



## High speed pursuit from VC to Hidden Meadows

Two people are in custody after leading Sheriff's Deputies on a high-speed pursuit from Valley Center to unincorporated Escondido on Tuesday, August 18, just after 9 p.m. near Hwy 76 and Pala Mission Road.

That's when a deputy from the Valley Center Sheriff's Substation spotted a stolen truck in the area. When he tried to pull over the driver near SR-76 and Rice Canyon Road, she sped off. The pursuit, which reached speeds of up to 90 miles per hour and lasted nearly 30 minutes, continued westbound on Hwy 76 and then southbound on I-15.

Deputies from the Fallbrook Sheriff's Substation and San Marcos Sheriff's Station, and Sheriff's ASTREA (helicopter unit), responded to the pursuit. A spike strip was used to try and put a safe end to the chase. The truck kept going and ended up in the Hidden Meadows.

After striking a curb, the driver put the stolen truck in reverse and rammed into the front end of an un-

occupied Sheriff's patrol car. The car sustained moderate damage. No deputies were hurt. Deputies then detained the female driver and male passenger of the stolen truck.

Sally Arrellanes (DOB 1/8/1980) and Roy James Duncan (DOB 2/22/2002) were arrested on charges of felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon likely to result in great bodily injury, vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit crime and possession of a stolen vehicle. Both were booked into the Vista Jail.



## Your Wildfire Plan (You have one....right?)

By Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

Major firestorms seem to be the new normal. People in harm's way have perished. Some have been trapped in vehicles while trying to flee the flames. Others never got out of bed as in the October 2017 Nuns fire involving an acquaintance of one of our members. It is thought that the victim may have slept through the evacuation orders and announcements, his hearing aids on the nightstand.

Wildfires are capricious and, sadly, some situations can become impossible to escape. When evacuation is necessary, we can increase our chances of getting ourselves and family to safety by having a plan that has been created in anticipation of a fire and by paying attention during wildfire threat conditions such as Red Flag Warnings.

Planning for a wildfire event is something every one of us living in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) needs to do. The quote "failing to plan is planning to fail" definitely applies to wildfire preparedness. Fire Safety News has frequently discussed hardening your home and creating defensible space as part of your pre-fire plan but that is only half the battle. Your planning must also include evacuation and that evacuation plan should formulate, step by step, your probable courses of action if told to leave. The consequences for failing to do so could be dire.

Paying attention is also called situational awareness which is simply defined as knowing what is going on around us at any given time. The formal concept of situational awareness has been around for many years especially in activities where human lives are at stake such as aviation, emergency response, and the military. Among the benefits of good situational awareness are increased safety and threat avoidance both of which become extremely valuable during a wildfire emergency.

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Before



After

## Hidden Meadows Beautification Project: Tree Trimming

**By Hidden Meadows Community Foundation**  
We are happy to announce completion of the last piece of the Hidden Meadows Median Beautification Project.

As most residents of the community probably noticed, the four large Aleppo Pine trees bordering the golf course on the east shoulder of Mountain Meadow have been trimmed. The arborist removed dead, crossing, and undesirable

branching, balancing the trees for best aesthetics and most importantly to promote their ongoing health. Previously a fifth tree had to be removed due to disease and the hope is to avoid that fate for the ones remaining.

The project had been anticipated for almost two years but was delayed by logistics and permit issues, and most recently was put off until late in the month of August to minimize any impact on

bird nesting schedules.

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation would like to express our gratitude to the residents of Hidden Meadows whose generous contributions made the entire median project possible and our thanks to the entire community for their patience in dealing with the traffic control and detour mandated by the county while the work was being performed.



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Meadow Glen Way E	\$739,000-\$775,000	Alps Way	\$1,499,000-\$1,599,000
Mountain Meadow Rd	\$799,000-\$850,000	Mountain Meadow Rd	\$2,500,000
Sage Glen Trail	\$859,000	Meadow Glen Way E	\$629,999
Sandhurst Way	\$859,000	Dogwood Glen	\$725,500
Faircrest Way	\$869,000		

### PENDING LISTINGS

ADDRESS	LIST PRICE	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE
Glenmeade Way	\$525,000	Sage Hill Way	\$699,900
Oak Ranch Lane	\$539,000	Meadow Glen Way E	\$709,000
Meadow Glen Way E	\$625,000	Meadow Glen Way E	\$710,000
Glenmeade	\$635,000	Sage Hill Way	\$729,000
Spruce Woodlands Way	\$649,000	Burned Oak Lane	\$795,000
Oak Spur Way	\$659,000	Meadow Glen Way E	\$843,000
Glenmeade Way	\$639,000-\$669,000	Pinion Trail	\$895,000
E Meadow Glen Way	\$679,000	Canyon Country Lane	\$899,000
Sage Hill Way	\$679,000	Sage Glen Trail	\$899,000

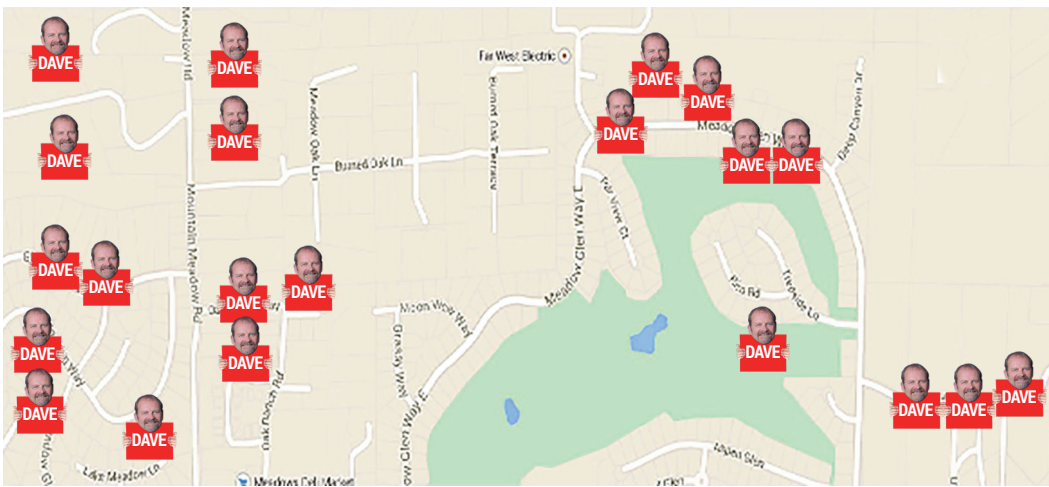
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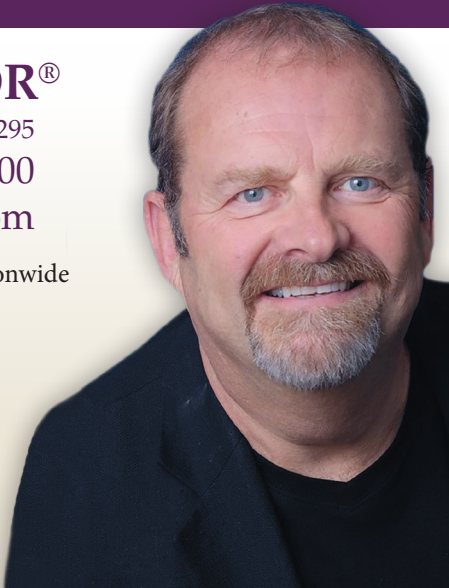
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# Community Garage Sale

By Lynn Clark / Resident

If you have things that you need to get rid of here is your chance. On Sept. 12 any person that wants to participate is welcome to join a community garage sale. Sale starts at 7 a.m. and ends whenever you decide. Sellers are responsible for placing signs at main streets with address of residence where the sale is taking place. This is important because we are not making a map. Information concerning what and where you are selling is your responsibility to place on Nextdoor. Guests and Hosts should wear masks and practice social distancing. Stay Safe! Have fun!

*Disclaimer: This garage sale is not sponsored by, or endorsed by the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation. The responsibility for adherence to state mandated COVID safe compliance and behavior is the responsibility of the individuals participating.*

# Trivia in neighborhood

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Trivia night is going to take a break until September 9. The numbers for on-line Zoom trivia have been dropping in the last few weeks. We hope this means that people are feeling more comfortable to socialize with close friends. If you are feeling isolated or alone or you need something, please reach out to your neighbors. These are difficult times for many.

The last few trivia nights the winners were Laurie and Dennis Van Groel. Categories were Wine, Name that tune, Europe, Independence Day, Clint Eastwood movies, Islands, Logos and DC Comics.

Clay Bruner won trivia when the categories were Places in Southern Cal, Mel Gibson movies, Whiskey, oysters, name that tune, etc. Dave and Awara Van Sumner do such a good job on new categories and mixing it up!

Trivia will pick back up on Zoom on September 9. Please join us then!

# Food trucks in Hidden Meadows

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Dos Bandidos/El Shrimp Bucket will be in Hidden Meadows, August 21, 28, September 18, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. This truck has been here 3 times already! The food is delicious and appreciated by everyone who has tried it! Let's come out and enjoy an option away from cooking at home!

Taco Love will be in the "hood" on Friday September 11 and September 25. This is a new truck to our neighborhood. Let's show them the love and come out to support them. It's so good to have options. The more people that come out the more options we can create!

These trucks can only come while people come out to support them on site so a big thank you to everyone who has come out. Starting in October we will try to have a truck every Friday!

Come on out! Get a drink at the Golf Club and sit out on the patio at the golf club and enjoy some good food and time with the neighbors!

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# Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

By Erik Tyler / Resident

During the month of July, the following crimes were reported to the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department within the community:

- 3 Vehicle Thefts
- 2 Vehicle Break-In/Theft
- 1 Possession of Narcotic Controlled Substance
- Video Surveillance Cameras Help Fight Crime

When investigating a crime, private surveillance cameras are a vital tool for law enforcement to identify suspects, time frame, get away vehicles and provide evidence for the prosecution. Installing cameras can be all that is needed to scare off a would-be intruder. Video doorbells are also great at keeping track of who is coming and going, as well as monitoring the property. When selecting a camera system consider the following:

- The higher the resolution of the cameras, the better the footage will be.
- A minimum of 20 days of storage is recommended.
- Cameras should face entrance and exit points.
- Cameras should only be placed on private property.

Talk to your neighbors with cameras and ask what they like or don’t like about their system. Join our Facebook page (Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch) and participate in the conversation there!

## WILDFIRE / From Page 1

Situational awareness can be divided into three equally important components: awareness, understanding, and anticipation.

--*Awareness* comes from gathering information using various sources and constantly observing what is going on around us. During times of high fire danger such as Red Flag Warnings, it can mean knowing the current weather conditions and forecast updates as well as family members' locations and activities, for example:

What are the current wind speeds and direction?

Is the weather changing?

Are there any fires nearby?

Is there smoke visible on the horizon? Which way is it blowing?

Where are my family members?

--*Understanding* combines the awareness information you have gathered into a mental picture of what is occurring at the moment and using that picture to determine an immediate course of action using your plan, if it becomes necessary, such as:

There is smoke in the distance but the wind is blowing it away from our location. No action is necessary right now other than continuing to closely monitor the situation.

--*Anticipation* builds from situational awareness and understanding to predict possible conditions during the next few hours or days. This prediction becomes the basis for any modifications to your plan of action to deal with changing conditions, for instance:

The latest weather forecast calls for a wind direction change in the next few hours. The fire would be blowing

toward us and could reach us in four hours. Time to load the go kits into the car and be ready to leave. If the wind does shift, we will leave before being advised to do so.

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council has hosted several evacuation seminars with fire and law enforcement officials as presenters. One of the most important facts emerging from these neighborhood seminars has been that you must have a plan to take care of yourself and your family without outside help. Especially at the onset of a major incident, first responders are likely to be overwhelmed and short-handed. They will not be able to reach everyone who may need assistance, especially during the early stages of an evacuation.

When your situational awareness tells you it is time to leave, do so. Do not hesitate. Don't wait for an official order. Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke, or traffic congestion.

Information on developing your wildfire survival plan (preferably a plan with alternates) can be found on numerous websites. Two of our favorites for California in general and San Diego in particular are Ready for Wildfire and Ready San Diego. Both websites feature apps for smart phones to help prepare and customize a plan for your home and family.

The DSFSC website at DSFSC.org has links to these sources as well as others. Don't forget to make sure your cell phones are registered to receive San Diego County Reverse 9-1-1 messages at Alert San Diego because mobile telephone numbers are not automatically entered into the County database. Make sure alerts are enabled in your device notification settings. Do it today.

# Seller’s Faire Update

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The Seller's Faire is going to try to have 2 events this year. They will be the first Saturday of the month of October and November. There will be no official theme but hopefully this will be an opportunity to do some holiday shopping!

We hope to see you at 9am-noon, at Boulder Oaks Golf Course parking lot:

- October 3
- November 7 -- electronics recycling available!

Food trucks for the Seller's Faire! Dos Bandidos/El Shrimp bucket will be available for breakfast tacos and later there will be surf and turf tacos, octopus tacos and ahi tacos. This has been a big hit in the neighborhood on select Friday nights. Please come out and shop with the craft vendors and pick up a few tacos and get to hang out with your local neighbors.

Enjoy some time in this wonderful place we live in Hidden Meadows. There are so many wonderful things to appreciate about our wonderful neighborhood. Hope to see you all soon!

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# Book Talk by Lynn Clark

*"The Last Trial"* by Scott Turow

Alejandro "Sandy" Stern is 85 years old and he has been an attorney for 60 years. This is his last trial. He loves practicing law, but he realizes he has reached the end of his career. He's just not as sharp as he use to be. His client is Doctor Kiril Pafko, a Nobel Prize winner. He is 78 years old and he is on trial for murder, fraud, and insider trading. The two men have been friends for so long that Andy has a hard time remembering when they met.

Dr. Pafko owns and operates Pafko Therapeutics: a lab that produces drugs for cancer treatment. Their biggest discovery to date has been g-Livia: a break-through therapy for fighting lung cancer. What makes this trial even more interesting is that Sandy Stern has been on g-Livia since 2013 when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic lung cancer. Taking the drug several years before FDA approval, it was a last ditch effort to save his life.

Here is the list of the important remaining characters involved in the story. Each one has his or her place in the narrative and the outcome of the trial.

- 1.Donatella: Kiril's wife of many years..halfway through the trial she stops coming to the court room..does not want her son blamed for the scandal
- 2.Leopoldo "Lep": Kiril's son..a brilliant scientist in charge of the lab..loves his work..feels his father doesn't give him enough credit for what he has done
- 3.Dr. Innis McVie: long time mistress and one of the original founders of the lab.. left after the release of the drug...her relationship with Kiril ended..received a large severance package
- 4.Olga: 40 yr. old marketing director..Kiril's present mistress...and the reason for the exit of Dr. McVie
- 5.Dr. Wendy Hoh: a statistician, not an MD...she works at a testing company and it is her job to audit the clinical database for the drug trial that is taking place to make sure everything is correct..she lives in Taiwan

g-Livia was such an impressive drug from start to finish. It appeared to be destined to be a miracle drug for people with lung cancer. In December of 2014 the "FDA designates g-Livia a Breakthrough Therapy" so it advanced into an eighteen month trial phase. At the thirteenth month (9/15/16) of the testing phase, approximately a dozen people died. They did not die from lung cancer, it appears they died from an allergic reaction to the drug. The test results are altered. The deaths become a computer error. The testing resumes and the drug passes FDA approval (1/16/17). Dr. Kiril Pafko sells 20 million dollars worth of stock after he is questioned about deaths related to the drug in 2018. He says he knows nothing about the deaths. He is later indicted for murder, fraud, and insider trading.

Andy Stern will take you through the trial and will question and investigate his way into the private lives of the characters and their role in the scandal and cover up. You will read about greed and revenge, and in the end always the trademark phrase of "reasonable doubt" will present itself to the jury in summation. Most of all you see the incredible ego of a doctor who refuses to acknowledge his past sins, and a lawyer that can be brilliant at times, but also has human frailties.

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Because we are living with a pandemic and vaccines are being made and tested as I type, I thought this story was timely. Of course this is fiction, but at the end of the book the author acknowledges that testing a drug is very complex. For that reason he stayed very faithful to the FDA regulatory process because he did not want to misrepresent anything, and he wanted the book to be enjoyable for the reader.

The following is an article that appeared after I read the book, and if you missed it, here is some information you might find interesting. It does not deal with the FDA and the trial period for the drug to be approved. It covers the process once the vaccine becomes available.

*"The Hurdles For a Vaccine To Clear"*

by Tom Frieden, Wall Street Journal August 1-2, 2020

The information in this article was provided by Dr. Frieden, the CDC director from 2009-2017.

"The best chance to stop the COVID-19 pandemic is a vaccine. Here are three hurdles it will face.

FIRST, WILL IT WORK? There are several vaccines that are now in development that can produce an immune response. It doesn't mean that it will protect people against infection or disease. What will be the extent of protection: 60% (flu vaccine) or 95% for some other vaccines? How long will protection last?...unknown right now...the elderly will still be at risk because they will have a weaker immune response

SECOND, WILL IT BE SAFE? In this section the doctor mentioned several different vaccines that have produced adverse effects in people. Yet he believes that vaccines are safe and that these incidents are rare. Careful manufacturing and continued testing will be necessary.

THIRD, CAN WE GET IT TO THE PEOPLE? For this to work and the pandemic be controlled the vaccine will have to be globalized... people will have to trust that it will work...when the vaccine arrives, it will have to be prioritized for people such as health care workers because there will not be enough at the beginning to go around... ..different vaccines might be available at different times" \*

\*This article covered almost the whole page in the paper. The above excerpt was only a tiny part of the article.

# Drive-in movie, concert series continues

The California Center for the Arts, Escondido will continue its drive-in movies and concert series in September and October at Westfield North County Mall.

The shows and dates are indicated below:

### Drive-In Movies and Concerts

September 4, Cars, Disney movie

September 6, *Grease!*

September 11, *Jurassic Park*

September 18, *Mamma Mia!*

September 19, Gunhild Carling and Band & Aki Kumar, concert

September 20, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, concert

September 23, Three Dog Night with Danny McGaw, concert

September 25, *Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark*

When September Ends: The Music of Green Day, concert

October 24, Iliza Shlesinger Tailgate Tour, comedy, 6:30 p.m.

All drive-in events at the former Nordstrom parking lot at Westfield North County Mall in Escondido, lot opens 6:30pm, all shows at 8 p.m. unless noted.

Movies \$50/car; Concerts \$20 and up per person, front and second rows \$145 and up per car.

Audio via FM radio, tickets advance purchase only, social distancing and other rules apply, see website for full details. Members get first dibs on tickets.

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# HMCF Awards Scholarships

On Saturday, August 8, the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Board was pleased to award \$1,000 scholarships to seven deserving high school seniors. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, our annual scholarship awards reception was not able to be held. Instead, Board members personally delivered award certificates and checks to each of the recipients at their individual homes.



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This year’s recipients included Alexis Curtis (Del Lago Academy) who will attend University of California, Berkeley and plans to major in Business/Economics; Christopher Fernandez (Classical Academy High School) who will attend Point Loma Nazarene University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Alan Pobst (San Marcos High School) who will attend California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and will major in Statistics; Anthony Rivera (Del Lago Academy) will attend California State University San Marcos and plans to major in Computer Science; Lilia Navi Vergara (Del Lago Academy) will attend University of California San Diego, majoring in Structural Engineering; Allison Wagner (Escondido High School) will also attend University of California San Diego and will major in Biology; and Michelle Welch (Cathedral Catholic High School) will attend University of Colorado Boulder and plans to major in Molecular Biology.

These students all face an unconventional first college semester involving online learning and continued social distancing. They each expressed a positive attitude towards embarking on their new adventure and looked forward to their college experience to pursue their professional dreams.

The Board decided to grant this unprecedented number of scholarships because of the high caliber of the applicants as well as the difficult economic circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. In the past, HMCF has usually offered no more than four scholarships in a given year.

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that survives based on donations from residents and friends. All donations are tax deductible. Our 2020 Fundraising campaign, scheduled to run from March through May, was cut short because of COVID-19. Interested parties can still make a donation by sending a check to HMCF at PO Box 462333, Escondido, CA 92046 or donate through PayPal at [www.HiddenMeadows.news](http://www.HiddenMeadows.news).

If you are unable to contribute financially, you can still get involved. Volunteers are always needed to participate in future events, elicit articles for the paper and serve on the Foundation Board.



Volunteers Nancy Ogrod and Valerie Spearman

## Fall Food Drive Sept. 19

By Nancy Ogrod / Resident

Please Mark your calendars NOW!!  
Saturday, September 19, 2020, from 9 am to 2 pm  
Boulder Oaks Golf Course – Clubhouse  
10333 Meadow Glen Way East

The communities of Hidden Meadows and RimRock have traditionally been very generous in supporting the fall food drive for Interfaith Community Services. As I know you are aware, this year has been especially hard on families who suddenly found themselves out of work and having to figure out how to put food on the table.

I was unable to hold a summer food drive, so I would like to issue a challenge for this fall drive – let’s donate 1000 pounds of food! I believe it can be done if every household brings just one pound of food to the Boulder Oaks Golf Clubhouse on September 19th. You can stay in your car so we can practice social distancing and I will be wearing a mask; I will be happy to take your donation out of your back seat or trunk.

The food pantry accepts fresh fruit and vegetables in addition to the non-perishable, unexpired, canned, bagged, or boxed food items. Please bring your food to the front of the Boulder Oaks Golf Course between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Your generosity in the past has helped many families by filling Interfaith’s cupboards -please, help again.

If you are unable to deliver your donations to the drop site, please contact Nancy Ogrod by calling at 760-749-7023 or e-mail at [n.ogrod@yahoo.com](mailto:n.ogrod@yahoo.com), and I will be happy to come pick them up prior to that day.

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# Registrar of Voters is ‘well-prepared’ for November election

By DAVID ROSS

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters is “well-prepared” for the upcoming November 3 General Election and has been readying for all mail-in ballots for years. It just happens that the COVID-19 pandemic forced it to happen earlier than anticipated.

So says Registrar Michael Vu, the man in charge of county elections.

**Q: What do you say to those who fear that the Registrar of Voters will be overwhelmed this year by so many mail in ballots?**

A: What I would say is that this is something we are well prepared for. We have been investing in time, money, process and infrastructure; not just this year but over multiple years for a situation where every voter would receive a ballot in the mail. We didn’t realize it would happen this year but we are well postured. We touched base with our stakeholders and mail printing vendors, who would package them through the U.S. Postal Service. We have received assurances that they can do it. Nearly 75% of the county’s registered voters are already signed up to permanently receive their ballot by mail. We don’t see any major issues with managing the inbound and outbound processes to include the remaining 23.6%.”

**Q: What’s the timeframe?**

A: Sample ballots will go out forty days in advance, which will be September 24. Mail ballots will be sent out October 5.” *Note: Vu said many voters will have already started to receive materials that will inform them of this process.*

**Q: How do we guarantee dead people don’t vote this year?**

A: A variety of ways. Making sure we keep up-to-date on people who have passed through various government agencies through the Bureau of Vital Records and county clerks. We receive a list through the Secretary of State every week. We are always running and getting information to cull voters lists.

We are sensitive to the question that we have the most up-to-date lists. Not only those who are deceased but duplicate records. Or if they are separate people to make sure that they remain distinct. One thing we have done, be-

sides sending a mailer, is to check that information against national changes of address maintained by Postal Service. To make sure if they don’t reside in the county or no longer live in the state for us to be able to address those specific situations. This is ultimately how we maintain our main list, which we are required to do by federal and state law that. It’s not necessarily perfect because there is a lag time on information, but we will certainly stay up-to-date to send that to our mailing house before it’s mailed out.

**Q: How reliable is the list?**

A: No list is 100 percent because it is dynamic. People are registering all the time, and moving, turning 18 and dying. The list is in constant change.

On the other side, voters should inform us when things change. We sent out a mailer asking people to inform us if there was a change.

On that mailer we printed the residents’ physical address and mailing address specifying how this election will be different because of the pandemic and have voters tell us if their mailing address has changed.

**Q: Will it take weeks to process our ballots this time, like it did two years ago?**

A: It always does. The fact is that to ensure election integrity and accuracy, and processing of mail ballots, it takes time. I anticipate a higher number of people voting by mail ballots and it will be determined by voters how many we receive in advance of election day. It does take time to validate signatures on envelopes. We verify every single ballot before we move to the next step. Election officials are granted 30 days to process every ballot. I intend to take every one of those days. It may take time to understand who has won the election in a tight contest, when some electoral units are so small. Nothing is final, regardless of whether it’s a presidential election, until it’s been certified.

**Q: Do you increase staff this time of year to meet the challenges of a major election?**

A: Yes, normally in an election we go from staff of 68 to nearly 1,200 seasonal, not including poll workers. We’re still going to need many individuals in this new format of holding the election. Hundreds of them. That won’t change.

**Q: What will change?**

A: In a normal year we have volunteer polling workers we pay a stipend to reimburse them. In the upcoming election we will pay them an hourly wage for certainty, because the pandemic has created uncertainty. We want to compensate them and get commitments, probably to commit to—at most— nine days instead of one day. It’s four days for superpoll sites and two days’ worth of training, one day to set up set, one day to take it down and one day to receive voting equipment.”

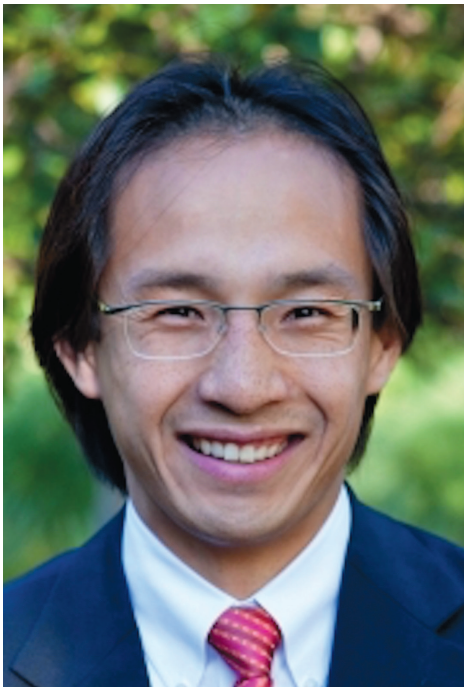
**Q: Given that the pandemic especially targets seniors, do you expect the age of your workers to change?**

A: There is a recognition that thirty percent of our poll workers are 65 plus. There is a recognition that they may not want to participate because of the pandemic. We’re really are not being considerate of age. If someone wants to participate, that’s fine, regardless of age, if they meet the requirement. But it creates a level of uncertainty. We may not be able to get enough poll workers and they may sit this one out. That’s why we are consolidating heavily our polling places. Normally we would have 9,000 volunteer poll workers. Now we will get by with 3,600 because we won’t have over 1,500 precincts. Instead we will have 235 polling sites.

**Q: What kind of workers will you be looking for?**

A: Workers we are looking for are highly qualified, have a higher level of skill set, management skills, or those who know technology. They will have electronic poll books, i.e. iPads. That’s normally a big heavy book of voters eligible to vote. Now it will be an electronic iPad with a list of voters.

Although we need fewer poll workers we need them for a longer time. There will be fewer polling places, but we will need them for a longer duration. Poll workers need specific skill sets to serve the many voters. You will vote the mail ballot, unless you need to go to one of these in-person sites. These will be open October 31-November 3 at 8 p.m.



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**Q: How do you protect the chain of custody of ballots from ballot harvesting?**

A: We’ve launched the Vote Safer San Diego campaign. (<https://www.sdvote.com/content/rov/en/vote-safer-san-diego.html>) It revolves around the pandemic. Part of that is that after voting, make sure the ballot is clearly marked; put it in the return envelope, seal it, sign it and return it to a trusted source: U.S. postal service, or to our office, but also 124 mail drop off locations, which we will open October 26, or to any one of 235 superpoll sites that will be open.

**Q: So what are the changes to this election over previous ones?**

A: Two significant changes: One is that every voter will receive a mail ballot and there will be fewer polling places. In March we had nearly 1,350 physical sites. In the upcoming election we will have 235 assigned sites they can go to. But they are much larger in size because of social distancing and they will be open for four days. This is in response to the pandemic and legislature and governor’s action.

**Q: So you don’t encourage people to vote at a polling place?**

A: If they want to or need to they can vote physically, but we don’t encourage that. If they made a mistaken on their mail ballot and need a replacement, they are a conditional registered voters. So they need to register and vote the same day, or they want to. They have traditionally voted in a polling place. A fifth scenario, someone with disabilities needing to vote in place. We hope people will use superpoll locations for that.

**Q: What are the drop-off points for Escondido and Valley Center voters?**

A: Can’t say certainly. The list will be published next week. But all county libraries are being used, even if they aren’t open. They will be open for election services and will be staffed. They will be open to receive ballots. Nothing is finalized.

**Q: Could we say that Escondido and Valley Center’s libraries are tentatively on the list?**

A: Yes.

**Q: So to be clear, every voter will get a mail ballot?**

A: Every voter will receive a mail ballot. We are highly encouraging them to return the paid postage and they will have the list of closest mail balloting places where they can drop it off. Sign it and seal it and return it to a trusted source. If there is any concern the voter can track it by getting push notifications similar to Fed Ex. You can subscribe to ‘Where’s my ballot’ on our website. You can track your ballot as it’s getting to you.

Questions? Go to [Sdvote.com](https://www.sdvote.com)

## SDG&E warns customers about a new wave of utility scams

A new wave of scammers is targeting San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) customers, threatening to cut off their service unless they pay their utility bills immediately with prepaid cards.

The most common tactic reported is scammers impersonating SDG&E’s billing department and asking for payment via Green Dot MoneyPak, a way of sending cash via prepaid or bank debit cards.

Known as the “Pay-by-Phone” scam, or “Green Dot” scam, criminals typically threaten immediate power shut-offs to scare customers into making an immediate payment. Once customers purchase prepaid debit cards, or make wire transfers based on the scammer’s instructions, they are asked to call another phone number to provide the card information, which allows the thieves to steal the money.

It can be especially confusing for victims, as the phone number scammers use may play a recorded message and menu options that mimic SDG&E’s official customer service line, which is 1-800-411-7343. When victims call the number provided by scammers, they may hear a recorded message that tells them they are calling SDG&E’s business line. They are given different menu options, including one to pay their bill or to report a gas leak or power outage. To avoid becoming a victim of utility scams, please follow the tips below.

Bottom Line: SDG&E will NOT:

- Call a customer to proactively ask for payment information during the call. Customers may receive communications directing them to pay their bill via their MyAccount at [sdge.com](https://sdge.com), use the Billmatrix system, or to call and use the automated pay-by-phone option at 1-800-411-7343.
- Request that a customer use pre-paid debit cards for payments or cryptocurrencies (i.e. Bitcoin) to pay their bill.
- Send emails with an online payment method with a QR code.

If you suspect a caller may be a utility scammer, please keep the following in mind.

What to do:

- If a caller claims to work for SDG&E and asks for payment over the phone, it is a scam, hang up!
- Only provide financial information by telephone if the customer initiated the call.
- Hang up and call SDG&E directly at 1-800-411-7343 to verify information about the account. Customers can also view their account status, including bills and payments, through SDG&E’s mobile app or via [sdge.com/myaccount](https://sdge.com/myaccount).

**Don’t be the next victim**

Victims of fraud are urged to call SDG&E immediately at 1-800-411-7343 to report it. Customers can also follow these additional tips to avoid becoming a victim of utility scams.

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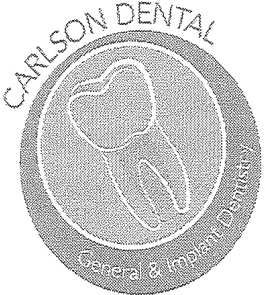
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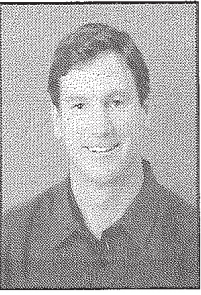
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PETITION FOCUSES ON STOPPING DEBRIS RECYCLING FACILITY

Petition Information:

Hidden Meadow News covered this controversial facility in its October 2019 issue. Local residents have started a petition to express community level opposition to the project prior to imminent decisions by county authorities. As recently reported in the *Escondido Times-Advocate*, the Director of Planning and Development Services is expected to make a decision on the project in early September. Therefore, signatures on the petition accessible at, <https://stopncer.weebly.com/> will be timely, as all the petition responses will be sent to the county decision makers in that timeframe.

The petition was created in a collaborative effort among neighborhoods. More than 900 signatures have been obtained in a little over 2 weeks, and the County authorities - the Board of

Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Director of PDS - have been informed about the petition status. The petition drive and reporting will continue even if we have to appeal a decision that favors the project to the next level of county authority.

Project Information:

Residents in the north Escondido area are concerned about the impacts of a proposed recycling project on the surrounding neighborhoods. Their concerns are not about recycling, but are focused on the proposed location as inappropriate relative to nearby neighborhoods.

The concerns focus on the impacts of noise, silica dust, dusty traffic on streets from trucks carrying debris, fire hazard, pest hazard from storage of wood piles, the lack of automated monitoring facilities putting the burden of monitoring for operating violations on the surrounding neighbors, etc. Those opposed feel that pocket zoning in 2011for this property

was wrong and that this project should not be located in this area.

The proposed facility plans to recycle construction debris (concrete, asphalt, lumber waste, etc) and tree trimmings at the south end of Mesa Rock Road. It has a long and troubling history that started in the 2005-2011 period, during the General Plan Update (GPU) of San Diego County. Three parcels owned by ADJ Holdings LLC located in county were rezoned, as a High Impact Industrial zone. This rezoning occurred in spite of objections by the City of Escondido, the Twin Oaks Community Sponsor Group, and recommendations against such zoning by the County's own Planning Department.

Previous news coverage of the opposition dates back to May, 2013. At that time, we were pressing the county authorities to require the applicant to prepare a site-specific Environmental Impact Report (EIR) instead of accepting their "Negative Declaration" of environmental impacts. In 2014, the County's Planning and Services Department (PDS) asked the applicant to prepare an EIR. In June 2015, the draft EIR prepared by the applicant was found inadequate by PDS. At this point the project went dormant. It resurfaced more than 4 years later, in September 2019, with PDS declaring that an EIR was no longer required as the EIR that was prepared for the county-wide GPU would adequately cover this project. They further stated that the project

qualified for this exemption from an EIR under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) section 15183 as there were no peculiar impacts from this proposed project. In the public comment period in October, 2019, PDS received about 500 comments. The county held a Zoning Administrator (ZA) Hearing on this project on June 25, 2020 with public participation by Zoom. PDS claimed to have addressed all public comments, but in our opinion, they did not as there were errors in the noise analysis and inadequate consideration of construction and operating scenarios in the particulate emissions analysis. Further the fire plan did not cover the issue of rapid propagation from a wood debris initiated fire during Santa Ana winds towards residential areas to the west. The ZA determined that the project met the CEQA section 15183 requirements and moved the project to the final level of approval. The project now awaits a decision by the Director of the PDS.

Byron Marler, Escondido

*Editor's Note: Julie Brooks' article on the North County Environmental Resources recycling plant in the October, 2019 issue of the Hidden Meadows News can be found online on pages 8 and 9 at: <https://www.hiddenmeadows.news/hmn-oct-12pages/> The article includes a map of the location of the proposed recycling plant and communities most likely to be affected.*

Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Muslim holy city

6 Krishna, e.g.

12 Judges' gp.

15 Shower item

19 Car rods

20 Juan's shawl

21 Boar or sow

22 As far as

23 Very stripped-down rendition?

26 Acne, slangily

27 Legal injury

28 Devoid of joy

29 "Pee— Big Holiday" (2016 film)

30 Curriculum segment

31 "Jingle Bells" vehicle

33 Hoosiers stuffing suitcases?

39 Italian automaker

41 Does a pressing job

42 Fly smoothly

43 Muslim ascetic's caution?

47 "— didn't!" (denier's cry)

48 Vine-covered, as a wall

49 Horn's honk

50 Blasting stuff

52 New Zealand aborigine

57 Actor Foxx

58 "Alice" waitress

59 Country singer Hill soaked up the sun?

62 Joule division

63 Furious state

64 — rod (biblical staff)

66 "We have approval"

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74 Doting affection, briefly

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80 Some Greek letters

81 Lamb-in-pita sandwich

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84 Aleve target

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96 Window or door part

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109 Be too sweet

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111 Thick board to be used only in an emergency?

117 Bed board

118 Pal, in Paris

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123 Hot spots in spas

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25 Wheat bristles

32 Encircle with a band

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35 IV hookup

36 Tiny thing with a charge

37 "Life of Pi" director

38 Of weather conditions

40 iPad, e.g.

43 Passion

44 Say to be so

45 Careful and delicate, as treatment

46 Vintage Olds

47 High degree

50 Turner and Fey

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54 "Fine, as far as I'm concerned"

55 Rule, briefly

56 Altar answer

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61 Invoices

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64 Set — (choose the wedding day)

65 Everyone, to Hans

68 "How — Your Mother"

69 Outer: Prefix

70 Big online music store

71 — -Magnon man

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77 Figure skater

79 "So that's the trick!"

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# Recycle Right: County and I Love A Clean San Diego offer tips

Recycle Right by getting “Back to Basics,” and Refuse, Reuse and Recycle the right material to help ensure what goes in the blue bin gets remade into new products. WasteFreeSD.org and the County of San Diego’s new Recycle Right webpage are countywide resources for all residents.

Most people want to do the right thing when it comes to recycling, but confusing messages make it difficult to remember the basics. The recycling system throughout San Diego County only works if everyone does their part to keep the right materials in the blue bin and the wrong ones out.

Residents make decisions every day when faced with a greasy pizza box, a dirty take-out container or a used single-use coffee cup from a favorite coffee roaster. In hope or haste, we dispose of these items, but do we collectively Recycle Right and what are the consequences of not doing so?

Californians generate an average of six pounds of waste per person, per day. Therefore, recycling plays a vital role in helping us reduce our waste, conserve our limited resources and support the production of the raw materials manufacturers want and need.

If all the waste generated in San Diego County was deposited in SDCCU Stadium in Mission Valley, it would take less than three weeks to fill up and it would fill 18 more times each year. Therefore, making the best decision now helps in the long run. By following these simple steps, recycling should become less confusing, more efficient and ensure valuable recyclables stay out of the landfill.

RECYCLING RIGHT means accepted materials are:

- Empty – No or very little food residue remaining
- Dry – No liquids left. Liquids can ruin paper, cardboard and other materials in the recycle bin making them unrecyclable.
- Loose – DO NOT bag recyclables. Doing so clogs the sorting equipment at the Material Recovery Facility where the contents of recycling bins go to be processed. Place accepted materials in your blue bin loose.

Recycling Right cuts down on contamination. Contamination is anything that doesn’t belong in the blue recycle bin such as plastic bags, batteries, clothing, cords, hoses, electronics, food, liquids, napkins and paper towels, straws, plastic utensils and more. Many of those items may be recyclable, but not in the blue bins.

Eric Wolff, program coordinator for Solid Waste Planning and Recycling at the County of San Diego, says, “There’s a big push to reduce contamination in the recycling bin since 20 percent or more of what some residents and businesses currently put in the recycle bin is actually not recyclable. Stopping contamination starts with consumers.”

“Residents want to recycle,” Wolff adds. “They put items they’re not sure about in the recycle bin, hoping it’s recyclable. That’s called wishcycling, and actually causes more harm than good. That’s why we’re going back to basics.”

BACK TO BASICS means placing only accepted materials in the blue bin. Throughout the San Diego region, with a few minor exceptions, the four main groups of recyclable items are:

- Paper, cardboard and cartons
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal and aluminum cans and foil

Workers and sorting equipment at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) are not able to separate out all materials that don’t belong from recyclables. Residents throughout the county can help by cutting out wasteful single-use items and switching to durable, reusable materials instead. To learn more about how to Recycling Right visit the County of San Diego’s Recycle Right webpage and check out WasteFreeSD.org, a countywide resource for information on recycling, reuse, repair and hazardous waste disposal.

### Looking forward

San Diego County diverts about 61% of its waste. California has set a goal to reduce landfill disposal by 75%. A study by CalRecycle found that the majority of material brought to landfills could have been recycled or composted.

## HIDDEN MEADOWS/RIMROCK Regular Meetings/Activities

If you plan to attend any meetings in August, check for changes.

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### Every Week: CHECK FOR CHANGES

TTh, Yoga, 8 am 751-0261\*  
MWF, Fitness Workout, 9 am 749-6523\*  
W, Bridge Group, 10 am 751-0261\*

### September 2020

#### CHECK FOR CHANGES

1	Bookmobile, MLGC Pkg. Lot, 1:00-2:00 pm	643-5125
1	MHA Architectural Rev Com Mtg, 6:30 pm	749-7278*
7	VCMWD Board Mtg., District Office, 2 pm	749-1600
9	Deer Springs FPD. Bd. Mtg. 2:00 pm	749-8001
9	HM Condos, HOA Meeting, 4:00 pm	407-7575*
9	HM Community Foundation, 7 pm	sarah@bretandsarah.com
9	MHA Board Mtg, 6 pm	749-7278*
11	Garden Club Meeting, 10:00 am	809-8889
15	CERT Monthly Mtg., 6:30 pm	525-5170*
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21	VCMWD Board Mtg., District Office, 2 pm	749-1600
24	Ranch HOA Mtg, 4-6 pm	407-7575*
24	HM Sponsor Group Mtg., 7:00 pm	809-6898*

### October 2020

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# Hidden Meadows Community Resources and Organizations

## Resources

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### Community Sponsor Group

The members, appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, meet monthly to provide a communication link with the San Diego County Planning and Land Use Department. They review and make recommendations on all types of land use, building matters and other planning issues that affect our community life. Their areas of interest include property north of the city of Escondido, east of I-15, south of Old Castle Road, and west of Valley Center. Contact Chairman Jim Chagala, at 760 751-2691for more information.

### Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

The mission of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council (DSFSC) is to preserve lives, property and natural resources by mobilizing all members of our community to make our neighborhoods fire safe. This is accomplished through the following:

**Education-** Through the use of instructional literature, meetings, the web-site www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com and newspaper articles, the Council shall disseminate proven measures for fire safety. This information will be provided to every district resident at least once each year.

**Prevention-** The council shall take the necessary steps to mitigate future wildfires and other uncontrolled fires within the community.

**Communication-** The Council shall acquire and develop the necessary capabilities to communicate to all our residents during an emergency event.

Contact Steve Kerrin at 760-807-1141.

### Emergency Communication System

The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council sponsors its own Emergency Communications System (ECS) that will call registered residents in the event of an emergency. This is a free service provided by local members of the council but you must be registered to receive a call. A system-wide test is conducted each summer to make sure everyone who has registered will receive a test call. Any phone number in the United States may be registered. To register, visit www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com.

An information hotline is updated during emergencies or noteworthy events and may be called 24/7 at 949-472-1407. Red flags are placed on the “Fire Danger Signs” during red flag warnings.

### Homeowners Associations

The Meadows Homes Association (MHA)	760-749-7278
Rimrock Homeowners Association	760-749-4008
Hidden Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association	760-407-7575
Silverado Management Services	
Oak Meadows Glen Homeowners Association	760-749-4796

## Organizations

### Bridge

Weekly bridge is held on Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Contact Curt Bruce at cbruce9289@aol.com or 442-222-0821. Note that our bridge group is not meeting until further notice.

### Bunco

There are several women’s Bunco groups in the community, but are independently run by groups of women who want to have fun once a month. If interested, consider putting an ad in nextdoor.com for other interested residents.

### Garden Club

Everyone in the community who is interested in gardening is invited to participate in the Hidden Meadows Garden Club. Monthly events include field trips around the county, plant exchanges, plant and garden crafts as well as ongoing exchanges of ideas and expertise on the local flora and fauna. Contact Frances Munk at 760-809-8889 or francesmunk17@gmail.com .

### Hidden Meadows Community Foundation (HMCF)

At the heart of the community events and activities lies the Foundation whose purpose is fourfold:

- Beautification programs such as the maintenance of the medians
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (temporary assistance for residents in distress)
- Scholarships for residents who are graduating from high school
- Community events

All donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to HMCF, PO Box 462333, Escondido, CA 92046.

For more information, contact Sarah Sealey at sarah@bretandsarah.com

### Ladies Bible Study

The group meets weekly from 9 to 11am on Tuesday mornings from mid-September through May at the Boulder Oaks Golf Course. For more information, contact Bonnie Miyamoto at 760-297-1508, Debbie Hamer at 760-297-1278 or Nancy Smith at 619-857-9187.

### Social Groups

Several social groups have been organized in Hidden Meadows over the years for those who want to meet other singles and couples throughout the community. Typically twelve households make up a group so that a gathering can be organized once a month at each other’s homes. Each group has its own way of planning the gatherings, such as potluck, drink and appetizers, outings, brunch, or hosts providing everything. For more information, contact Toni Wozmak at toni.wozmak@hotmail.com

### Tennis Club

Current tennis players range from 25 to over 90 years young. Some matches are organized according to ability, but most are just fun matches where everyone can play. Contact Katy Freeze at 760-749-9722 or clarkfreeze@gmail.com.

### Women’s Golf Club

The Boulder Oaks Women’s Golf Club is a member of the San Diego County Women’s Golf Association and Santa Margarita Women’s Golf Association. The latter offers inter-club competitive matches with nearby clubs. Thursday is Ladies Day at the course with a variety of tournament formats played throughout the year. Membership in the Boulder Oaks Golf Course is not required for women wishing to join this club. Contact Kathy Figueiredo at (818)274-9129 if you are interested in knowing more about the club.

### Women’s Social Group

Monthly gatherings at members’ homes for a potluck dinner and conversation are a wonderful way to meet new faces in Hidden Meadows. For information about upcoming gatherings, send an email to hm-wsg92026@gmail.com.

### Yoga

Free Yoga sessions are available at the Pavilion on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00. Contact Joanne Boessow at 760-751-0261 or mljab33@cox.net for more information.

Super Crossword

Answers

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# Astronomy Corner by Chris Holmes

## History of Astronomy through Stamps: Part IV

In the three centuries which had passed since Newton, bigger and more powerful telescopes had emerged; the speed of light had been measured; and the spectral lines of stars had been more closely linked to known chemicals and elements. And in 1905 and 1916, one man –Albert Einstein – introduced an entirely different way of thinking about space and time. (Fig. 1)

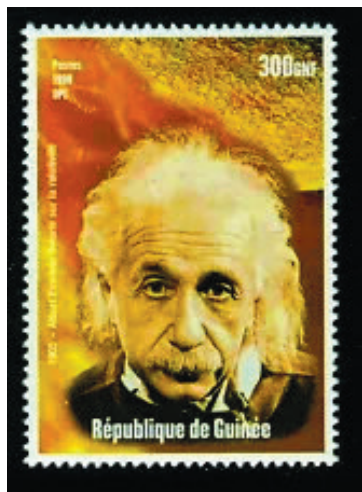


Fig. 1

Special Relativity (Fig. 2)

The word ‘special’ means the theory only applies to objects moving at steady speed. Its basic concept is that time passes slower for objects in motion than for those at rest. This so-called ‘time dilation’ even applies to biological systems. For example, Astronaut Scott Kelly, after spending a year traveling in space, had clearly aged less than his twin brother Mark, who had been left behind.

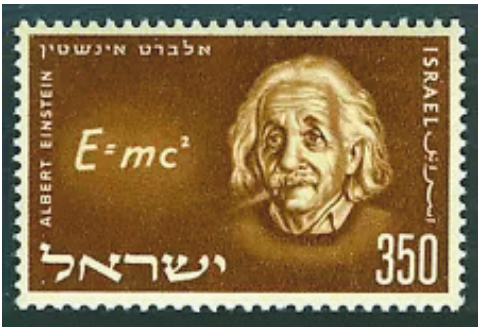


Fig. 2

A second conclusion was that light propagates at a constant speed, no matter what its reference frame. And a third consequence of the linkage of space and time was that energy and mass were interchangeable. Thus, the formula E=mc<sup>2</sup>, the fundamental equation of nuclear energy.

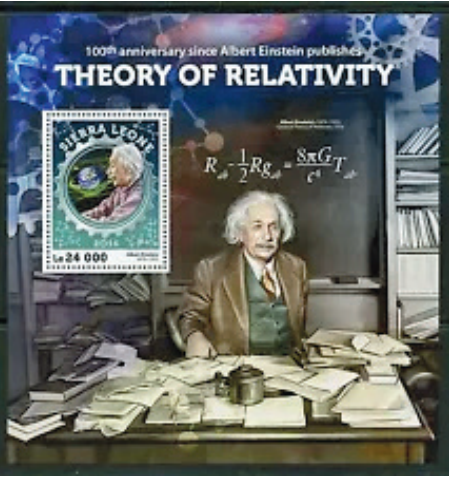


Fig. 3

**General Relativity**  
Einstein didn't completely accept Newtonian gravity because of its requirement that this force must act instantaneously across space, which meant it had to propagate at infinite speed. Impossible. Light speed was the universe's speed limit, and it was finite. Nothing could travel faster. (Fig.3)

Einstein worked ten years to develop his ‘geometric theory’ of gravity, which is called General Relativity. Its basic principle is that spacetime was curved, and

objects moving in gravitational fields followed straight lines (called ‘geodesics’) through curved space.

Proof of this theory came four years later, when Arthur Eddington led an expedition to Brazil to photograph a solar eclipse. Light from stars close to the sun's rim was washed out by the sun's glare during the day – except during an eclipse, when the light from these close-by stars could be detected and was found to deviate by the amount predicted by general relativity.

Another prediction of general relativity was the existence of gravitational waves travelling through space. To date, four of these have been detected. Finally, the theory predicted that the warping of spacetime by geometric gravity could be so severe that no light could escape it. Called Black Holes, their existence had been predicted only by their gravitational effects on other objects. But recently, a radio-photograph-- an actual picture -- was taken of one of them.

Photoelectric Effect. (Fig. 4)

Light's existence in both particle and wave forms has been well known for decades. A flashlight or an x-ray beam are examples of light's wave form. Einstein was one of the first to call the particle form of light a photon. But light of a certain frequency, when shone on a piece of metal, can also knock free an electron from the metal and produce a current. This is the photoelectric effect, where light acts as a particle (Einstein called light particles photons). Solar panels are examples of this technology.



Fig. 4

For his work on the photoelectric effect, Einstein won the 1921 Nobel Prize in physics. (Fig. 5)



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

Microwave Background Radiation in 1965, the fingerprint of the Big Bang.

Radio Interferometry is the technique of combining waves in-phase, and it led to the spectacular image of a Black Hole published a few months ago.

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This is my last Astronomy Corner column. We are moving to Arizona. But I wanted to thank the many people who have assisted me in preparing these columns: Editors Susan Wolking and Pat Fox were great to work with; Steve Rogers (my co-author for a while), Sam Dailey, Don Duttweiler, Jim Mitchel, Dennis Van Grol, Mark Wozmak and Scott Roods for writing and for technical contributions. And, of course, to Marilyn Holmes, for being my best friend and biggest fan.

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## Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics

**Saturday September 26, 2020**  
**Valley Center County Road Station 9 am — 2 pm**  
**28565 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center**

- Bring in unused or leftover portions of household products labeled Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable or Corrosive.
- Bring up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per car. Leave products in original containers, if possible.
- Home generated ‘sharps’ including syringes and lancets should be transported in rigid containers.

**We can NOT accept:** Business waste, ammunition/explosives, medication, tires or large appliances/air conditioners

For more information: call 1-877-R-1-EARTH or go to [www.sdhhw.org](http://www.sdhhw.org) or [www.wastefreesd.org](http://www.wastefreesd.org)

**IMPORTANT COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- Waste must be transported in vehicle trunk, back of SUV, or bed of pick-up truck (unlock trunk prior to check in)
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- Bring proof of residency / address
- Bring a face covering in case interaction with staff is necessary





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