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Please remit all assessments to:  
P.O. Box, 30354, Tampa, FL 33630-3354  
or drop off at the Association Office.



## Mission Statement

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

## Board of Directors Meetings

The next Open Session Board Meeting and Open Homeowner Forum is scheduled for May 17, 2022 and will be held live in the Association Clubhouse.

### Board Meeting May 17, 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



# MANAGERS MESSAGE

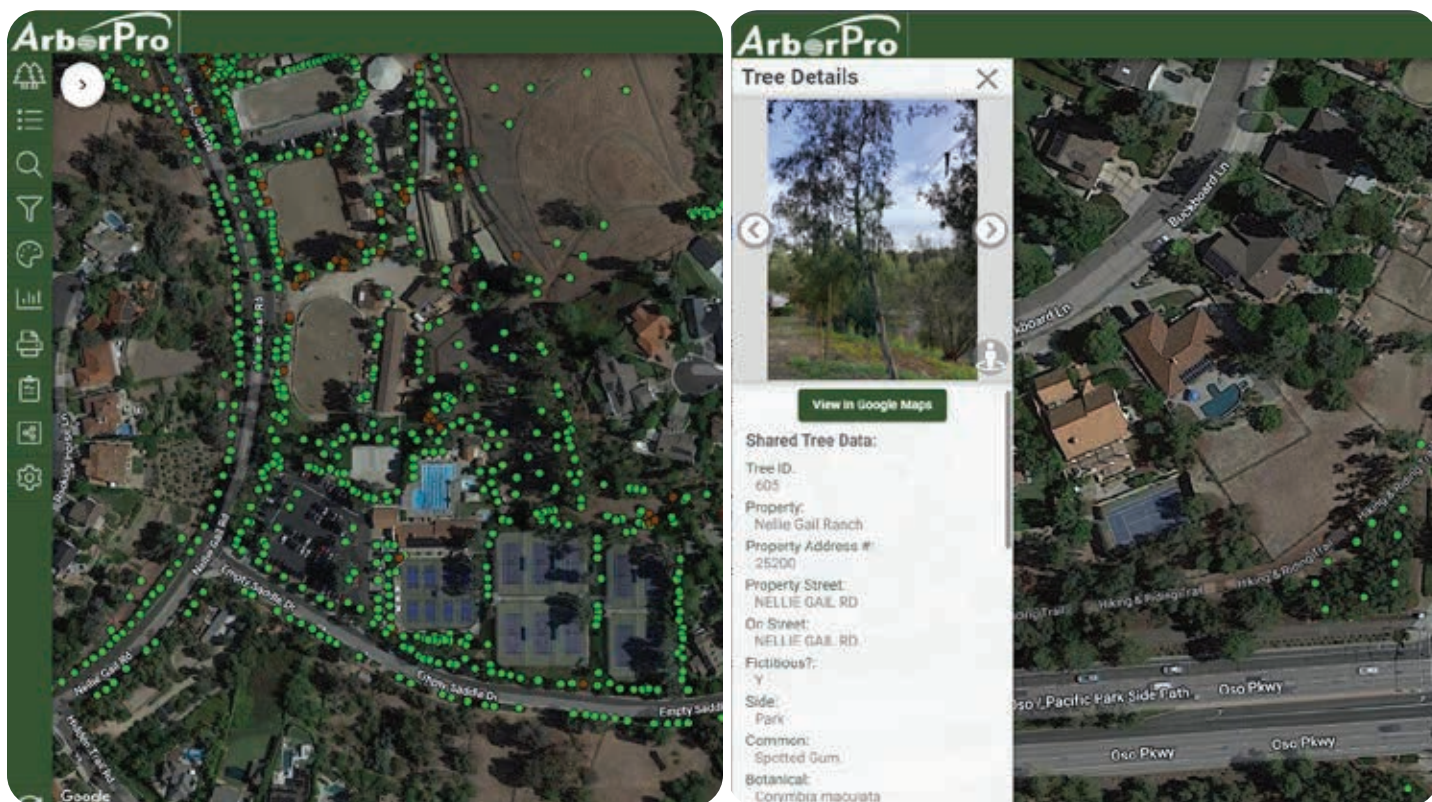
## Nellie Gail Ranch Members

What do you think is Nellie Gail Ranch's most valuable asset? The Clubhouse and recreation center? The parks? The trail system? This month has brought to my heightened attention the value of our trees. Last month the Board approved a comprehensive inventory and analysis of Nellie Gail Ranch trees and uploading into tracking software.

ArborPro Tree Inventory Software is used throughout the country by numerous municipalities, universities, and parks departments to track health and maintenance of trees. We will now be able to more effectively plan pruning schedules, monitor tree health and evaluate budgeting.

So how many trees do you think we have? We have loaded data for 2,782 trees to date tracking the tree species, height, trunk diameter, health and location. We continue to add more data for trees at trail heads and within our easements. What is our most common tree? Four varieties of Eucalyptus total 900 with California Peppers totaling 618. Twenty-six other species range from 12 to 124 each. A benefit to using the software for planning will be for us to continue to ensure we do not end up with too many of one type of tree or species. Additionally, in the case of Eucalyptus, it will help us plan and track a purposeful reduction of the population over time and replacement with more favorable tree species. A review of overall tree health reflects we have a healthy urban forest.

So back to the value of trees. ArborPro uses a calculation from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to value the trees at \$15,000,000. That would put it in the running for most valuable asset. It's easy to take trees for granted as they are so prevalent. But it is nice to reflect on our trees as an amenity that we all share and enjoy every day as we drive through the community.





# CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS MEMORIAL DAY RACE

A RUN THAT BENEFITS THE MARINES AND SAILORS  
OF USMC DARKHORSE BATTALLION



MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY  
**05.30.22**  
**5K/10K/HALF**

The 20th Annual Laguna Hills' Memorial Day Race is coming up and with over 3,000 runners you won't want to miss it! The Race, dedicated to our adopted Marines, 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, also known as "Darkhorse," is open to all runners and walkers - **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## 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

**SPONSOR** Your donation will help us sponsor Marines and their families to run in the race. Donate on [teamdarkhorse.org](https://teamdarkhorse.org)

**RACES** Half Marathon (13.1 miles)  
10K Run/Walk (6.2 miles)  
5K Run/Walk (3.1 miles)

**START** 6:50am Memorial Day Opening Ceremony  
7:00am race starts at Laguna Hills Mall

**AWARDS** 9:15am City of Laguna Hills and Team Darkhorse Ceremony at Expo Main Stage

Meet the Marines, and explore military vehicles, equipment and weaponry, at the Expo following the race.

Register on [www.lagunahillshalfmarathon.com](https://www.lagunahillshalfmarathon.com)



# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the  
**Architectural Review Committee** on **April 12, 2022**

The Submittal Deadline for the June ARC Meeting is: **May 31, 2022.**

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25051 Mustang	Painting	Approved
27041 Hidden Trail	Re-submittal Backyard Structures	Approved with Conditions
26972 Highwood	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25402 Coach Spring	Solar	Approved with Conditions
24802 Buckboard	Roof, Paint, Hardscape	Approved
26421 Dapple Grey	Paint, Frt Hardscape/Landscape	Approved with Conditions
24961 Buckskin	Landscape/Hardscape	Denied
27101 Hidden Trail	Rear Landscape/Hardscape	Denied
26051 Red Corral	Re-submittal ADU	Denied
27206 Stagewood	Backyard Remodel	Approved with Conditions
25552 Rangewood	Paint, Hardscape, Gates	Approved
25231 Rockridge	Painting	Approved
26062 Waterwheel	Pool, Rear Landscape	Denied
25361 Stageline	Backyard	Approved with Conditions
25731 Bucklestone	Windows	Approved with Conditions
27701 Deputy	Time Extension	Approved
27441 Maverick	Re-submittal Addition	Denied
26011 Red Corral	Rear Hardscape/Landscape	Approved with Conditions
27341 Lost Trail	Painting	Approved with Conditions
25591 Rapid Falls	Solar	Approved with Conditions

Any exterior change to your home or property requires approval. Please consult the Architectural Guidelines available at [www.nelliegailranch.org](http://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.



# NELLIE GAIL S.M.A.R.T



## TRAIL SAFETY - BICYCLE USE PROHIBITED



Nellie Gail Ranch's 25 miles of trails are interwoven throughout most of the 1,407 homes in the community. These easements are set aside for equestrian purposes and are one of the most unique and valued features of our community. For safety reasons, bicycles are prohibited on Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Trails to reduce the opportunity for startling horse and rider leading to potential injury.

Most bicycle enthusiasts when informed of the restrictions immediately comply but some have on occasion responded with comments that they are homeowners with a right to use the trails. There is an important distinction we should keep in mind with respect to the trails. Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association owns very little of the trail system. The underlying ownership of the property is each of our homeowners. It is important for us to all be aware that whenever we are on a trail we are guests on another homeowner's property. A bicycle on a trail that is set aside for equestrian purposes is no different than riding your bike across someone's front yard. It is a trespass that could potentially cause injury. A piece of litter dropped on a trail or pet waste bag left in the bushes is no different than leaving that same litter on someone's front yard.

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# MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

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.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The regularly scheduled Executive Session meeting was held on February 15, 2022. Actions taken include:

- Approval of the January 18, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- Reviewed the February 2022 legal report
- Conducted two enforcement hearings for non-compliance with governing documents.
- Approved negotiating an agreement with Leslie Ann Merle to provide food services at the Watering Hole pending its opening.
- Approved renewal of the Landscape Services contract with Sunset Landscape.
- Approved renewal of the Mobile Patrol Services contract with Allied Services.
- Approved an agreement with Association Reserves to

prepare the 2022-23 Reserve Study.

- Approved collection action on a delinquent owner to move forward with a debtors exam and filing a memorandum of costs with the court for a previously awarded judgment.
- Declined request by the Pickleball Committee to remove trees on Empty Saddle.
- Reviewed and filed the delinquency reports.
- Reviewed and filed the Violation Report.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Park  
Second: Blough

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Resolution:** To approve the Open Session Minutes dated February 15, 2022 as presented.

### B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 31, 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,477,103 in reserve funds, \$1,942,305 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$643,379 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$6,071,187.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,275,290 compared to the budgeted \$1,365,888.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$1,819,442



compared to the budgeted \$1,932,983.

The Consolidated Net Increase for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$108,123 compared to the budgeted increase of \$382,254. Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$411,315 compared to the budgeted of \$291,246. Year to date reserve funding is \$245,377 compared to a budget of \$235,504. The variance is reserve interest income.

### **C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ADOPT REVISED ELECTION RULES**

**Resolution:** To adopt revised Election Rules consistent with California Civil Code effective March 15, 2022.

### **End of Consent Calendar**

### **V. OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF SELECTION OF SUMMER CONCERT MUSIC GENRES**

Motion: Blough  
Second: Park

**Resolution:** To approve the Events Committee recommendation regarding music genres for the 2022 Summer Concert Series as follows:

- Vintage Americana – Band: Hall Pass
- 80's – Band: Wayward Son
- Southern Rock – Band TBD
- Eagles – Band: The Long Run
- New Wave – Band: The Reflexx
- Beatles / British Invasion – Band TBD
- Queen or Elton John tribute (In the event one of the others is unavailable)

**The motion carried unanimously**

### **B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTING SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES**

Motion: Park  
Second: Blough

**Resolution:** To approve the Events Committee recommendation to update the contributing sponsorship guidelines and levels of contributions as follows:

- \$2,500 for concerts and other large events
- \$1,500 for mid-size events
- \$ 750 for small events
- Sponsors awarding prizes must disclose the prize contents and value in advance.
- Like kind donations are not permitted in lieu of the sponsorship amounts.
- For events with limited attendance the Events Committee may consider reduced sponsorship amounts as exceptions.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **C. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF GPS TREE MAPPING SOFTWARE LICENSE**

Motion: Blough  
Second: Taylor

**Resolution:** To accept the Landscape Committee recommendation to approve subscribing to the ArborPro web-based software application for tracking of tree inventories and maintenance at a cost of \$1,750 per year. The cataloging service to input tree data to populate the database is a one-time fee not to exceed \$20,000 subject to photos being included in the inventory.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **D. CONSIDERATION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2023**

Motion: Blough  
Second: Park

**Resolution:** To approve renewal of the Workers'

# MINUTES - CONTINUED

Compensation Insurance Policy with State Fund via broker Unique Risk for the total amount of \$121,353.35 with \$34,390 allocated to the Association, \$83,107 allocated to Equestrian, \$1,928 allocated to Tennis, and \$1,928 allocated to Swim. Note: The Equestrian Center premium is paid via boarding fees and the Tennis Center premium is paid by the tennis and pickleball memberships. The Swim Center premium is partially offset by swim programming revenue.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## VII. REPORTS

### 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, April 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

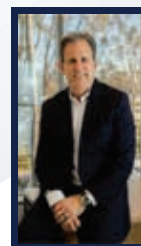
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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# NELLIE GAIL RANCH JUNE 2, 2022 ANNUAL MEETING / BALLOT

This year it is doubly important for each homeowner to participate in the annual meeting by casting your vote for directors and the special ballot measures related to 24-hour or 12-hour mobile patrol services and Vehicle and License Plate Recognition Cameras. Ballots for the annual meeting were mailed to all homeowners of record the beginning of May. If you haven't already, please help us achieve quorum by promptly returning your ballot. **Postage is pre-paid to make it easier than ever to submit!**

## How to complete your ballot:

1. Follow the ballot instructions as to how to vote.
2. Each return envelope lists the homeowner of record.
3. The homeowner of record must sign the envelope in which the ballot and ballot envelope will be returned.
4. Mail the ballot at your earliest opportunity.





## Joyce Taylor

**Homeowner Since:** 1995

**Current Occupation:**  
Electrical Engineer, Mixed Signal  
and RF ASIC Designer

**Civic Activities:**  
Served as a volunteer for many  
of my kids activities including  
elementary school room mom, church youth groups,  
LHHS Grad Nite, and in many roles in support of their  
swim teams, both club and high school.

### **Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:**

Currently serving as a NGROA board director.  
Frequent contributor to the Pony Express.

### **Biographical Information:**

I am a wife and mother of four great kids, two that graduated from UCSB, one UCSD graduate, and one working toward his computer science degree. I moved here from the Midwest at 21 and attended both CSUF for my BSEE and UCI for my masters in semiconductor physics. I've worked in aerospace for 30+ years and currently work remotely for an ASIC design house in Massachusetts. My husband retired from a career in the semiconductor industry. We both look forward to spending our retirement right here in beautiful Nellie Gail Ranch.

### **Statement:**

Since moving here 27 years ago, we've loved this neighborhood and have wonderful neighbors. With my kids grown and largely gone, I am free to contribute my time, talents and treasures to preserving and improving this space we so love. I've learned a lot about what goes into maintaining our recreational facilities, and enjoyed participating in many clubhouse upgrades, expanding the useful space, and adding new activities for neighbors to enjoy. I'm thrilled to see everyone enjoy the fruits of our labor and watch the community come together to rediscover our facilities. For equestrian, swim, and tennis, the centers offered here are top notch. I am all about caring for, maintaining and promoting them for the benefit of our residents and membership alike. My kids flourished in the pool as Gators, attended tennis and swim camps in the summers, and loved the concerts in the park. I want to preserve the essence of what Nellie Gail is for residents of all ages.



## John P. Park

**Homeowner Since:** 1984

**Current Occupation:**  
President-Aerospace-Space  
Defense Company

**Civic Activities:**  
Member of the Institute of Electrical  
Engineers. Member of JEDEC Solid  
State Technology Association. Member of Orange County  
Pilots Association

### **Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:**

Member of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness  
Committee. Current NGROA Board Member

### **Biographical Information:**

Corporate level executive having been involved with  
Fortune 500 companies, served on several corporate  
boards, in addition to advisory committees for start-up  
and emerging companies.

### **Statement:**

I look forward to continuing my service to our March 21,  
2022 great community by keeping Nellie Gail Ranch a  
safe place where neighbors can enjoy our equestrian,  
aquatic and tennis and pickleball activities. I hope to  
have the opportunity to oversee the completion of  
our clubhouse which will enhance the appeal of the  
community and homeowner property values. I support  
by the use of sound fiscal responsibility and oversight,  
maintaining Nellie Gail Ranch as a unique and attractive  
environment in which to live whether raising a family or  
just enjoying retired life. Keeping our community safe  
in an emergency is key. I support the "neighbor helping  
neighbor" concept preparing for such events.





## Mark Fisk

**Homeowner Since:** 2012

**Current Occupation:**

Business Management in Assisted Living and Senior Support Services. Education and experience in Business Information Systems and Computer Programming

**Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:**

I appreciate the opportunity to have served our community as a member of the board for the last six years. We have an incredible team of homeowners on the board that truly care about our community and are willing to make personal sacrifices and commitments in the interest of Nellie Gail Ranch.

**Biographical Information:**

I initially moved to Nellie Gail Ranch with my family in 1980 at age five and grew up watching Nellie Gail Ranch evolve into the prestigious community that it now is. In 2012, my wife and I were blessed to have the opportunity to return to this beautiful community, building the home to raise our two boys.

**Statement:**

I hope to have the opportunity to continue to work together as neighbors to implement the desire of the community and maintain Nellie Gail Ranch's distinguishing character and prestige.

**Notable accomplishments thus far:**

- Incorporated technology to maintain efficient management and improve communication with homeowners
- Supported committees of vested homeowners to implement security, aesthetics and amenities that benefit us all.
- Utilization of allocated reserve funds to refresh aspects of the clubhouse to a respectable standard so that it can be used with pride by the homeowners.
- Supported efforts to sustain the long-term integrity of our landscape
- Maintained exceptionally reasonable dues despite added vendor expenses in response to increasing costs of labor

**Objectives moving forward:**

- Continue to evaluate and act to ensure the most effective and efficient use of resources to maintain a safe community.
- Maintain a friendly HOA that is easy to approach and fosters an environment that promotes property improvement.
- Keep our Equestrian Center, Pool and Tennis Facilities both world class and financially self-sufficient.
- Use our resources wisely to maintain our community to the highest standard, while keeping our HOA dues the best value in South Orange County.

## Special Ballot Measure

**Special Ballot Measure Statement – 24-Hour Mobile Patrol Services**

**Should Nellie Gail Ranch continue to contract for 24-Hour Mobile Patrol services at a cost of \$14.30 per home per month (\$171.60 annually)?**

After evaluating homeowner requests to implement patrol services in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, the Board of Directors approved a contract for 24-hour mobile patrol services with Securitas Security Services who began providing mobile patrol services in March 2017. After competitively re-bidding, Allied Universal Security Services was selected as the service provider effective April 11, 2020. The current scope of work includes providing dedicated 24-hour, 7 days per week, mobile patrol services for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association streets and recreational facilities including Clubhouse, Swim, Tennis, Park and Equestrian facilities to provide an observational presence and to act as a deterrent to criminal activity.

The mobile patrol service was competitively bid this year and the contract renewed with Allied Universal. The current cost for this service is \$20,114 per month (\$14.30 per home per month) effective with the most recent contract renewal April 1, 2022. It is anticipated that future contract renewals will continue to have regular increases.

Since implementing this service homeowners have provided input both in favor of and opposed to the ongoing budgeting for this service. Crime statistics vary based on a number of factors including the Sheriff's apprehension of active criminals in our area. This makes it difficult to know specifically if the mobile patrol is playing a role as a deterrent for criminals since there is no way to calculate statistics for crimes not committed.

At its June 9, 2021 annual meeting, the Nellie Gail Ranch Membership also passed a special ballot measure approving the installation of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras at all Nellie Gail Ranch entries. The Flock Safety system was installed and became operational October 26, 2021. The current annual cost to Nellie Gail Ranch is \$48,000 (\$2.84 per homeowner per month \$34.12 annually). To assist homeowners in

# Special Ballot Measure - *continued*

evaluating the mobile patrol security special ballot measure in conjunction with the Flock Safety System see the attached separate statement from the City of Laguna Hills Chief of Police Services.

The past three years the ballot included a measure for a membership vote to continue or discontinue 24-hour mobile patrol services. The vote counts were as follows...

2019

330 to Continue  
192 Against  
17 Abstained

2020

340 to Continue  
258 Against  
8 Abstained

2021

322 to Continue  
201 Against  
1 Abstained

*Note: In 2021 an additional option for rescinding 24-hour patrol and implementing 12-hour patrol in its place received an additional 46 votes in favor.*

This Special Ballot Measure for 24-Hour Mobile Patrol services is again submitted on the ballot to provide the Nellie Gail Ranch Membership the opportunity to decide whether or not to continue to budget and contract for this service. If the total "Yes" votes exceed the "No" votes, then 24-hour mobile patrol services will be continued. The current contract has a 30-day termination clause which means the service may be discontinued approximately the middle of

August 2022 if the vote is opposed to continuing the service. Discontinuing the service will not result in a direct reduction in assessments for this fiscal year that ends September 30, 2022. The 2022-23 budget will be evaluated in July and August evaluating all anticipated expenses and services under contract and the budget will either include or not include the mobile patrol services based on the membership vote.

A "Yes" vote does not obligate the Association to remain with the current service provider as that decision can be altered at any time subject to evaluation of the vendors post orders and performance. The vote for this ballot measure is related to the service ("Yes" or "No"), not the vendor. However, the current service provider is on the lower side cost of the security firms that provided proposals.



## FLOCK SAFETY FEEDBACK (Next Page)

The operation of the Flock Safety camera system is not impacted by the Special Ballot Measure vote on mobile patrol security. The following information is provided in order that homeowners may have awareness of the effectiveness of the Flock Safety system and determine if there is benefit to having both mobile patrol security and license plate recognition cameras



# Orange County Sheriff's Department Feedback Regarding Flock Safety System

Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association (NGROA) contracted with Flock Safety Incorporated to provide Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) services for the Nellie Gail Ranch community as part of its overall security strategy. The NGROA ALPR system, connects with other public and private Flock ALPR systems throughout the region to provide an integrated public safety network. The interconnectivity of this broader network of ALPR systems provides law enforcement with an enhanced investigative capability to respond to and deter criminal activity throughout the Nellie Gail Ranch community and the City of Laguna Hills.

The NGROA ALPR system connects seamlessly with the City of Laguna Hills' ALPR system. Together, these systems are being used by a variety of units within the Sheriff's Department. Some of these units include, but are not limited to: Laguna Hills Police Services, Lake Forest Police Services, the Directed Enforcement Team (DET), the Gang Enforcement Team (GET), Sheriff's Investigations, the Regional Auto Theft Detail, the Traffic Enforcement Bureau, the Special Victim's Unit (SVU), and the Sheriff's Crime Analysis Bureau.

Prior to this system being added to our City, Police Services had very little success in locating stolen vehicles. However, in the last six months, our staff has used this system to successfully locate nine occupied stolen vehicles, which resulted in thirteen arrests. Some of these stolen vehicles were occupied by multiple subjects, who were in possession of evidence linking them to multiple crimes in multiple jurisdictions. Four of these arrests were directly related to criminal activity which occurred in the Nellie Gail Ranch community. These are examples of how this system has enabled us to remove sophisticated criminals from our streets and prevent them from victimizing our residents.

I truly appreciate NGROA's proactive approach to home security and public safety. By investing in this technology, you have provided a significant resource to our officers which has increased our ability to respond to and investigate criminal activity directly impacting our city. This system has been an excellent addition to our community, and we anticipate continued positive results in the future.

## **Captain Matthew Stiverson**

Chief of Police Services | City of Laguna Hills  
Orange County Sheriff's Department



# SWIM CENTER NEWS

## SPRING SWIM SEASON

Hi Friends, spring is here, and summer is right around the corner. For many of our families, planning for these months is well underway. I know that planning is a big part of your life and this month's swim blog will let you know about all the wonderful seasonal programming Evolution Swim Academy will be offering right here in Nellie Gail Ranch.

Let's start with the summer camp. The Summer Sports Camp is officially sold out and we are forming waitlists at this time. Although the Sports Camp at Nellie Gail Ranch is sold out, we are offering a secondary, ½ day camp, this year in Rancho Mission Viejo. If you would like for your children to participate in that camp, please visit our website for more camp information. I want to thank all the Nellie Gail Ranch families for supporting our summer sports camp. Since its inception in 2014, this camp has continued to gain popularity and it is not lost on me that much of that popularity comes from families supporting the program by telling their friends about it. Thank you and I hope that if you did not register in time for the sports camp that you will consider the ½ day camp that we are hosting in Rancho Mission Viejo.

Our seasonal swim lessons will open June 6th and this year, we are introducing a new swim lesson format that many of our families have been requesting. I am excited to introduce 2-week block lessons. This is a break from the "perpetual" format that we currently use at our year-round, indoor locations. Our 2-week block format makes sense because it gives families the opportunity to use what you pay for and take breaks when needed, for example, when you go on vacation, which many families will do during the summer break. We are offering 5, 2-week sessions and families can register for 1 or more of these blocks, and your registration can be tailored to your availability.

The spring and summer also ushers in our seasonal swim team offerings, where swimmers with a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke may participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to participate on a swim team, whether spring or summer or both, and do so in 8-week sessions. I like to think that this is a great way for families to test the waters of competitive swimming without the year-round commitment.

On a final note, I would like to let you know that our Mission Viejo and Rancho Mission Viejo year-round, indoor sites are doing well and because of demand for swim lessons, we are opening more shifts as we get closer to summer. If your plans include indoor spring and summer swim lessons, please let us know and we would be happy to assist.



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## PROGRAMS:

- ✓ EVOLUTION SPORTS ACADEMY  
(SUMMER SPORTS CAMP)  
Registration open: 2/1/2022

**SOLD OUT**

- ✓ SEASONAL SWIM LESSONS  
Registration: Ongoing

- ✓ SPRING SWIM TEAM  
Registration: Ongoing

- ✓ SUMMER SWIM TEAM  
Registration: Ongoing

- ✓ INTRO TO EVO  
Registration: Ongoing



# EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MANUEL RUELAS FOR CELEBRATING HIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH NELLIE GAIL RANCH



Manuel began working at Nellie Gail Ranch thirty years ago on April 17, 1992 at the young age of nineteen. Manuel was born and raised in Mexico, he decided to immigrate to the United States to join his older brother (Guillermo Ruelas). Upon his arrival to the United States, Manuel accepted a stable cleaning position at Nellie Gail Ranch where he acquired new skill sets and trades (electrical, plumbing, and woodwork). Manuel's dedication and hard work ethic did not go unnoticed, after fifteen years of employment he was promoted to Operations Manager and in 2012, Nellie Gail Ranch named the middle arena after him in honor of his 20th year of employment.

Manuel is passionate about the work that he does and states that his heart belongs to Nellie Gail Ranch. Manuel considers Nellie Gail Ranch his second home and states that it reminds him of the ranch that he grew up in, in Mexico. Manuel met his wife, Gloria Ruelas in 1993, they share three children, Monique, Joseph, and Savannah. Manuel attributes his success at Nellie Gail Ranch to the support and love from his family.





# EQUESTRIAN CENTER EHV-1 UPDATE

Effective April 14, 2022, the state has released all quarantine sites in Orange County, San Diego County and Los Angeles. Our Equestrian Center has returned to normal unrestricted operations. However, we recommend everyone remain cautious and keep a "heads up" when traveling to horseshows or other facilities to ensure the Nellie Gail Ranch community can remain safe for the months to come.

Recommendations per CDFA remain as follows:

- Limit horse-to-horse contact
- Avoid use of communal water sources
- Avoid sharing of equipment unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses
- Monitor your horse for clinical signs of disease and report any temperature over 102°F to a veterinarian
- We thank you again for all your efforts in successfully keeping our community safe from the EHV-1 outbreak.

## Nellie Gail Dressage Schooling Show

Hosted by Katy Mouzis- Pyramid Dressage  
Judges: Jan Curtis and Nicole Bhathal



**Who:** Open to all riders- a lead line class for kids is available.

**When:** May 15, 2022 9am-1pm- start with the lead line class.

**Where:** Nellie Gail dressage arena

**Why:** A great opportunity to ride a dressage test in front of certified dressage judges to receive quality feedback without the pressures of being at a real show. Our judges Jan Curtis and Nicole Bhathal will highlight your strengths and provide instruction on how to continue your progress successfully.

### How to enter:

**Step 1:** Choose your dressage test. - Go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)

• Go to "competitions" tab and then click on "dressage tests" to download a test. Choose a test that is appropriate for you and your horse's skill level.

**Step 2:** Choose to ride the test only OR you can add a 20 minute lesson immediately following your test with judge Jan Curtis. This is a unique opportunity to get immediate feedback and instruction on your test from the judge.

**Step 3:** Sign up- Inform Katy Mouzis via text or email the test of your choice and if you are riding a test only or test plus lesson from Jan Curtis. cell: 949-973-0480 email: [katymouzis@gmail.com](mailto:katymouzis@gmail.com)


**Step 4:** Payment- Cash, check or Venmo accepted. Payment must be received by day of the show upon check in. Please make checks out to Katy Mouzis. Early Payments can be dropped off in black inbox located in front the Pyramid Dressage office in barn D. Venmo @Katy-Mouzis

- Lead line class \$10 • Test ride only \$30
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# TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CENTER NEWS



Our U14s Team is now top of the league with an 8-1 winning record. They are now in prime position to make Sectional playoffs with the last league fixture to be held at home on 4/30.

The U10s Team is having a fantastic season this Spring winning their last 2 fixtures comfortably. With a huge amount of effort and team spirit this young team has given themselves a chance to play for Sectional Playoffs. Wish them luck!





# TENNIS RESULTS

Players from the Junior Program are having continued success with the following notable results this past month:

Congratulations to Danielle Han on winning the U12 L6 Event at Poway

Great work from Myna Medicetty on reaching the Final of the U14 L6 Event at Torrance



# Tate LaMott Group Q1 2022 Success



## **32221 COOK LANE**

Sold | \$5,450,000

Represented Buyer



## **46 PANORAMA**

Sold | \$2,950,000

Represented Seller



## **25461 RAPID FALLS ROAD**

Sold | \$2,948,000

Represented Buyer and Seller



## **30701 FAIRGREENS**

Sold | \$2,775,000

Represented Buyer



## **25491 RAPID FALLS ROAD**

Sold | \$2,705,000

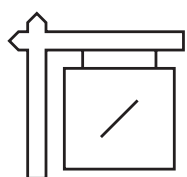
Represented Seller



## **25421 COACH SPRINGS LANE**

Sold | \$2,525,000

Represented Buyer and Seller



## **To Home Sellers**

The simple economic principle of supply and demand does not adequately capture today's dilemma. There just is nothing available for buyers to purchase right now. Anything that does hit the market is greeted with a deluge of showings and plenty of offers.



## **To Home Buyers**

Don't give up! Interest rates are rising but relatively speaking a 4.5% interest rate is still very attractive at our current levels of inflation. The best advice is to make sure you are ready to make an offer, and have financing secured, once the opportunity presents itself.





**32162 CALLE LOS ELEGANTES**  
Sold | \$2,300,000  
Represented Seller



**27201 LOST COLT**  
Sold | \$2,050,000  
Represented Seller



**5 GOLDEN BEAR COURT**  
Sold | \$1,949,000  
Represented Seller



**24535 SANTA CLARA AVENUE**  
Sold | \$1,605,000  
Represented Seller



**25322 CASSANDRA COURT**  
Sold | \$1,110,000  
Represented Seller



**11 WINSTON DRIVE**  
In Escrow | \$4,400,000  
Representing Seller



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# PICKLEBALL

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COUPLES	\$45	COUPLES	\$65
SINGLE PICKLEBALL	\$30	SINGLE PICKLEBALL	\$50
MEMBER GUEST FEE	\$10 PER DAY	MEMBER GUEST FEE	\$10 PER DAY

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WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP

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**NOTE: TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES USE OF PICKLEBALL COURTS.**



# NELLIE GAIL RANCH TENNIS CLUB

*28th Annual*

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DATES:

MONDAY - THURSDAY

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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

## NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

*by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng*

Last month (March 2022), a magnitude 7.2 earthquake and subsequent tsunami warning occurred off the Coast of Japan. We are reminded that Japan, like California, sit on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" a seismically active region encompassing the Pacific Ocean. In August of 2018, the Ring of Fire experienced 70 earthquakes in a 48 hour period. Recent studies from the U.S. Geologic Survey have concluded that prior reports of earthquake intensity and the probability for the next "Big One" have been underestimated.

Research has found that two parallel faults rupturing at the same time (even though one caused the rupture of the other) have occurred in the past. This causes our prior estimate of a 7.8 earthquake to go up to an 8.0 earthquake (one source even projected a 9.0 earthquake in California.) Additionally, the likelihood of this level of earthquake occurring in the next 30 years goes from 4% to 7%. Although this may sound small, imagine if someone told you that you have a 7% chance of winning the PowerBall Lottery in the next 30 year. Those are certainly odds that I would like to have. All of this is to bring to your attention that an earthquake emergency is likely to occur in our lifetime, and to bring to your attention the necessity to prepare for such an event. Not only should you prepare, but also you should strongly encourage your neighbors to do the same

**Why your neighbors?** Because research has shown that over 90% of aid provided during a disaster comes not from public agencies but from friends and neighbors. Any assistance you might need is likely to come from your neighbors. The concept of "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" is the foundational element of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee. This is accomplished by having groups of Block Captains and Area Coordinators to assist our community in the event of a major disaster. This month, we will focus on the specifics of how Block Captains and Area Coordinators will be an important link in the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" network.

By definition, a disaster is an event that will overwhelm the existing resources available to aid disaster victims and that a call to 9-1-1, even if it gets through the jammed phone lines, will likely result in no assistance for days or weeks. The anticipated lack of outside help compels all of us to prepare ourselves and, if possible, to be ready to assist others within our community. Studies from major disasters show that most aid to disaster victims comes

from neighbors and others within the community, and not from disaster workers or relief organizations. Members of your Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee are committed to the belief that Neighbor Helping Neighbor is how our community will survive a large scale disaster. Fortunately, committee members include individuals who are proficient with Ham radio communications, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained, Search and Rescue trained, disaster medicine trained, and individuals who have already taken steps to prepare and have the skills and knowledge to assist. They have volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to helping our community be better prepared through:

- Educating residents on emergency preparedness,
- Being a resource for disaster preparedness,
- Developing an emergency communication system with in Nellie Gail and to outside entities even when all utilities are non-functional, and
- Being capable of providing limited first aid during a regional disaster.

**The Block Captain and Area Coordinators will be your direct link to all of these and other resources.**

### BLOCK CAPTAINS

Block Captains are residents of Nellie Gail who live on your block or are within a short walking distance to you. He or she will "oversee" approximately 12 - 20 households and will be your link to the Emergency Preparedness Committee Command Center. The role of the Block Captain is to make sure his or her 12 - 20 households are safe and are not in need of urgent assistance. He or she will be trained on radio communications to the Area Coordinators and/or Command Center, and will also have additional training on how to turn off utilities, light search and rescue, and basic first aid. The Block Captain is your local resource expert; your first line of defense when help is needed. If the Block Captain determines that one of their residents are in need of assistance, the Block Captain can either provide the assistance, seek others within his or her block to assist, or can contact the Area Coordinator (see below) for assistance. As an example, if a resident smells gas in the house and doesn't know what to do, her Block Captain, in the process of checking on his neighbors, helps this resident by turning off the gas main.

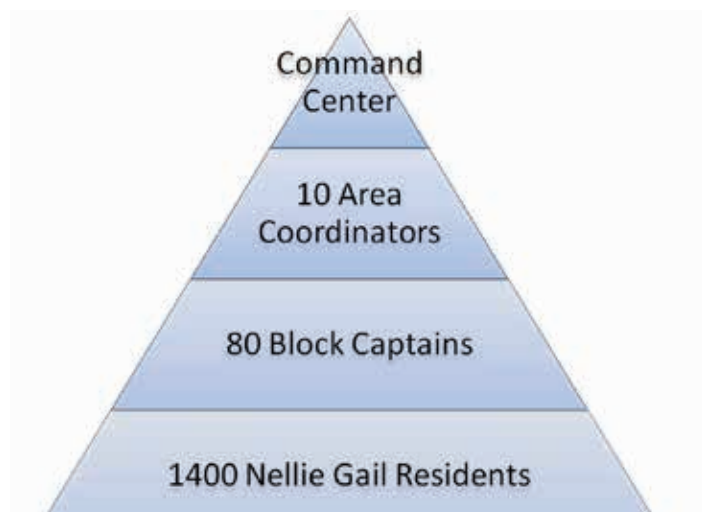


## AREA COORDINATORS

Area Coordinators are residents of Nellie Gail who, like the Block Captains, have skills and training to assist residents, but also have advanced capabilities of communications through Ham radios. These individuals will oversee 8-10 Block Captains and will be in direct contact with the Nellie Gail Command Center through their Ham radios. They will also be a resource to their Block Captains who are in need of assistance as the Area Coordinator may be able to enlist the aid of his or her remaining 7-9 other Block Captains. As an example, Block Captain "1" informs his Area Coordinator that he has a resident who has severely injured his ankle. The Area Coordinator broadcasts this information to his 9 other Block Captains and hears back from two: Block Captain "3" has a resident who is a physician and Block Captain "7" has a resident who has some unused crutches. The Area Coordinator now coordinates this help with all three Block Captains. Using this same example one step further, had the Area Coordinator not heard back from any of his Block Captains, then the Area Coordinator would then contact the Command Center and the Command Center could broadcast the request for help to other Area Coordinators.

## COMMAND CENTER

During a disaster, the Command Center (located at the Nellie Gail Clubhouse) will be staffed by members of the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee. From the Command Center, we will be able to coordinate many of the needs of the residents through the Block Captains and Area Coordinators. In addition, the Command Center will have communication access to the Emergency Operations Center for Orange County and other aid resources via Ham radio. The Command Center will also have a limited amount of first aid supplies, water, and electrical generator capabilities. Please note: **The Command Center** DOES NOT have the capabilities of being your "earthquake kit" during a disaster. It will not be providing all the food, water, and shelter needs of this community. We do, however, have the resources to provide you with all the information necessary to prepare you and your family for a disaster (i.e. pre-disaster planning.)



Just within the Nellie Gail community, the resources we have are enormous. The skills sets in our community include a variety of medical, dental, and veterinary doctors and nurses, psychologists, structural engineers and construction experts, fire and law enforcement personnel, search and rescue experts just to name a few. We can coordinate and utilize these resources within our Nellie Gail community through the Neighbor Helping Neighbor concept in conjunction with our system of Block Captains, Area Coordinators and the Command Center.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

First and foremost, spend a half-day and assemble your own earthquake kit. A step-by-step "how to" was published in the February 2022 issue of the Pony Express (reprints of all articles are available at [www.nelliegail-ranch.org](http://www.nelliegail-ranch.org) (Click on Homeowner Services > Committees > Emergency Preparedness. Articles will be available on the right column.) Even better, gather several of your neighbors and assemble your kits together.

Secondly, consider being a Block Captain. The role of the Block Captain is of great importance and during a disaster, a necessary link between residents and the Command Center. We are seeking volunteers for the position of Block Captain. The requirements are:

- Commit to assembling your earthquake kit
- Volunteer 1 (one) hour every 3 to 6 months Command Center 10 Area Coordinators 80 Block Captains 1400 Nellie Gail Residents
- Willingness to help your immediate neighbors, if needed. No skills are necessary as you will be provided the following:
- Basic survival skills through "Block Captain" educational classes and events
- Basic first aid (and CPR, optional)
- Radio communication skills for communicating with others in the community
- Basic tools and supply list to make your survival and your role as a Block Captain easier

As you can see, the time commitment is minimal but the importance is great. To learn more about being a Block Captain or Area Coordinator, or to get more information on Nellie Gail's Emergency Preparedness Committee, please contact this author at [kennethscheng@gmail.com](mailto:kennethscheng@gmail.com).

**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

## TEAM DARKHORSE GALLOPS INTO 2022

*By Karen L. Robbins*

In April Members of Team Darkhorse met with the Command Team of our city's adopted 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (commonly known as 3/5 or "Darkhorse").

The meeting opened with a surprise visit from Col A.J. Munro (the Commander of the 5th Regiment Headquarters). He spoke graciously, sincerely and candidly about the effects our city's civilian volunteers can and do have on the morale and personal growth of junior Marines. 3/5 Battalion Commander LtCol Greco concurred, reflecting back on the number of years Team Darkhorse has faithfully fulfilled the promise made in 2008 by the City's adoption of the Battalion.



"I want to express our deep appreciation for the support your group has given this Battalion over the last 11 years. All the Marines will tell you that the level of support given this Battalion is unparalleled at any other MC Base they've been stationed — whether it is Camp LeJeune, Kaneohe, or 29 Palms. I was here shortly after the Battalion returned from Afghanistan, during the sad difficult time following so many losses, and vividly remember your caring support. To return this year, and find that your dedication has continued for another decade is amazing. Everyone appreciates this. Even though young Marines find it difficult to express this, they definitely notice and feel this."

LtCol Greco then gave us a summary of the top down changes in the Marine Corps itself, including a "pivot East" from the Middle East to strategic competition with China; closer integration with the Navy, advanced technological training and integration; and the need for each individual Marine to receive more intense training to enable each to perform with ever more expertise.

As always, the bulk of an Infantry Battalion are recently enlisted young Marines who now train through vigorous challenges — mentally and physically. In early May the Marines head to 29 Palms where they will engage in "warfare games." Marines are divided into 2 teams — each tasked with utilizing their training in order to overwhelm the opposite side. Next year, these Marines will take that training on a MEU (Military Expeditionary Unit) likely to Japan.

Following LtCol Greco's remarks and explanations, our new Chairman Vanessa Kon discussed on-base events which we will support; and plans for the city's Memorial Day Race. At the race the Battalion will provide a Color Guard, and Static Display of Military Vehicles along with participating Marines to engage with the community. Static Displays are always highly popular especially among the children.





## TEAM DARKHORSE GOAL AND INITIATIVES FOR 2022

Following a tour of the Battalion Barracks, and armed with an understanding of the challenges ahead, Team Darkhorse's goal became clear.

"Team Darkhorse toured the single Marine barracks and observed that there are 2 computer rooms and 12 existing corrals for computers, but they were was not IT equipment," explains TDH Chairman Vanessa Kon.

"Our mission is to provide encouragement, relief and comfort to the Marines/Sailors of 3/5, and accordingly we would like to improve the living conditions for the Marines housed in the barracks by setting up these 2 computer rooms to be fully functional computer labs.

The computer labs will be used by the over 800+ enlisted Marines who live in the barracks at Camp Pendleton. It will give them Internet access and resources to complete research assignments and reports that they are required to do as part of their continuing education and training."

If you would like to make a donation toward the Computer program, you can mail a check to Team Darkhorse 25462 Nellie Gail Road, LH 92653. Team Darkhorse is an IRS 501 (c) organization and accordingly all donations are tax deductible.



### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

JOIN our BAKING BRIGADE: Our Bakers provide "a taste of home" to the young single Marines on special "Dinner in the Barracks" nights. The next opportunity is June 16. Bakers can drop goodies off in advance, and/or attend the event to feed, meet and greet the Marines!

REGISTER TO RUN in the City's Memorial Day Race: Race is Monday, May 30 and race website is [LagunaHillsHalfMarathon.com](http://LagunaHillsHalfMarathon.com). There are 5, 10k and Kids races too!

WATCH for announcements in the Friday Updates from the HOA about other opportunities that arise.

For more information, donations or to sign up for an activity please email [VanessaKon@cox.net](mailto:VanessaKon@cox.net).

#### TEAM DARKHORSE -

3D Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Division Support Committee is the (all volunteer) IRS 501 (c) 3 non profit org formed in 2010, following the Laguna Hills City Council formal vote to adopt this Camp Pendleton Infantry Unit. For more information, to volunteer, or make a donation please contact Chairman Karen Robbins, [35robbins@gmail.com](mailto:35robbins@gmail.com).



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## IT WAS AN EGG-STRAVAGANZA!!

Nellie Gail Ranch families came out for the Annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022**. Four different age groups gathered around the hunt areas at Gallup Park before rushing to fill their baskets and bags with the 6,000+ candy- and toy-filled plastic eggs scattered by staff and Lion's Heart volunteers.

Families enjoyed many activities after the hunt, including train rides around the park, an inflatable bounce house and 17' slide, face painters, a balloon twister, coloring crafts, games and prizes provided by Evolution Swim Academy, a dessert truck, and photos with the Easter Bunny.

Special thanks to our contributing sponsor **TATE|LAMOTT GROUP** and all who came out for the fun. The turnout exceeded our expectations, the kids were smiling and happy, and it was a beautiful day to get the community together.

by Mary Gonzales - NGROA Events Coordinator





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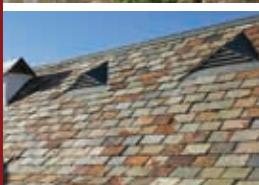
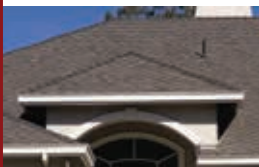
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# MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 	9	10 ARC Meeting 7:00 pm Via Zoom	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Board of Directors Meeting  7:30 PM @ Clubhouse	18	19	20	21
22	22	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Association Office will be Closed  Club Facilities open till 4:00pm	31 ARC Submittal Dead line for June 14th Meeting				



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