

NEWS

JUNE 2021



Daley Ranch volunteer Lee Dezan and Escondido Park Ranger Joe Gutierrez.

The HM Garden Club Visits Daley Ranch

By Karen Henderson / Resident

On a cool overcast May morning, 17 members of the Hidden Meadows Garden Club gathered at the La Honda Drive entrance to Daley Ranch for a nature walk and tour of the Daley Ranch House. City of Escondido Park Ranger Joe Gutierrez and volunteer Lee Dezan would be our guides. Lee handed out maps and a very informative plant field guide (courtesy of Friends of Daley

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HMCF Thanks Donors

The 2021 Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Fundraising campaign raised \$12,306 from a total of 163 donors. This represents approximately 10% of the nearly 1,600 Hidden Meadows homes. Based on donor preferences, the funds were allocated to Beautification (\$2,111), Events (\$554), Neighbors Helping Neighbors (\$1,002), Scholarships (\$1,088), Wilderness Park (\$100) and the General Fund (\$7,451).

We want to thank all of the donors for their generosity. Receipts evidencing your donations will be sent out to the email or mailing address provided with your donation.

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that survives based on donations from residents and friends. All donations are tax deductible. Our 2021 Fundraising campaign, ran from March through May. 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.

If you are unable to contribute financially, you can still get involved. Volunteers are needed to participate in events, elicit articles for the paper and serve on the Foundation Board. We hope to have the upcoming Trunk or Treat (October) and Toys for Tots (December) events and always need more volunteers.



Bellafonte owner Larry Burns talks about his dreams for the property, which include transforming it into a destination resort.

Venerable retreat is reborn as Bellafonte Hotel Resort

By DAVID ROSS

Cross the threshold into the Bellafonte Hotel Resort & Spa lobby and you could be stepping onto a movie set of the Golden Age of Hollywood, a lavish Edwardian England mansion or a drawing room from America's Gilded Age. Glance over your shoulder at a glittering mummy sarcophagus. To your right is a Greek bust of Neptune or an Empire style chaise longue where a Napoleonic eagle spreads its wings. Next stop: Destination Resort!

Located in the Circle R area of Valley Center, next to Castle Creek Country Club, the property has had many names, among them Castle Creek Inn & Resort, Tuscany Hills and now Bellafonte Hotel Resort.

Through the dedication of a woman who devoted most of her career to it, the venerable resort is springing back to life. Jennifer Traboulsi emerged from retirement when the new owner said he wanted to revive the resort and needed her help. Her special talent has been as an event coordinator and she's got the Rolodex (or the computer equivalent) to prove it. "I have over two thousand leads or more!" she says.

The owner, Larry Burns, who sits down across from me to talk about the resort, looks gratefully at Traboulsi. "Isn't she wonderful?" he breathes appreciatively. "I couldn't have done this without her help." He contributed many items from his personal collection, including rare paintings and furnishings. These items, which confront you at every turn, impart an opulent, fun atmosphere. The resort is like one big conversation piece.

Burns has big ambitions. "I want to give this steak sizzle!" he says. "I want it to be more than just a place to sleep. I want it to be a place to relax and have fun." For that to happen, we will have to emerge completely from the COVID-19 pandemic so that staying at resorts becomes common occurrence again. But that's not far off.

As a young woman, Traboulsi first worked at the front desk of the Castle Creek Inn Resort & Spa. Over the years, she helped build the resort. It was her idea to paint the fluffy clouds on the ceiling of the Bellaterre room, which is used for large gatherings. The Florentine Room, formerly the Briarwood, with its suggestions of a Tuscan villa, also reflects her style.

Traboulsi's name has been associated with the resort so closely one might

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Congratulations to our Graduates!!

If you or a family member are celebrating a graduation this year, we'd like to know and celebrate with you in the July issue!

Please send names of your graduate, school, and major if appropriate. Pictures are encouraged (*originals - not taken off Internet/Facebook*). Send to Kim Riha at Hidden Meadows Community Foundation at kimriha819@gmail.com.

Congratulations to you all on your achievements and best of luck to you in your future endeavors!

Fourth of July

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Foundation will host the July 4th parade this year on Sunday, July 4th. We will meet at the lower parking lot of the Boulder Oaks Golf Club across the street from the market and fire station. The parade will start at 10 am. Due to COVID the celebrations will be simplified. We will only be participating in the parade. Bring your bicycles, wagons or walk with your family and friends to celebrate the birth of our great nation. See you July 4th! think she was born there. She certainly

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Sunday Sellers' Faire

Sunday, June 27, 2021, 9am – 1pm Boulder Oaks Golf Course Parking Lot

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Here comes the ... drought

By GARY ARANT,

general manager of the Valley Center Municipal Water District

With the 2014-2016 drought still fresh in my memory (enforcing 36% reductions on your customers sticks with you for a while), here it comes again. We have had two consecutive dry years, with the last being the 3rd or 4th driest in California history. Statewide snowpack, runoff and storage levels are at about 50% of where they should be at this time of the year. Governor Newsom just issued a Drought Emergency Declaration for 41 of the 58 California Counties and is seeking \$5.1 billion in the upcoming state budget for Drought Relief.

Many of the counties covered in Drought Emergency Declaration are located in central and northern California, and are immediately dependent on ample rainfall keeping their local limited storage reservoirs full. The problem with California Hydrology is that over the last 20-years, 10 have been normal or wet and 10 have been below normal or dry. Consequently, it seems we either just coming out of a drought or worried about going back into one. 2014, 2015, and 2016 were dry, 2017, 2018 and 2019 wet normal or wet and 2020 was dry and 2021 is projected to be dry. Maybe calling a drought a drought may be a misnomer; it's just California oscillating between very dry, dry, normal, wet and very wet years. The trick is getting through those very dry periods without too much environmental and economic harm.

So, what about the areas served by Valley Center Municipal Water District and San Diego County?

The good news is that San Diego County was not among the 41 counties included in the Emergency Drought Declaration and is in good shape water supply wise. Also, its good news that Governor Newsom seems to be approaching the drought response on a "county by county," or "hydrologic region by hydrologic region," basis rather than a "one size fits all" approach. "One size fits all" was the approach used in 2016 by

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his predecessor, Jerry Brown. In that year, irrespective of the actual water supply situation, VCMWD was forced to implement mandatory supply reductions by a draconian and totally unnecessary 36%, while the San Diego Region had access to water needed to meet almost 100% of its needs.

Why is San Diego and Valley Center in "good shape" compared to 41 counties included the Emergency Drought Declaration, you ask. We are because of you, for several reasons.

• Since 2014-2-17 Drought, water demand has remained low. Customers have found ways to hang on to some of the water saving ways that got them through a 36% cutback.

• Following the Drought of 1986-1992, regional water agencies began invested billions in storage, conservation, development of wastewater reclamation, potable re-use of wastewater, alternative supplies, such as Desal, and ag to urban transfers. All of these efforts broadened and diversified our water supply portfolio, when once San Diego was dependent on one major source of imported supply. You say, "I didn't do that." Well, you didn't do it, but you paid for it through your monthly water bills over the last several decades.

Some of the money you pay monthly to VCMWD stays in the community to operate, maintain the Valley Center Municipal Water District. However, most of is passed on to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). There, some of your money pays to operate and maintain those massive water importation, treatment and storage systems, but the majority has been used to make the investments in water supplies, and the infrastructure needed to increase water supply resilience and reliability for Southern California and the San Diego Region.

For 2021 and 2022, the State Water Project (SWP) will only deliver 5% of its contract amount to agencies like the MWD due to shortages in the very dry water sheds which feed the rivers converging in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta, south and west our Capitol City, Sacramento. Diversion have been severely restricted to protect the fish, wildlife and ecosystems by preventing seawater intrusion into the Delta. As a result, MWD will lose 550,000 AF of water. However, because MWD has over 3.1 million-acre feet in storage for a dry year, some located in Lake Meade on the Colorado River, it will be able to make full delivery requests to all its member agencies, including the SDCWA.

MWD has also made investments in the development of alternative supplies by its member agencies through its Water Stewardship rate funded Local Resources Program. Three alternative supply projects in San Diego County, Pure Water San Diego, Pure Water East County and Pure Water Oceanside, recently received funding from the MWD LRP.

Here in San Diego, the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) has done a lot of heavy lifting since the 1991-1992 Drought. It secured 200,000 Acre Feet (one acre foot is 326,000 gallons, or enough water to cover a football field 1 foot deep in water) annually of Ag transfer water from the Imperial Irrigation District. 77,000 AF annually of conserved water was created with the concrete lining of water by lining the Coachella and All – American Canal located in Imperial County. The Authority built the Emergency Storage Project adding 90,000 AF new storage, and raised San Vicente Dam to create another 100,000 AF of carry over storage. In 2015, the SDCWA started buying up to 42,000 AF annually of Desalinated Seawater from the privately owned and operated Carlsbad Desal Plant.

The SDCWA just completed its 2000 Urban Water Management Plan, which clearly shows, that with access to its 26% share of MWD supplies and all of the other import and local supplies it has developed and secured and those developed by its member agencies, the San Diego has access to enough water to meet the region's needs, not just this year, but for five consecutive years of drought.

So, certainly we want you use water efficiently at all times. However, next time you go to pay your water bill realize that a significant portion of that payment has gone and will go to developing and maintaining a very ample, reliable and resilient water supply for Southern California, San Diego Region and the communities served by the Valley Center Municipal Water District.

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Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Scholarship Application Window Now Open

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation has been able to award scholarships to eligible students preparing to enter college thanks to your generous contributions each year.

The 2021 HMCF Scholarship Application window is currently open and will close Wednesday, June 30. The window is longer than usual as we are allowing extra time for applicants to coordinate required application elements remotely.

Like so many things these days, we are uncertain whether we will be able to hold any kind of gathering, so a Scholarship Reception remains unlikely. We will continue to monitor the pandemic situation and will coordinate with each individual recipient to present awards no later than August 31, pending confirmation that the institution is still offering classes in the fall semester.

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Some good news

By MARIE WALDRON, 75th Assembly District

The Appropriations Committee can be a place where good bills go to die. But despite its reputation, some important legislation made it through Appropriations before the May 21 deadline.

That includes two of my bills, AB 653, which creates a grant for substance use treatments in county jails and for those on supervised parole, and AB 22, a bill I jointly authored to phase in Transitional Kindergarten eligibility for all four-year-olds. Another important education bill, AB 498 (Quirk-Silva) establishes a program to increase the number of teachers trained to instruct students in computer science.

Significant fire prevention legislation is also moving. AB 267 (Valladares), which extends the sunset date on CEQA exemptions for fuel reduction projects on federal lands, and AB 431 (Patterson), to extend the sunset date for defensible space exemptions around habitable structures, have both passed the Appropriations Committee and the full Assembly. AB 579 (Flora), authorizes Cal Fire to purchase protective equipment from either the California Prison Industry Authority or private entities based on department needs and product quality, and AB 1103 (Dahle), creates a pass program allowing agricultural producers or their employees access to their farm or ranch during or after a natural disaster.

To support business, AB 1242 (Bauer-Kahan), continues pandemic relief for restaurants by allowing sale of prepackaged alcohol for offsite consumption for another two years. To rein in business crime, AB 331 (Jones-Sawyer) extends the sunset date for California Highway Patrol's property crime task force that investigates organized retail theft. And to deal with problems at EDD, AB 110 (Petrie-Norris) will allow data sharing between the EDD and the Department of Corrections to prevent fraudulent unemployment claims by inmates.

These are just a few of the bipartisan bills moving forward in the Legislature this year.

Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

HIDDEN MEADOWS NEWS

Deadline for local article submission: 20th of the month for the next issue. Photographs submitted for publication should be hi-resolution (300DPI), unmodified originals, jpeg format. We cannot accept photos taken from social media sites such as Facebook. Send drafts to Patricia Fox at: LocalEditor@HiddenMeadows.news

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Lynn Wheeler at the Auto Museum

Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Hidden Meadows neighbors visited Deer Park winery recently. This winery is unique because they have an Auto Museum which features hundreds of vehicles and Americana collections, and is the recipient of the Antique Automobile Club of America trophy for excellence. They have renowned collections including a world-famous collection of American convertible cars, vintage radios, TVs, antique bicycles, appliances, cameras, tube television sets, neon dealership

signs, classic gas pumps and gas stations, vintage vehicle garages, old oil collectibles, license plates, vintage toys and games, Coca Cola room of collectibles, Barbie doll room, soapbox derby cars, wagons, carriages, 1950's new car showroom, Oscars, Bobs Big Boy, office equipment, computers, telephones, phonographs, records, displays of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, Patti Page, Disney, Lawrence Welk, even Brooke Shields (recipient of the first of Chrysler's return to convertible car production).

Automobiles on permanent display usually include; Amphicar, Buick, Benz, BMW, Cadillac, Chevrolet, 57 Chevy, Chrysler, Corvair, Crofton, Crosley, Desoto, Dodge, Edsel, Eldorado, Ferrari, Ford, Franklin, Frazer, Harley, Hudson,



left to right: Jean-Louis Clement, Beth Klein, Amy Nekerman, Lynn Wheeler, Michelle Zipse and Clayton Bruner

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Some of the wines produced include Sangiovese, Petite Sirah, Merlot, Zinfandel, Syrah, Chardonnay, California Champagne, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot Port, Peach Mead, plus other San Diego County Wineries and Vintners select choices, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Muscat, Riesling, and Meritage and blends. Deer Park Escondido Wines have won bronze, silver, gold, and best in class awards.



(above) A view of Bellafonte Hotel & Resort, with the pool on the far right overlooking some of the rooms. (below) Owner Larry Burns contributed many pieces from his private collection to furnish the resort in an opulent style.



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knows the property like she knows her own face. She is even friends with the wild life. "I can tell you where the owl sits!" she says.

The resort and spa has a history. Some celebrities who trod its carpets include Frank Sinatra and Madonna—especially when former owner Paul Walton, himself something of a celebrity, owned it and invited his show business friends to visit and party.

Such celebrities never impressed Traboulsi. "I'm more interested in people and what they are made of than who they are," she says.

When Burns lured her out of retirement with the promise of a challenge, Traboulsi dipped into her network of former customers, many of them churches. Years earlier she had built the resort's reputation for church retreats. Now that the County will soon allow big weddings again she wants to add that to her repertoire, along with proms and family gatherings. A few days ago she was on her way to attend the bridal show at the Del Mar fairgrounds. that. Eventually all 32 rooms will be open. Then the soaking pools will reopen. Not long after that the spa will reopen with Amy Rogers welcoming back her loyal clientele.

Everywhere you go on the property, things catch your eye. Each room has a cavernous canopy bed. Take a turn about the lobby and you'll encounter antique pianos, a gramophone, or a neon jukebox.

In recent years the former resort came into hard times. A year ago it was sold to a group who allowed it to be overrun by squatters and drug users. For a while the owner was convinced he had the zoning rights to put in a drug rehab facility much to the alarm of the neighbors. These were the same homeowners who had always considered the hotel and resort a good neighbor. Eventually the County had to step in.

Under the new owner, Larry Burns, the resort is undergoing an infusion of cash to, as he says, give the steak some sizzle. The neighbors are sighing with relief that the old resort has returned. The plans are to have theme rooms, like a cowboy room, an Indian room and other whimsical themes. "The whole idea of me coming back was that this had to be revamped," said Traboulsi. That included new carpets, new furnishings, renovated rooms: the works. Burn says he is thinking about buying the nearby golf course, which he says is obviously becoming a little bit run down and could also use an investment to perk it up. Chicken Lisas, which is operated down the road at 555 West Country Club Lane, Ste. E, provides catering for the resort. This traditional Mexican restaurant is run by Traboulsi's husband, Frank. Bellafonte Resort & Spa is located at 29850 Circle R Way. Call the resort at 760-749-1290.

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She also hopes to attract groups of golfers to stay and play at the Castle Creek course next door.

Since it is a few miles from the Welk Resort (recently sold to Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation) Bellafonte is well situated to tap the tourist market that surges like a beating heart up and down the I-15.

It is a charming getaway from the hustle and bustle, where you can spend a quiet evening or two, sit in the soaking pool and enjoy a free continental breakfast the next morning.

The resort opened a dozen rooms April 19, and will be ready for its first public event on July 1. Neighbors will be invited to a "soft opening" before

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Ranch) and we were ready to set off.

Along the way we stopped frequently as either Joe or Lee pointed out native flowers such as monkey-flower, black sage, white sage, everlasting, chamise and wild cucumber. We also learned about the different oak species on Daley Ranch - Coast Live Oak, scrub oak and the rarer Engelmann Oak. As we continued our walk, it was lovely to have other Ranch visitors listen-in to learn about a plant or two.

Arriving at the Ranch House we were able to explore the covered porch, ground level and upstairs on our own. There were interesting displays to look at as we proceeded from room to room. In the main space, with an impressive rock fireplace as a backdrop, Ranger Joe told us about the history of the Daley family and the acquisition of the land by the City of Escondido as a permanent mitigation open space.

Time was getting on and the cloud cover had gone, so about half the group headed back to the parking lot while others ate lunch and walked around the other Ranch buildings, including an old barn, with our guides. Quite a few of us mentioned the tranquility of the area. When it was time to leave, Ranger Joe and Lee continued to point out interesting features and shrubs including California lilac (unfortunately past its bloom), laurel sumac, yucca, toyon and one of the ponds. It was a lovely way to spend a Friday morning.

Thanks go to Garden Club member Barbara Rangan for arranging this special outing and coordinating with City of Escondido Park Ranger Greg Gould. Joe Gutierrez and Lee Dezan were amazing guides who clearly have a deep affinity for the flora and fauna of Daley Ranch.

If you would like to join the Hidden Meadows Garden Club contact New Member Coordinator Frances Munk at francesmunk17@gmail.com or 760-809-8889. We generally meet once a month January-November.



Front row: Kathy Brownell, Sherry Horton, Ranger Joe Gutierrez, a guest, Sima Kashani. 2nd row: Joy Meeker, Donna Hinke, Jim Horton, Pat Witman, Pat Buntin. 3rd row: Jennifer Gilgallon, Karen Henderson, Barbara Rangan, Diane Heath Back row: Roy Buntin, Frances Munk. Not pictured: Meredith Kifer, Susan Brill

Pictured below is Daley Ranch









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By Linda Collins / Resident

Organizing the Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire makes me feel energized and alive! I love seeing all the people and the crafts. I saw so many of my neighbors that I haven't seen in a COVID-age. And now we have things to eat, too! I started with the pancake breakfast at Flawless and then headed over to the bake sale for things to take home. There were so many yummy things and lots of fruit, too! We had to get a special permit to allow prepackaged foods and fruit, but it was certainly worth the effort! Your neighbors donated brownies, cookies, breads, cakes, more brownies, more cookies, jam, oranges, tangerines, grapefruit and more. And we sold out!

On top of that, one of our newest vendors sells Kettle Corn, and, across the street, Bruce LoPucki was the selling macadamia nuts he grows. I do love to eat, so it was a real feast for me. (Titan got his treats from George, who always has some special goodies for our furry friends.)

Sandy Reed was back with her glass yard art. Woohoo! They are so very cool! Jennifer Ayers sells mobiles and other crafts with shells. Francis Munk and Chris Corcino sold plants and more plants and more plants! They are very popular. Anna Royer sold beautiful floral décor. Sally had We had pens, jewelry, sewn crafts, watches, and pinecone owls. Princess House, 'Just' essential oils, Scentsy, and Color Street Nail products were available. Dael Kiesler sells children's books with matching pillowcases. We had several new vendors adding even more variety in May. And, of course, we always have a few garage sellers. (Randy Mitchell bought up all Sharon Cook's books.)

There was a free drawing to enter for pizza from each of the deli's, a gift certificate for The Side Yard at The Market, which is scheduled to open soon. Andrea Sorrentino donated services. She is one of the Stylists at the hair salon next to the Home Smart office. Also, Wild Wonders donated a \$25 coupon for a private tour. Wild Wonders is a place where kids and adults can connect with animals from all over the world. They are not open to the public, but you can schedule a private tour and animal encounters to meet some of their "wild wonders"!

If you didn't attend, you missed quite the party! The Faire now has over 50 vendors and nearly 350 shoppers. Our next Faire is on June 27. So mark your calendar now! We skip all the way to September after that, and you won't want to wait that long!

Thanks to the hardworking Seller's



Dawn Fuller, Connie Brumley, Dannielle Tennis, Michelle Zipse, Shelly Bauer, Jess Sorrentino, Vicky Long, and Karen Birch. The faire would not be possible without their participation, organization, and hours of labor!

An additional Thanks to Juan Ontiveros for helping prep the parking lot and to Randy Mitchell for helping people set up. He became the pop-up pro!

For more information on the Seller's Faire, email hmsellersfaire@gmail.com. See you at the next one!

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Contact Marc Weissman at 760-525-5170 or marcweissman11@gmail.com.

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 760 751-2691 for more information.

Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

Due to an increase in crimes in our community, we're reactivating the Hidden Meadows Neighborhood watch organization. in cooperation with the San Diego Sheriff's department. We encourage all of our neighbors to look out for each other and report all crimes to the Sheriff's department, no matter how minor, as well as any suspicious activity that they observe.

Please join our facebook group: Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch. We'll share neighborhood information, safety tips, and news of future events.

Contact Info: Erik Tyler 442-235-9060 erikdtyler@gmail.com

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 website 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: 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 Karen Henderson: 760-749-3164 (text messages preferred) or karenh.home@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

Due to the COVID crisis, the group meets weekly from 9 to 11 am on Tuesday mornings from October through May via Zoom, until they can resume in-person meetings. For more information, contact Debbie Hamer at 760-297-1278 or Stephanie Swadell, 619-993-4631.

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 clarkfreese@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 hmwsg92026@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



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Disaster preparedness plans should include your pets

By DONNIE RYAN, County of San Diego Communications Office

June is National Pet Preparedness Month, and the County of San Diego's Office of Emergency Services and Department of Animal Services are reminding residents to make sure their family disaster preparedness plan includes provisions for their household pets.

Just like other family members, pets require their own disaster preparedness kit that includes an ample supply of food and water. The kit should also include items such as a crate or travel carrier, required medications, veterinary records, grooming items, and sanitation needs like kitty litter and plastic pet waste bags.

Pets should always have a collar with an ID tag that lists the contact number for the owner. An even better way to help protect your furry family member is to have your pets microchipped. In the event pets are ever separated from their owner, many veterinarians and animal shelters have the capability to scan the microchip to obtain contact information.

County residents should never leave their pets at home during an emergency that requires evacuation. More than likely, it will take several hours or even days before residents can return to their homes. Pets might also be trapped in structures if wildfires approach, or damage to structures could allow pets to escape or to fall victim to predators. It is also important to have recent photographs of your pet. These are important if the pet is lost, and you need to post a "missing animal" notice, and they even help to prove ownership in some circumstances. Photos should be stored on a mobile device or cloud-type storage system for easy access from remote locations.

During an ordered evacuation, the Department of Animal Services typically provides shelter at a county shelter or other location for displaced pets who cannot stay with their owners. While this is a valuable resource, pet owners are also encouraged to have a list of pet-friendly hotels and local animal boarding facilities in case they are needed.

The Department of Animal Services provides residents with an easy-to-use Pet Preparedness Plan. The Office of Emergency Services also provides information on how to prepare pets for potential emergency situations, including a helpful video on the Ready San Diego website.

Microchipping is available at both Department of Animal Service locations by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 619-767-2675.

County residents who own livestock are also encouraged to have an emergency plan to evacuate animals in a timely manner. The Department of Animal Services has published a Disaster Preparedness for Livestock Guide that is full of valuable information.

BOOK TALK

By Lynn Clark

Gone to the Woods by Gary Paulsen

Gary Paulsen is a well-known writer of young adult books. His most famous one probably is "Hatchet". He was born in 1939. This is a true account of his early childhood and the subtitle best describes the content because it reads "Surviving a Lost Childhood".

Part I. What is the first thing you remember from your childhood? We have all played this game. The first thing Gary remembers is being dressed up as a soldier and standing on a table in a bar singing. He was 4 yrs. old. Most of the people watching him appreciate his performance showering him with food, candy, and money. His mother is a pretty blonde that works in a war plant and enjoys the bars, drinking, and the male attention his singing brings to her. He acquires several "uncles" this way.

Eventually, his grandmother, learning of the lifestyle he is living, tells the mother she needs to send him to the North Woods in Minnesota to live with family. His mother doesn't hesitate and at the age of 5 he is put on a train with a small suitcase to travel 400 miles north to a farm where his Aunt Edith and his Uncle Sig live. While being under the care of three different conductors, he exits and boards 3 different trains to reach his destination.

Part II. He loves the farm. For the first time in his life he has a warm room, enough food, and consistent loving care. Most of all he loves the river and the woods where he learns the skills necessary to survive.

When he is 7 his mother shows up with another "Uncle" announcing she is taking him to the Philippines because his father is stationed in Manila. The boat trip is traumatic. He contracts chicken pox and is placed in isolation only seeing his mother twice because she is confined with motion sickness. He witnesses a plane crash in the ocean and the circling sharks attacking the people in the water. He starts to hide things away compartmentalizing

Humane Society waives licensing fees in June

San Diego Humane Society is waiving all fees, including late fees, for dog licenses throughout June, 2021, during its A License to Love campaign.

Dog owners who live within San Diego Humane Society's jurisdiction<https://www.sdhumane.org/resources/ animal-service-jurisdictions.html> (Carlsbad, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach and Vista) can receive a free one-year license if completing the process before July 1, 2021.

The promo code FREELICENSE will be required. The amnesty offer applies to first-time licenses and renewals, and all late fees (if applicable) will be waived.

A California-approved rabies vaccination is a prerequisite for licensing dogs, and it's highly effective as an animal and public health measure. Rabies vaccinations are especially important in areas like San Diego County where the potential threat of exposure to rabies from wildlife is a significant concern. The primary rabies vaccination is good for one year. The second vaccination is given one year later. Subsequent (or booster) vaccinations are valid for one to three years, depending on the recommendation of your veterinary care provider.

Proof of alteration (i.e. spay/neuter) is not required, but will lower the cost of a dog's licensing fee by 50% or more. Dogs adopted at San Diego Humane Society already come with a free one-year license.

Licensing can be completed online, in person or by mail with the promo code FREELICENSE. To complete the license process, or to access information and resources such as low-cost vaccine clinics and spay/neuter services, visit *sdhumane.org/license*.

"Love your pet and make it official," said Chief of Humane Law Enforcement Bill Ganley. "Whether this is the first time or a renewal, making sure pets are properly identified with a license, tags and microchipping is the best way to reunite them with their families if they become lost or stolen. It is not just the law to have your dog vaccinated against rabies and licensed, it protects your pet in so many ways."

Benefits of Licensing

* Licensed pets are more likely to be reunited with their owners if they become lost.

* A license provides proof of a pet's rabies vaccination and of ownership.

* Licensed dogs receive a Pet Hub <https://www.pethub.com/SanDiego/about> tag, which comes with a QRcode that can store phone numbers, medical information and a secondary emergency contact, like a veterinarian.

* Dog's with a valid license receive a free ride home by San Diego Humane Society's Humane Officers if found stray — skipping a trip to the shelter and reducing reclaim fees.

The owner of every dog over the age of four months is required by law to ensure the pet is properly licensed and currently vaccinated against rabies. A license must be purchased within 30 days after reaching the age of four months, within 30 days of acquiring the dog, or within 30 days after entering the jurisdiction.

Photos and video clips for media use can be downloaded here: *https://bit.ly/3vqfJMm*

For more information, visit sdhumane.org

his experiences.

He roams the streets in Manila at night because his parents are raging alcoholics that have little to do with him. What he learns is that the people of the Philippines did not like the Japanese when they occupied their country because they killed their people. Now they like the Americans even less as occupiers because even though they forced the Japanese out during the process they bombed the city to pieces. He learns to survive.

At age 10 his parents move back to the states to live in North Dakota . His home life becomes a nightmare, and he constantly runs away only to be brought back...to run away again. He only feels safe in 3 places: the basement in the apartment building he is living in because he stays by the furnace and is warm, the library because it is also warm and has light, and the woods. His eventual meeting with the librarian changes his life. She issues him a library card at age 13 that allows him access to books and learning. She also gives him a notebook to write down his experiences, and that opens up the memories he has locked away. He never throws that notebook away.

The final molding of his character is achieved when at age 16 he lies about his age and enlists in the Army. The harsh discipline lends him some stability and the training he needs to earn a living once he leaves the service. He knows he is not suited to making the military his life, so he leaves and he moves from place to place. When he eventually stops running at the age of 81, he had time to reflect on his life and writes this book. He uses the notebook from long ago that he has always carried to remember what it was like to try and survive during his childhood.



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OUR NEIGHBORS

Bob Hamer



Bob Hamer at the Nixon Library

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Hello Hidden Meadows! Let's get to know our neighbors. This month we are featuring author and former FBI agent: Bob Hamer.

Bob Hamer retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after 26 years as a Special Agent. He worked organized crime, gangs, terrorism, and child exploitation. Much of his career was spent undercover. In assignments lasting anywhere from several days to more than three years, Bob successfully posed as a drug dealer, contract killer, residential burglar, fence, pedophile, degenerate gambler, international weapons dealer, and white-collar criminal.

He worked undercover against such diverse groups as the La Cosa Nostra, the Sicilian, Mexican, and Russian mafias, Asian organized crime groups, and Los Angeles based street gangs. His successful infiltration of NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association) resulted in the arrest of eight members of what one defendant called the organization's "inner circle".

Bob received numerous awards throughout his career including the coveted FBI Director's Award for Distinguished Service, five United States Attorney Awards for Distinguished Service, and numerous letters of commendation including one from then US Attorney Rudy Giuliani.

Bob, a member of the Writers Guild of America and the Writers Guild of Canada, has written for television. He has worked as the technical advisor for The Inside and Angela's Eyes and has consulted for Law & Order: SVU and Sleeper Cell. He has appeared as a guest on numerous TV and radio programs including Oprah, Sean Hannity, The 700 Club, and Laura Ingraham.

He is the author of three awardwinning books: THE LAST UNDERCOVER: The True Story of an FBI Agent's Dangerous Dance with Evil (Hachette Book Group, USA, Center Street Press and AE Publishing Group); a novel, ENEMIES AMONG US (B&H Publishing, Fidelis); and a second novel, TARGETS DOWN (B&H Publishing).

Bob has also released three novellas: DETOUR TO JUSTICE, EXPENDABLE FOR THE CAUSE, and BLOOD IN THE DESERT (Post Hill Press). He collaborated with New

Happy Father's Day!

By Layla Kashani / Resident



York Times best-selling author Oliver North to write AMERICAN HEROES ON THE HOMEFRONT (Simon and Schuster) and COUNTERFEIT LIES

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A Marine Corps veteran, Bob is married and has two children.



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Aye! Cinco de Mayo!

By Linda Collins / Resident

ladas, y musica! Oh, and let's not forget are planning some breakfasts, a tour of good friends!

This happened more by chance as several women from the Hidden Meadows someone's fancy! We post it and those Women's Social group attended the who want to join in! For information on Cinco de Mayo event at Flawless Bistro. the Hidden Meadows Women's Social The special menu that night included some new items such as flautas, and chile rellenos. Most of the ladies tried tacos. I chose the enchiladas that are SO tasty. My husband, the only guy in the group, had the chile relleno and was quite pleased with it.

Being regulars, we got lots of attention from Kaylee, Jasmin, and Aaron. The food came quickly so we were able to eat and then enjoy our tasty margaritas while we listened to the musician. He crooned out some pleasant Spanish tunes and joked with Dannielle, in particular, who speaks Spanish fluently.

I just learned that Dannielle has Spanish roots and speaks Spanish, so I now have some one to practice my Spanish with! I have been working on my Spanish for 10-15 years now. When we are in Mexico, the people are so pleased that you know their language albeit a bit rough. So I enjoy taking advantage of opportunities to practice!

Going back to Cinco de Mayo, we were all quite pleased with the event. Everything went smoothly despite them being down a server. Follow their Facebook page for news on other upcoming events.

The Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group is a loosely structured group of women who get together to socialize and have fun. I've met so many great people through this group. Hopefully, we will



be able to go back to monthly socials Qué Bueno! Margaritas, tacos, enchi- now that things are opening up. Plus, we Wildlife Wonders in Bonsall, some wine tasting events, and, well, whatever strikes Group, email hmwsg92026@gmail.com.

Adios! Qué le va bien!

IN THE **NEIGHBORHOOD**

Michelle Zipse / Resident

Did you know that we have a Hair Salon in Hidden Meadows? On the first floor of the Home Smart building. entrance on the left side of the main door, is a hair salon. If you aren't looking for it, you wouldn't even know it was there. We are lucky to have some talented hair dressers just a short distance from our homes.

Amy Kreul is a hair stylist at the salon, 760-580-3982, amksd2018@ gmail.com. Andrea Sorrentino is a hair artist and color specialist, 530-316-0335. And Elizabeth Rose, a Permanent Makeup Artist, (aka Cosmetic Tattooing) works in that location applying permanent makeup for brows, eyeliner and lips. She can be reached at 760-509-5400 or cosmeticink.net. Salon hours are 10-4 weekly.



Andrea Sorrentino and Amy Kreul

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(left to right) Karla Fernandez, Joanne Anglin, Dawn Fuller, Michelle Zipse, Linda Collins, Erin Zipse and Bobbi Helland.

Ladies Night at **Flawless Bistro**

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Ladies club met at Flawless Bistro at the Boulder Oaks Golf Club in May. We shared stories and talked about upcoming events. Now that the Covid 19 restrictions are lifting, we may be able to go further than dinner in the neighborhood. Please get out, get vaccinated and let's get back to living in the new normal world. See you at the club.

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