecure.me to schedule an appointment. Office is located in Dana Point. License: California / 125452

HEALTH

Qigong Energy Sessions

Energy medicine is a method of healing, self-transformation and energy optimization. I offer qigong energy sessions at my local residence in Nellie Gail. I have over 7 years of experience with many happy clients. For more information, please visit c2energymedicine.com. Rates, how to schedule a session and what to expect is explained on my website.

DOG TRAINING

Whether you have a puppy, rescue, or senior dog - we can help. Using the confidence method we build up your dog and your relationship. Free online consultations available. Nopawslikehome.com (949) 297-6848

DOGGIE DAY CARE

Retired couple will take care of your 4 legged friend at their home. Large yard with pool and Other dogs to play with. Loree 949 441 6526

FOR SALE

SWEETS DOODLES

Sweets Doodles is a Supreme Goldendoodle breeder in South Orange County. Breeding standard size goldendoodles, they range from 50-75 lbs (size is similar to a golden retriever). Our puppies are born at home with us and loved on by our family right from the beginning. They spend the first few weeks in their whelping box, monitored 24 hours a day. They experience a variety of stimuli, from classical music to exposure to other noise and tactile experiences. At four weeks they transition to the "romper room" style play pen and are handled by our family, start the training processes and explore their outside pen. Sweets Doodles puppies are professionally puppy trained from week 4-8 with a two year health warranty and lifetime support. To learn more about our breeding program go to www.sweetsdoodles.com. Call Mark at 949 228-4606 for more information. PUPPIES AVAILABLE THIS SPRING AND FALL!

BERNE DOODLE PUPPIES

Bernese Mountain Dog / Poodle mix. These F1B Bernedoodle's

are hypoallergenic and will not shed. They will be 40-60 lbs and stand about 24" when they are grown. They are a smart, athletic, playful, and yet mellow breed. I have 2 males available. You can see pictures at BernedoodlesByFaith.com or call Julie 925-389-6363 to meet them. The cost is \$5000/puppy.

FOR SALE - 4 BURIAL PLOTS

At Forest Lawn in Hollywood Hills. Family owned for decades. Very desirable location in the center of the park. \$48,000 for all four plots or \$12,000 each. Call or text Tom @ 949 887-0767

For Sale - Kawai Baby Grand Piano. Excellent condition but needs tuning. \$5,000 OBO Call or text Kathy @ 949 525-0492

HEALTH

CROSS TRAIN FOR TOTAL BODY WELLNESS

Cross train in your home at your convenience. Get in shape, inspired, encouraged and enjoy it!! Combo ballet barre (no experience needed), Pilates and stretch. Tone, lengthen and improve flexibility. Call or text Debra at 949-350-5411, email mcm623@cox.net or follow @debra.dance on Instagram.

NUTRITIONIST & PERSONAL TRAINER

Master your mind and body in the comfort of your own home. Functional weight training geared towards helping individuals achieve weight loss/muscle gain. Contact for more information! Iden Shahir at (949)633-5410 www.livefitwithiden.com Instagram: @livefitwithiden

SWIMMING LESSONS

Its never to early or late to learn how to swim or just to improve your skills. CPR and first aid certified, 2+ years of coaching experience and 12+ years of swim team and competitive water polo experience. High School senior, Nellie Gail resident. Text or call Donnie at 949-771-4044, water polo experience. High School senior, Nellie Gail resident. Text or call Donnie at 949-771-4044.

GET FITT WITH BRITT

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

PRIVATE YOGA LESSONS

Looking to expand your knowledge in yoga and would love to learn some yogic breathing techniques? I can help! With a 200hr Yoga Teacher Training certificate & 10+ years of experience I can help guide you through your yoga journey. After all, it's a lifestyle! \$80 per person for an hour long session. Contact me for more information! Brittney Trujillo at 714.234.7627

RENTALS

CARIBBEAN ISLAND VACATION RENTALS

On the beautiful Island of Roatan we have two incredible properties. Roatan is very safe, English speaking, easy to get to (approximately 6 hours of flight time and you can fly directly into Roatan). Flights range from \$475 to \$850 round

trip. The water is turquoise crystal clear and warm all year round. The scuba diving and snorkeling is first class. The two properties are 15 and 30 minutes from the airport. One property is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath, two story, 2500 square foot Villa right on the sand located on the BEST beach on the Island, West Bay Beach. It sleeps 8 comfortably. The second property is a beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath Casa (sleeps 6) with a Casita (large studio apartment that sleeps 2), pool and 400 foot dock on 1.5 acres of green lush landscape. It is not right on the water but you can see the water and it is only a 3 minute walk to our 400 foot two story dock that you can swim, snorkel, scuba, fish or just sit and watch the sunsets. You can rent one or both, Casa or Casita, depending on your group size. Please check out our website at www.roatanislandvacationrentals.com for more information, pictures, and pricing or call Debbie at 714-801-4257. Discount given to our Nellie Gail neighbors.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOST FAMILY - FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Open your heart and home to a French, Italian or Spanish exchange student this summer for just 3 weeks. Dear neighbors of Nellie Gail Ranch. We are looking for short-term Host Families from June 25th to July 16th and from July 17th till August the 7th. We have students from 13 to 17 years old, they are carefully screened and selected based on their motivation, maturity, and passion to learn about American culture, they come with their own pocket money for personal expenses and medical and liability insurance. By hosting a student, you will fulfill a young kid dream of coming to the USA and show the best of our culture with them. Stipend is available! Will this be the summer you host an exchange student? Contact me at alex@oui-connect.com 415-395-6160.

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Consistent with Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association By-Laws Article VI, Section 1, the Board of Directors will be appointing a Nominating Committee at the February 21, 2023 Board Meeting. This letter is a solicitation for Nominating Committee candidates. If you have an interest in serving, please complete the below form and return by 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2022. Attached is the adopted Charter that describes Nominating Committee responsibilities.

Application for Nominating Committee Appointment

I wish to be considered for appointment to the Nominating Committee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: (W) _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

E-mail: _____

If appointed I pledge to do my best for the benefit of the Association as a whole and will abide by the Committee Charter, Election Rules and Procedures, Bylaws and applicable California laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may submit your application and request for appointment to the Association Clubhouse office or send by e-mail to admin@nelliegailranch.org.



Nominating Committee Charter

Purpose

The Nominating Committee ("Committee") shall solicit and recommend candidates to fill vacancies for election to the Board of Directors of not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled.

Committee Function

1. The Committee shall be comprised of a chair person, who shall also be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more Members of the Association appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. Members of the Committee shall not also be candidates for election to the Board of Directors (during their time of service on the Nominating Committee).
3. Members of the Committee shall be in "good standing" with the Association. A member who is not in "good standing" for purposes of this Committee shall mean that the Member is more than ninety (90) days late in the payment of assessments to the Association, is currently in violation of the Association's governing documents which remains unaddressed for more than thirty (30) days following notice of the violation, and/or is currently, or within the past three (3) years, has been in litigation with the Association in which the Association was the prevailing party.
4. The Committee shall solicit and recommend candidates to fill vacant positions to the Board of Directors of not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled.
5. Nominations to fill vacant positions to the Board of Directors shall consist of qualified Members who are in "good standing" with the Association as outlined above.
6. The Committee shall determine whether any and all candidates meet the qualifications for candidates as set forth in the Election Rules.
7. Nominations shall be made by the Nominating Committee prior to a ballot printing deadline to be set annually by the Board of Directors.
8. Quorum for each Committee meeting is established by the attendance of at least a majority of the Committee members.

Budget Allocation

There is no budget associated with Nominating Committee functions.

Term of Office

The Board of Directors makes Committee Member appointments annually.

Adopted February 21, 2017



**SOLICITATION FOR BOARD CANDIDATES AND
NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
(NOTICE DATE FEBRUARY 3, 2023)**

Annual Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Location: 25281 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Registration & Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Solicitation For Board Candidates:

The Association is soliciting candidates for the upcoming 2023 Board of Directors election to be held on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**. Candidate applications must be received by the Association by 6:00 p.m. March 23, 2023 to be nominated and listed on the pre-ballot notice that will be posted prior to April 1, 2023. The pre-ballot notice will include all names that will be included on the ballot to be mailed by April 29, 2023.

Candidates whose nominations are received after March 23, 2023 may still run for election but will not be included on the ballot.

1. Subject to Civil Code §5105, all Candidates for the Board must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. The Candidate must be an Owner. If title to a separate interest is held by a legal entity, such entity may appoint a natural person to serve or vote on such entity's behalf by delivering evidence of an appropriate written appointment to the Association;
 - b. The Candidate must be current in the payment of all regular and special assessments. For the purposes of these election rules, "current" means no regular or special assessment is past due by more than thirty (30) days, or such period of time as is specifically defined in the Association's collection policy;
 - c. The Candidate may not hold a joint ownership interest in the same separate interest as any other candidate or incumbent director; and
 - d. The Candidate is not eligible to run if the Association is aware or becomes aware of a past criminal conviction that would, if the Candidate were elected, either prevent the Association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code §5806 or terminate the Association's existing fidelity bond coverage.

Additional information regarding the Associations Election Rules and Procedures is provided in the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association Election Rules adopted November 19, 2019 and are available on-line at nelliegailranch.org or by request to admin@nelliegailranch.org.

Notice of Board of Directors Election

The Annual Meeting of the Members and Election of Board of Directors is set for **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Nellie Gail Ranch Clubhouse at 25281 Empty Saddle Drive, Laguna Hills, CA. In order to achieve quorum, at least fifty percent (50%) of the Homeowners

(i.e. 704 out of 1407 members) must vote. In the event that less than 50% of the membership participate in the Annual Meeting, either by returning their ballot or appearing in person, then those in attendance may adjourn the meeting to a date not less than 5 nor more than 30 days thereafter, and the quorum at such adjourned meeting shall be lowered to twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e. 352 out of 1407 members). The Reconvened Election meeting date, if necessary, will be **Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm** at the same location.

This year two (2) seats are up for election. The pre-ballot notice listing candidate names to be included on the ballot will be posted prior to April 1, 2023. Check the May 2023 issue of The Pony Express for candidate bios and information. For any questions regarding the Annual Meeting and Election of Board Directors, please call the Association office at (949) 425-1477.



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE RESUMÉ / NOMINATION APPLICATION

The Association is soliciting candidates for the upcoming 2023 Board of Directors election to be held on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023**. Candidate applications must be received by the Association by Thursday, March 23, 2023 to be nominated and listed on the pre-ballot notice that will be posted prior to April 1, 2023. The pre-ballot notice will include all names that will be included on the ballot to be mailed by April 30, 2023. Please provide a full face, digital photograph to be published in the May 2023 issue of The Pony Express. Below word totals per category may be adjusted by candidate, however, the total statement may not exceed 350 words. Please return this application by mail to 25211 Empty Saddle Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653 or e-mail to the Association's office at admin@nelliegailranch.org. Attention: Nominating Committee.

Property Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____ Homeowner Since: _____ (year)

Current Occupation or Occupation at time of Retirement: _____

Civic Activities – Organizations, Positions, Etc. (50 words or less): _____

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities – Organizations, Positions, Etc. (50 words or less): _____

Biographical Information (100 words or less): _____

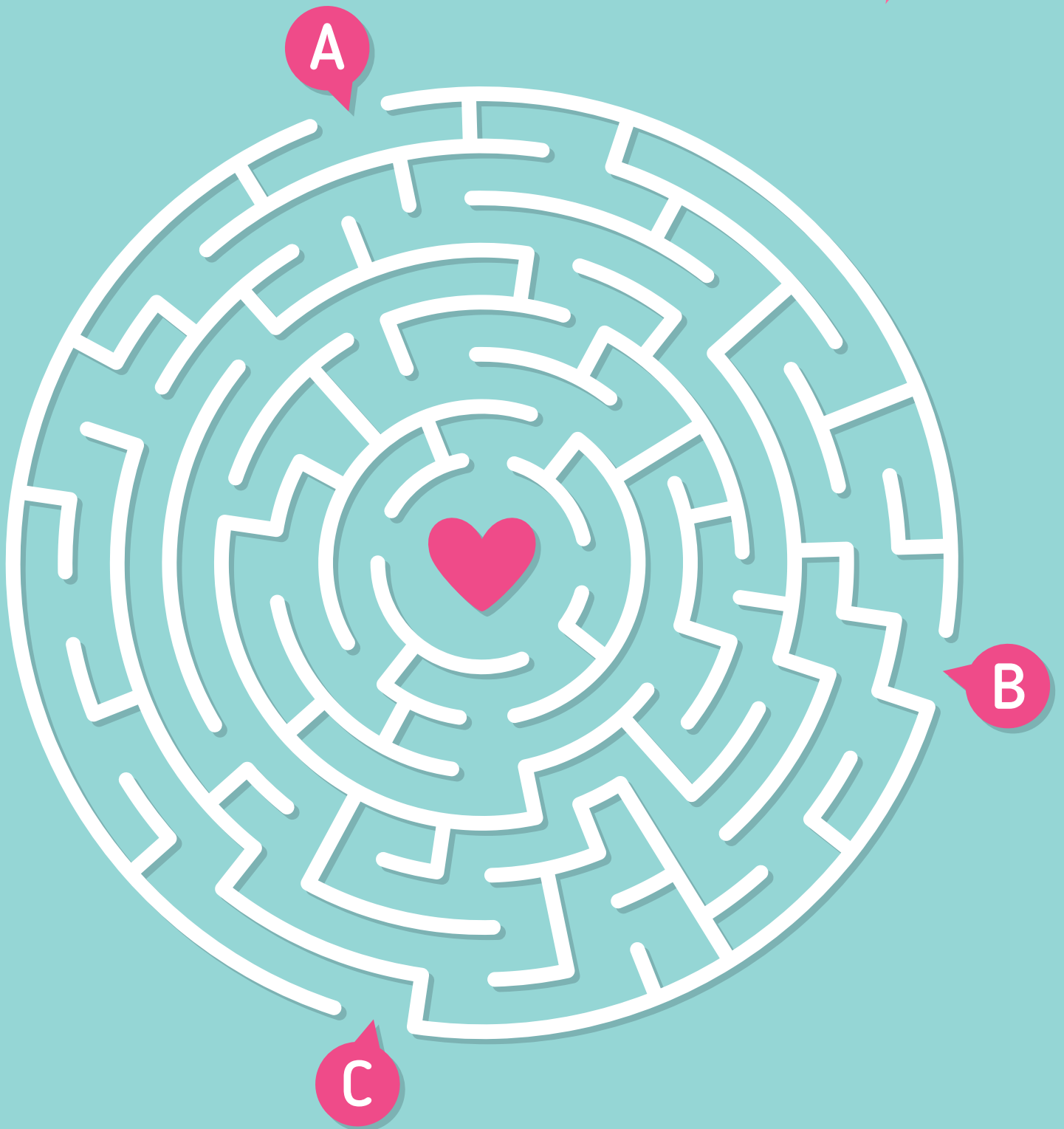
Statement – Why do you want to serve on the Board (150 words or less): _____

If elected I pledge to do my best for the benefit of the Association as a whole and will abide by and enforce the Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and CC&R's, Architectural Guidelines, published policies and all applicable California and Federal Laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THE PUZZLE PADDOCK

Find your way to my Heart 



RANCH RECIPE



VALENTINE'S PASTA

INGREDIENTS:

1. 1 LB. SHORT TUBE PASTA (SUCH AS PACCHERI OR RIGATONI) - ADD SALT
2. 8 TBSP. UNSALTED BUTTER, CUT INTO PIECES, DIVIDED
3. 1 SMALL REGULAR LEMON, THINLY SLICED INTO ROUNDS, REMOVE SEEDS
4. 1 OZ. PARMESAN, ADD EXTRA AT SERVING
5. SPLASH OF BLACK PEPPER

PREPARATION:


1. COOK PASTA IN A POT OF BOILING WATER, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY, UNTIL VERY AL DENTE,
2. HEAT HALF OF THE BUTTER IN A LARGE POT OVER MEDIUM UNTIL MELTED. ADD LEMON SLICES AND COOK.

3. ADD 1½ CUPS PASTA COOKING LIQUID TO BUTTER SAUCE. ADD REMAINING BUTTER A PIECE AT A TIME, WHISKING UNTIL EACH PIECE IS INCORPORATED UNTIL THE SAUCE IS EMULSIFIED AND CREAMY.

4. DRAIN PASTA AND ADD TO SAUCE. COOK AND STIRRING OFTEN AND ADDING 1 OZ. PARMESAN UNTIL CHEESE IS MELTED AND SAUCE IS CREAMY AND CLINGS TO PASTA. ADD MORE PASTA COOKING LIQUID 1-2 TBSP. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND SPRINKLE PEPPER (ABOUT 2 TSP.); TOSS PASTA MORE.

5. SERVE PASTA TOPPED WITH RESERVED LEMON ROUNDS AND MORE PARMESAN.

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Super Bowl Watch Party @ The Watering Hole	16	14 ARC Meeting at 6:00pm Valentine's Day 	15	16 Crime Prevention Workshop @ Association Clubhouse at 6pm	17	18
19	20 NGR Office Closed 	21 Board Meeting 7:30pm at Clubhouse	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 ARC Submittal Deadline for March 14th Meeting				



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2022 SALES HIGHLIGHTS IN NELLIE GAIL RANCH

BY THE BRAD FELDMAN GROUP



NELLIE GAIL RANCH
TOTAL SALES

12



AVERAGE
SALE PRICE

\$2,839,000



AVERAGE
SALE PRICE/LIST PRICE RATIO

102%

KIND WORDS FROM A HAPPY CLIENT

"We have bought and sold a number of homes across multiple states, and I can honestly say that Brad and his team are the best we have ever worked with. From their knowledge of Nellie Gail and the broader market, to their strategy and negotiation skills, to their extraordinary level of service, they are true professionals. We needed to navigate a difficult, changing market and numerous issues to complete the sale of our home, and they went above and beyond over and over again. Jacci led our sale, and she could not have been more pleasant nor more responsive. I could not recommend them any more highly."

— Five-Star Zillow Review

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