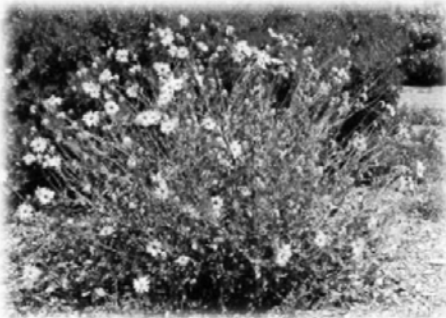




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## happy Spring



### Keeping Deerhorn Wild

*Falling in love with Native Plants*

After the recent rains, our native plants are thriving - We should have a Happy Spring...



Thank the heavens for my natives. I'm not much of a planter, but last year I planted some natives: mostly sages, ceanothus, wild sunflowers (encelia), and manzanitas.

Oh, I wish I'd planted more! The rabbits and squirrels could care less, the plants didn't cry and droop when I forgot the water, and now I have hardy plants established that will be beautiful again next year!

Lawns are definitely not Deerhorn friendly, in fact it's the non-native grasses covering our hillsides that are so fire-prone in early summer. (Native grasses like *Aristida* are thinner and don't dry out so early.) I don't miss my city lawn at all—nor the water bills. And in years like this, with wells going dry, my natives will make it. Though I still keep the ones near the house watered when they look like they need it.

A huge bonus is how natives attract the hummers and butterflies. Bees too. All the critters that help our hillsides heal from the fire-scars.

Give them a try.  
You may just fall in love.



Have a small pond? Dragonflies love natives...and a small pond with reeds to perch on. We had a major hatch of Flame Skimmer dragonflies this year. The eggs were laid last year, and started out as nymphs—called naiads. We had about 20 crawl out and up our adobe wall, then emerge as adult dragonflies. They'll hang around for few hours to dry and harden, like the one above.  
Beautiful!



**CALIFORNIA FUSHIA**—Takes a ton of abuse, and flowers all summer. Spot them wild around DV

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# Community News



## Congratulations to the Steele Canyon High School CIF Boys Soccer Champions - 2024

Head coach Justin Johnson and assistant coaches Grayson Eastwood and Spencer Corbisez, have once again led the boys soccer team to a CIF Championship - this time in division 1. As

the #9 seed in the bracket the boys defied the odds to claim the title and advance to the Southern California Regional State tournament. Congratulations to the boys and the coaches who represent Steele Canyon with Sportsmanship and Honor.



## Jamul - Dulzura

### Community Planning Group

Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center  
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935

**Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom attendance  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month – 7:30 pm.**

To Join Zoom Meeting. LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88050022406>

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*“The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1.”*

### PURPOSE STATEMENT

*The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:*

- To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.
- To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans. APPROVED 5/12/2020.

***We have a vacant seat (13) and we are looking to fill it with someone who is looking for a way to help our community.***

***If you are interested, contact Kevin May: [kjmaycpg@gmail.com](mailto:kjmaycpg@gmail.com) or 619-987-2586. Come join us in making a difference for our communities.***

## Calendar

**1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30**

Jamul/Dulzura Community Planning Group Jamul Dulzura Union School District, Jamul Education Center 14581 Lyons Valley Rd,

**4th Thursday Kiwanis meeting at Jamul Community Church at 6:30 pm, 14058 Jamul Drive**

**April 15 Jamul Shopper Deadline - Tammy 619 669-1109**

**Second Tuesday Jamul Dulzura School Board meets 6:30 Jamul Learning Center (former JIS Library)**

**Weekly AA meetings every Wednesday 6-7pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church Jamul**

**April 13 Kiwanis Chili Cookoff and Car Show 9-4 - Pio Pico**

**Thousand Trails (see Pg 6**

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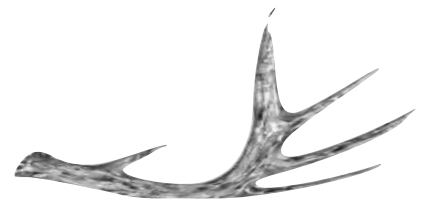
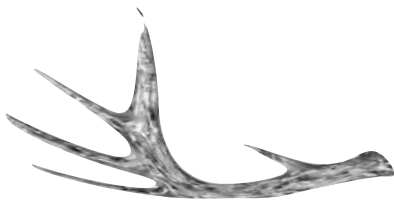
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## DEERHORN VALLEY ANTLER

by Kim Hamilton ~ Lover of All Things Deerhorn

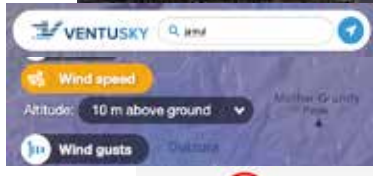


### STAYING SAFE & CONNECTED DURING WILDFIRE THREAT

More and more I hear folks talking about how "special" Deerhorn Valley is. Newcomers remark they really feel the "sense of community." And its true: We're pretty much on our own to understand current condition during flooding and wildfire threats.



Our homes are spread out amongst the oaks and chaparral. We have only three county-maintained roads: Honey Springs, Deerhorn Valley, and Elena Lane. Cell phone service is



iffy at best, and will drop in and out of range at every turn. Nearby neighbors often have to use different cell or satellite services. TV and radio announcers typically confuse Otay Lakes with Otay Mountain and Otay Mesa. Traffic reporters ignore HWY 94 once it reaches the Junction and makes the turn toward Jamul and Dulzura. Even long road-closures on HWY 94 won't always trigger SigAlerts, though our detours may be hours long. Two recent fires were reported as "Lawson Valley," though they were right here in Deerhorn. A very common occurrence with PulsePoint, and critical for deciding a safe evacuation route— Which way to turn on Honey Springs?



We live in a critical fire area. Knowing the location of a fire and where it's likely to move could mean life or death.

Here are my top three go-to sites for basic as-it-happens fire information:

1. **CAMERAS.ALERTCALIFORNIA.ORG** Two cameras atop both Lyons Peak and Otay Mountain are part of the county-wide HPWREN wildfire network. The cameras are remotely turned and zoomed in to track active fires.
2. **VENTUSKY.COM** shows wind movements that can inform us about fire growth and movement; I use to watch the winds... both at ground level and higher. The free app for smartphones is especially helpful.
3. Lastly, you can monitor live radio traffic on **BROADCASTIFY.COM** The most useful feeds are San Diego Rural, San Miguel Fire, and Heartland Central Dispatch. The app will run in the background so you can leave it on even while monitoring other websites.

### ATT SEEKS TO END ALL LANDLINE SERVICES: BIG IMPACTS FOR RURAL RESIDENTS

While we worry about finding a safe evacuation route, ATT is in the process of eliminating all landline services. Many of us veteran residents hold onto our landlines. For some it's because cell-service is so tenuous. Public Safety Power Shutdowns happen with little warning, along with actual loss of our above-ground power lines. Living in the fire shed of the Sunrise Powerlink creates additional risk. Fires cannot be fought near the lines by air or ground unless they are de-energized—an hours long process. You don't want to be dependent on iffy cell service in an emergency situation.

In January 2024, SDG&E notified landline customers across California that they had submitted an application (A2303003) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to be relieved of

its "Carrier of Last Resort" obligations. This designation legally requires AT&T to provide access to traditional landline telephone service to anyone in its service territory who requests it. This ensures that everyone has access to safe, reliable and affordable telephone service. However, **AT&T has requested eliminating landline service without a new carrier being designated.**

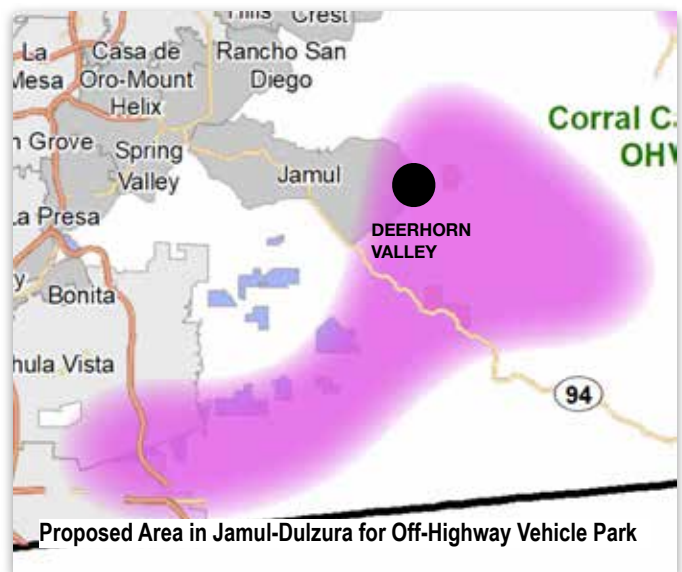
The CPUC invites the public to comment on AT&T's application to end landline service by visiting - [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2303003](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2303003)

Information obtained from CPUC website <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/att-colt-etc-proceedings>

(Thank you to Jennifer Casamassima for digging into this information. She has also followed the move to locate an Off-Highway Vehicle Park in the Jamul-Deerhorn area described below:

### DEERHORN VALLEY IDENTIFIED AS "OPTIMAL LOCATION" FOR MASSIVE OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK

In 2023, the County of San Diego's Department of Parks and Recreation received State grant funding to conduct a feasibility study to determine one or more optimal locations for the County's first off-highway vehicle (OHV) parks. The feasibility study initially identified 21 potential OHV areas throughout eastern San Diego County. In January 2024, after further analysis, the number dropped to **eight potential OHV areas, including one in the Jamul/Dulzura area**. According to Emmet Aquino, Park Project Manager, the County isn't able to provide specific locations of the potential sites being considered. He noted property details will be available when the potential OHV park locations are further narrowed down. The County has contacted property owners, within the eight areas, to see if there is a "willingness to sell". To receive project updates, email [Emmet.Aquino@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Emmet.Aquino@sdcounty.ca.gov) and ask to be added to his OHV feasibility study interest group distribution list.



Additional information can be found on the County's website [www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html](http://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html)

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Mail Entry Form with Check made out to Jamul Kiwanis Foundation, or print form off our website at jamulkiwanis.org and mail with payment to Jamul Kiwanis, P.O. Box 267, Jamul, CA 91935. Use same form for all entries. Include proper entry payment as listed above.

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QUESTIONS: Event Chairperson - Louie 619.993.9904 • Car & Motorcycle Questions - Debbie 619.823.3537



**Jamul Kiwanis takes Venmo now for car show, chili cookoff and merchant vendors entry fees and cash donations. Find us on Venmo at: The Kiwanis of Greater Jamul@jimgroessl.com. Or use symbol shown at left.**

**Send us your filled in entry form and payment confirmation by March 31st for \$30 entry fee. After March 31st, \$40 per entry.**



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This workshop is hosted by the Jamul Fire Safe Council & administered by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, in partnership with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County and San Diego County Fire Protection District. Funding for this project was provided by a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program, through the California Fire Safe Council. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability

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Spring has sprung! It's so lovely to hear the birds, to see flowers beginning to bloom, the green all around us, and as I write to have a few days to dry out from all the rains that have been flowing through our state.

**Online Registration opens on Monday, April 8th.** Just go to our website, [www.jdusd.net](http://www.jdusd.net). You do need a Parent Vue account. If you don't have one, fill out the form and our registrar will get right back to you. If you have forgotten your email or password, our registrar, Lanni Hutson is your contact. Again, you can use the form or call her at 619-669-7708. Se habla espanol.

Don't forget, **TK has a new birthday deadline.** You can sign your child up for full day TK if they will turn 5 on or before June 2, 2025. This is a 2-month extension over lates year's cut off.

**Transportation Changes for 2024/2025 School Year!!!** I am so thankful to my bus drivers who have figured out a way to add additional students on the buses for next year by changing the routes a bit. The big plus is that according to our recent wait list, we would be able to get everyone on. That being said, we never know exactly how many students need/want to ride the bus each year, so if you are in need of our transportation services, be sure to complete your registration for school and your transportation paperwork ASAP because we are moving to a first come, first served process. There will not be a lottery this year. Once the buses are full, you'll be placed on a wait list. Barrett families, will be asked which departure time they prefer (there will be two pick ups at Barrett) and every other stop will have minor adjustments or exactly the same timing. We are in process of finalizing our departure times for next year and will post them soon. Also, our bus drivers have graciously agreed to do a Transportation Orientation for families of bus riders. We'll time the orientation to a time you will already be scheduled to be onsite so that it doesn't add another trip to school.

Exciting Announcements because we have AWESOME people who work here!!! A **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** goes to the following people...



**Michele Mendoza is our Teacher of the Year!!!!** We are pleased to announce that Michele Mendoza, TK/K teacher, is the teacher of the year for the Jamul-Dulzura Union School District. Michele is an advocate for children, loves our youngest learners and is also mentoring some of our new teachers. Congratulations Ms Mendoza!!!

**Lourdes Moran is our Classified Employee of the Year!!!** Ms. Moran is the School Secretary for OGMS. Lourdes is dedicated to the students and staff at OGMS. She shows her dedication through her smile, her warmth, and her work ethic to ensure that the school and the office runs smoothly throughout the day by supporting the needs of students,



families, and staff. Congratulations Ms. Moran and thank you for everything you do!!!

**A Note from the Desk of Ms. Robinson – JES Principal**  
Hello Team Jamul!

There are always so many exciting things happening at Jamul Elementary School! We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by coordinating a week of spirit days, and participating in Read Across America. We love Dr. Seuss books and we certainly love dressing up or down by wearing our pajamas to school!

Our dance team put on a fabulous performance for families. They showed off their tap, hip hop, contemporary, and musical theater moves. They danced to these FUN songs: Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Seize the Day, What U Workin' With, and Can't Catch Me Now. Our students are extremely talented and we love showing them off! A huge thank you to Ms. Natalia and Ms. Baker for working with our students and bringing out their creative sides.

Speaking of creativity, we also have a group of second through fifth graders working on our second theatrical production, "Schoolhouse Rock". This show is both FUN and educational! Call the school office for information on ticket sales, we'd love for you to join us and watch this entertaining show!

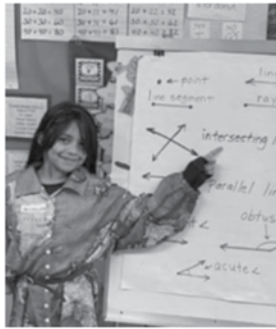
We are preparing our students for state testing. We are teaching testing as a genre, teaching students to write to two sources, citing evidence from the text, explaining their thinking, amongst many other great strategies. We are doing this as we continue to develop leaders at JES. As a Leader In Me school, we focus on seven habits that students must possess to become strong, well rounded individuals who possess leadership skills. Come check us out and join our team. Schedule your school tour today at 619.669.7852. You belong here! #TeamJamul for the win!



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# Community News

School Cont. from Pg 10



### From the Desk of Dr. Salas – OGMS Principal

We are very proud of our students at Oak Grove Middle School. Last month we celebrated them for their academic accomplishments for the 2nd quarter of the school year. We held our Honor Roll/Eagle Excellence/Perfect Attendance award ceremony and celebration. Students enjoyed a pizza party with food, games and music (see photos below).

Congratulations to our students of the month for February, (top photo from left to right) Iliana Garcia (8th), Milo McBride (8th), Juan Salavador Thompson (8th), Tiffany Le (7th), Mia Cook (6th), Josiah Thacher (7th), Cesar Bermudez (8th) and Tyler Henderson (6th). These students were selected by their teachers for demonstrating our Eagle Etiquette, which are Kindness, Responsibility, Responsible, and safety.



### From the Desk of Ms. Ann – GSDA Director

This semester our K-2 class unites with our 6-8 graders for “Buddies” class. In this class, older students partner up with their younger “buddies” to play games, read books, write stories, make art, learn in the garden, create cool science experiments, and more! Our Little and Big Buddies have so much fun growing confidence and learning together.

Recently, students collaborated for a Teddy Bear Picnic. Students listened to the classic Teddy Bear Picnic song, worked together on a creative writing project, and designed their own puff ball teddy bears! The Little Buddies each carefully built their tiny teddy bears by selecting the pom-pom sizes and colors with their Big Buddies. Ms. Tamara and Ms. Maggi assisted with the hot glue guns, and then each Little Buddy created a story for their bear. Big Buddies wrote out each Little Buddy’s imaginative teddy bear tale so that they could then illustrate the story. After stories were written and illustrated, it was time to take our picnic basket, delicious books, and blankets to our beautiful GSDA courtyard for the official Teddy Bear Picnic. Our Little and Big Buddies had a wonderful time celebrating together after a busy day of learning.



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- ◆ Sunday, April 14th  
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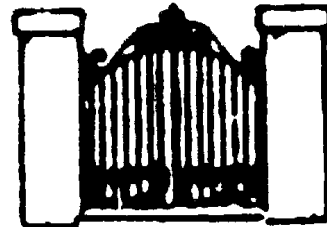
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## Memories of Jamul Volunteer Fire Department

The 'Widow Maker' and other hand-me-down apparatus. This about the Fire Fighting equipment we dealt with as Jamul Volunteer Firefighters...

When I came aboard the Jamul Volunteer Fire Dept around 1982 our apparatus consisted entirely of 'retired' equipment from other fire departments from around the state... and 're-purposed' equipment we modified to serve the purpose intended. The engine at the Main Station, where the Casino is now on Highway 94, was a 'vintage' 1956 Crown diesel pumper that featured 'open air' seating for the rear seat crew. It was a 'cantankerous' stick shift and as I remember only three drivers could master it.

Also residing at the Main Station was a water tanker made from a cab over Pepsi truck and our 'Rescue' rig that had seen its better days as a 1970's International work truck... More about the 'Rescue' truck later...

The Pepsi truck earned its 'widow maker' reputation when it lost its brakes on highway 94 near the now Steele Canyon High school and proceeded pretty much on its own down to the steel bridge near the County Operations center... That was before the new concrete bridge was built and the ride must have been 'harrowing' as that old steel bridge was just barely wide enough for two cars... Fireman John Reese had been heading for fuel at Jamacha Junction where we fueled all our trucks back then.

The Rescue truck is where we carried personnel extrication gear such as our Hi lift jack for prying car doors open and a chainsaw-like device with metal cutting carborundum blade for cutting cars apart when people were pinned inside... It's a wonder more accident victims did not have heart attacks from the sparks flying from that blade as we cut the roof off a crushed passenger car with people inside.

Later we would spend \$7,000 from pancake breakfasts and donations for a state of the art Hurst 'Jaws of Life' rescue tool that replaced all of the above personnel extrication gear.

We had two other 1970's vintage engines; one at Chief John Baker's Quonset hut on Lawson Valley Road and the other at an unmanned barn on Lyons Valley road in front of Indian Hills Camp... 7213 was the radio call sign for that engine. It had replaced an

ancient open cab rig that I used to ride on the back of when I became a rookie Firefighter in 1982...

By the time we got the 1975 International 'stick shift' replacement I was driving and was to experience my own 'Widow maker' stories.... The first incident was while responding to a call in the middle of the night with Medics 'Curly' Dan Bell and Bob Lindsey; going through the gears (4 speed with two speed axle) and just about a half mile from the station on Lyons Valley Rd. the gear shifter came right out of the floor... If this had happened while going down Skyline with a full tank of water I might not have gotten to experience the second 'widow maker' story....

One fine Christmas eve around 1988 we were trying to douse a cabin fire down in the bottom of Lawson Valley and my job was to haul water from the elementary School about 4 miles away... On my last trip going down that curvy road in the dark the air brakes began to fade away each time I pumped them... The brake pedal was on the floor about halfway to the fire so I just kept it in gear and used a dirt bank to stop at the fire scene. Chief Frank Favro, RIP, was not too happy with me for scratching up the old paint. However we were able to 'save the foundation' of that old cabin so they could build again.

My favorite call with old International was one fine evening when a young fellow was taking his girlfriend for a 'pleasure ride' in his dad's Plumbing van down Skyline Boulevard while she was apparently entertaining him while sitting on the engine console...

When 7213 got there with Medics Curly and Bob, Dad's Plumbing van was on its side and there were plumbing parts we strewn all over Skyline Truck Trail along with The 'Entertainer' who had not had her seatbelt on and had flown through the front window.... Thank goodness she survived and one of our warm blankets helped to preserve her dignity... )

Eventually all this 'vintage' equipment was replaced with brand new apparatus with grants obtained by our last and final Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Bill Bagnell.

That's my story and I'm stickn' to it...  
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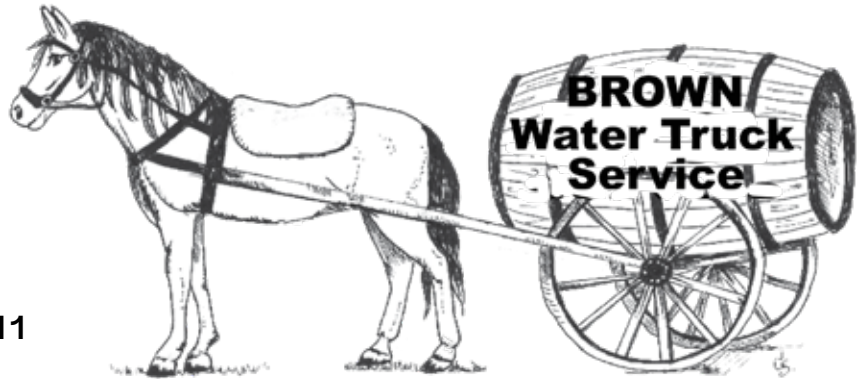
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### Happy Trails

No April Fooling! San Diegan Equestrians, in particular those in East County, have a number of trails to take their horses, within a 30–50-minute trailer ride, and spend a



couple hours enjoying beautiful scenery. I'll assume these horses trailer well, tie to the trailer for "tacking up", are calm enough to pass other riders and most bicyclists. Besides a change of scenery, a major advantage to trailering to other locations: the horse doesn't know its way home, so won't have the anxious need to turn tail and run home. **Reminder: All of these trails are Multi-Use, with NO motorized vehicles allowed.** Bicyclists must yield to Equestrians and Pedestrians; Pedestrians yield to Equestrians.

Below is a (not complete) list of popular San Diego Trails. Enjoy!

**Hollenbeck Canyon:** Parking is located at SR 94 and Honey Springs, and can accommodate 2-5 horse trailers in addition to the cars. Horse trailers park on East side of the parking lot. A Land Pass, issued by CDF&W is required for all riders. Cost is \$5.66 for day use, and \$30.50 for an annual pass. Restrooms are usually open; hours from Sunrise to Sunset. Mountain Bikes (non-electric) and dogs on leash are allowed. There are some water crossings in winter months. Riders can take the 6-mile loop or opt for shorter rides. Optional trails can extend the ride.

**Horsethief Canyon:** Parking is at the 16.5-mile mark on Lyons Valley Road. Parking lot can accommodate more than 5 rigs plus cars when cars park on North side of lot and trailers line up on South side. Property is Department of Forestry, and there is no cost, and no restrooms or

amenities. The Fire Road is over 11 miles, and the Espinosa Trail is a nice "Single Track" ¼ mile right turn and downhill from the start of the Fire Road. Enjoy several options for easy or challenging rides as short as 45 minutes or as long as 2 hours.

**Old Steel Bridge:** USF&G has made a nice parking lot at Millar Ranch Road and SR94 that can accommodate up to 5 rigs (on weekends, as those spots are shared with school buses). There is no cost and therefore, no amenities. The lot is staging for a multi-mile trail that can hook up to trails in Bonita. In Winter, there can be some challenging water crossings, an advantage with a good seasoned horse, as it reduces hikers and bike traffic. The Trail Head Sign has good reminders, including notices that all dogs must be leashed, and all trail users must maintain a safe speed.

**Morrison's Pond:** Located in Bonita, this trail starts at Briarwood Drive and Sweetwater Road. The trail is shared by hikers, strollers, bicycles and is therefore a great place to keep your horse tuned up to expect most anything. There are no restrooms available, and there are connections to other trails allowing for several hours of riding without repetition.

**Sweetwater Summit:** Located at 3218 Summit Meadow Road in Bonita, this local park has oodles of Horse Trailer parking. Day use is \$3, and there are horse corals and bathrooms. The area has many connecting trails, shared with bikes, including electric bikes. Dogs are allowed at the park trail head, but not allowed on trails. For further information, call 619-972-7572.

**Los Penesquitos Canyon Preserve:** The East Entrance staging area is at Black Mountain Road and Mercy, near I 15. Parking is good for rigs, especially early in the day. There is a Day Use fee and restrooms. The park is over 4000 acres, and is an excellent place to ride on hotter days, with lots of tree lined trails and multiple water crossings. Stay to the "inside trails" to reduce/eliminate bicycle traffic. The area is popular with "birders" and joggers and speeds are limited to 10 mph.

Again, this is just a handful of trails available to Jamul Equestrians. Next month, I hope to share some of the great Equestrian trails in Cuyamaca and Laguna Mountains. To connect with other trail riders, you could contact the Bonita Riders at "thebonitavalleyhorsemen.com", or look for the Pine Valley Mountain Riders on Facebook. Please email me at [jsjamul@gmail.com](mailto:jsjamul@gmail.com) if you want to share additional Equestrian trails with me, including horse trailer parking.

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## Anderson Alert from San Diego County Supervisor, Joel Anderson

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors is making strides to expand opportunities for local wineries in unincorporated communities like Jamul.

"This ordinance has the potential to open doors for aspiring local winery owners in our unincorporated communities and expand San Diego County's wine industry – which has grown into a major economic contributor to our region," remarked Supervisor Joel Anderson.

At their February 28 meeting, the Board voted to update the County's current Tiered Winery Ordinance, which will result in the potential to open up between 33,000 to 62,000 new acres of unincorporated land to winery operations.

Any official zoning changes for wineries in the unincorporated area will likely take over a year. The development of the new winery ordinance will involve collaboration with community members to ensure their input is considered.

The Board's action aims to expand wineries by allowing them in new zones. Wineries seeking expansion will still need to prepare site plans and environmental documents for their projects.

In addition, Supervisor Anderson made an amendment that was accepted by his colleagues to look for ways on how Boutique Wineries can have live music, with parameters that include limits on hours and types of amplification. He also asked to look at allowing more than six community events a year and to conduct community outreach with unincorporated residents for their input on these guidelines. These efforts could make the wineries more fun for all ages while also allowing the smaller wineries to flourish.

Moving forward, additional Board of Supervisor hearings will be held to finalize and make amendments to the ordinance to accommodate the proposed changes. This comprehensive approach highlights the County's dedication to supporting winery growth while ensuring responsible planning and community involvement.

Supervisor Joel Anderson is committed to improving the quality of life throughout East County's unincorporated communities like Jamul. If you need assistance with a County issue or would like to share your opinion, contact Supervisor Anderson's office at [supervisorjoelanderson.com/contact](mailto:supervisorjoelanderson.com/contact) or (619) 219-2470.

## Churches

**Jamul Community Church**, 14058 Jamul Dr., Jamul, CA 91935, Sundays 8:30 am, & 10:30 am. Children's programs available. 619 669-7203. [www.jamul.org](http://www.jamul.org)

**St. Pius X Church**, 14107 Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, **619 669-0085** Mass: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8:30 am & 11 am in English, 12:30 pm Spanish., Daily Mass Tues. - Fri. 7:30 am except first Fri. 7 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 8:30 am - 5pm. Healing Mass quarterly on 3rd Tues. of month in English and every 3rd Wed. of month in Spanish.

**Saint Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church**, Office: 1454 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019, **619 593-0707**, Services at site of our church at 1454 Jamacha Rd. El Cajon, North of Chase Ave. 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, **1634 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019, Scott Willis 619-798-4964, email: scottwillis2021@gmail.com**  
Sun: Sacrament Meeting 10 -11:15am, Scripture classes (All ages) 11:15am to 12. Women's Relief Society and Men's Priesthood Meetings: 12:15 -1 pm Tuesday: Youth Meeting: 7 - 9 pm.

**Way of Life Church** 3200 Star Acres Dr., Spring Valley 91978 (2 blks from SCHS off Old Campo Rd). Pastor Bruce Balcombe, 619504-7467 Sunday 10 AM, Worship, Sun. School, Wed. Services (all ages) 7 PM, & Youth (Jr./Sr.)

**Dulzura Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 17880 Hwy 94, Dulzura, CA 91917, 9:30 AM Saturday, Sabbath School, 11 AM Sat. Worship Service Info: call 619 468-3280. 7 PM Wednesday Bible Study

**Summit Church at Steele Canyon High School** 12440 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91978. Sundays at 10 am, performing arts auditorium. A non-denominational Christian Church. visit our website at [www.summitchurchsandiego.org](http://www.summitchurchsandiego.org).

**San Diego Grace Fellowship, 13910 Lyons Valley Rd., Ste. A, Jamul** Sunday 9:30 AM; in person. Wednesday 6:30 PM. Come hear the Gospel of God's free grace in Christ. Phone: 619-345-1212, [www.sandiegograce.com](http://www.sandiegograce.com); [www.freegraceradio.com](http://www.freegraceradio.com).

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**, 10842 Fury Ln. La Mesa, CA 91941, Sunday worship: 9:30 am. Nursery care available. Visit [www.svlc.org](http://www.svlc.org). We are also streaming on You Tube & Facebook.

**Dulzura Community Church**, 1136 Community Building Rd., Dulzura, CA 91917, Pastor Howard Kischassey (619) 440-7396, Sunday, 10 AM Non-denominational Christian Church.

**Foothills United Methodist Church**, 4031 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91941, North of Hwy 94, 619-670-4009, Sun. 8:30am traditional, 10:30am contemporary services.

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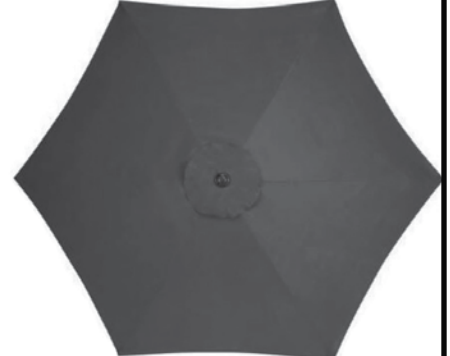
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