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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 April 19, 2022 and will be held live in the Association Clubhouse.

Board Meeting April 19, 2022

Executive Session - 6:00 pm
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

By Loree Blough



I have been reflecting on what it means to be a Board Member. I am writing this to give homeowners who are not involved, a sense for how things are run at Nellie Gail Ranch in hopes that I can make people feel good about how our association is being run.

We have had 105 new homeowners move into our wonderful community the past 14 months which is a turnover of 7.5%.

Nellie Gail Ranch encompasses approximately 1,350 acres with 1,407 homes. There are ten entrances. We have 25 miles of trails, seven equestrian arenas, five parks, 96 horse stalls, ten tennis courts, eight pickleball courts & four basketball courts, a lap pool, kiddie pool & jacuzzi. We have two clubhouses, park benches, miles of fencing, playground equipment, well I think you get the idea. This is a large community with lots of moving pieces!

The basic commitment to be a Board Member is a once-a-month meeting consisting of an executive & open session. In executive session we discuss things like payroll, employee issues, homeowner disputes & contracts. Everything else is discussed in open session so that homeowners can understand & hear who votes which way & why. I have seen meeting time ranges from as little as an hour to as much as 9 ½ hours. Prior to the Board meetings the members receive the BOD packet which we study so that they are prepared to discuss items at the meeting.

Sometimes we must call emergency meetings when there are emergency issues that need immediate attention. In-between meetings, we get emails & phone calls from homeowners wishing to discuss things that arise that they want clarity on. Every situation has multiple viewpoints and it is often difficult to remove personal feelings and to just "quote the rules".

We also negotiate contracts with all suppliers & vendors. Large contracts are competitively bid out & then the bids are analyzed to be sure we are comparing apples to apples. Checks are signed weekly by two board members. We continuously look at the budget & reserves to be sure that we are not overspending. An independent analyst

comes in every year & puts a life expectancy on nearly every item owned by NGR. They then put a replacement cost to each item & determine the amount of money that should be set aside so that when the item reaches the end of its life there will be money in the bank to replace it without the need of special assessments from the homeowners. This is an area that is often not regularly funded by other HOA Boards. It is an easy area to skip as people don't usually understand the reserves and therefore do not watch them. Your NGR Board of Directors have a history of properly funding the reserves. I am proud that we are 98.2% funded in our reserves!! This high of a number is practically unheard of!

Director's messages need to be written each month. It is difficult to come up with a pertinent new topic monthly.

As BOD members we often split into smaller sub committees and volunteer to take on special projects that we think will benefit the community. Some past projects have been solar panel installation at the clubhouse (approximately \$96,000 savings since December 2012), variable speed pumps at the pool to cut energy costs, light bulb changes, the design of welcome packets for our new neighbors, the refresh of the clubhouse, obtaining a liquor license, cabanas & heaters at the pool, conversion of two tennis courts into pickleball courts, increased income from the cell providers that lease space on our cell tower. We just approved the purchase of software that will allow us to track every tree in Nellie Gail. What size it is, what type, it's overall health & a schedule for trimming. This will allow future boards to budget properly & to keep Nellie Gail Ranch trees looking great! We try to have at least one BOD member at every event! The license plate cameras are also a new addition to our community.

We study the violation reports & conduct meetings with homeowners that are not properly maintaining their property or not paying their dues.

We work with & often serve on our wonderful Nellie Gail Ranch Committees. We fund & plan the concerts, easter egg hunts, Christmas events, wine tastings, pickleball, tennis & swim tournaments & shows. We debate if new events will be worthwhile like last years "Pets on Parade" & the Luau we are planning for this July.

The BOD does our best to balance individual neighbors wants against what is best for the entire community. Sometimes the decisions are not ours

to make like when state or federal laws change and permit things in our community that we don't think are a benefit to Nellie Gail Ranch. Believe me that is as frustrating for us as it is for all our homeowners!

Any time you try to do something new or different some people are happy & some are not. Serving on the Board is a volunteer position and each of us tries our best to make decisions that benefit the most people possible.

While serving on the Board is difficult it is also very rewarding! I have met some wonderful people who I am proud to call new friends & really enjoy watching people have fun at our events!

So welcome to all our new neighbors! I hope that you will participate in some or all our wonderful events & use our facilities. I have had a chance to meet some of you. I really enjoy meeting new people and hearing stories of what brought you here. If you haven't taken a tour please reach out to management at admin@nelliegailranch.org or call the office at 949-425-1477. We have a welcome gift for you!

See ya around the Ranch!

A poster for the Summer Concert Series 2022. The background is light blue with green palm leaves and white musical notes. The text is as follows:

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the
Architectural Review Committee on March 8th, 2022

The Submittal Deadline for the May ARC Meeting is: **April 29, 2022.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25492 Rapid Falls	Painting	Denied
25652 Pinto	Windows	Approved with Conditions
27041 Hidden Trail	Landscape	Denied
24991 Nellie Gail	Addition to house, solar, painting	Approved with Conditions
24802 Buckboard	Roof	Denied
25072 Buckskin	Re-submittal addition	Approved
27462 Hidden Trail	Gate & fencing	Denied
25662 Dillon	Shed	Approved with Conditions
26112 Hitching Rail	Patio	Approved with Conditions
25781 Highplains	Deck	Approved with Conditions
25941 Rapid Falls	Ground solar	Approved with Conditions
25662 Pinto	Re-submittal shed	Denied
26601 Stetson	Landscape/Hardscape	Approved with Conditions
25261 Derbyhill	Garage door	Approved
27441 Maverick	House addition	Denied
27102 Hidden Trail	Satellite dis	Approved with Conditions
26461 Broken Bit	Driveway	Approved with Conditions
24961 Nellie Gail	Solar	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.

Welcome to Nellie Gail Ranch

New Residents as of 03/01/2022

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MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Mark Fisk
Joyce Taylor
Paul Holland
John Park
Loree Blough

MANAGEMENT

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

II. HOMEOWNER FORUM

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

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The regularly scheduled Executive Session meeting was held on January 18, 2022.

Actions taken include:

- Approval of the November 16, 2021 and December 14, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- Reviewed the January 2022 legal report
- Brief contract discussion with Bob Hochstadter of Chip and Charge regarding changes pending October 2022.
- Approved draft trail easements for Tract 9294 Lot 188 and 189.
- Approved contract with The Ballot Box to provide Inspector of Election Services for the Jun 2022 annual meeting.
- Approved DISH Network cell tower co-location subject to a Crown Castle sixth amendment.
- Tabled asphalt proposal at the Equestrian Center
- Approved agreement with Shear Construction for

vanity pony wall and tile modification.

- Approved bar cabinet shop drawings and dimensions.
- Reviewed and filed the delinquency reports.
- Reviewed and filed the Violation Report.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Blough

Second: Taylor

Resolution: To approve Consent Calendar resolutions for agenda items IV-A through IV-C.

The motion carried with John Park abstaining regarding the minutes as he was not present.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated January 18, 2022 as presented

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 31, 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution: To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated December 31, 2021, reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,476,922 in reserve funds, \$1,783,334 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$635,789 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,904,446.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$873,973 compared to the budgeted \$682,944.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$1,302,994 compared to the budgeted \$1,108,321.

The Consolidated Net Decrease for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is (\$43,313) compared to the budgeted decrease of (\$296,937). Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for

depreciation is \$303,192 compared to the budgeted of (\$91,008). Year to date reserve funding is \$127,444 compared to a budget of \$117,752. The variance is reserve interest income.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 2020 TAX RETURNS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Resolution: To approve the 2020 tax returns for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

End of Consent Calendar

V. OLD BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Motion: Blough

Second: Taylor

Resolution: To appoint Mark Cross, Samuel Nielson and Paul Holland to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2022 election.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 2022 BALLOT MEASURE FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO CONTINUE / DISCONTINUE 24-HOUR MOBILE PATROL SERVICES

Motion: Park

Second: Blough

Resolution: To approve a ballot measure to be voted on by the membership June 1, 2022 confirming a preference to continue or discontinue the 24-Hour Mobile Patrol Service.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF WAGON WHEEL TURF RENOVATION

Motion: Blough

Second: Fisk

Resolution: To approve a Wagon Wheel cul-de-sac island landscape project with Sunset Landscape and

Boulder Earthwork at a cost of \$20,945 to upgrade the turf, add a bench, trash container and pet waste dispenser.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. CONSIDERATION OF EVENT SCHEDULING DIRECTION TO EVENTS COMMITTEE

Resolution: Direction to the Events Committee regarding scheduling of the following events:

- Snow Day - cancelled
- St. Patrick's Day - cancelled
- Watering Hole Soft Open – Pending
- Watering Hole Grand Opening – Pending

The motion carried unanimously.

E. CONSIDERATION OF CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP SCHEDULING

Direction to Management – Schedule a Crime Prevention workshop mid-March with the OC Sheriff presenting and in coordination with the Security Committee.

VII. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board:

Architectural Review, Community Events, Emergency Preparedness, Equestrian Center, Equestrian Committee Meeting Recaps, Landscape - Sunset, Solar, Swim Center, Tennis/Pickleball Center, Trails / Common Area and Trails & Safety Committee Meeting Recap.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Open Session Board of Directors meeting is on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Welcome our New Team Members



EQUESTRIAN CENTER MANAGER
NIKKI GARCIA

Married to the love of my life, Eddie Garcia who is an active-duty US Marine stationed in Miramar Marine Corps Base. I have B.A. in Equine Studies Degree from Virginia Intermont College (1997-2002). I have been riding horses since I was 6 years old and competing in horse shows in Hunters and Equitation and Show jumping. I have owned horses almost my entire life and I currently have a 6 yo SF gelding named Fly de la Gaiete, who is in Nouakchott Mauritania but will hopefully be here in California in the near future at NGR. We relocated to the USA in January 2022 from Nouakchott, Mauritania where we spent 18 months and prior to that we lived in Helsinki, Finland.

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COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
DAVID DELAMORA

David Delamora our new communications coordinator has an extensive background in graphic design, social media management and photography. David graduated from Brooks College Long Beach with a degree in Art and Design. On his time off, David enjoys spending time with family, playing sports and visiting new restaurants.

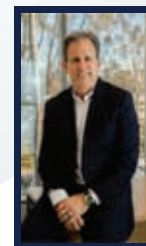
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ELECTION RULES

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

REVISED ELECTION RULES ADOPTED 03-15-2022

The following Election Rules were adopted by the Board effective March 15, 2022. The revisions confirm that a Candidate Registration list will be maintained and that election records will be maintained as an association record for such period as required by law. Both revisions make the Election Rules compliant with new California Civil Code.

1. Application of Rules: These rules shall apply to any meeting of the membership or solicitation of membership approval by a ballot vote (i) regarding matters specified in California Civil Code Section 5100(a), and (ii) any other matter unless the Association's Board of Directors has elected to conduct such vote or solicit such member approval for such other matter in accordance with California Corporations Code Section 7513, in which case the provisions of (A) Corporations Code Section 7513, (B) the Association's Bylaws, and (C) other applicable provisions of the California Corporations Code will apply to the exclusion of these Election Rules and Procedures. The Election Rules contained herein are intended to be in compliance with Civil Code Section 5100 et seq., and should be interpreted as such.

2. Membership Voting: Pursuant to the Association's governing documents, every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessments by the Association shall be a Member of the Association. Each Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be cast at the Lot owners determine among themselves, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

3. Record Dates: In the absence of a specific resolution of the Board for any given election, the record date for determining the right of a Member to receive notice and to vote shall be the date that ballots are distributed, and shall include all separate interests reflected in the Association membership list as of such record date. Members may verify and update their individual information contained in the Association's records anytime up to the date ballots are distributed, and are encouraged to review their personal information by the deadline set for submitting nominations of candidates to ensure Members review their personal information at least thirty (30) days before the ballots are mailed. The voter list shall include for each separate interest: (1) name; (2) voting power; (3) the separate interest address, parcel number or both; and (4) the mailing address, if different. The voting period shall start when ballots are distributed and shall close when the ballots are counted. The polls shall close for any Member vote as specified in the ballot materials or as determined by the Inspector(s) of Election at any Member meeting.

4. Candidate Qualifications: The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of five (5) Directors. The term of office of each Director shall be two (2) years. The term of office for a Director who is appointed or elected to fill a vacancy created by resignation, death, removal or judicial adjudication of mental incompetence shall be the balance of the unserved term of his or her predecessor. 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.

5. Director Requirements: To remain qualified to serve on the Board of Directors, an Owner who has been elected to the Board of Directors must:

- a. Be current in the payment of all regular and special assessments;
- b. Comply with all state and federal labor laws with respect to board members, committee members, vendors, the property manager and staff, and any other persons associated with or retained by the Association.

6. Nominations: Nomination for election to the Board may be made from any qualified Member. Any Member may nominate themselves as a candidate. Every qualified Member returning a candidacy form by the deadline established in any candidate solicitation shall be included on the ballot and in any associated ballot materials. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

7. Ballot Distribution: A ballot shall be distributed to every Member reflected in the Association membership list on the date that ballots are distributed. Replacement ballots will be provided upon request to anyone who was a Member as of the date when ballots were distributed. The Association shall not deny a ballot to a person with general power of attorney for a Member. A ballot submitted by a person with general power of attorney for a Member, if valid and returned by the applicable deadline, shall be counted by the Association. At least thirty (30) days prior to any election, the Inspector(s) of Election shall deliver or cause to be delivered a ballot to each Member reflected on the voting list, along with a copy of these election rules. Delivery of these election rules may be accomplished by posting them on an internet website and including the corresponding internet website address, in at least 12 point font, the phrase: "The rules governing this election may be found here:".

8. Ballot Materials: Every Candidate and Member shall have equal access to the Association mailings, newsletters, and website during a campaign, if any such access is provided, for the publication of viewpoints reasonably related to any issue presented for membership vote.

- a. Content: The Association does not edit or redact any content provided by a Candidate or Member. The Candidate or Member creating such content, and not the Association, is responsible for any published statement.
- b. Limitation on Publication Space Made Available: So long as each Candidate and/or Member is provided the same opportunities for publication, the Association may restrict the availability of any publication by limiting the printing space made available or the number of words that will be included from each Candidate or Member included in the publication. In the absence of more restrictive limitations adopted by the Board for any particular matter, each Candidate and/or Member shall be limited to no more than 350 words for any one publication. The Board may, in its sole discretion, present a candidacy questionnaire with questions for all interested Candidates and/or Members to complete. If such a questionnaire is provided, then the Association will only print the answers to such questions and may impose a limitation upon the number of words for the response to any question presented.

9. Proxies: Proxies are not permitted.

10. Availability of Meeting Space: Access to common area meeting space shall be made equally available, at no cost, to all Candidates and/or Members desiring to use such space for any reason reasonably related to a membership vote. The Association may meet the requirements of this section by hosting a "Meet the Candidates Night", or other such special meeting, so long as every Candidate and/or Member is provided with an equal opportunity to participate in the event.

ELECTION RULES • CONTINUED

11. Candidate Registration List: Pursuant to civil code the name and address of every candidate shall be maintained on a Candidate Registration List and retained with election materials for such period as is required by law.

12. Inspector(s) of Election: Prior to the presentation of any issue to the Members for a membership vote, the Board may appoint one (1) or three (3) Inspector(s) of Election. In the absence of a specific appointment by the Board, or in the event that an appointed Inspector is unable or unwilling to serve, then the Members in attendance at any duly held meeting of the Members at which a quorum is present may elect an Inspector or Inspectors to serve.

Any Inspector(s) of Election must be an independent third party. An independent third party may not be a person, business entity, or subdivision of a business entity who is currently employed or under contract to the Association for any compensable services other than serving as an Inspector(s) of Election. An Inspector may not be: (1) a Director; (2) a Candidate; (3) a Director's relations; or (4) a Candidate's relations.

The Inspector(s) of Election may appoint and oversee additional persons to verify signatures and to count and tabulate votes as the Inspector(s) of Election deem appropriate, provided that the additional persons satisfy the eligibility requirements for service as an Inspector of Election.

In the absence of a more specific determination by the Inspector(s) of Election, the Association's management company shall prepare and retain the association election materials as an association record (i.e., the candidate registration list, voter list, ballots, signed voter envelopes, and any proxies). for such period as is required by law.

Inspector(s) of Election shall perform all duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of their ability, as expeditiously as practical, and in a manner that protects the interest of all Members of the Association. Pursuant to Civil Code §5200, returned ballots, signed voter envelopes, the voter list of names, parcel numbers, voters to whom ballots were sent, and the candidate registration list shall be available for inspection as an "association election record". In accordance with Civil Code §5125, the sealed ballots, signed voter envelopes, voter list, and candidate registration list shall at all times be in the custody of the Inspector or Inspectors of Election, or at a location designated by the Inspector or Inspectors, until after the tabulation of the vote.

The Association and/or the Inspector(s) of Election shall not distribute lists, or other documentation or information, describing who from the membership of the Association has or has not voted in an election, and said information shall not be distributed to any Member of the Association, including Candidates, until after the election is complete.

The Association and/or the Inspector(s) of Election shall not distribute lists indicating when a particular ballot was received by the Inspector(s) of Election and/or the Association. Confirmation that a Member's ballot has or has not been received, and the date received, may be communicated to that requesting Member only.

13. Meeting Conduct: Any counting of ballots shall be done at an open meeting of the membership or the Board of Directors. Any Candidate or Member may observe the count, but shall stand at least five feet away from the Inspector(s) of Election. No person may harass, cajole or otherwise interfere with the Inspector(s) of Election while the count is taking place. Persons not specifically authorized to do so may not touch any secret ballot or other election materials. All ballots will be made available for inspection by any Candidate or Member during regular business hours at the Association's management office once the meeting is concluded. Any person violating this section may be asked by the Inspector(s) of Election or the meeting chair to leave the meeting to prevent further disruption.

CRIME PREVENTION

CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The Crime prevention Workshop was held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at the Association Clubhouse. Approximately 40 members were in attendance. The meeting was led by Alyssa Rabas, Laguna Hills Crime Prevention Specialist. In addition, two OC Sheriff Deputies assigned to Laguna Hills were in attendance for a Q&A session with residents. The below link is a Crime Prevention handout provided at the meeting. Alyssa and the two attending sherrif's stressed the following:

Anyone who sees suspicious activity should immediately call Sheriff dispatch. Be prepared to provide a detailed description of why the activity is suspicious. To the extent possible provide the make, model and color of any vehicle involved. If the report is regarding a person or persons provide a description including height, build, identifying features, color and clothes.

Effective deterrents include the following:

1. Cameras on homes
2. Alarm systems (when armed)
3. Dogs

Additional Resources:

OC Sheriff Blotter - <http://ws.ocsd.org/Blotter/BlotterSearch.aspx>

Alert OC - to receive alerts via phone for large incidents e.g., earthquakes, tsunami warnings - [Alertoc.com](https://www.alertoc.com)

For information on starting a Neighborhood Watch Program on your street, please contact Alyssa Rabas, OC Sheriff Crime Prevention Specialist at 949-707-2641 or email Crimeprevention@lagunahillsca.gov.



CLUBHOUSE RESTROOM RENOVATION

The two Clubhouse Swim Center restrooms have been completed while the two Tennis Center restrooms are progressing toward completion. The renovation provides functionality as well as aesthetic improvements. The new tile floor is slip resistant and we have incorporated privacy doors at showers in place of curtains. One stall in each restroom is ADA compliant and new lockers have keyless locks for guests to enter a combination for as needed use. We look forward to completing the Tennis Center restrooms by the middle of April.



EQUESTRIAN ARENAS BENCH AND PICNIC TABLE

A total of 7 picnic tables and 1 bench have been replaced at all Community Equestrian arenas. The new bench and picnic table (pictured below) at Moulton Arena are part of the on-going reserve projects being completed. Additional locations are Dapple Grey and Cabot Equestrian Arenas.



CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of our Association Clubhouse parking lot is required to protect its longevity. Over time asphalt begins to crack. Without regular maintenance those cracks lengthen and widen and turn into potholes. Benjamin Franklin's applicable quote is "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". With regular seal coating the cracking is able to be slowed and the subsurface protected. The Nellie Gail Ranch seal coats are scheduled at four year intervals. After a number of seal coats when surface damage becomes prevalent then a cold-planing process is performed to grind the top layer and apply a new asphalt coat. Asphalt is delivered at 350 degrees and rolled with compaction rollers. The new top coat further extends the lifespan of the parking lot and we revert back to seal coats every four years. We scheduled this project March 24th through the 26th. As of this writing we are still in the cold-planing stage but by the time you are reading this the parking lot will be resurfaced and restriped.

Asphalt is 95% rock and sand and 5% bitumen (low grade crude oil) and is recyclable. The paving companies take the materials removed from our parking lot to asphalt plants to be re-processed. We decided to take advantage by having several truckloads taken to our Equestrian Center dumpster staging area that has never been paved. By using the asphalt spoils we are able to stabilize the dirt path the trash hauling trucks use to service our dumpsters.



SWIM CENTER NEWS

SPRING SWIM SEASON

Spring is finally in the air and daylight savings time has started. It is crazy that we continue to observe daylight savings time since its origins revolved around saving energy. With solar panels being in such high demand because of rising energy prices, I would guess to say that if given the choice, many of us would rather not change the clocks. Did you know that there are two states that never change the clock? Hawaii and Arizona. For those of you that would rather not see the time change, I've got good news, California is one of many states that is trying to enact legislature so that we observe permanent standard time. There are only two ways that we can abandon daylight savings time changes: Congress enacts a federal law or states, or local government submits detailed information to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation supporting its contention of the requested change would service the convenience of commerce. I don't know about you but to me, sleep is very important, and the three days that it takes me to adjust each time we change the clocks is reason enough to just leave the time alone, like Arizona and Hawaii do.

So now that the sun is out longer in the evenings it's time to start thinking about summer. I am proud to partner with my community to offer our children great spring and summertime activities. This community is rich in programming and as a resident, I take advantage of the wonderful programs offered, and by experience I can tell you that you should too. My kids participate in equestrian at Micky Hayden's lessons and tennis with our tennis pro Bob. It is great to not have to travel to get quality instruction. Being a swim family, my kids also participate on the swim team and in the summer camps. There is so much offered here in our community that goes beyond the swim, horse, and tennis programming, and if you flip through the pages of our Pony Express, you will see what I am talking about.

Evolution Swim Academy will provide the following programs in spring and summer of 2022, and I encourage our residents to register early to get the best and most convenient spot on our roster.



Evolution Sports Academy (Summer Sports Camp)

Registration opened: 2/1/2022

Sessions: 10, 1-week sessions starting week of June 6, 2022

Days/Time: Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Price: \$289.00/week (Feb. 1 – March 31, 2022, discounted pricing \$260.00)

Spring Swim Team

Registration opened: 2/1/2022

Session: April 11 – June 2, 2022

Days/Time: Monday – Thursday, 3:30-4:15 pm

Price: \$320.00 (2 days per week)

Seasonal Swim Lessons

Registration opened: 3/1/2022

Sessions: 4, 2-week sessions (8 small group lessons per session) from June 6 – July 28, 2022

Days/Time: Monday – Thursday, 3:00 – 6:00 pm (30-min lessons)

Price: \$275.00 (8 small group lessons)

Families may sign up for multiple sessions

Intro to EVO

Registration: Ongoing

Sessions: Perpetual

Days/Time: Monday – Thursday, 3:30 – 4:15 pm

Price: \$23.00/practice (swimmers may participate in up to 2x per week)

Practice times will move to mornings from June 6 – July 28, 2022



We look forward to a great 2022 and to having your children participate in our programming.



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CONGRATULATIONS NATALIE BANIS

Natalie Banis (18 years old) is an intern and working student at Hayden Clarke Sports Horses. She was recently awarded her first horse named Gigi at Nellie Gail Ranch. Natalie began interning with Mickey and Lane at the age of 12. Natalie worked her way up from riding lessons one day a week to becoming a full time show rider. Natalie is currently working toward becoming a full time employee and trainer/rider at Nellie Gail Ranch . Natalie's passion, her dedication and hard work will continue to help her achieve the goals and aspirations she has within the sport.



EQUESTRIAN NOVICE CAMP

This camp is geared towards ages five to twelve with campers divided into age groups. Each day, campers will groom horses, have one-on-one riding time, and participate in many fun learning activities.

NOVICE CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday Through Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm • \$500 per Session

SESSION 1: JUNE 13-17

SESSION 2: JUNE 20-24

SESSION 3: JUNE 27-JULY 1

SESSION 4: JULY 5-8 (HOLIDAY WEEK - \$400)

SESSION 5: JULY 11-15

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SESSION 8: AUGUST 1-5

SESSION 9: AUGUST 8-12

SESSION 10: AUGUST 15-19



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A young girl is riding a white horse. She is wearing a white tank top, blue jeans, and a green riding helmet. The horse is facing forward, and the rider is looking towards the camera.

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CENTER NEWS



ACHIEVEMENTS

**Clockwise from top left*

- Haylee Conway and her partner Claire An - ITF J4 Event Finalists in Guatemala
- Claire Huang - USTA U12 L6 Finalist
- Vaughn Steinert - UTR Champion
- Myna Medicetty - USTA U12 L6 Champion
- Clara Forman - Finalist USTA U10 Event
- Alexandra Dulgheru - On court at BNP Indian Wells





JUNIOR TEAMS & NEWS

Our U14 & U10 USTA Junior Team Tennis Teams have been having a fantastic run over the past few months and put themselves in contention to make the Sectional Playoffs which will be held at the Tennis Gardens in Indian Wells at the end of the season. Wish them luck!

*Clockwise from top left

- Lyla with Coach Maddie and Alexandra at BNP Indian Wells
- Coco, Naomi, Aashna & Ava representing our U10s JTT Team
- Caroline & Clara with Caroline Wozniacki at BNP Indian Wells
- Grant, Reo, Tylon, Milly & Naomi representing our U10s JTT Team
- The U10 JTT Team in a huddle before their Away fixture



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Week 1 - June 6th

Week 2 - June 13th

Week 3 - June 20th

Week 4 - June 27th

Week 5 - July 4th (5th)

Week 6 - July 11th

Week 7 - July 18th

Week 8 - July 25th

Week 9 - August 1st

Week 10 - August 8th

- \$25 Non refundable deposit due at registration

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

THE FIRST AID KIT

by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng



One of the most important components (after water, food and shelter) of your supplies is your first aid kit. It can mean the difference between being comfortable and confident, or being distressed and fearful. The Nellie Gail Ranch Emergency Preparedness Committee strongly encourages you to put together a well thought out, quality kit that will be useful to you and your family. Although one can buy commercially made, pre-fabricated kits, some of the items in the kit may not be useful for your needs; evaluate these kits thoroughly to make sure you are comfortable with all of the items in the kit you purchase.

Many first aid kits will list the items included in the kit, but fail to explain their uses. In this month's article, we will go over in detail the use and importance of each item found in a quality kit. You should note that the quantities mentioned are the minimum quantities that make up a good kit. In addition, do not feel constrained about the items mentioned; you should customize your first aid kit for your family's particular needs.

- **Ace Bandages™.** 3" and 4" widths, one each. Ace bandages are good for wrapping strained joints or for holding trauma pads or stacks of gauze in place. If room permits, a 6" Ace Bandage can be used to hold chest, abdominal or back bandages in place.
- **4" x 4" Sterile Gauze (non-adhesive).** 20-25 pieces. Gauze helps absorb any bleeding and can be used to cover open wounds. Two to three folded in half can also make an effective eye patch.
- **Non-Stick, Telfa Pad™ 2" x 2". 12-20.** Telfa pads are placed next to the wound before placing gauze to minimize the bandage sticking to the wound.
- **Trauma Pad 4" x 8".** 1-2. A trauma pad is a very absorbent, sterile gauze that is used on large wounds to the abdomen. They are useful where there could be significant bleeding. As strange as it may sound, feminine napkins can also be used as trauma pads.
- **Adhesive Band-aids.** 12-20, varying sizes. These are used to cover smaller wounds. Larger Band-aids (2" x 2") will cover smaller scrapes. The new "Liquid Band-aids" can be used but only if you are certain the wound is clean and free of bacteria, dirt, etc. Otherwise, the application of Liquid Band-aids to a dirty wound will likely promote an infection.
- **Butterfly Bandages.** 6-10. These are used to temporarily hold together full thickness cuts and lacerations.
- **Cloth Medical Tape.** 2". 1 roll. This tape is used to tape splints or bandages where strength is needed. The cloth tape can also be torn lengthwise to make smaller widths.
- **Paper Medical Tape.** 1". 1 roll. This tape is primarily for taping gauze or bandages to the skin as it is more comfortable on the skin and preferred if you anticipate it being in contact with the skin for a long period of time.
- **3" wide gauze roll/Kling.** 3-4 rolls. This non-sterile roll can be used to wrap the 4" x 4" gauze onto an extremity. Wrapping with Kling or a gauze roll is preferable as it allows for some swelling of the extremity.
- **Triangular bandage.** 2-3. The Triangular bandage can be used to make an arm sling, a tourniquet (see caution below), or to tie a leg splint in place.
- **Finger/Thumb Splint.** 2-3. This is used to immobilize a fractured or dislocated finger, or to immobilize a finger that has been sutured (stitches placed.) Although aluminum is best, popsicle sticks or tongue depressors can also be used.
- **S.A.M. Splints™.** 1-2. The SAM splint™ is a relative new product that can be shaped to splint extremities or even be shaped to make a neck brace.
- **Cardboard Splints.** 1-2 of each size. Alternatively, extremity splints can be made from 8" x 12" and 8" by 16" pieces of cardboard. Make sure the corrugations run in the same direction as the long axis of the splint and make sure there are no folds in the cardboard.
- **Alcohol pads.** 12-20. These pre-packaged square pads can be used to clean or sterilize wounds or to sterilize needles or other medical instruments.
- **Hydrogen Peroxide.** 1 pint. Hydrogen Peroxide is useful for cleaning wounds without causing too much discomfort. Hydrogen Peroxide does expire and loses its effectiveness so it should be rotated in with your home supplies as needed.
- **Cotton tipped applicators (sterile).** 6-12. These are similar to Q-tips but sterile and are used to apply topical medications onto wounds, or they can be useful in removing foreign bodies in wounds and to the eyes and eyelids.

• **Polysporin Antibiotic Ointment.** 1 tube. This is a very effective topical antibiotic ointment for cuts and scrapes. Neosporin is similar but can be irritating to sensitive skin.

• **Instant Hot and Cold packs.** 2-3 of each. Instant hot and cold packs can be very helpful for sprains, strains, insect bites, etc. These packs are "activated" by shaking or breaking the internal bag causing a chemical reaction.

• **CPR Mask.** 1-2. This is a mask or shield used when performing mouth-to-mouth so as to prevent the spread of infections.

• **Latex or Nitrile Gloves (non-sterile).** 1 box of 100. Latex or Nitrile gloves are indispensable (and mandatory) when handling any bloody injuries, body parts, body fluids, waste, etc. Some are sensitive to the powder in the gloves and non-powdered gloves are available.

• **Sterile Latex Gloves.** 1-2 pair. The sterile gloves may be needed for deep, penetrating wounds or for repairing wounds through sutures (stitches.)

• **Safety Pins.** 6-12. The safety pins have many uses including removing splinters, attaching gauze rolls, repairing torn clothing, etc.

• **Bandage Scissors.** 1. The best bandage scissors are known as "paramedic shears" which are easy to handle (no larger than regular scissors) but strong enough to cut denim, zippers, etc. They can even cut a penny in half.

• **Thermometer.** 1. Use for taking accurate temperatures. Have extra batteries if using an electronic thermometer.

• **Single Edge Razor or Scalpel.** 1-2. This will be used by a physician to open wounds, drain abscesses, etc. -Rubber Bands. 6-12. Rubber bands are useful as they can be used hold gauze in place on fingers and smaller extremities, as finger tourniquets (see caution below), hold long hair out of the way, etc.

• **Tourniquet.** 1. When used properly and in the right situation, tourniquets are a very effective way to stop active bleeding. It should be noted that tourniquet use is appropriate when all other methods or attempts to stop active bleeding have been exhausted. Once in place, it should not be removed except by a medical professional (i.e. it is a myth that a tourniquet should be loosened every few minutes.) Commercially made tourniquets are available but one can easily be made from clothing, belts, neck ties, triangular bandage, thick extension cord, etc. Do not use string, wire, shoelaces, or anything else that can cut into the skin. Proper use and placement of a tourniquet will be covered in a future article.

• **Burn Gels.** 1 bottle. Burn gels providing soothing relief, improve healing, and provide protection against infections when applied to burns.

• **Pain Medications.** A small bottle of Tylenol, Motrin and Aspirin are appropriate to have in your kit to help alleviate

minor aches and pains. Expiration dates of these and other medications should be watched closely.

• **Antacids.** Antacids such as Tums, Mylanta, Zantac and Prilosec (all over-the-counter) can be helpful for acid problems exacerbated by the stress of a disaster.

• **Anti-diarrheal Medications.** Anti-diarrheal medications, such as Imodium (over-the-counter) can be helpful in preventing dehydration in severe cases of diarrhea. It should be avoided, however, if the diarrhea is mild or transient as diarrhea is your body's way of trying to rid itself of something.

• **Laxatives.** Stress can slow intestinal transit and lead to constipation. Over-the-counter laxatives (Ex-Lax, etc.) can be helpful for this condition.

• **QuikClot™.** 1-2 packages. QuikClot™ is a new product that helps in the clotting of blood. First used by the Israeli military, it is commercially available as a gauze to safely and effectively stop traumatic bleeding.

• **Prescription Medications.** 1 month. You should keep at least one month's of prescription medication, in their original bottle, in your earthquake/disaster kit. Local pharmacy records are not likely to be available and reaching your doctor will be even less likely. Strongly consider more than one month's of medication for critical (heart, blood pressure, etc.) conditions. Although prescription insurance plans will not pay for this extra month's worth of medication, you can often get samples from your physician, or you can have your physician write a one month prescription that you fill without insurance by paying for the medication yourself.

• **Prescription Antibiotics.** Because your health history needs to be taken in to account, consult with your physician as to what type of antibiotics you may need in a disaster/emergency setting. Most commonly, you would need antibiotics to cover for skin or soft tissue wounds and infections. During an actual disaster, and if at all possible, you should consult with neighbors who are physicians on whether or not to start the antibiotics as it is not advisable to start antibiotic treatment without first consulting a physician.

We hope that you will use this article not only to stock your first aid kit, but that you will also use it as a resource on how to properly use the items in your first aid kit. Please feel free to email your first aid or other emergency preparedness questions to emergencypreparedness@nelliegailranch.org.

Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng is a 20 year resident of Nellie Gail Ranch and a 9 year member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. In addition to being a physician, he is also an American Heart Association First Aid and Basic Life Support Instructor and has taught over 1000 first responders on this subject matter.



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TEAM DARKHORSE

MEET THIS YEAR'S GRAND MARSHAL, USMC COMBAT VETERAN **RAYMOND OROZCO**

By Karen L. Robbins

We asked Raymond Orozco what he hopes people take time to do on the long Memorial Day weekend and he replied " This is not an easy question. But what I would ask people do — along with the fun and activities with friends — is please take a moment to reflect on the people our country lost that this holiday is meant to commemorate.

"I am not asking you to pity them. They would not ask that of us. These men were volunteers , and tough warriors ...none were helpless victims. They also were the finest Americans I ever met. These were men whose compassion and conviction meant they would give you advice at 2 AM on how to be a better Dad; they helped push you up a hill when they saw you weak with exhaustion and unable to make it alone. And they did this and in spite of their own deep fatigue. But they also would make fun of you, fight with you and cry with you."

"They have all the best attributes you want to emulate and to see in your fellow neighbor. "

From the age of 18, Raymond Orozco has served on front lines, side by side with those who risk and are willing to give their lives protecting others.

Tribute banners along the race route honor USMC Darkhorse Marines brothers, a number of whom he counted as close friends.

Raymond first ran our city race alongside other Darkhorse Marines the spring of 2011 shortly after the Battalion returned from their combat deployment to Afghanistan. Laguna Hills City Council had just voted to name the race in honor of our city's adopted 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

"The marathon was extremely touching," he recalls. "Seeing the community and runners come together to support 3/5 on Memorial Day left a lasting impression on me."

Raymond contacted us shortly after that first race to volunteer at a Tribute Concert Team Darkhorse and the HOA held in Gallup park. He brought together a work party of veterans to help. Throughout his service at Camp Pendleton, Raymond made himself available to assist Team Darkhorse when he could. Following his discharge

from the Marine Corps, Raymond continued serving on front lines with Breckenridge Hotshots on the Sequoia National forest; Asheville Hotshots in North Carolina and Vandenberg Handcrew in California. He fought fires from Florida, Nevada, Georgia, Idaho, California, Utah and some others in between. In August of 2021 he began work as a federal structural firefighter at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, NM where he currently resides with his wife Mel.

We are grateful to have him here with us, to remind us of the great men and women who have fought and given their lives for our country — not only in Iraq and Afghanistan, but all the prior conflicts during which good men and women stood up and gave their lives that others might live.



Raymond in a controlled burn fire with the "Hotshots"



Raymond with the other 3/5 veterans at Nellie Gail's 2015 "Concert for Valor"



Raymond and his grandparents



"ONLY THE BRAVE"

By Karen L. Robbins

As war rages in Ukraine our screens fill with the horrors and terror war brings. Ukraine is not our country. This may not be our fight. But the raw courage and brave souls of those who stand to defend and fight for their homeland grip our hearts. And we may ask the question — would we Americans do the same?

The answer is YES — there have always been and there are now young people who did, would and do put their own lives at risk in order to protect the rest of us. Memorial Day was established in order to remember and honor those who paid the highest price, dying so that others might live. Our city recognizes and honors these souls each year with its annual Memorial Day Half Marathon 5 and 10 K Race. The race is named in honor of our City's adopted 3d Battalion, 5th Marines (Darkhorse). Tribute banners to fallen Darkhorse Marines line the race route, and many combat veterans and Gold Star

families run the race each year. In 2020 and 2021 Covid restrictions had cancelled and then curtailed the race but this year will be a return to the full event. Here is a way to acknowledge and remember the brave young souls who stood, raised their hand, took an oath and kept it.

Each year since 2013, Team Darkhorse invites one of the 3/5 combat veterans to represent their fallen brothers in the role of the City Race Grand Marshal. This year's Grand Marshal is Raymond Orozco, who has been protecting, defending and serving others in every role he has held since he turned 18. You can read more about Raymond on these pages — I encourage everyone to bring your families, come out that morning, run or walk the race route, and meet Raymond at the finish line!

TEAM DARKHORSE -

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MEET OUR 2022 GRAND MARSHAL USMC COMBAT VETERAN RAYMOND OROZCO



When asked what Raymond hopes his fellow citizens take time to do over Memorial Day weekend Raymond replied, "This is not an easy question. But what I would ask people to do — along with the fun and activities with friends — is please take a moment to reflect on the people our country lost that this holiday is meant to commemorate.

EXPO 7:30 to 11:30am One-day family Expo at the Laguna Hills Community Center

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7:00am race starts at Laguna Hills Mall

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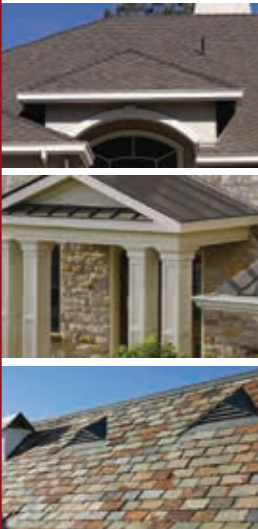
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52

Total Number of Donors



46

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5

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138

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WATER PRESERVATION EVENT

WATER PRESERVATION – EPC TRAINING

Emergency Preparedness Committee Member **Dr. Kenneth Cheng** presented a Water Preservation training session to attending homeowners on March 22nd. In the event of an interruption of water service it is important to have water on hand for short term interruptions. It is just as important for your pets, horses and other animals that you have some emergency water on hand. Water barrels are available in 15-55 gallon sizes for handy storage and they can be stored in garages or barns or other out of the way locations. If you are interested in purchasing any 55-gallon barrels please e-mail us at admin@nelliegailranch.org with the possible number of barrels you may want. We may be able to purchase in bulk and receive some form of break in the barrel or delivery cost.



BEEKEEPING EVENT

BASICS OF BEEKEEPING IN NELLIE GAIL RANCH

The acronym of the day is CAMBP. Long time Nellie Gail Ranch homeowner **Pamela Fraser** is a California Master Beekeeper with a certification from the California Master Beekeeper Program (CAMBP) through UC Davis. Eight years ago Pamela discovered bees in one of her irrigation boxes. She contacted a honeybee rescue and relocation firm and before she knew it, she had started a journey into "the wonderful, exciting and sometimes heartbreaking world of beekeeping". She soon joined the OCBA. That would be the Orange County Beekeepers Association not the other one for lawyers. Next up was BASC, the Beekeepers Association of Southern California.

On Wednesday, March 23rd Pamela hosted a Basics of Beekeeping program to thirteen interested participants. Several had a curiosity regarding the science of bees and others an interest in exploring a new hobby. Topics ranged from how to provide natural water sources for bees passing through your landscape to examples of backyard hives and City of Laguna Hills Apiary Registration requirements.

With our natural resources dwindling it is more important than ever to help bees thrive and continue to pollinate the flowers we love to look at and the foods we love to eat. The next time you find an unwanted hive in your irrigation box or under a house eave, please consider removal using a Honeybee Rescue & Relocation Beekeeper. One we are familiar with is Alberta The Beekeeper with HEY HONEY (949-646-2606). You can find additional rescue beekeepers via a Google search as well as beekeeping resources and information at the following websites:

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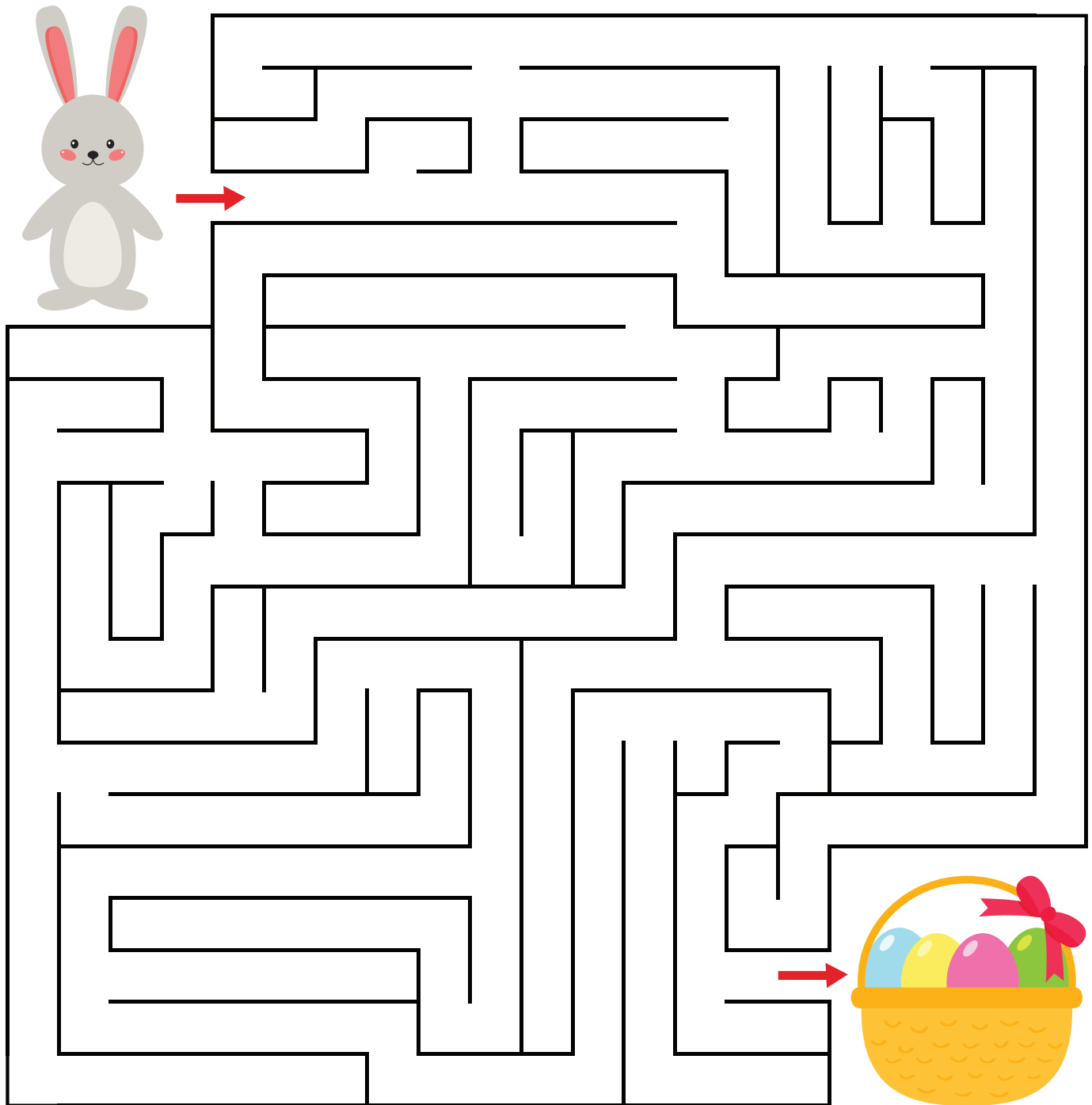
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APRIL 2022

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 ARC Meeting	13	14	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt 10am-12pm @ Gallup Park
17 Easter 	18	19 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm @ the Clubhouse	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 ARC Submittal Deadline for May 10th Meeting	27	28	29	30

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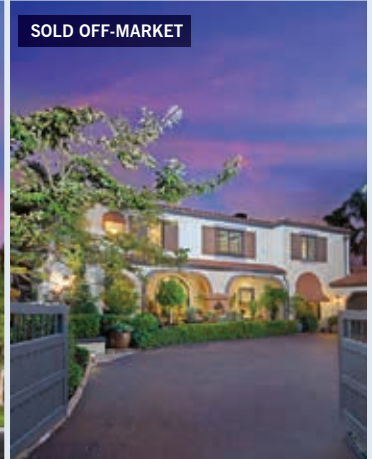
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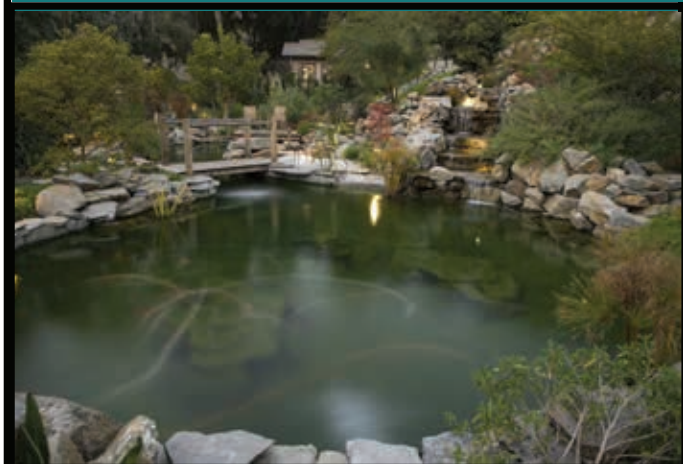
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