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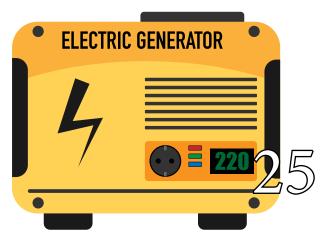














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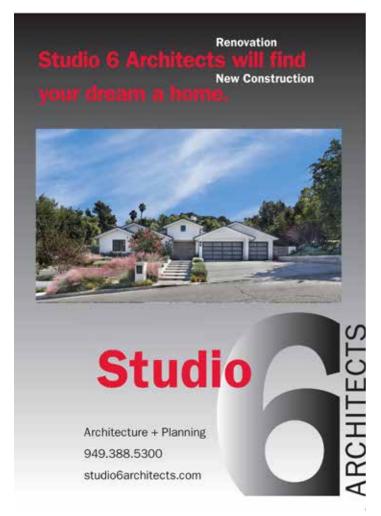
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### **Mission Statement**

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 August 16, 2022 and will be held live in the Association Clubhouse.

### Board Meeting August 16, 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

### SHORT TERM RENTAL CC&R AMENDMENT UPDATE



At the Board Meeting of July 19, 2022 the Board reviewed a draft amendment to prohibit rentals of less than 30 days. In an effort to maximize a positive homeowner response to a proposed amendment, we

will be preparing a survey to confirm membership support and solicit feedback on the draft. The amendment will require a special ballot measure and election with 75% approval of the homeowners in order to pass. Your Board wishes to craft an amendment with the highest likelihood of passing. We anticipate sending the survey in the next issue of The Pony Express.

On a parallel track, a number of Nellie Gail Ranch homeowners attended the June 28, 2022 City Council Meeting to request the city take action to mitigate the adverse impact of short term rentals on residential neighborhoods. The City Council approved a motion to explore potential short term rental restrictions and business licensing. This is the first step in a process that has the opportunity, if pursued, to benefit Nellie Gail Ranch and enhance our ability to enforce.

Many homeowners point to our current CC&R's and reference the section prohibiting business or commercial activity. Currently, in the context of our CC&R's, rental of homes for any duration is viewed as a residential use. However, if the city were to approve a form of business license for homes used for short term rentals, then the Association's CC&R's would allow us to pursue short term rentals as a demarcated business and a violation of business use of the property. The next City Council Meeting is August 23, 2022 at which the City Council may review their findings and options. If you wish to reach out in support you may e-mail ccouncil@lagunahillsCA.gov.

### **Documentation of Nuisance Activity**

Meanwhile, if you experience nuisance and/or loss of quiet enjoyment as a result of a home being used for short term rentals, please document it. You may send to admin@nelliegailranch.org a description of the date, time and nature of the nuisance. While the act of renting homes for weekend use is reluctantly treated as a residential use, we can and will pursue resulting activities that create ongoing and pervasive nuisances. Reporting once is not enough. We need to document an on-going nuisance if one exists. More to come soon!



We are excited to announce that we will be opening our long awaited food and beverage service at the Association Clubhouse. We are down to some final permit sign-offs and hope to have them in hand by the time this issue of The Pony Express is published. We are therefore cautiously optimistic we will be announcing our opening mid-August.

We will be operating as The Watering Hole and will offer a private dining and beverage experience for Nellie Gail Ranch homeowners and recreation center members. The kitchen will be overseen by Chef Justin Myers delivering chef-inspired cuisine in the atmosphere of a home-cooked gathering of friends and neighbors.

We will be open Tuesday through Sunday with breakfast / lunch hour and evening dinner with a full service bar. We will be sending an announcement via e-mail very soon!

# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following properties submitted plans for review by the

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON JULY 12, 2022

The Submittal Deadline for the August ARC Meeting is: August 30, 2022.

ADDRESS	PROJECT	RESULTS
25612 Dillon	Painting	Approved with Conditions
26515 Dapple Grey	Driveway	Denied
25881 Hitching Rail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
24911 Nellie Gail	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25091 Mustang	Painting, Doors, Windows	Approved with Conditions
27301 Westridge	Solar	Approved with Conditions
26642 Stetson	Re-submittal Patio Cover	Approved with Conditions
26861 Highwood	Expand Slope	Denied
25331 Derbyhill	Solar	Approved with Conditions
25421 Coach Spring	Addition to House	Approved
24892 Nellie Gail	Artificial Turf	Approved with Conditions
25901 Hitching Rail	Pool, Deck	Denied
25282 Abilene	Windows, Doors	Approved with Conditions
26401 Houston	Painting	Approved with Conditions
25486 Rodeo	Artificial Turf	Approved
26401 Dapple Grey	Front Hardscape, Fence, Landscape	Denied
26025 Red Corral	Rear Landscape	Denied
25281 Abilene	Pavers	Approved
27562 Deputy	Solar	Denied
25141 Buckboard	Painting	Approved
27431 Lost Trail	Pavers, Patio Cover, Trees	Approved with Conditions
27692 Deputy	Patio Cover, BBQ, Pavers, Pool	Approved
26101 Red Corral	Landscape	Approved
25662 Pinto	Addition to House	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.

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

### **CLUBHOUSE SOLAR PANEL CLEANING**

In July we cleaned the Association Clubhouse solar panels. All 111 of them! We are looking forward to improved efficiency with the removal of the dust and grime that occurs over time! We continue to get a great return on our investment. In 2016 the average we paid for electricity was \$0.23 per KwH and by 2021 we were up to \$0.38. Thank goodness for California sunny days!!





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# **MINUTES**

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

**TUESDAY. JUNE 21. 2022** 

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Owners Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

### **DIRECTOR ABSENT**

Paul Holland

### **MANAGEMENT**

Brian Mitchell, General Manager Dennis Moss, Operations Manager, Parks & Recreation municipal code to restrict short term rentals. **Facilities** 

### **NELLIE GAIL RANCH CORPORATE COUNSEL**

Fred Whitney, Whitney Petchul Attorneys at Law

### II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Tabled)

### **III. HOMEOWNER FORUM**

Sixteen homeowners attended the Open Homeowner Forum, most to discuss concerns with a specific short term rental nuisance. Fred Whitney was introduced to review the limitations and logistics involved with Short Term Rental restrictions and enforcement. Counsel also outlined the process that would be involved to amend the CC&R's and reported that the amendment regarding short term rentals would not be retroactive to existing homeowners but would take effect upon new owners.

The Board directed counsel to draft proposed amendments and a ballot to restrict short term rentals

and adopt an associated fine for enforcement. The The Open Session meeting of the Nellie Gail Ranch ballot and amendments are to be presented at the next Board Meeting for consideration of approval to submit to the membership for a vote. Homeowners attending the meeting committed to make the doorto-door effort to collect ballots that will be required to achieve a 75% vote in favor of the amendments. Homeowners were requested to provide ongoing reports of nuisances associated with short term rentals. Homeowners attending also suggested that concerned owners attend the June 28th City Council Meeting to request the City take action to amend

### IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

The regularly scheduled Executive Session meeting was held on May 17, 2022. Actions reported include:

- Approval of the April 19, 2022 and April 20, 2022 **Executive Session Minutes**
- Reviewed the May 2022 legal report
- The Board and Architectural Review Committee met to review existing processes, Committee functions and Board / Committee interaction opportunities.
- · The Board interviewed a candidate for the Tennis and Pickleball Director Position
- Approved rental and set-up of a dance floor for the first concert
- · Approved a contract with West Coast Footing to replace the Upper Arena Footing at the Equestrian Center

- · Reviewed and filed the Delinquency Reports.
- · Reviewed and filed the Violation Report.

### V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Park Second: Blough

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

### A. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2022 OPEN SESSION **MINUTES**

### B. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 30, 2022 FINANCIAL **STATEMENTS**

**Resolution:** To approve the financial statements for the Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association dated April 30, 2022 reflecting the following:

The Consolidated Balance Sheet reflects \$3,444,300 in reserve funds, \$1,710,989 in operating funds, \$8,400 in Petty Cash, and \$674,836 in Stall, Trail and Architectural Deposits for a total cash balance of \$5,838,525. Year to date Assessment Revenue totals \$1,871,351 compared to the budgeted \$2,048,832. Year to date Total Consolidated Revenue is \$2,863,281 compared to the budgeted \$3,041,304. The Consolidated Net Increase for the month prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$81,688 compared to the budgeted increase of \$412,740. Consolidated Net Income year to date prior to adjustments for depreciation is \$231,711 compared to the budgeted of \$358,150. Year to date reserve funding is \$365,126 compared to a budget of \$353,256. The variance is reserve interest income.

### C. APPROVAL TO RECORD LIEN

file a Memorandum of Costs and proceed with a bank levy to collect on a judgement and record a post judgment lien on Account # NEGAI-1162-02 (Parcel No. 636-361-11).

### D. DELINQUENCY STATISTICS REPORT

- · There are three (3) past owner delinquencies with an assessment balance of \$971.
- · Ninety-two (92) current owner past due delinquencies total \$72,269.83 in assessments and \$4,660 in assessment judgements.
- The collection attorney is currently working on seven (7) past and current homeowner accounts to collect on judgments and/or past due assessment balances.
- · Total accumulated outstanding assessments total 2.8% of the annual assessment budget.

### **End of Consent Calendar**

VI. ADJOURN AT 8:40 P.M. TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL DIRECTOR INTERVIEW

VII. RE-OPEN OPEN SESSION AT 9:25 P.M.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF CORRAL FENCING AND MATERIALS FOR MIDDLE ARENA RAILING REPLACEMENT

Motion: Park Second: Blough

**Resolution:** To approve purchase of thirty-five (35) twelve foot corral panels, support posts and hardware from Rancho Cortes Inc. (RCI) in the amount of \$11,632.22. And, to approve a budget of \$3,500 for Resolution: To authorize and instruct Management to purchase of cement for footings and treated lumber

# MINUTES - CONTINUED

for kickboards.

# B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR TREE REPLACEMENTS THROUGHOUT COMMUNITY

The Board evaluated ArborPro software reports reflecting the number of trees that require trimming each year.

Motion: Park Second: Blough

**Resolution:** To defer additional tree planting and direct Management to work with the Landscape Committee to create a strategic master plan identifying tree trimming expenses and budget required for existing trees and reporting on what trees may be anticipated to be removed over the next few years.

# C. CONSIDERATION OF TENNIS DIRECTOR RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

<u>Direction to Management:</u> The Events Coordinator to create a plan and budget to submit to the Events Committee and present at the July meeting for review.

### IX. REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed by the Board: Architectural Review, Arbor Care Tree Inventory Report, Community Events, Communications Report, Equestrian Center Managers Report, Equestrian Committee Meeting Recaps, Sunset Landscape Report, Swim Center, Tennis / Pickleball Center, Trails & Common Area, Trails & Safety Committee Recap.

X. CORRESPONDENCE (Received and Filed)

XI. NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.

XII. ADJOURNMENT AT 10:15 P.M.



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## **SWIM CENTER NEWS**

### SUMMER FUN AT THE RANCH

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

The summer has flown by and soon, our kids will be going back to school. Wow, that was fast. I personally wish that summer break would be pushed back a little so that our kids get out of school later in the summer and go back after the Labor Day holiday. To me it makes sense because we would avoid "June gloom" all together and we would start the school year after the holiday. Since someone smarter than me makes the rules, I am sure there is a good reason as to why we can't do this, right?

Although the break has flown by, at Evolution Swim Academy, we were busy making sure that our neighborhood kids had plenty to do. Let's start with the Summer Sports Camp. We had so many of our children participate in this camp over the summer and many did so for the duration of the break. The Summer Sports Camp is offered for 10 weeks, and I am happy to say that although it was sold out, we were able to accommodate most of our wait-list families when additional spots became available. Many of the kids participate in this camp to hang out with friends and for families, it is one of the few camps that starts before 9:00 am and ends after 4:00 pm.

Our swim lessons took on a new look this summer. We offered swim lessons in 2-week blocks so that families could plan swim lessons around vacation time. These too were a hit and most of our time slots were reserved by Nellie Gail Ranch families. There is no reason to look elsewhere when the best swim lessons are taught right

here in our backyard. In the future, we plan to open a preregistration window for Nellie Gail Ranch residents so that our homeowners get the first opportunity to reserve a swim lesson spot on our schedule. We are going to work with the HOA so that we find the best way to communicate the preregistration window.

Summer wouldn't be summer without the Summer Swim Team. Our community swim team hosted approximately 100 swimmers and for the first time in a long time, we were part of a swim league which offered our swimmers fun summer dual meets. There were five dual meets, each lasting approximately 2 hours. The objective of the summer swim team is to get kids to learn the four major swim strokes, and then we sprinkle in additional fun by offering optional swim meets. If the kids enjoy the experience, we then offer them a second seasonal program (Fall Swim Team) or a year-round option. You can read more about these two options in our ad in this edition of the Pony Express.

Although the summer is not over yet it is almost over and it's never too late to thank every homeowner who allowed their children to be a part of our programming. It is because of you that we can continue to do what we do. We will continue to innovate and offer our community more programming so that our kids can continue to be active, safer, and can do so in their community. Enjoy the rest of the break!



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# EQUESTRIAN CENTER NEWS

### **NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN SUMMER CAMP**

Hayden Clarke Sport Horses enjoys partnering with the Nellie Gail Equestrian Center every year to share our passion for horses with over 175 new camp students. It has been a wonderful summer so far full of learning, fun, and horses! Our equestrian camps focus' on developing basic riding skills as well as teaching an understanding of horse care in a safe environment. Each day campers take a private riding lesson, groom horses, play games, and make a craft. They also participate in a horse show at the end of the week that all the parents are invited to attend.

We look forward to wrapping up our 10th year of summer camp and we are so grateful for everyone who helps make it such a success. Additionally, Hayden Stables would like to extend a special thank you to each boarder who so kindly shares the facility with this program and allows the students to pet/feed/love on their horses! For more information or to learn about our camps please email lessons@mickeyhayden.com or call (949)448-0823. This year is sold out but you can inquire about being added to our wait-list. Registration for Summer 2023 opens in February 2023.



### **ALFREDO HERNANDEZ CLINIC**

On July 12-13 Alfredo Hernandez hosted a clinic on Portuguese Riding. Alfredo is classically trained at the Portuguese Riding School. Alfredo specializes in the Piaffe, Passage and Spanish Walk/Trot. He utilizes these classic movements as a gymnastic tool to develop strength and improve each horses's gaits. Below is Alfredo with one of Nellie Gail Ranches Instructor Jessica Havey.





### **COLORADO RESULTS**

Rachel Torok and Lightening McQueen 1st Place at the 1.30m on Thursday July 7th.

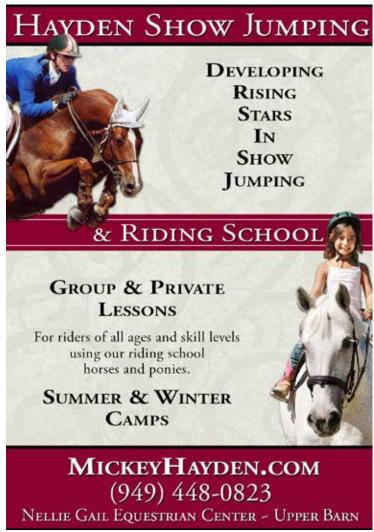
Shayla Williamson wins the USEF Talent Search on Caprini the week of July 4th.

Destiny Stewart and Clavius wins 1st at USHJA 3"3 Hunter seat medal and 1st in the NCEA medal on July 8th.

Lauren Wilson won multiple .85m and .95m classes with her mounts Bewitched GES and Kessel Run the week of July 4th

McKenzie Miller riding Irish received 1st in the .85m and 3rd placing in the .95m. She also placed top 8 riding Gumby in the 1.0m

Stella Lindsey won 1st in the 1.0m open class riding Irish and 2nd in the 1.0m class riding Gumby



# TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CENTER NEWS

### **CONGRATULATIONS ROGAN EGERTON**

The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has completed a thorough evaluation of candidates for Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis and Pickleball Director. We are pleased to announce that Rogan Egerton will take over as Director of Tennis and Pickleball programs effective October 1st following the retirement of Bob Hochstadter. Rogan has been instrumental in the success of the competitive junior tennis program, coordinated the 2021 and 2022 summer tennis camps and mostly recently begun working on coordination of ladies' league play. We look forward to a seamless transition as Bob Hochstadter has worked with Rogan Egerton the past four years and mentored him as his successor.

"Rogan has proved to be an integral factor towards my development as a player and towards my success on the ITF and ATP tours as a result of his coaching ability."

Rogan and his company DP Tennis, LLC will be retaining current tennis pros for tennis programming and Dan Roditi as Pickleball Director for pickleball programming. While maintaining continuity of instruction and play, Rogan will also bring a fresh enthusiasm and focus on creating social programming for our members.

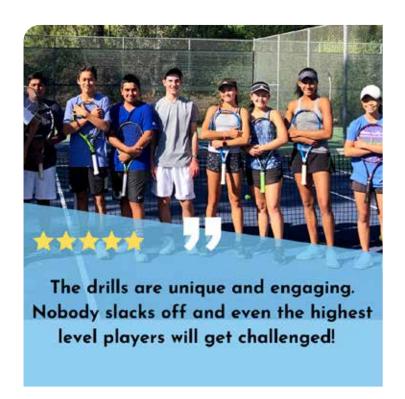
"Rogan is extremely passionate about tennis and brings that passion every day to the children he works with. He has taught my daughter to be strong and compassionate on and off the court."

We are in the process of planning a celebration this September 28th to acknowledge Bob's 28 years with the Tennis Club. If you would like to be added to the RSVP invite list please e-mail admin@nelliegailranch.org.



"I am honored and excited to become the new Director of Tennis & Pickleball at Nellie Gail Ranch".
"This has been a passionate goal of mine that I have been working towards for the past 5 years and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

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Congratulations to long time Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis Club Member Alex Michelsen on winning the boys doubles title at the 2022 Wimbledon Championships!

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# A message from Bob Hochstadter Director of Tennis & Pickleball

It was back in 1985 or 86, that a young Sondra Michelsen started taking lessons from me. What immediately stood out was her tremendous work ethic and willingness to learn. Sondra, had a strong junior career and ended up being an exceptional player for San Diego State University. Fast forward about 12 years and there's Sondra hitting balls to her then 5 year old son Alex on court 2 next to me.

Day after day, month after month mom and son hitting balls at the club on a daily basis. Alex getting taller and stronger and starting to develop power to go along with a pair of very naturally gifted hands. Dad Eric, also a very strong college player for Redlands University joining this true family affair every chance he got.

Moving into 2021 Alex blossoming as one of Southern California top juniors while getting his feet wet against older players playing ITF tournaments. All this culminating this last week as Alex became the Wimbledon Junior Boys doubles champion. It's been fun to have had a front row seat watching this young players progress. It couldn't happen to a nicer family.

I'm really looking forward to following Alex's career as he heads off to play tennis for the University of Georgia.

# A message from Rogan Egerton Head of Junior Program, Director DP Tennis Academy

I first met Alex in 2017 and my first impressions were that he was a very kind-hearted, happy , confident kid who loved to play tennis.

At that point he had really good hand skills coupled with a fantastic awareness of space and time but his movement was somewhat limited and his game style was yet to be determined.

Over the years at the Club I have seen Alex grow into his game and now flourish on the ITF Tour and at the Junior Slams.

From my mostly outside perspective I think Alex's mom, Sondra has been a pinnacle factor in his success. From managing, training and the general sacrifices needed to nourish the potential of a Junior Athlete, Sondra has done an incredible job. I would advise any hopeful player's parent to try to emulate what the whole Michelsen family has executed.

He will undoubtedly have an excellent College career at UGA and will be one to watch out for on the ATP Tour.

Congratulations to Alex, the whole Michelsen family as well as all the Coaches and support persons involved in this amazing success!



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## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

### **EMERGENCY POWER AND GENERATORS**

by Dr. Kenneth S. Cheng

A loss of electricity is a likely scenario at the time of our "big one." The electrical grid that supplies all of California and much of the western US is a system that is dated and fragile, and can easily be disrupted at the slightest of issues. You may recall that much of south Orange County (including all of Nellie Gail Ranch), nearly all of San Diego County, parts of northern Mexico and parts western Arizona suffered from a major blackout in September of 2011. This blackout (the largest in California history), affecting an estimated 7 million people and causing millions of dollars of economic damage, occurred because one electrical company employee erroneously removed a piece of monitoring equipment at a Yuma, AZ switching station. This blackout lasted 7 to 24 hours depending on the areas affected and served as a mini test of how well prepared we were for a major disaster. If one individual over 200 miles away can cause so much havoc, imagine what a 7.8 magnitude earthquake just 40 miles away will do to this area. Keep in mind

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that all we lost was electricity; imagine losing electricity, water and gas, and not for 7 to 24 hours but for 2-6 weeks.

### Are you prepared for a power outage...

- Do you know exactly where your flashlights are located and do they work?
- How about your matches and candles?
- Do you know how to shut off the gas main if you discover a gas leak?
- · How would you prepare your meals?
- Do you know how to disconnect your electric garage door opener and open your garage door manually?
- Do you have at least a half a tank of gas in your car in case you need to leave the area?
- Do you have a home telephone that doesn't require electricity? Remember that cordless phones won't work in a power outage.
- How will you charge your cellular phone during a power outage?
- Do you have a plan for communicating with others if the cell towers are overloaded?
- During a power outage, how would you go about contacting help for a medical emergency?
- Do you have life-supporting medical equipment that requires electricity and how would you keep it running during an outage?
- Do you know that some gas appliances with electronic ignition will not allow gas to flow when there is an electrical outage?
- How will you keep your refrigerated and frozen food cold?
- Do you know who is your Block Captain?



### **Generators**

Generators for residential use can provide the power needed to operate the necessities in your home. Prices for generators can range from several hundred dollars for smaller, portable units, up to ten's of thousands of dollars for permanent units that could supply your entire street. Before purchasing a generator, you will need to do some homework. Things to consider include power needs, use, portability, fuel, cost, maintenance and how the generator is attached to your home.

### Power needs

Generators are rated based on the number of watts that can be provided. Be sure to understand that the advertised wattage may be a "maximum" power and not a "rated power." Maximum power is the maximum wattage the generator can provide to start up motors (refrigerator, pumps, furnace fans, air conditioners, etc.) Generators cannot run on maximum power for longer than 20-30 minutes. Rated power is the wattage that can be provided for prolonged periods; this is the true rating. Many generator manufacturers have interactive wattage calculators on their websites that can help you determine the proper size generator for your needs. Keep in mind that an Energy Star refrigerator may only use 100-200 watts of electricity to run but starting the refrigerator can increase the wattage need 3-5x the running wattage.

### Use

Although most of us would be running basic home

appliances with an emergency generator, certain sensitive electrical appliances may require inverter technology to function properly. This might include computers, fluorescent lighting, televisions, etc. If you plan on operating any of these appliances during an emergency, consider getting a generator that contains the inverter technology.

### **Portability**

Generators are either permanently installed or portable, the smallest weighing only 40+ lbs. Each type has its advantages and disadvantages. Keep in mind, however, that "portable" generators can still be well over 100 lbs. and difficult to maneuver. Fortunately, all portable generators have accessory wheel kits (for an additional cost) that make moving these generators easier.

### **Fuel**

Most generators run on gasoline. Although this is convenient, gasoline must be stored properly and gasoline, especially the ethanol/gasoline mixtures sold in California, is unstable and has a shelf life of only 3-6 months. Gasoline stabilizers, such as Sta-bil, are available but they only extend the shelf life up to 12 months. The best practice for users of gasoline generators is to rotate their properly stored gasoline by pouring the fuel into their cars and refilling the storage containers with fresh fuel every 6 months. Other fuels available for generators include diesel fuel (usually found with permanent generators,) propane and natural gas. The latter two can be utilized by converting a gasoline generator to use propane/natural gas, or by purchasing a "dual fuel" generator. There are many advantages to using a propane/natural gas generator (dual fuel option if natural gas is available, indefinite shelf life of properly stored propane, no need to "rotate" fuel, less expensive fuel cost, etc.) The process of conversion is inexpensive and can be done with a "do-it-yourself" kit but the conversion is beyond the scope of this article. Generators that operate on dual fuel are becoming more commonplace and readily available at most hardware and "big box" stores.

# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

### Cost

As stated earlier, generators can cost as little as a few hundred dollars to many thousands of dollars. Cost is often related to the amount of power (watts) produced, but other factors that raise the cost include inverter technology, noise reduction, starting mechanisms, etc. Some of the least expensive generators (<\$1000) may provide 4000 watts of power but do not include inverter technology and are generally very loud. These generators are best used by contractors at construction sites who are not operating sensitive electronic equipment. Better home generators can cost \$2000-\$3000 but include an inverter, noise reduction and electric start. That being said, Honda Power Equipment (powerequipment. honda.com) makes a relatively quiet 2000-watt home generator with an inverter for approximately \$1100. This would be the minimum size recommended for home use and would run one refrigerator and a few additional appliances and lights.

### **Maintenance**

Generators are engines no different than car engines; proper care and maintenance will allow them to function problem-free for years. Maintenance includes:

- Running the generator at least once every 3 months (at partial load) to keep the engine parts lubricated
- Maintaining recommended oil levels
- Changing the oil as recommended by the manufacturer
- · Never storing fuel in the fuel tank
- Keeping electric start batteries fully charged
- Storing the generator indoors and away from the elements

### Connecting the generator to your home

Generators produce the power but need to be connected to your appliance(s) to be useful. The least expensive way is to connect your appliance directly into the generator. This will require a long extension cord, and probably multiple cords to attach each appliance. A better way is to have a licensed electrician install a transfer switch to

your electrical panel. This allows you to plug your generator directly into your house circuit to supply all needed appliances. However, unless you have installed a very high watt-producing generator, you probably will not be able to operate all electrical appliances in your home. To prevent overloading your generator in this situation, you may consider unplugging unneeded appliances and taping light switches in the off position.



### **Solar Power**

For many reasons, solar power has become more popular and its use more prevalent. Much of the power in your home can be supplied through solar power, as evidenced by lower reliance (and lower electric bills) to the utility-supplied power. However, the great majority of installed solar systems will not power your home during an electrical outage. The reason is that most solar systems are tied to the electrical grid (utilities) and a safety feature prevents power from being produced in residential solar systems when the power grid is down. This safety feature allows utility workers to work on electrical lines without fear of being electrocuted by solar-fed electrical lines. The two exceptions to this are systems that are completely off-grid (and thus completely independent of utilities); and an on-grid systems with

the battery back-up. However, most systems installed do not include the very expensive battery back up system, and nearly all systems are tied to the local utilities. Unless you are completely off-grid or have this battery back-up system, do not expect any electricity from your solar electrical system.

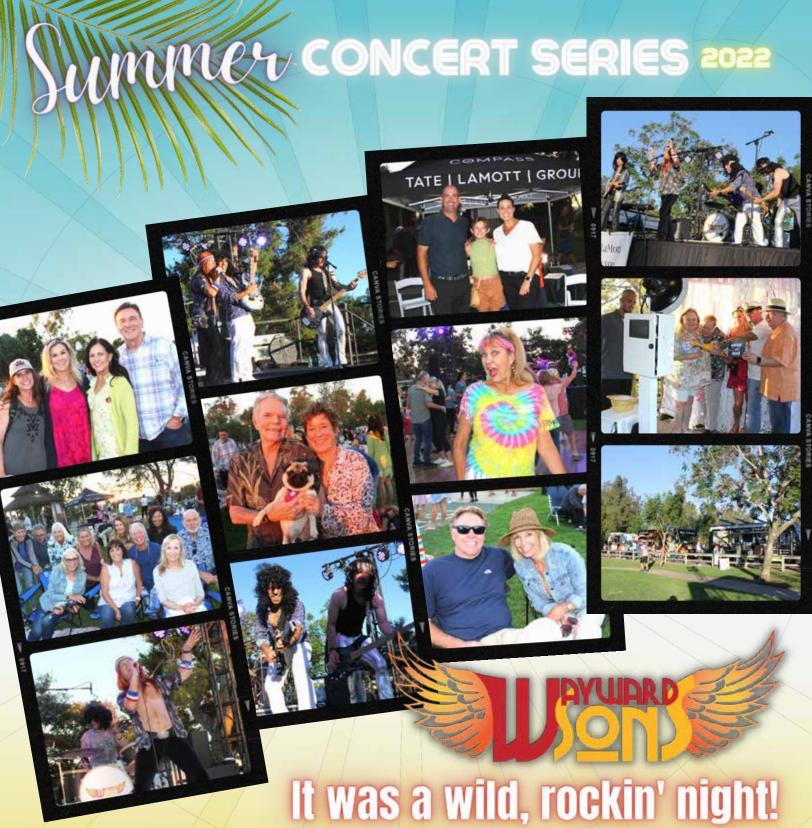
The purpose of this article was to provide you an overview of electrical power options during a power outage. A complete evaluation cannot possibly be done on the few pages of this article. As such, the Nellie Gail Emergency Preparedness Committee strongly encourages you to do your own research as to your power needs and options. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments regarding this or other topics. You can email us at emergencypreparedness@nelliegailranch.org.

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Between Aug 26-30, residents of Nellie Gail Ranch will notice some of our homeowners will have tall "feather flags" displayed from their home. These flags indicate your neighbor who has volunteered to be a Block Captain or Area Coordinator. These volunteers are identified as ones who can assist you in preparing for an emergency or disaster. They have been provided training and resources to help their immediate block or street. Block Captains are selected based on their desire to help and should be walking distance to all of their immediate 12-20 neighbors. If you do not have an identified Block Captain on your street, consider being one. The training can help save your life and the life of others.

**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



# CELEBRATING OUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE WITH THOSE WHO HELP PROTECT IT

By Karen Robbins

The City of Laguna Hills Community Center was once again the "Hot" place to be on July 4, as citizens of all ages celebrated our country's Independence Day, along with picnics, music, games, and Fireworks! Choices of food were plentiful, with local truck vendors as well as non-profit booths offering hot dogs, chicken, shave ice, and all kinds of goodies!

Did you know that the Birth of the Marine Corps predates our Country's birth? The Corps was formed on November 10 1775 to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War? Who would be more appropriate guests to celebrate with than one of the organizations who helped us win our freedom?

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Children from two years on gain concentration, increased memory, brain power, and great listening skills learning to play piano beautifully. Instrumental lessons create diligence, perseverance, daily work ethic and self-confidence for success in school and life. Visit www. PianolsForPreschoolersToo.com. Call or text 949/246-6492, or email maxine.casper@cox.net.

#### **PET SITTING**

If you're looking for a dependable, caring, Laguna Hills pet sitter then you're reached the right person. My name is Diane and I've loved animals my whole life. I've been doing this for over 2 years sitting various breeds of dogs, cats of various ages and some guinea pigs too. Contact me at 949-463-8842 or at my email address gpriddle19541954@ gmail.com for a meet-up in person or a call by phone.

#### CALLING ALL EQUESTRIANS

Tired of searching multiple websites for equestrian products and services? Wish you could browse horses for sale after ordering monthly supplements? Equivont.com was created to help bridge the gap between riders and equestrian businesses. Equivont partners with the best equestrian businesses to bring you quality products, great horses, and reputable service providers all in one online. Equivont provides information on horses for sale/lease, grooming products, supplements, riding apparel, trainers, clinics, tack, vets, trailers, business services - just to name a few! They really do have everything you need for you and your horse. Nellie Gail Resident Owned Business.

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#### FOOT ZONE WELLNESS BY BROOKE

Foot Zone Therapy is a holistic approach to physical and emotional healing. It involves the stimulation of certain parts of the feet as a means of improving the function and balance of other parts of the body. Foot Zoning offers numerous benefits including improved circulation, digestion, immune strength, hormonal balance, and energy. It may also provide relief from asthma, fibromyalgia, post-natal depression, migraines, high blood pressure, stress, and tension, among other conditions. For more info, visit footzonewellness.com. To schedule a foot zone, contact Brooke Humpherys at (949) 228-8759 or brooke@footzonewellness.com. \$75 for an hour-long session

#### **BABYSITTING**

Looking for a neighborhood babysitter? With 5+ years of experience taking care of kids of all ages, Alexa is more than capable. LHHS high school student, Nellie Gail resident. Give her a call at 949-304-9202.

DO YOU HAVE FRUIT TREES? I am a Horticultural Specialist who feeds and trims fruit TREES. I also Analyze & Consult Regarding fruit trees. I live in Nellie Gail. Come & drive by and see My Flowers at 26152 Spur Brach Lane. A Several Natural Minerals are needed by fruit Trees...to enable greater Health and Fruit Production. In Nellie Gail, our soil is poor Quality! Nutrients are Optimally given to fruit trees 2 - 3 times a year! B Cutting out old & non-productive branches - stimulates. Greater fruit production in the following years! C Some trees are over watered, some under watered! Most trees are watered too close to their trunk! D Keeping a layer of moist organic matter & peat moss all around below your tree... Helps maintain proper moisture, Beneficial Soil Organisms and Soil Fertility. E Fruit trees in a professional orchard are planted 14 to 18 feet apart and not, not, not... ever near any large trees or other large competitive plants, whose roots will choke off your fruit trees Health. In April and May - you are welcome to call first...to visit my fruit trees. To make an appointment for me to visit your fruit trees. Leave me a voice message on my landline. 949.888.7737 (No text please)

#### **BEAUTYCOUNTER CONSULTANT**

Contact Michelle Hudgins at 949-874-4466 for Beauty counter consulting. Visit <a href="https://www.beautycounter.com/michellehudgins">https://www.beautycounter.com/michellehudgins</a> to see Clean and Vegan products that make you look and feel great.

#### SAVE THE DATE - SQUARE DANING

The Ramblin' Rogues Square Dance Club is offering two free introductory square dance classes: Thursday evening September 15 & Sept 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Norman P. Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo On subsequent Thursdays, the classes will be offered at \$6 per person COME JOIN THE FUN!

#### HAPPY HOUR MIXER FOR ILLUMINATION FOUNDATION

Thursday, August 4th, 5:30-7:30

We invite you to learn about Illumination Foundation and the

different opportunities to get involved with this organization.

Dear neighbors, please join me for a glass of wine and appetizers to learn about how a local non-profit, Illumination Foundation, is integrating housing and healthcare solutions in Southern California. Our hope is to bring together like-minded community members that are interested in supporting this mission to disrupt the cycle of homelessness. Stop by to learn more, get involved, or just enjoy a glass of wine with neighbors! Please RSVP to Anna at amurphyduehring@ifhomeless.org.

#### **FOR SALE**

#### FRESH HONEY FOR SALE

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

#### **CROSS TRAIN FOR TOTAL BODY WELLNESS**

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

#### LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

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

#### PRECOR EFX546 ELLIPTICAL

In great condition, recently fully serviced to maintain top condition. Heavy-duty machine. Has 8 programs and 20 resistance levels. Takes up minimal floor space. Specs: crossramp 13-40 degrees (adjustable) Stride length 18 inches dimensions: 80"x 30x 62 inches maximum user weight: 400lbs. \$995. Heidi (Fine) Berman 25321 Abilene Ct. 949-939-3030

#### **BERNEDOODLE PUPPIES**

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

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

#### **HEALTH**

#### **NUTRITIONIST & PERSONAL TRAINER**

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

#### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

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

#### KURE IT WOMEN'S GUILD

Funding Cancer Research and Saving Lives! When thinking of supporting a non-profit organization, most struggle with how to get started and who to support. The KURE IT WOMEN'S **GUILD** is a group (or "Hive") of like-minded, philanthropic ladies tackling one of life's most pressing issues . . . finding a cure for cancer. We support Kure It, an Orange County-based nonprofit, which grants "seed money" to Comprehensive Cancer Centers for cutting-edge research. Kure It relies on the Women's Guild for fundraising, outreach, awareness, and setting the perfect environment to collaborate. We host several activities throughout the year, such as a succulent arrangement design class, charcuterie workshops, wine tasting, coffee pour-over lessons with a professional coffee roaster, and intimate meet and greet events. Cancer has touched the lives of many; the Kure It Women's Guild is creating fun opportunities to build new relationships, enjoy time together, and fund cancer research. For more information, please contact Women's Guild president, Kerri Hatfield at kckhatfield@gmail.com

#### **GET FITT WITH BRITT**

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

#### **Rentals**

#### JACKSON HOLE, WY HOUSE RENTAL

4 bedrooms 5 bathrooms. Newly beautiful remodeled, fully stocked kitchen, bathrooms: 3 master suites, 2 with fireplaces +1 queen. + new pull out queen. Jacuzzi, view of the Tetons. 3 fireplace \$800 night + \$300 cleaning. 949 395-6790

#### CARIBBEAN ISLAND VACATION RENTALS

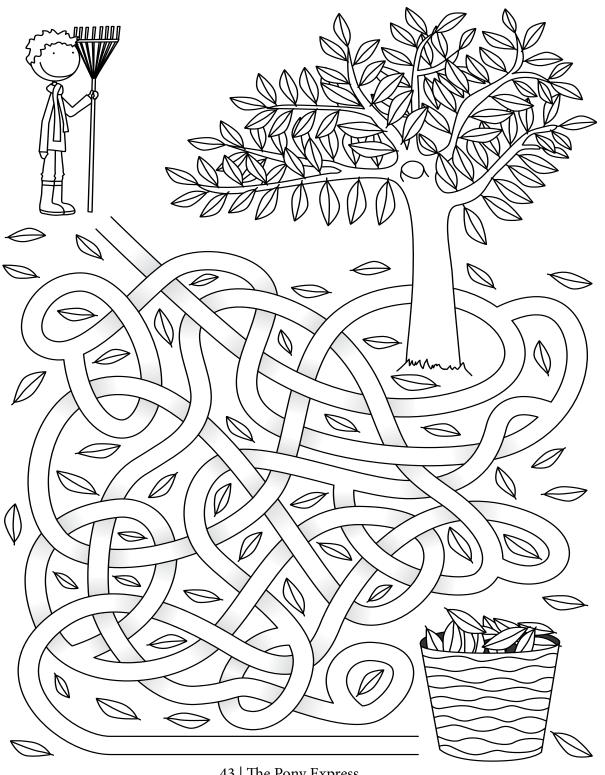
On the beautiful Island of Roatan we have two incredible properties. Roatan is very safe, English speaking, easy to get to (approximately 6 hours of flight time and you can fly directly into Roatan). Flights range from \$475 to \$850 round trip. The water is turquoise crystal clear and warm all year round. The scuba diving and snorkeling is first class. The two properties are 15 and 30 minutes from the airport. One property is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath, two story, 2500 square foot Villa right on the sand located on the BEST beach on the Island, West Bay Beach. It sleeps 8 comfortably. The second property is a beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath Casa (sleeps 6) with a Casita (large studio apartment that sleeps 2), pool and 400 foot dock on 1.5 acres of green lush landscape. It is not right on the water but you can see the water and it is only a 3 minute walk to our 400 foot two story dock that you can swim, snorkel, scuba, fish or just sit and watch the sunsets. You can rent one or both, Casa or Casita, depending on your group size. Please check out our website at www. roatanislandvacationrentals.com for more information, pictures, and pricing or call Debbie at 714-801-4257. Discount given to our Nellie Gail neighbors.

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## THE PUZZLE PADDOCK

# HELP JACK RAKE ALL **OF THE LEAVES**



## RANCH RECIPE



## **ZUCCHINI PIZZA CASSEROLE**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 CUPS SHREDDED UNPEELED ZUCCHINI
- 1/2 TEASPOON SEA SALT
- 2 LARGE EGGS
- 1/2 CUP GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE
- 2 CUPS SHREDDED PART-SKIM MOZZARELLA CHEESE
- 1 CUP SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE
- 1 POUND GROUND BEEF
- 1/2 CUP CHOPPED ONION
- 1 Can (15 ounces) Italian tomato sauce
- 1 MEDIUM GREEN OR RED CHOPPED PEPPER

#### **PREPARATION**

- 1. PREHEAT OVEN TO 400°. PLACE ZUCCHINI IN COLANDER; SPRINKLE WITH SALT. LET STAND 10 MINUTES. THEN SQUEEZE OUT MOISTURE.
- 2. COMBINE ZUCCHINI WITH EGGS, PARMESAN AND HALF THE MOZZARELLA AND CHEDDAR CHEESES.

  PRESS INTO A GREASED 13X9-IN. OR 3-QT. BAKING DISH. BAKE 20 MINUTES.
- 3. MEANWHILE, IN A LARGE SAUCEPAN, COOK BEEF AND ONION OVER MEDIUM HEAT UNTIL MEAT IS NO LONGER PINK, BREAKING MEAT INTO CRUMBLES; DRAIN. ADD TOMATO SAUCE; SPOON OVER ZUCCHINI MIXTURE. SPRINKLE WITH REMAINING CHEESES; ADD GREEN PEPPER. BAKE UNTIL HEATED THROUGH, ABOUT 20 MINUTES LONGER.

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## **BRAD FELDMAN GROUP KNOWS NELLIE GAIL RANCH**

#### CURRENT OFFERINGS



25732 HIGHPLAINS TERRACE | LISTED FOR \$2,999,999 6-BR | 7-BA | APPROX. 6,841 SF

26922 ROCKING HORSE LANE | LISTED FOR \$1,750,000 4-BR | 3-BA | APPROX. 2,826 SF

#### RECENT SUCCESS





#### 25191 BUCKSKIN DRIVE

5-BR | 3-BA | APPROX. 4,094 SF SOLD FOR \$2,400,000

#### THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

CONTACT BRAD DIRECTLY AT 949.678.5198 TO SCHEDULE A CONSULTATION.



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