

May 2023



The PONY EXPRESS

Nellie Gail Ranch

Community Newsletter

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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 **May 16, 2023** and will be held at the Association Clubhouse.

Executive Session starts at - 6:00 pm and Open Session - 7:30 pm

The agenda will be posted in the Association Office and on the NGR website on the Friday prior to the meeting, or you may contact the Association Office to obtain agenda information. All homeowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Architectural Review Committee

Architectural Review Committee meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Completed applications must be submitted to the Association Office at least 10 business days prior to the ARC meeting. Please check the calendar in each issue of the Pony Express for exact submittal deadlines and ARC meeting dates.

Association Committees

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

Architectural Review Committee

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Equestrian Committee

Events Committee

Landscape Committee

Security Committee

Trails and Safety Committee

MANAGERS MESSAGE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN NELLIE GAIL RANCH?

By Brian Mitchell



Spring has been a welcome relief to us here at Nellie Gail Ranch. The sun in Spring brings out the best in us and everything around us as moods brighten alongside the California Poppies. I hope you have had an opportunity to walk some of our trails and witness the beauty of Nellie Gail Ranch close up.

We welcome Quezada Pro Landscape to a larger maintenance role in the community. In past years we have seen Quezada crews in Nellie Gail Ranch trimming and caring for our community trees. After a thorough bidding process Quezada has taken over landscape maintenance of all community entries, parks and streetscapes. Family owned, client focused and competitively priced Quezada was awarded the maintenance contract effective March 1st. They have had a strong start on our behalf despite the challenging conditions they faced with a wet and rainy March and an explosion of growth in April. Give a friendly wave to their crews as you see them working on our common areas.

Our landscape is not the only green to be seen. We also have green in new equipment being used to maintain our parks. Quezada has invested in a new electric mower currently being tested in our parks. It even has a cool name, the Greenworks OptimusZ. This all electric mower is quieter than the traditional gas powered mower and is marketed as having a 6 hour run-time. Again, this is a test so we can't commit to a full transition to electric until Quezada can confirm the new mowers can handle the workload. Meanwhile, we are excited to be trying new environmentally friendly technology.

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blow cold, when the summer is in the light and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens

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NELLIE GAIL SAFE

TOWN HALL MEETING / NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A Town Hall and Neighborhood Watch Training meeting was held April 10th at the Association Clubhouse. Members of the Security Committee hosted and Committee Chair Steve Beeuwsaert presented crime data the Committee compiled from crimemapping.com. Also presented was a summary of incidents reported on by the current mobile patrol security. Below are QR codes you may use to access the reports that were presented at the Town Hall Meeting.

Allied Mobile Patrol
Incident Summary



Reported Crimes
(crimemapping.com)



NGR Crime Stats
(crimemapping.com)



After the Town Hall Meeting, City of Laguna Hills Crime Specialist Alyssa Rabas led a Neighborhood Watch Training meeting. Seventeen homeowners signed in as potential block captains. Alyssa explained the role of a Block Captain is to take a leadership role in coordinating 10-15 homes to become active as Watch Members. Watch Members are neighbors who have familiarity with each other and keep an eye out for each other. Watch Members look for unfamiliar "vendors" and suspicious activity around homes where neighbors are on vacation or away for an evening.

The next step in Neighborhood Watch is for each Block Captain to coordinate a start-up meeting of their 10-15 Watch Members and invite Alyssa to attend. At this kick-off meeting, Alyssa will train Watch Members on how to watch out for each other and how to be a good witness. What to look for, what to report, remember to take a photo and note the time of any suspicious activity.

We encourage all who attended that meeting to take the next step and coordinate a meeting with Watch Members. If you did not attend and are interested in being a Neighborhood Watch Captain, you may call Alyssa Rabas at 949-707-2641 or Arabas@ocsheriff.gov.

There are several active and successful Neighborhood Watch groups in Nellie Gail Ranch. The more active participants we have the harder it will be to target the Nellie Gail Ranch Community. Please join together now!

MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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
Paul Holland
Loree Blough
John Park
Joyce Taylor

MANAGEMENT

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

II. HOMEOWNER FORUM

One homeowner attended.

III. REPORT TO MEMBERS

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING

Action: To receive and file the Executive Session Report.

B. REPORT ON STATUS OF CC&R AMENDMENT BALLOTING

Management reported 758 ballots have been received to date for the CC&R amendments. Ballot counting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

C. REPORT ON PENDING TOWN HALL MEETING

The Town Hall / Neighborhood Watch Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2023. The proposed ballot measure for Mobile Patrol will be presented by Management. The Security Committee will present crime stats from crimemapping.com. The Town Hall Session will be followed by Neighborhood Watch Training conducted by the City Crime Prevention Specialist for homeowners interested in being

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Blough
Second: Park

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

The motion carried unanimously with Joyce Taylor abstaining from the minutes resolution.

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Resolution: To approve the Open Session Minutes dated February 21, 2023 as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 31, 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Resolution: To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated January 31, 2023.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,134,142 in reserve funds, \$1,833,678 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$706,629 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,682,849.

Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,234,793 compared to the budgeted \$1,437,954.

Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$2,149,403 compared to the budgeted \$2,284,286.

The Consolidated Net Increase for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$221,470 compared to the budgeted increase of \$424,413. Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$249,513 compared to the budgeted of \$351,921. Year to date reserve funding is \$258,462 compared to a budget of \$252,300. The variance is reserve interest income.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO RECORD LIENS

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

| Date | Account No. | Total Amt Due |
|----------|-------------|---------------|
| 03/06/23 | 0160-02 | \$1,632.40 |
| 03/06/23 | 0321-01 | \$1,503.20 |
| 03/06/23 | 0457-02 | \$1,793.20 |

Delinquency Statistics for the Open Session Minutes:

- There are two (2) past owner delinquency with an assessment balance of \$986.40.
- One hundred and five (105) current owner past due delinquencies total \$77,451.93 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.
- The collection attorney is currently working on five (5) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.
- Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 2.96% of the annual assessment budget.

D. CONSIDERATION OF PLACEMENT OF AD IN THE GAME PROGRAM FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION NINTH ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS CUP SOFTBALL GAME

Resolution: To approve placement of an Ad in the game program for the Ninth Annual Orange County Professional Firefighters Association First Responders Cup Softball Game at a cost of \$850.

End of Consent Calendar

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JUNE 2023 BALLOT MEASURE FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO CONTINUE / DISCONTINUE 24-HOUR MOBILE PATROL SERVICES

Motion: Taylor

Second: Park

Resolution: To approve a ballot measure to be voted on by the membership June 7, 2023, confirming a preference to continue or discontinue the 24-Hour Mobile Patrol Service and to consider an alternate number of mobile patrol hours as follows:

Special Ballot Measure (Check Only One Option)

Should Nellie Gail Ranch continue to contract for Mobile Patrol services and at which service level?

☐ **YES.** Please continue 24-hour mobile patrol services at a cost of \$ TBD per home per month (\$ TBD annually).

☐ **YES.** Please revise mobile patrol services to implement a premium priced service provider armed patrol officer for 8-Hours per day at a cost of \$ TBD per home per month (\$ TBD annually).

☐ **NO** Please discontinue mobile patrol services.

☐ **NO** Please discontinue mobile patrol services and consider additional camera or technology alternatives.

The Total "Yes" Votes will be compared to the total "No" Votes

The higher count will prevail.

If "Yes" prevails, the Board will contract for the preferred level of service.

If "No" prevails the contract with the current service provider ends June 30th and the contract will not be renewed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2024

MINUTES - CONTINUED

Motion: Park

Second: Holland

Resolution: To approve renewal of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with State Fund via broker Unique Risk for the total amount of \$173,900. Funds are to be paid from Association G/L N17203 Workman's Comp, Equestrian Center G/L NE17203 Workman's Comp, Swim Center NS 17203 Workman's Comp and Tennis Center NT17203 Workman's Comp.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Action: The Board reviewed potential project and priority expenses and commitments.

D. CONSIDERATION OF THE WATERING HOLE AND HIDEOUT ROOM RENTAL POLICY

Motion: Holland

Second: Fisk

Resolution: To approve The Watering Hole and Hideout Room rental policies as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

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

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received and filed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next Open Session Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: A COMMUNITY'S SAFETY SHIELD

As a society, we often talk about the importance of safety and security. People want to feel safe in their own homes and communities. Neighborhood watch is a program that has been developed to help achieve this goal. It is a community-based program that aims to prevent crime and promote safety in the neighborhood. Here are some of the benefits of a neighborhood watch:

Deter Crime

One of the primary benefits of a neighborhood watch is that it deters crime. Criminals are less likely to commit crimes in a neighborhood where residents are vigilant and looking out for each other. When neighbors keep an eye out for suspicious activity, they can quickly report it to the authorities.

Promote Safety

Another benefit of a neighborhood watch is that it promotes safety in the community. Members of the neighborhood watch are trained to identify potential hazards and take steps to prevent accidents. For example, they can ensure that children are supervised when playing outside and that there are no tripping hazards on sidewalks and roads.

Build Community

A neighborhood watch program can help build a sense of community in the area. Members work together to keep the neighborhood safe, and this creates a feeling

of belonging and pride. Additionally, neighborhood watch meetings provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet each other and develop friendships.

Reduce Fear

When people feel unsafe in their community, it can have a negative impact on their quality of life. Neighborhood watch programs can help reduce fear by creating a sense of security. Members of the program can offer support to each other and work together to address any safety concerns.

Increase Police Effectiveness

By working with the police, neighborhood watch programs can help increase their effectiveness. The police can use the information provided by the program to identify and apprehend criminals. Additionally, when the police see that residents are actively working to prevent crime, it can encourage them to increase their patrols in the area.

In conclusion, neighborhood watch is a valuable program that offers many benefits to communities. It can help deter crime, promote safety, build community, reduce fear, and increase police effectiveness. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch in your area, contact your local police department for more information.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON APRIL 11, 2023

The Submittal Deadline for the **June** ARC Meeting is: **May 30, 2023.**

| ADDRESS | PROJECT | RESULTS |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 26542 Wildview | Review construction | Denied |
| 25891 Hitching Rail | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 26271 Mt. Diabl | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 25911 Hitching Rail | Solar & Roof | Approved with Conditions |
| 25461 Nellie Gail | Front Landscape | Approved with Conditions |
| 25372 Mustand | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 26492 Silver Saddle | Roof, windows, landscape | Approved with Conditions |
| 26532 Broken Bit | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 26602 Stetson | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 27751 Hidden Trail | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 27101 Hidden Trail | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 25405 Nellie Gail | Driveway | Denied |
| 27011 Red Barn | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 27162 Lost Colt | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 25781 Highplains | Slope planting | Approved with Conditions |
| 26122 Spur Branch | Artificial Turf | Approved with Conditions |
| 25473 Nellie Gail | Resubmittal wall | Denied |
| 26681 Dapple Grey | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 25582 Rangewood | Solar, Tree Removals, chicken coop | Approved with Conditions |
| 25435 Gallup | Solar | Approved with Conditions |
| 27102 Hidden Trail | Painting | Approved with Conditions |
| 25761 Dillon | Resubmittal landscape, hardscape, balcony | Approved with Conditions |
| 25741 Nellie Gail | Painting | Approved |
| 25281 Derbyhil | Fencing | Denied |

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.

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Bar Service Hours

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The Watering Hole may be reached at **949-524-0527**

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SUMMER TIME IS COMING

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

Summer is just around the corner, and that means it's time to start thinking about summer activities for your kids. One activity that is both fun and important for children is swim lessons. At the Nellie Gail Ranch pool, we are excited to announce our summer swim lesson program, which is designed to teach children of all ages and skill levels how to swim while having a blast.

Swim lessons are crucial for several reasons. Firstly, they help ensure that children are safe in and around the water. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children under 14, and it can happen in as little as 2 inches of water. By teaching children how to swim, they will learn essential water safety skills and be better equipped to handle themselves in an emergency.

Secondly, swim lessons provide excellent exercise for children. Swimming is a low-impact activity that provides a full-body workout, making it an excellent way to help children stay active and healthy. It also improves endurance and cardiovascular health, which can benefit children in their daily lives.

Additionally, swim lessons can help children develop important social and emotional skills. Learning to swim requires a lot of patience and persistence, and children who take swim lessons will develop these qualities as

they work towards their goals. They will also have the opportunity to interact with other children and develop social skills such as teamwork and communication.

At our pool, we offer a variety of swim lesson programs for children of all ages and skill levels. Our experienced instructors use a proven teaching method that emphasizes safety, fun, and individualized attention. We offer both weekday and weekend lessons, as well as specialized programs for children with special needs.

Whether your child is a beginner or an advanced swimmer, our summer swim lessons are an excellent way to help them learn and grow. We invite you to sign up today and give your child the gift of swimming. Not only will they have a blast, but they will also learn essential skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Weekend swim lessons started the weekend of April 15-16th and end Labor Day weekend. We will also be offering weekday swim lesson blocks, where families can register for 2-week block swim lessons. Those swim lessons start June 5th and families can register for both weekend and weekday swim lessons now.

We can't wait to teach your children how to be safer and more confident swimmers and look forward to doing it right here in your community.



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PROGRAMS:

- ✓ **SPRING SWIM TEAM:**
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Registration opens: Ongoing
- ✓ **SUMMER SWIM LESSONS:**
Start June 5, 2023
Registration opens: Ongoing
- ✓ **SUMMER SPORTS CAMP**
Starts June 5, 2023
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- ✓ **SUMMER SWIM TEAM:**
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Nellie Gail's got Talent

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Audition Submittal Deadline: 4.27.23 - For NGR residents of all ages!
Send inquiries and submittals to: NGR-Talent@nelliegailranch.org.

For talent show details and audition guidelines, go to:
www.nelliegailranch.org/events/NGGT2023



NELLIE GAIL RESIDENT AND YOUR LOCAL PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY, **MELODY PARMAN**

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Dear Nellie Gail Residents,

Is your Car Insurance Enough? Make sure your policy includes these 7 very important coverages.

- **Liability:** Pays for other people's expenses after an accident. If you own your home in Nellie Gail and/or have other property and assets, consider at least \$100/\$300K. If you can afford a higher policy, consider \$250/500K+ in coverages as well as an umbrella policy of at least \$1M!
- **Collision:** Pays to repair or replace the policyholder's car after any accident, regardless of fault. If you want a rental car during a repair, make sure you add-on rental coverage.
- **Comprehensive:** Covers damage to the policyholder's vehicle caused by something other than an accident. If you want a rental car during a repair, make sure you add-on rental coverage.
- **Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist:** Covers vehicle damage and medical expenses after an accident with an uninsured/underinsured driver. I believe this is one of the most important coverages to have as it protects your entire FAMILY.
- **Medical Payments:** Pays for the policyholder's direct accident-related medical expenses after an accident regardless of fault. It also extends to your passengers, and your household members.
- **Gap Insurance:** Your vehicle depreciates over time, including the moment you drive it off the lot. In a catastrophic loss, your auto insurer will only pay your car's actual cash value, which could be less than what you owe on a loan or lease. Gap insurance will pay for the dollar-amount "gap" between the balance of your financing and what your car is worth.
- **Umbrella Policy:** If you have a very high net worth, consider buying an umbrella policy if you max out on available auto insurance liability coverage.

Should you have more questions, please contact your insurance broker for detailed information regarding your policy directly.

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

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|-------------------|------------|------------|
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|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Family Tennis | \$127 | \$158 |
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| Single Swim | FREE | \$55 |
| Family - Tennis & Swim | n/a | \$190 |
| Single - Tennis & Swim | n/a | \$166 |
| Swim Member Guest Fee* | \$3 | \$3 |
| Tennis Member Guest Fee* | \$10 | \$10 |
| Family Pickleball** | \$70 | \$100 |
| Couples Pickleball** | \$50 | \$75 |
| Single Pickleball** | \$35 | \$50 |
| Pickleball Member Guest Fee* | \$10 | \$10 |

* Member must be present with Guest.

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ASSEMBLING YOUR DISASTER/EARTHQUAKE KIT

Written by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

As devastating earthquakes and volcanoes continue to occur in "our ring of fire," we should use this opportunity as a reminder to be fully prepared for any disaster, whether man-made or natural. The information in this article may be the most important information you read for the rest of the year. That is because your completed earthquake/disaster kit will be the key to you and your family's survival. In the past several months, in addition to the pandemic, there have been several measurable earthquakes in our southern California region and in the US, we have seen tornados and tropical storms, floods and breeched dams, wildfires, and even dust storms from the Saharan Desert. Additionally, there have been several large earthquakes on the "Pacific Rim of Fire," the zone where earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are common (and the zone in which we live.) Recall from our previous articles that teams of scientists and other experts feel that a 7.8 magnitude earthquake (approximately 8 times stronger than the Haiti earthquake) striking Southern California within our lifetime is inevitable. When such an event occurs, we will likely be without gas, water and electricity; and public assistance will be slow or non-existent. The disaster/earthquake kit is the cornerstone to

being prepared and self-sufficient. Put another way, your disaster kit is the key to your survival. Implement your kit now and you won't have to think about it for the rest of this year.

Your disaster/earthquake kit should be able to sustain you and your family for a minimum of 14 days, although nearly all experts and relief organizations advise preparing for 30 days. The author of this article, having worked in national disasters and having seen firsthand the response time of aid, utilities, public service, etc., strongly advises that you prepare for a minimum of 30 days. This article will provide you with the basics of assembling such a kit. It is not meant to be exhaustive but more a point of reference from which you can tailor to your specific needs. Additional references are also provided at the end of this article.

One question that is frequently asked is, "Why do I need an disaster/earthquake kit? I already have everything I need in my home." This may be true but very short-sighted. Imagine everything that is on a shelf or cabinet, and the contents of every drawer are strewn on your floor. Then add 3-6 inches of water from the broken water main that you were able to turn off but only after the water flooded your bottom floor. Lastly, add some broken glass and some drywall from your collapsed ceiling. This is not the



time to being collecting your supplies for survival. Another frequent question is, "If it's that bad, why don't I just leave?" This, too, is short-sighted: you are assuming that no bridge or underpass is affected between your home and your destination, you are assuming that you have enough fuel to get to your destination (remember that with no electricity, there will be no working fuel pumps and even if you can get fuel, you're not going to be using your credit card,) and you are assuming that you have enough food and water in your car for any travel and unexpected stops. Lastly, if only 10% of the residents Orange County felt similarly and decided to leave, our roads would be in gridlock for days and it is likely that you will go nowhere fast. Your best option may be to "shelter in place" and you will need a disaster/ earthquake kit to do so successfully.

On the following page is a Disaster/Earthquake Supplies list that you can use to help establish your family's Earthquake kit. Please tear this out or copy it to make as your own list. Additionally, we have provided you some important information below that further explains of some of the items on the list.

WATER. You should store at least one gallon of water per person per day, more if elderly, ill, breastfeeding, or in warm environments. Water should be stored in original containers in a cool dark place away from paints or other petroleum-based products. Be sure to observe the "use by" or expiration dates on the label. Additionally, water can be stored in food grade, water-rated drums or containers. If storing water in this manner, you should add the appropriate water preservative and seal the drum. This water should then be replaced every 1-2 years. Water from your home's hot water heater can also be used for drinking as long as the appropriate steps are taken to preserve the purity of this water during a disaster. Information on how to utilize your water heater's water, as well as water purification instructions (using water purification tablets or unscented bleach) can be found on the Nellie Gail website, www.nelliegailranch.org and clicking "resources."

FOOD. Store at least a 2 week supply (and preferably a 1 month supply) of non-perishable foods. Ideally, select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and require little or no water. Also, select

foods that you normally use at home so you can rotate this in and keep the stored foods fresh.

SHELTER. If you are unable to inhabit your home, you will need a place to shelter. A RV, such as a motorhome or trailer will make an excellent place to shelter. For others, a tent or tarp will protect you from any rain or wind, and provide you with shade when needed. Extra clothing can be items that you normally would have given to charity.

MEDICATIONS AND FIRST AID. Prescription medications should be in their original container and enough for one month. You should also have a written list of the medication, including dosage, instructions and the Rx number to aid in refills. Health insurance usually won't allow you to purchase an extra month's



worth of medication, but your physician can provide you with an extra prescription that you can purchase without going through insurance, or you can ask your physician if he or she has samples of your medication. Be sure to rotate your medications to avoid storing expired medications.

PETS. Pets often play an important role in our lives so be sure to plan for their emergencies as well. You should also be prepared to evacuate with your pet, however, keep in mind that most public shelters will not allow you to bring your pet. As such make appropriate contingency plans, possibly setting up a "buddy system" of pet care with neighbors who also have pets.

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card terminals and ATM machines will be non-functional when the electricity is out. Copies of your important documents will make it easier for you to file insurance claims, access bank accounts, etc. New flashlights that utilize LED light bulbs are far superior as they use less electricity prolonging battery life, are less prone to burning out light bulbs, and are generally brighter. If you are going to purchase a flashlight, consider purchasing the LED flashlights.

STORAGE AND LOCATION OF YOUR EARTHQUAKE KIT. The idea of an earthquake/disaster kit is to have all necessities in one location that is stored away from sources of heat and light. Good areas include the back corner of one's garage or in an infrequently used closet. The location should be on the bottom floor of multistory buildings and next to an exterior wall for easy access should there be a building collapse. Lastly, the items should be stored in a sturdy container. The metal "contractor's box" found at construction job sites is an excellent type of container for your earthquake kit.

Again, this article and the accompanying supply list will help you get started on your earthquake kit. It is recommended that you copy this list and use it as the foundation of your family's earthquake kit. Future articles will include work and car preparation, and water purification. You can also find additional information on disaster preparation at: www.fema.gov | www.redcross.org | www.readyoc.org | www.nelliegailranch.org | www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html

About the Author:

Dr. Kenneth Cheng is a 25-year resident of Nellie Gail Ranch, and a 10-year member of the Nellie Gail's Emergency Preparedness Committee. He is a disaster preparedness instructor with the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he serves as a reserve deputy and SWAT tactical physician.

Earthquake/Disaster Supplies

Water (14 days minimum, 30 days preferred)

- _Water (one gallon per person per day)
- _Water purification tablets

Food (14 days minimum, 30 days preferred)

- _Non-perishable food (canned, dried, ready to eat, etc.)
- _Special needs food (infant, elderly, diabetic, etc.)
- _Comfort foods (candy, instant coffee, tea bags, etc.)

Food Preparation

- _Salt/Pepper/Sugar
- _Pam or other cooking spray
- _Pots and pans
- _Cooking utensils
- _Manual can opener
- _Forks/Spoons/Knives
- _Plastic or paper plates/bowls
- _Aluminum foil
- _Zip-Lock bags, various sizes
- _Dishwashing soap
- _Sterno, camp or butane stove top, or propane BBQ
- _fire extinguisher

Shelter

- _Tent or Large Tarp
- _Blankets or Sleeping bags
- _extra clothing and shoes, rain gear
- _50' of rope/clothes line

Sanitation/Toiletries

- _toilet paper
- _personal hygiene items
- _soap and shampoo
- _toothbrush and paste
- _plastic bags (garden and kitchen size)
- _5 gallon bucket and lid (2)
- _unscented chlorine bleach and medicine dropper
- _paper towels

Pets

- _pet food and extra water
- _extra collars and leashes
- _pet medications
- _favorite toy

Medications and First Aid

- _prescription medications (one month minimum)
- _antacids
- _anti-diarrheal medications
- _laxatives
- _antihistamines
- _other over the counter medications routinely used
- _latex gloves
- _bandages (various sizes)
- _elastic (Ace) bandages
- _gauze (various sizes)
- _antibacterial ointments
- _medical tape
- _tweezers and magnifying glass
- _moisttowelettes
- _safety pins
- _prescription eyeglasses

Important Documents (stored in a Zip-Lock bag)

- _cash in small bills
- _copies of insurance policies (home, auto, life, etc.)
- _copies of medical and pharmacy insurance cards
- _copies of drivers license, passports, birth certificates
- _copies of bank statements and account numbers
- _list of medications and dosages (and pharmacy Rx#)
- _list of emergency contacts, doctors, attorneys, etc.
- _extra car and house keys

Miscellaneous

- _duct tape
- _long burning candles
- _matches in waterproof container
- _leather/work gloves
- _dust masks
- _local map(s)
- _books, playing cards and games
- _battery operated radio
- _flashlights
- _extra batteries (various sizes)
- _whistle
- _paper and pencil
- _sewing kit
- _multipurpose“Leatherman” tool
- _gas and water shut off tool



Holly Permeh

Homeowner Since: 2016

Current Occupation:

As a real estate investor, I direct all aspects of my company from purchasing properties, to renovating and leasing. My passion for real estate began in my 20's while managing

several apartment complexes in Oregon. I particularly enjoyed the relationship building aspect of the role and contributing to the overall well being of the neighborhoods.

Civic Activities:

I have been an active equestrian for over 25 years and have taught 4-H and other various Western Riding Disciplines. During fire season, I work with local agencies to evacuation horses. I also foster stray dogs and work closely with the local animal shelters.

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

As Co-Chairman of the Nellie Gail Events Committee for the last two years, we have added several new events and have continued to seek out new bands for our summer concert series. We have managed to add new events while staying within budget.

Biographical Information:

While having lived in Laguna Hills for 30 years and a Nellie Gail Resident for 7, I am very rooted within the city. As an equestrian, I wanted to live in a community where I could have my horses in my backyard and ride the trails but still enjoy OC living. I am a mother of two children, ages 11 and 13. While raising children here, the safety of our neighborhood is extremely important to me. If elected I would take more action to prevent crime in our neighborhood and continue to build the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Statement:

I believe that a valuable board member listens closely to homeowners, understand both HOA and homeowners wants and needs, is open minded to change, understands cost control and is direct and honest. With my real estate and HOA experience, I have the skill set, personal investment and expertise to contribute to the future of Nellie Gail. My goals are to continue to host community events, maintain our facilities and properties, work with local law enforcement to reduce crime and be fiscally responsible. I would very much appreciate your vote for the board.



Loree Blough

Homeowner Since: 1993

Current Occupation:

Engineering Project Manager at Boeing after 28 years. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Specialization in Cost Reduction & Energy management

Civic Activities:

- 7 years - UCI's Board.
- 14 years - President/Manager of a houseboat timeshare.
- Certified for emergency response from City of Laguna Hills Community Emergency Response Team
- 2 years - Executive Director of Kids Konnected Non-Profit for children who have a parent with cancer

Nellie Gail Ranch Activities:

- Serving my 12th year on Nellie Gail's Board of Directors
- Serving my 13th year on Nellie Gail's Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Serving my 8th year on Events Committee
- Planning new events-Luau, Movies in Park & Yappy Hour

Biographical Information:

Born and raised in California. I am married to a wonderful man-Dennis for the past 39 years. I love life in Nellie Gail with our dog & cat.

Statement:

I love Nellie Gail Ranch and want nothing but the best for our community & residents. I believe my Engineering Project Management skills are an advantage when evaluating projects, enhancing trails and facilities maintenance and other assets, while improving cost controls and reductions

I want to ensure that:

- We work on projects that raise the standards of our centers to better compete with what new communities offer.
- We hold events designed to create great family memories & build community togetherness
- Everyone is treated with respect
- We listen to and weigh all opinions to make the best decisions possible for the greatest good of our community
- Each situation is examined on its own merits.
- Continue to keep our dues low, spend within our budget & fully fund our reserve budget

I will do my best to evaluate every issue brought before the board with a logical and open mind. I pledge to continue to work hard for our wonderful community.

Special Ballot Measure

Should Nellie Gail Ranch continue to contract for Mobile Patrol services and at which service level?

Option 1 - YES Please continue 24-hour mobile patrol services at a cost of \$16.70 per home per month (\$200.43 annually).

Option 2 - YES Please revise mobile patrol services to implement a premium priced service provider armed patrol officer for 8-Hours per day at a cost of \$19.67 per home per month (\$236.00 annually).

Option 3 - NO Please discontinue mobile patrol services.

Option 4 - NO Please discontinue mobile patrol services and consider additional camera or technology alternatives.

Special Ballot Measure Statement

After evaluating homeowner requests to implement patrol services in the Nellie Gail Ranch community, the Board of Directors approved a contract for 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, Parks and Equestrian facilities to provide an observational presence and to act as a deterrent to criminal activity. The current cost for this service is \$14.30 per home per month (171.60 annually). The two Special Ballot options for retaining the service represent increases of 17% and 38%.

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.

This matter is submitted on the ballot to provide the Nellie Gail Ranch Membership the opportunity to again decide whether or not to continue to budget and contract for this service. In response to homeowner feedback requesting more options for varying levels of service, multiple options are provided for consideration.

If the combined "Yes" votes for 8-hour or 24-hour patrol options exceed the total of "No" votes then services will be placed under contract for the mobile patrol option that receives the highest vote total. A "Yes" vote does not obligate the Association to remain with the proposed service provider as that decision can be altered at any time subject to evaluation of the vendors post orders and performance.

Special Ballot Measure

24-hour mobile patrol services (\$16.70 per home per month - \$200.43 annually)

The focus of 24-hour mobile patrol is to deter criminal behavior by being a visible presence throughout the community and reporting substantive incidents. Each shift the officer is responsible for maintaining awareness of suspicious activities, circumnavigating all community streets twice and conducting a foot patrol of all parks and the recreation center. There are three shifts in each 24-hour period.

The following is a summary of incidents the current patrol company Allied Universal has submitted reports on April 1, 2022 through March 30, 2023.

- Suspicious Vehicle / Activity - **15**
- Facility Check (i.e. broken sprinkler, recreation center gate unlocked, open equestrian center stall, alarm) - **10**
- Thefts reported to Security Instead of Police - **7**
- Vandalism - **6**
- Noise Complaints - **5**
- Safety Hazards (fallen trees primarily) **4**
- Other (i.e. nuisance animal, reports of accidents, or police activity) - **14**

The above resulted in eight calls by the mobile patrol officer to the Sheriff with one call regarding door-to-door sales leading to arrest for outstanding warrant.

The mobile patrol contract rate quoted in this ballot measure is for an alternate patrol vendor under consideration, Superior Protection Services. The Association is not finalizing negotiations until the ballot measure votes have been counted.

8-hour armed mobile patrol services (\$19.67 per home per month - \$236.00 annually)

The City of Laguna Hills contracts with High Level Security Solutions, Inc. (HLSS) for armed patrol officers to *“provide properly trained and equipped, uniformed, security officers with marked patrol vehicles to patrol residential neighborhoods, shopping centers, and public facilities on an as-needed basis in order to enhance public welfare and safety. HLSS patrols certain areas at City staff direction based on input from the Chief of Police.”* Patrols are eight hours daily focused on a specific area in the city with high criminal activity as well as shopping centers and public facilities. Nellie Gail Ranch is not currently patrolled.

This option is submitted to homeowners for consideration as the Sheriff representative attending the February 16th Nellie Gail Ranch Crime Prevention Workshop spoke favorably of their interaction with HLSS. Sheriff representatives indicated HLSS has been proactive with calls for sheriff dispatch.

The cost for this service is significantly higher at \$333,000 for 8-hour armed patrol as compared to \$282,000 annually for 24-hour unarmed patrol. A primary difference is the labor rate paid to HLSS officers. HLSS does not have any law enforcement authority and per company policy may not draw their weapon unless they are defending their personal life. Which eight hour shift is undetermined at this time and will be selected based on the time periods with more frequent incidents.

Please discontinue mobile patrol services

There are two voting options for discontinuing mobile patrol services. The first is just a straight vote to discontinue and the second is a vote to discontinue but request the Board to consider

Special Ballot Measure

additional camera or technology alternatives. If mobile patrol funds are freed up and a favorable camera or technology plan is developed it could be considered for implementation.

If the total “No” votes exceed the combined “Yes” votes of the 8-hour and 24-hour options, then mobile patrol services will be discontinued. The current contract expires June 30, 2023 which means the service may be discontinued at that time 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, 2023. The 2023-24 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.

Historical Votes:

The past four years the ballot included a measure for a membership vote to continue or discontinue 24-hour mobile patrol services.

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|------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2019 | 330 in favor of keeping the service | 192 Against | 17 Abstained |
| 2020 | 340 in favor of keeping the service | 258 Against | 8 Abstained |
| 2021 | 322 in favor of keeping the service | 201 Against | 1 Abstained |
| 2022 | 325 in favor of keeping the service | 176 Against | 7 Abstained |

Orange County Sheriff’s Department Statement Regarding FLOCK Cameras

In response to a request for a statement regarding the use and effectiveness of the FLOCK Safety Camera system we received the following from Laguna Hills Police Services Chief of Police:

Thank you for your inquiries in reference to the importance of the FLOCK cameras.

I want to share some information about the benefits of using the FLOCK cameras. These cutting-edge cameras are known for their exceptional image quality, advanced features, and versatile applications.

Firstly, FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras are renowned for their accuracy and reliability in capturing license plate information. They use advanced technology, including high-resolution cameras and image processing algorithms, to capture clear and accurate images of license plates in real-time. This allows them to detect and record license plate information with exceptional accuracy, even in low light or adverse weather conditions.

One of the most significant benefits of FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras is their ability to enhance public safety and security. By capturing and recording license plate information, they can help law enforcement agencies track down stolen vehicles, identify suspects in criminal investigations, and prevent and deter crime.

Overall, FLOCK Safety License Plate Reader cameras are an essential tool for anyone who wants to enhance their security and protect their community. With their accuracy, reliability, and ease of use, they are a wise investment that can provide significant benefits for years to come.

Bill Burk | Captain
Orange County Sheriff’s Department
Laguna Hills Police Services | Chief of Police

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EASTER EGG HUNT

— 2023 —



EGG-CELLENT HUNTING! Nellie Gail Ranch families and friends attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Gallup Park on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Four different age groups of eager hunters gathered around the hunt areas before rushing to fill their baskets and bags with the 6,000+ eggs filled with candy and toys. Many activities were enjoyed after the hunt, including racecar train rides around the park, an inflatable bounce house and double-slide, face painters, balloon twisters, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Evolution Swim Academy set up a booth with a squirt gun game and gave out fun prizes. Raising Cane's restaurant gave out free lemonade and sweet tea as well as some merchandise. Special thanks to our contributing sponsor TATE|LAMOTT GROUP and all who came out for the fun. There were hundreds of happy faces, and it was a beautiful day to get the community together.

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CC&R AMENDMENT BALLOTING RESULTS

The Nellie Gail Ranch membership considered two proposed amendments to the CC&R's. A reconvened meeting was held Tuesday March 28 for the purpose of counting ballots. Despite both proposed amendments being supported by those who cast ballots, neither passed due to not meeting the 75% (1,055 affirmative vote) threshold. Thank you to all who participated in this special election process.

The following Inspector of Election Report provides vote counts for each proposed amendment.

NELLIE GAIL RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP – AMENDMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

I, Lisa Schwartz, the duly appointed Inspector of Election at the Adjourned Special Meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association, held on March 28, 2023, do hereby report as follows:

- The number of members in good standing and entitled to vote on matters reported below at the Special Meeting was 1405.
- I determined that a reduced quorum of 25% of the members was reached.
- I reviewed the registration and all ballots received.
- I determined the authenticity, validity and effect of each of the ballots.
- I determined all challenges and questions in anyway arising in connection with the right to vote.
- I received a total of 778 valid, signed ballot return envelopes.
- An additional six (6) ballots were received and determined to be invalid.
- A total of 1,055 votes in favor were required to pass the proposed amendments. Both amendments failed with votes as follows:


- Article IX, Section 10 (Adding rental restrictions, including the ability to adopt reasonable fines.)

In Favor – 685
Opposed – 92
Abstain - 1

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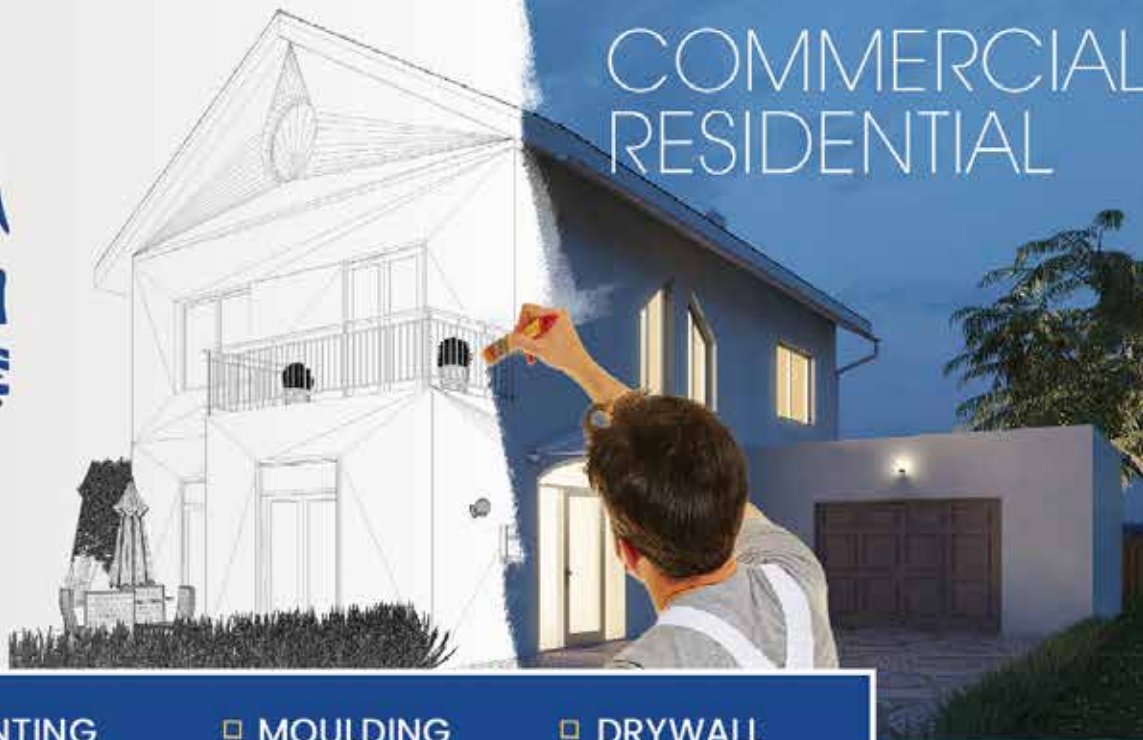
In Favor – 525
Opposed – 250
Abstain - 3

I hereby certify and declare that I have conducted the election/vote with fairness to all Members; I have performed my duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of my abilities and as expeditiously as possible, and that the count of ballots and the information contained in this report and certificate is accurate in all respects to the best of my knowledge.


Lisa Schwartz, CMCA, CM
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By Karen Robbins

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Commanding Officer LtCol Jerome Greco had this to say about the Marines' performance during the training:

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with 15 days of live-fire and maneuver culminating with Company non-illuminated night attacks at Range 400. For those veterans out there worried whether today's young Marines and Sailors have what it takes, rest easy. These men and women are just fine...."

Shown here are a few photos of the young happy fathers receiving baby baskets, and of the ladies in our group who assemble and decorate the baby gifts! What is always heartwarming is the surprise and excitement the young Marines and wives express that complete strangers shower them with gifts and treats.

Thank you to all of our "Semper Fi" donors! We hope some of you can come out on Memorial Day for the City race and EXPO. The Marines will be there with a Static Display and all of them enjoy mingling and meeting the "community who cares."





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MISCELLANEOUS

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HOUSE / PET SITTING

Looking for a local resident in Nellie Gail, who does House/Pet sitting. We need someone who is loving, reliable, flexible and has availability. We have an active life style and unexpected travel dates. We would appreciate someone who is able to stay home with our furbabies from time to time, and can also be flexible enough for a quick visit. Please give us a call at 808 714-6153. Thank you in advance.

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Welcome to Nellie Gail Ranch

*New Residents as of
05/01/2023*

Michael Scizak

&

Lauren Keifo

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Omid Nasiby

&

Fahimeh Hamedi

Nellie Gail Garden Group

By Tina Corso

April's meeting of the Nellie Gail Garden group was really great because everyone got to share their plants and cuttings and talk about them as well.

Gail Ellers stopped over to fill up the table with her succulents the night before giving us a head start on what to anticipate and boy was everyone pleased as we were eyeing some plants that we did not own.

Tina Frey brought Teas Weeping and Persian Mulberry cuttings; some very interesting cultivars. Everyone else bought in so many succulents that we all can grow just by putting into the ground. They grow so easily here. We learned an easy way to grow lavender just using a clear glass jar, water and full sun. They will root in a few months and then you can plant. Rosemary and Mulberry trees also grow this way.

Every plant has its own unique way to grow, some can go directly into the soil like ice plants and others do need to be rooted.

We had Blenheim apricot seeds that can actually grow a tree that is like its mother; it does grow true to seed. You can do this with peaches, nectarines and apricots but not with apples they need to be grafted.

We discussed our clay soil here in Nellie Gail and how to amend it with worm castings not just for the soil but for the beneficial bacteria and fungal capabilities in the castings.

Terri Epperson mentioned an old timers recipe for roses which was part Epsom salts (magnesium sulfate), Sulfur which helps those of us with high alkaline soils, and gypsum which breaks up the clay also good to add some iron and calcium when needed.

<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/alkaline-soil>

One of the most amazing things is how many wonderful cooks we have here in NG. Van Hoeng baked homemade bread and spring rolls with her own sauce. They were so good. She also uses her own vegetables that she grows to make her very own recipes.

Everyone discussed how grateful we are to live here in Nellie Gail and how we can all learn to help each other grow plants and fruit to make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

<https://www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/growing-fruit-trees-zmaz08jjzmcc/>





Family MOVIE NIGHT

Friday May 12, 2023 | 7 PM | Gallup Park



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FOOD
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Find the May Flower



RANCH RECIPE



MAY HARD SHELL TACOS

INGREDIENTS:

1. 1 LB LEAN GROUND BEEF
2. 1 MEDIUM ONION, CHOPPED
3. 1 TEASPOON CHILI POWDER
4. 1/2 TEASPOON SALT
5. 1/2 TEASPOON GARLIC POWDER
6. 1 CAN (8 OZ) TOMATO SAUCE
7. 1 BOX CRUNCHY TACO SHELLS
8. 1 1/2 CUPS SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE
9. 2 CUPS SHREDDED LETTUCE
10. 2 MEDIUM TOMATOES, CHOPPED
11. 3/4 CUP OLD EL PASO™ THICK 'N CHUNKY SALSA
12. 3/4 CUP SOUR CREAM, IF DESIRED

PREPARATION:

1. HEAT OVEN TO 250°F. IN LARGE SKILLET, BROWN GROUND BEEF AND ONION OVER MEDIUM HEAT FOR 8 TO 10 MINUTES OR UNTIL BEEF IS THOROUGHLY COOKED, STIRRING FREQUENTLY. DRAIN.
2. STIR IN CHILI POWDER, SALT, GARLIC POWDER AND TOMATO SAUCE. REDUCE HEAT TO LOW; COVER AND SIMMER 10 MINUTES.
3. MEANWHILE, PLACE TACO SHELLS ON UNGREASED COOKIE SHEET. HEAT AT 250°F. FOR 5 MINUTES.
4. TO ASSEMBLE TACOS, LAYER BEEF MIXTURE, CHEESE, LETTUCE AND TOMATOES IN EACH TACO SHELL. SERVE WITH SALSA; TOP WITH SOUR CREAM.

May 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Cinco De Mayo @ The Watering Hole | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 ARC Meeting @ 6:00pm | 10 | 11 | 12 Movie at The Park @ 7pm at Gallup Park | 13 Rock 'n' Ride from 9am - 12:30pm @ NGR Equestrian Center |
| 14 Mother's Day  | 15 | 16 Board Meeting 7:30pm @ Clubhouse | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 HOA Office Closed for Memorial Day  | 30 ARC Submittal Deadline for June 13th Meeting | 31 | | | |

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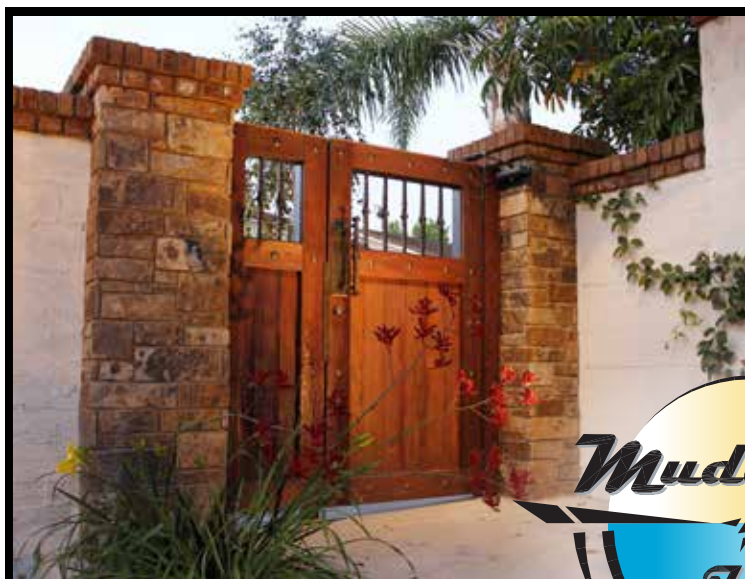
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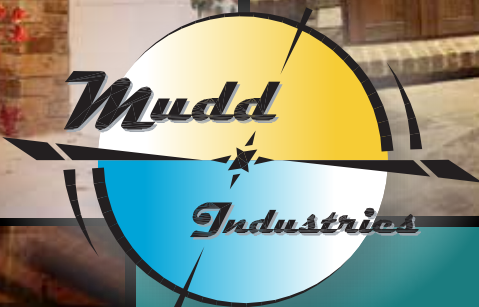


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