

# NORCO HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



# TRAIL TALK



*Working to enhance and maintain Norco's rural animal keeping lifestyle*

Sep/Oct 2020

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*Hosted by the  
Norco Horsemen's Association and Rural*



## CANDIDATES NIGHT DRIVE-IN

*Thursday, September 17, 2020  
Silverlakes Equestrian and Sports Park  
5555 Hamner Ave, Norco, CA 92860*

***The following are your 2020 Candidates for City Council\*.***

***Susan Olmstead-Bowen***

***Ted Hoffman***

***Brent Sakamoto***

***Sam Tavallo***

***Katherine Aleman***

***Robin M. Grundmeyer***

***Gary C. Schonne***

***Patrick Mitchell***

***Sigrid Williams***

*\*Names are listed in order of filing received date.*

## Message from the President

I hope you are all staying well and enjoying your family and animals. With our large lots we have more ability to move around than people in other areas that live in apartments.

You may be aware that the state of California has decided that we can no longer restrict our lots to just one unit even though we are zoned A-1 or R-1 which means one unit on a lot. Even though our entire town is either R-1 or A-1 in the residential areas, you can now build 2 more units on your property. Yes, you do have to keep the animal keeping area but with 3 units on your lot I am guessing that most people will not have animals. And you do not have to have garages for the additional units if you are within ½ mile of public transportation. Where are all these cars going to park? Our sewers and water supply were not built with this kind of density in mind so you can see there is an impact on our infrastructure. And to add to all this being forced on us is the COVID-19 which is worse in areas with high density housing. Our City Council has been trying to fight this zoning change but it is a huge challenge. Watch for an email from me on suggestions for what you might say when writing our elected officials.

There has been an issue with Waste Management and people that "self-haul" their manure. We have always been allowed to self-haul but some people have been hiring a third party to haul their manure which is not allowed because Waste Management has a contract with the City to provide this service to everyone unless you self-haul. Not sure exactly how this is going to end but anyone using a third party will need to see that that company has the insurance, etc. that is required of Waste Management.

You probably have noticed all the trail fencing going in around town and the work on the trails. Also, streets are getting paved and stop signs with blinking red lights around the edge have been installed. This work is funded by Measure R money. It is approved and spent once we have the Measure R money. Per the measure when it was passed, the money can only be used for specific things and the streets and trails are some of the major areas for this money.

As it gets closer to election time, please read up on all the propositions as well as the candidates. There are a lot of propositions and some of them require increasing your taxes. Make sure you know what you are voting on. On our Facebook page I

will have links to Town Hall meetings that are on Zoom that explain what each proposition means. We will have a candidate's forum. It will be at Silverlakes on September 17 at 7 pm. The parking will open at 6 pm. Parking and entry are free. All candidates will be asked the same questions and the event will NOT be recorded. There are 8 people running for the 3 open seats on council so take the time to learn about each candidate so you are an informed voter and vote for someone that will represent you properly. Candidate statements are included in this newsletter to help you learn about the candidates. Remember, your vote counts!

Darrell has planned a day trip for us to see wild Morgan horses. It is about a 2 hour drive so we will leave from Norco about 7:00 am and caravan to the ranch. I hope you can join us on Saturday, October 3 for this event.

I am hoping we will be able to have in person meetings soon. I miss seeing everyone. I know the Zoom meeting do not work for everyone but it is the best we can do at this time.

In the meantime, stay safe.

## Oak Creek Wild Horse Ranch Saturday, October 3, 2020

NHA will have the opportunity to visit the Wild Morgan's at Oak Creek on 3 October. Background info can be found at [oakcreekwildhorses.com](http://oakcreekwildhorses.com).

The horses roam over a 7000 acre parcel owned by Portland Cement near Tehachapi and is managed by our host Diana Palmer. Liability releases will have to be signed by all attendees and a few bales of alfalfa per vehicle is our admission to see and interact with these magnificent animals.

There are approximately 100 horses with mothers and youngsters. Horses are available for adoption as well. If interested in attending this event contact Bonnie Slager or Darrell Cravy.



## Candidates Statements

(Listed in order of filing received date)

**Susan Olmstead-Bowen**  
**Certified Public Accountant**

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My husband and I moved to Norco to enjoy the animal-keeping lifestyle and to live closer to our family members. For the past twenty years I have worked in government finance and currently provide financial and accounting services to public agencies and non-profit organizations. I am a C.P.A. and earned an M.P.A. from the University of La Verne.

I have the experience that is necessary to serve the citizens of Norco. As Chair of the Norco Measure R Citizens' Oversight Committee I work hard to ensure that the additional sales tax received is appropriated as the voters intended.

I also believe in community service and I am actively engaged with numerous volunteer organizations in and around Norco including Kiwanis, Norco Horsemen's Association, NACC and Horseweek.

My vision for Norco is to maintain the animal-keeping large lots, support public safety and continue with the fiscally conservative financial policies currently in place.

As your Council Member I will serve the Norco residents and businesses with the same integrity and responsiveness that I serve my government and non-profit clients.

I am asking for your support on November 3rd to Keep Norco "Norco" by voting for me as your new City Council Member.

**Sam Tavalodi**  
**Air Force Sergeant**  
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Hand written statement available on the city web site:  
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**Gary Schonne**  
**Business Owner / Firefighter**

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As of August 28, Mr Schonne has decided to withdrawal from the City Council race. The following text was taken verbatim from his Facebook page:

*I just spent 15 days on the Lake Fire, then to come home to the normal chores, rehab of equipment, and the phone ringing asking me what my availability is for the next incident. After looking at my life, my current commitments, a lot of prayer and sole searching I have come to the conclusion that I cannot commit to a campaign at this time so I am announcing my withdrawal from the race. I had an amazing group working on my campaign and I would personally like to thank Geoff Kahan, Tom Deitrick, Cindy Jones, Hank Kokosenski, and my wife, Sharon Schonne for all the hard work they put into this with me. I thought I was ready to walk away from the big wildfires of the west and devote my time to other endeavors, but the reality is that is where my heart is. Our state is suffering from so many large fires and I cannot walk away from that at this time. To everyone who supported and believed in me I am forever grateful. Again everyone, thank you.*

**Ted Hoffman (Incumbent)**

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My name is Ted Hoffman and I am asking the Norco voters to return me to the City Council where I have served you since 2015. I was the Mayor of Norco in 2018, when the City Council decided Districting Norco was not feasible for our city and we were successful in getting the Revenue Measure passed to help stabilize our city's future finances. Much has been accomplished by myself and this council over the past five years to help bring in revenue generating businesses and to improve our city's infrastructure.

The current state government policies regarding housing and zoning continue to threaten our rural and animal keeping lifestyle, return me to the Norco City Council where I will continue to fight for our way of life, our large lots and our town.

With the current unpredictable financial future due to the effects of the COVID pandemic on businesses, it's important to return me to the Council where I have a track record of voting fiscally conservative and make sure any increases to service are sustainable.

I am a Norco business owner, horse owner, property owner and am heavily involved in the community. I have been married to my wife, Jean for 43 years.

**Katherine Aleman**  
**Teacher**

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My name is Katherine Aleman and I am the daughter of a Marine and a teacher. When I was a small girl, I dreamed of owning my own horse and learning to ride. Though my hard-working, middle class family lacked the means, my dream was eventually realized when I moved to Norco to raise my family. I hold a Biology degree from UC Davis, a Masters of Education, and I have dedicated my life to serving others as a teacher, non-profit manager, and United States Peace Corps volunteer. As your Council Member, I will ensure there is room at the table for community members who are not currently represented, while fighting to maintain our trail system, keep residential areas free from large commercial projects, and nurture our unique Norco lifestyle. I will continue strong fiscal oversight of Measure R funds to ensure our roads, parks, and facilities are repaired. When my Dad was stationed overseas I learned to be brave, and I bring that same fortitude in my endeavor to support Norco residents and what is right in our community. Together we can continue to build a Norco that everyone is proud to call home. Learn more-  
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My name is Patrick Mitchell and I am running for City Council to build a stronger community by guiding the city back to its Rural Agricultural Heritage. I will strive to create a working lands program where the city provides incentives for ranching, farming, animal keeping and other agricultural activities. I will work with city staff and commissions to establish rural economic development programs and steer the city away from its current course of urbanization. I will focus business priorities on small mom and pop shops, especially those that are Norco resident owned. I will work to establish new events, destinations and opportunities that are unique to Norco. It is time for Norco to set itself apart from its urban neighbors and return to practices and policies that made our town the place we love.

**Brent Sakamoto**  
**Operations Manager**  
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**Robin M. Grundmeyer (Incumbent)**  
**Agriculture Instructor / Councilmember**  
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I'm a proud lifelong Norco resident, Norco High graduate, and Agriculture/Government Instructor. I entered public service because of my commitment to our youth. We've all chosen to make Norco our home and know our community is wonderfully unique. I believe it's time to evaluate how to make the Norco lifestyle obtainable for future generations.

During my service on Council, I've had the opportunity to learn and understand government operations. That knowledge, coupled with my focus on key leadership practices, shows that I possess the necessary skills of an effective leader. If re-elected I will continue to:

- Represent the City professionally
- Challenge the status quo
- Inspire new ideas and strategies
- Foster relationships and be accessible to all residents
- Recognize the hard work and contributions of community members

We need leaders that can look at the big picture and do what is best for Norco now and 20 years from now. I hold a great deal of pride in our rural atmosphere. If re-elected I will keep building on Norco's track record of being fiscally responsible while strengthening our infrastructure and protecting our animal-keeping rights.

When you mark your ballot, VOTE FOR MRS. G!

We are NORCO!





**Sigrid Williams**  
**Professor**

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My formal education and 39 years of public service in city government, law enforcement, nonprofits, and education has given me the experience and knowledge to work in any governing body.

My key concerns in this city include: 1) Maintaining our animal keeping lifestyle, 2) our infrastructure including streets, trails, and utilities, 3) stimulating our economy through economic development, 4) public safety, and 5) utilizing the talents and resources of our nonprofits and younger generation.

My pledge to you if elected:


- I will make myself available and listen to your concerns
- I will be honest and transparent
- I will defend our unique equestrian lifestyle
- I will use sound judgment to maintain our traditions yet still look for innovative ways to sustain our city

I have the interpersonal, problem solving, and leadership skills to address the challenges that are before us. I am devoted to this town and commit myself to you.

It is my intention to bridge our traditions from the past with the present and move us into a sustainable future. Why? Because I care!

I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote. Learn more at [www.sigridwilliams.com](http://www.sigridwilliams.com)

## City of Norco Distributes Free Masks at City Hall



# Take a Free Face Mask!

## JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

**COVID-19** spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of face coverings is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other.


- Health officials recommend that people wear face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it's difficult to keep 6 feet apart.
- Face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.
- Face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by everyone in public settings.
- Face coverings should **NOT** be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

**Wearing a face covering is one of the ways you can help slow the spread of coronavirus. Here are other steps to take:**

- Keep 6 feet apart from others
- Frequently wash your hands
- Stay home when you can
- Avoid large groups of people
- Avoid any party or social gathering where different households are together.

Doing all of these can reduce the spread of the disease by up to **95%**. **We are in this together and together we will get through this.**

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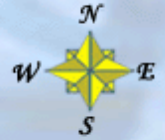
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### 4th of July Spirit Challenge By Joy Chase


Well there is good news and bad news here. The bad news is that not one person submitted any pictures to the challenge. I was disappointed but not surprised. 😞

Since I had issued the challenge, I felt I had no choice but to participate. So, on the 4<sup>th</sup> I decorated my horse and submitted the picture to the city's photo contest. I won the Ride with Pride Decorating Contest! I was so excited. Yes, I may have been the only person to submit a photo, but you don't know that for sure. I know that some of you actually do decorate because I saw some of your images on Facebook.




Anyways, next year I am hoping we are able to have the traditional trail ride and more people will participate. I am already planning. Hope you are too!





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## NORCO HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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*or current resident*

### DATED MATERIAL

#### Calendar of Events

*All dates listed below assume the COVID-19 stay at home order stays in effect.*

#### September

Wed	9/2	City Council Regular Meeting	Live Streamed, 7:00pm
Thurs	9/3	NHA Trails Meeting	Sixth Street Deli, 6:30pm
Sat	9/7	Labor Day	
Tues	9/8	NHA Board Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wed	9/16	City Council Regular Meeting	Live Streamed, 7:00pm
Thurs	9/17	NHA General Meeting	Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm

#### October

Thurs	10/1	NHA Trails Meeting	Sixth Street Deli, 6:30pm
Tues	10/6	NHA Board Meeting	Zoom Meeting
Wed	10/7	City Council Regular Meeting	Live Streamed, 7:00pm
Thurs	10/15	NHA General Meeting	Zoom Meeting, 7:00pm
Wed	10/21	City Council Regular Meeting	Live Streamed, 7:00pm
Sat	10/31	Halloween	