



2010 Bonsall Honorary Mayor  
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I hope your new year is off to a good start. You may notice some beautification of Bonsall in your travels around town. Local Non-Profit Organizations have teamed up with Disney to inspire Community Volunteerism. The "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" Program is in full swing. This program encourages families and community members 6 years and up to volunteer through an approved organization to make their town a better place.

Volunteers are then rewarded with Disney passes to the Happiest Place on Earth. The volunteer opportunities range from Bonsall School Campus Clean ups, local bike and walking trail maintenance, making baby blankets and baskets for expectant military mothers, mentoring students, providing customer service and entertainment at our local Farmers' Market, and preparing our baseball fields for another exciting season of Little League. To find an opportunity near you, go to the Give a Day, Get a Disney Day website and do a search for the "92003" zip code. You will not only experience the pride of community service with friends and family but you will earn a Disney pass as well.

I had the pleasure of attending the Community Collaborative Breakfast hosted by the Fallbrook Healthcare District. Nick Macchione, Director of Health and Human Services Agency gave informative insight to our County's Health Strategy. He outlined the importance of shifting our health culture from "sick" care to true Healthcare. Mr. Macchione continued to attribute our climbing success rate in improving our local healthcare to the communication our community shares with all health related organizations.

Finally, now more than ever it is important to support our local farmers and growers as our community struggles with the Med Fly situation.

The Med fly is the most serious pest in California and the US, by far, if not the entire world. It has over 300 host crops it attacks, mostly fruits but vegetables too. As we live in a community of residential and commercial growers, this could easily compromise the local Agricultural Community if left unchecked, not to mention all of California's Ag Community. Having a quarantine area, like Bonsall, Fallbrook, or San Diego is a huge disruption- it costs us money, time, worry, and undercuts the perception our customers might have of us- organic, sustainable, clean, nutritious. What can we do as a community? Adhere to the quarantine, offer support to your neighbor that may be losing his cash crop and shop your Bonsall Certified Farmers' Market. For more information go to the CDFA - [www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/)

Sincerely,  
Erica Perko- Honorary Mayor, BEF President