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*Serving the El Sobrante Business Community Since 1957*



# About Town

The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

May 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was a good month for El Sobrante, and May will be even better as we move into normalcy. The town's Earth Day event was well attended. We cleaned up the creek and streets, filling up a huge dumpster. Plus volunteers weeded the library's native garden.

The Chamber participated in a Mega Mixer at Four Fools Winery in Rodeo, attended by all of the Chambers of Commerce in the area. We are happy to announce that we are going to host monthly mixers again starting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at US Financial Mortgage Lending, from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Our monthly mixers are free to Chamber Members.

The Chamber supports a few amazing ideas to improve El Sobrante and plans to work with the various groups in the area to see about implementing these ideas. We would like to see a community park / town square on San Pablo Dam Road between El Portal and Appian Way, a well-lit bicycle and pedestrian path running along the creek on that section of San Pablo Dam Road, and finally, the creation of an Uptown Arts District in the area around the triangle bordered by Appian Way, Valley View and Sobrante Avenue. All of these projects require funding and may take a few years to realize but the creating of the Uptown Arts District is something that we can do this year with the help of you, our wonderful community members. We would like to paint murals on all walls that can fit a mural. If you run a business or own a property in the area around the triangle, soon to be known as "The Uptown Arts District," and would like to have a mural painted, please contact the Chamber. If you are an artist and would like to help design some of the murals, please let us know.

Please participate in the community wildfire evacuation drill on May 19<sup>th</sup> as we need at least 1000 people to participate to replicate what it would be like in a real emergency.

El Sobrante can be the town of your dreams! We are perfectly located in the inner part of the Bay Area with beautiful hills and great weather, interesting, talented and diverse neighbors, delicious restaurants and other small and not-so-small businesses, to meet all of your needs. We can become even better with your help and participation, so please let us know what ideas you have to improve our beautiful town.

Nicole Donn, President

## 2022 Chamber of Commerce Officers & Directors

President - Nicole Donn - US Financial Mortgage Lending  
Vice President - Judy Ward - SPAWNERS, Friends of the El Sobrante Library  
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Jim Cowen - Farmers Insurance  
Mark Croda - Restoration Autobody - Past President , ESCC  
Susan McCloskey - Resident, retired business owner  
Bob Sharp - Commercial property owner

## 2022 Chamber Board Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month at 5:15 pm. **We are meeting in the Chamber office on May 2.** The 2022 meetings are scheduled to be held on the dates below:

January 3	February 7	March 7	April 4
May 2	June 6	July 11	August 8
September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5

## SPAWNERS

Join SPAWNERS for our biggest creek cleanups of the year! The first cleanup will take place on Saturday, 5/21 on San Pablo Creek; meet us at the back of the El Sobrante Library at 9:30 AM. The following day, Sunday, 5/22, we will meet at Parr Boulevard and Fred Jackson Way at 9:30 AM. SPAWNERS will provide water, lunch, trash collection tools, and waders — email [lauren.iverson@thewatershedproject.org](mailto:lauren.iverson@thewatershedproject.org) to request waders in your size.

On Saturday, May 28th, naturalist Bob Flasher will be hosting our first public creek walk of the year! Meet us in the Sprouts parking lot (1075 Monroe Street, Albany, CA) at 1 PM. From there we'll set out to explore the various restoration sites along Codornices and Village Creeks. See you there!

## Chamber Still Hosting FREE Business Videos On Chamber Home Page

In an effort to support our business community, the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce is hosting videos promoting your place of business on our website. We are asking that you shoot a quick video, using your cell phone camera or a video camera, to describe your business and what you offer. We ask that this video be approximately one minute long, and follow the guidelines provided below. We now host seven different business videos on the Chamber website home page (scroll down): <https://www.elsobrantechamber.com/>

Please feel free to send your video to my email address below and we will get your video online as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or would like some help with your video, please let me know by calling my cell number below.

### **Thomas Lang**

*Chair, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Committee*

*Co-Chair, El Sobrante Stroll Committee, El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce*

email: [tlangesmac.cc@gmail.com](mailto:tlangesmac.cc@gmail.com)

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### **Guidelines for making videos from your phone:**

- Landscape mode, not portrait (hold the phone or camera sideways)
- Have a product, logo or storefront in the shot
- Make sure there isn't a lot of noise in the background
- The light should be coming from in front to illuminate the face of the presenter
- The camera/cameraperson shouldn't be directly in front, which can cause a shadow on the presenter

### **Suggested script for restaurant or other business owners:**

Use this script for your business and modify it as needed.

Hi, I am <name>, and I am <title such as owner or manager> of <restaurant or business>. We want to let you all know that we're available through pick-up and delivery. Feel free to call in your order at <phone number> for pickup or use a delivery service <ubereats/doordash/grubhub, whichever you work with> to have your order delivered. We hope you're all safe and doing well, and we can't wait to see you in our <restaurant/business>. If you have any questions, you can call us at our phone number <xxx-xxx-xxxx>. We are practicing all safety protocols to protect our customers and staff, including masks, gloves, and distancing.

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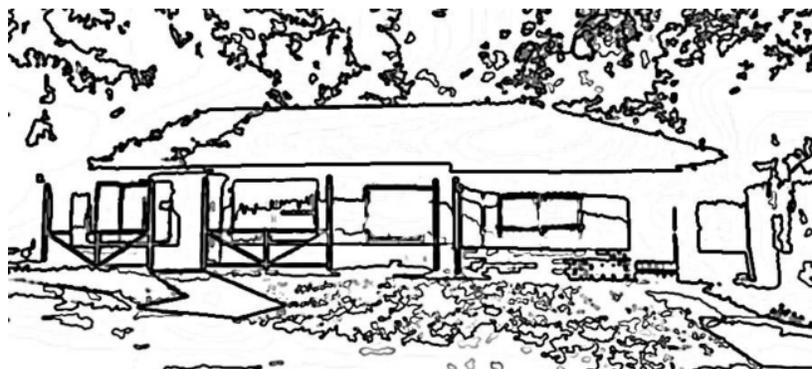
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The June issue of ABOUT TOWN will be published on June 1, 2022.  
 Ads or articles must be submitted not later than 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, to guarantee inclusion in the publication. Written pieces must be sent in WORD format (NO PDFs); art/ads should be a JPEG, GIF or PNG file. Send your submissions for consideration to [mlbooz@calnatives.com](mailto:mlbooz@calnatives.com). The newsletter's editorial committee has final determination on all newsletter content.

## **BOOK SALE, Friends Of The El Sobrante Library Saturday, May 7, 2022**

The Friends of the El Sobrante Library will hold a Book Sale on Saturday, May 7, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Fahden House, at the back of the Library parking lot. Masks are recommended. The Friends will be selling Memberships. Member hours will be 10 am to noon, and the general public will be admitted to the sale from 12 pm to 2 pm.

This month we are featuring sports books, especially baseball. We also have sections for young children, tweens, and teens/young adults. We also now have two shelves of large print books, plus many mysteries, romance novels, general fiction, fantasy and science fiction, biographies and autobiographies, gardening, poetry, self-help, history, American history and other categories. Hope to see you there!



*Friends of the El Sobrante Library*

# Mortgage Minute

by Nicole Donn

Mortgage rates are up a rather astonishing 2-3% compared to 6 months ago, which leads one to ask who should be talking to a mortgage company now.

**Renters who want to become homeowners** – If you are paying a lot of money for rent or are being pushed out by your landlord, you will want to see what you qualify for and compare buying to renting, as we all need somewhere to live

**People who want to sell and buy another property** – Properties values are at all time highs, so selling now seems to make a lot of sense. I have a client who wants to move out of the area and plans to sell their house locally and rent in the new area for up to a year while they find the perfect home.

**Older people who have lots of Equity and are having a hard time affording their current lifestyle but want to stay in their home.** A reverse mortgage is not for everyone, but it is a way to be able to stay in your home even if your income is very low.

**People who want to make home improvements-** Many people love their home but have outgrown it or lived in it well over the years and would like a cleaner more modern version of the home they love. A home makeover costs money but can be so worth it in the long run, both in increased enjoyment and increased value.

**People who have a lot of debt** Many people are not living their best life because they are so burdened with debt--there is nothing left over to enjoy life with. With equity in your house, your debt situation may be able to be resolved.

**People who have interest rates over 6%** - You can kick yourself for not doing this sooner, but there still may be an opportunity to save money.

At US Financial Mortgage Lending , we put ourselves into your financial shoes and recommend what we would recommend for ourselves if we were you. Call 510-758-3035 or email [ndonn@gemcorp.com](mailto:ndonn@gemcorp.com) with your questions or scenario and we will show you your options.

## Membership For 2022!

Thank you to those who have renewed your membership in our Chamber for 2022, and we welcome our new Chamber Members. Our membership year starts Feb 1, but if you haven't submitted your Membership Application, we encourage you to complete the form, included in this issue (page 6). Once again, we are offering a 50% pandemic discount to assist our business community and our resident Members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: [mariecofces@yahoo.com](mailto:mariecofces@yahoo.com).

We wish you a safe and prosperous 2022!  
Marie Carayanis, Membership Chair, at [mariecofces@yahoo.com](mailto:mariecofces@yahoo.com).



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Resident's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

New- Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal- year first joined \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to appear on published mailing lists?  yes  no

Would you like to serve on a committee?  yes  no

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

### ADVERTISING FEES

[Membership period February 1 through January 31 of following year, prorated only after August 31]

Paid annually as follows:

- Business  \$150
- [over 10 employees]  \$200
- In-Home Business  \$100
- Non-Profit Organization  \$100
- Resident  \$ 40

- Newsletter
- Full Page – per issue  \$100
  - full year  \$600\*
  - Half Page - full year  \$350\*
  - Qtr. Page - full year  \$200\*
  - Business card, full year  \$100

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pandemic Relief Disc 50% \$ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADVERTISING FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATIONS:**

    Beautification \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\*Complimentary website AD included for 2021\*

**ADVERTISING ART:**

- INCLUDED WITHIN
- TO BE SENT SEPARATELY
- USE PREVIOUS ART

**JOIN/RENEW online at [elsobrantechamber.com](http://elsobrantechamber.com)**

or

**COMPLETE FORM and RETURN WITH CHECK TO:**

**El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce  
4460 Fieldcrest Dr.  
El Sobrante, CA 94803  
ATTN: Membership**

# Benefits of Joining The El Sobrante Chamber Of Commerce

1. **El Sobrante Chamber Members get their own page on our website.** This page displays your logo, photos, and text with keywords for Search Engine Optimization (so you are found at the top in Google searches, aka SEO), a map to your location, links to your website and social media, and videos.
2. **Members are promoted on our social media accounts.** We will post about your sales, events, services, and anything else you would like us to promote.
3. **Members are promoted through our print and digital newsletters** that are sent out once a month.
4. **Members have monthly opportunities** to meet other community members and business leaders at our popular mixers. Our first post-pandemic Mixer is May 18, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
5. **Members receive a generous welcome package** with gifts and coupons from other Chamber Members.
6. **The El Sobrante Chamber provides an abundance of resources** about our local community.
7. **Members are offered discounted booth spaces at our annual El Sobrante Stroll,** which is attended by approximately 25,000 people per year. The Stroll will be held in 2022. The Stroll Application is below on pages 12-13.
8. **The El Sobrante Chamber offers multiple workshops per year,** in which experts discuss topics that are helpful to business owners and their employees. Information on 2022 Workshops will be announced soon.
9. **Members often receive special discounts** from other Members' businesses.
10. **Current Members in good standing receive a \$10 credit** towards future dues for each new Member they refer who joins the Chamber.
11. **We can do Email Blasts for You.** Our email list is almost 200 local businesses and residents. We can let them know of a special event you are promoting.



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## Emergency Alerts & Community Preparedness

You are urged to sign up for the City and County emergency alerts via both **Nixle** and **CWS**, respectively. Moreover, we suggest you join the **94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance** by email to receive the almost weekly newsletter about community preparedness and public safety.

### **NIXLE**

Send a text to 888777 and enter your zip code  
Or go to <https://www.nixle.com/> and sign up

### **Community Warning System (CWS)**

Go to <https://cwsalerts.com/registration/> and sign up. Or send an email to [cws-staff@so.cccounty.us](mailto:cws-staff@so.cccounty.us) (Save 925-655- 0195 as the Community Warning System & Allow "emergency bypass" so it will go through when your phone is on "Do Not Disturb.")

### **94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance**

Send an email to [SoheilaBana@gmail.com](mailto:SoheilaBana@gmail.com) to join the alliance and learn about wildfire safety, evacuation drills, disaster preparedness and similar community issues.

### **May 19 Wildfire Evacuation Drill**

Richmond Fire Department is organizing an evacuation drill on May 19th in cooperation with the community group **94803 Emergency Preparedness Alliance** for all residents in the El Sobrante Valley, mainly the 94803 zip code area and part of the 94806 zip code area. Please go to [94803.org](http://94803.org) and sign up for the evacuation drill. You will be provided more detailed information by email.

# Hometown Holiday Faire

Saturday, December 3, 2022



*Free Admission to All*

10:00am to 3:00pm

**Masonic Hall**

**5050 El Portal Drive, El Sobrante**

Unique gifts crafted by local artisans & merchants  
Enjoy holiday music in an old fashioned setting

Light catered lunch available, \$8 donation  
Fresh baked goods & beverages

***We look forward to seeing you!***

Presented by the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce  
Proceeds benefit the Chamber Scholarship Fund

# THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE EL SOBRANTE PLANTERS

I am honored to be the 2021 Citizen of the Year for the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce. I was chosen because of my work on some of the planters along San Pablo Dam Road. I would like to use this moment of visibility to share the story of my involvement in this small but interesting and rewarding experience. I have only been able to redo 12 of the 32 planters. With more volunteers, we could see all of these handsome planters come to life again.

After retiring from the Art Department at Merritt College, I was looking for a compatible 'give-back' service project, and in 2018 I joined Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante (C4AGES), [greenerelsobrante.org](http://greenerelsobrante.org). This group was involved in getting the trees planted along our main street, and currently sponsors clean-ups of the downtown and San Pablo reservoir.

As a plant-lover and avid gardener here in El Sobrante for 40 years, I noticed that many of the large planters on SPDR had fallen into neglect since their installation, and I began to offer help to businesses to refurbish the 32 pots and the sponsoring revitalize the plantings. The suggested plants and cost of as opposed to many also donated. Nobody to let me make my gathering, I asked for passed the pitcher and dinner, and told me to use the extra as needed!



I set up a notebook with photos of all businesses, and began making proposals to written proposals included photos of any materials that needed to be purchased, plants I donated. My time and labor was said 'no thanks'! When Jim Cowen offered pitch to the Elks Tuesday Taco dinner \$77 dollars for soil and plants. They gave me \$120, a complimentary taco

I designed each installation to be different and appropriate to the location as well as attractive. I wanted the plantings to be varied and to relate to their locations, instead of using the same plants in all the pots. Plants needed to be low water, low maintenance and tough—life in a street pot is hard, wind and dust! After shopping and organizing materials, installing the new plants was quite a project and good exercise! For each pot, I needed to make sure it had good drainage. I removed old plants and rehomed added soil and amendments, and finally new water! And then I got to watch them grow. It interesting to see how some thrived and some what adjustments were needed as time passed. plants were so happy they threatened to take had to be removed.



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At the Guardian, the pots of mixed geraniums multi-colored bouquets to the figurative photo murals on the windows. The Elks plantings are in their signature colors of red, blue and white.

present

Ongoing maintenance takes time, depending on the weather and other factors. The main requirement is watering as necessary. With the original installations, businesses were expected to water and take care of the plants, but this has proved problematic unless there is a gardener among the employees, and I have ended up doing it for the most part. I carry a 50' hose and a faucet wrench and a bucket for deadheading or trimmings. For the two smaller pots



at a location without hose access, I carry six gallon jugs of water. In warm weather, some of the large pots need only five minutes of watering per week, and none several replacing

during rainy season. Now that some of the plantings are years old, they need a little pruning and clean-up, and of subsided soil. Recently I had to deal with an annoying aphid infestation on the Guardian geraniums. All this ranges from zero to two hours a week, for the ten pots I am watering. There have been a few thefts of plants and a little vandalism, and many compliments. I have even been thanked by street people.

As I said, there are 32 planter pots, but I have only been able to redo 12, at five locations, because of the amount of time and energy I have to spend. Circumstances have changed since 2018. I now have two young grandsons and other family commitments. After turning 76 this year, I will probably be moving closer to my daughter and family at some point. It would be wonderful to see more of the pots refreshed and even other non-planter areas planted with flowers, and have these improvements carry on into the future. In short, I am hoping for new volunteers who would like to see El Sobrante bloom, who could perhaps take over one or two locations. It is a commitment, but not a big one if one is only doing one or two pots. And very gratifying as one drives or walks along the street to see the difference it makes. I would be happy to help volunteers get started, share my experience and donate plants. If anyone would like more information, my email address is [dorcasmoulton@gmail.com](mailto:dorcasmoulton@gmail.com).



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**EL SOBRANTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EL SOBRANTE STROLL**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**PARADE 11:00 AM – STROLL TO 4:00 PM**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Participating in Parade: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Booth Specifications: MAXIMUM SPACE SIZE IS 12' X 12'**

Product or service you will be offering: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Using: Tent/Canopy \_\_\_\_\_ Table Only \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please specify)

**FEES (Include Booth Space and One T-Shirt)**

Non-Profit Organization ( schools, churches, etc.) _____	\$ 90.00
Crafter _____	100.00
Business _____	140.00
Dam Road Business – (See Page 2) _____	105.00
Food Booth _____	140.00

**Food Booth Applications must be returned by AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>. (See Page 2).**

**Bands, Demonstrations & Entertainment must have prior approval. No Fee.**

One Free T-Shirt (included with booth fee):

Mens Sizes: MED \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_

Ladies Sizes: MED \_\_\_ L \_\_\_

**Additional T-Shirts available @ 10.00 ea.**

Mens Sizes: MED \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_

Ladies Sizes: MED \_\_\_ L \_\_\_

**Total additional T-Shirts:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce.  
 Mail to: Marie Carayanis, 4460 Fieldcrest Drive, El Sobrante, 94803

For booth information: e-mail: [mariecofces@yahoo.com](mailto:mariecofces@yahoo.com).  
 Chamber Website: [www.elsobrantechamber.com](http://www.elsobrantechamber.com).

## Stroll Application Continued

### **BOOTH CATEGORIES**

**Non-Profit Organizations** – Any organization which can provide proof of non-profit status with this application. If selling food or beverages see **Food Booth** description below.

**Crafters** – Home made products only – not food. Original hand-crafted work in any media by the artist who is present.

**Business** – licensed business, resale manufactured products.

**Dam Road Businesses – REMINDER** – If you do not send in an application and fee, the Stroll Committee will place another booth in front of your store on the street. All sidewalks must remain clear per Contra Costa County requirements. A SPECIAL RATE OF \$105.00 FOR BUSINESSES ON THE DAM ROAD.

**Food Booth** – Commercial or non-profit groups selling or sampling foods/beverages prepared on or off-site for immediate or later consumption. Must comply with County Health Department requirements and pay an additional licensing fee of \$118.00. Make check payable to the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce

### **PARADE NOTES**

**Line up** – Parade begins at 11:00 am. Line up starts at 10:00 am at the Walgreen's parking lot, but location may be subject to change. The parade line begins at the drive thru pharmacy and goes behind the building.

**Parking** - The Walgreens parking lot is NOT for parade participant parking. Walgreen's is still open for business, and any parking should be SHORT TERM. We appreciate Walgreen's for letting us use their lot. Usually public parking is available at the Masonic Lodge lot and a Stroll Shuttle will be available.

**CANCELLATION POLICY Weather:** No cancellation for weather—the stroll goes on rain or shine.

**COVID-19:** In the event local governments impose restrictions and requirements pertaining to COVID-19 that cause cancellation, **applications received on or before July 31, 2022** will be issued a FULL REFUND, **if cancellation occurs by August 15, 2022**, or a 50% refund if cancellation is after that date. If you wish for a potential refund to be credited towards fees for next year's stroll, please indicate below.

\_\_\_\_Please credit a potential refund towards next year's fees

**Applications received after July 31, 2022 will not be issued a refund.**

**Note for Sponsors:** The Stroll T-shirt will not be dated. In the event local government restrictions pertaining to COVID-19 prohibit or severely impact the event, we will sell/distribute the t-shirt at the next Stroll.



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## CENTRAL FOODS ANNIVERSARY SALE!

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

4352 Appian Way  
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**Many items on sale!**

Come in to see the low, low prices!

**Raffle with 4 winners**

**4 Prizes of Meat, Charcoal and Drinks**

**Samples Provided!**

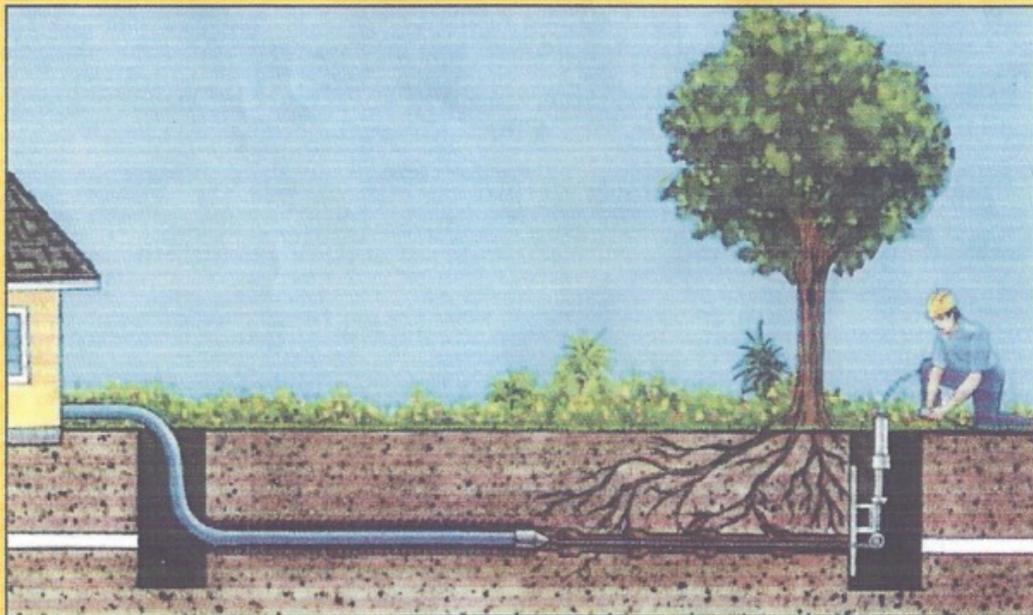
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