

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Inside:

Revised Governing
Documents
Ready For
Member Approval



Hello Autumn



A note to website viewers:

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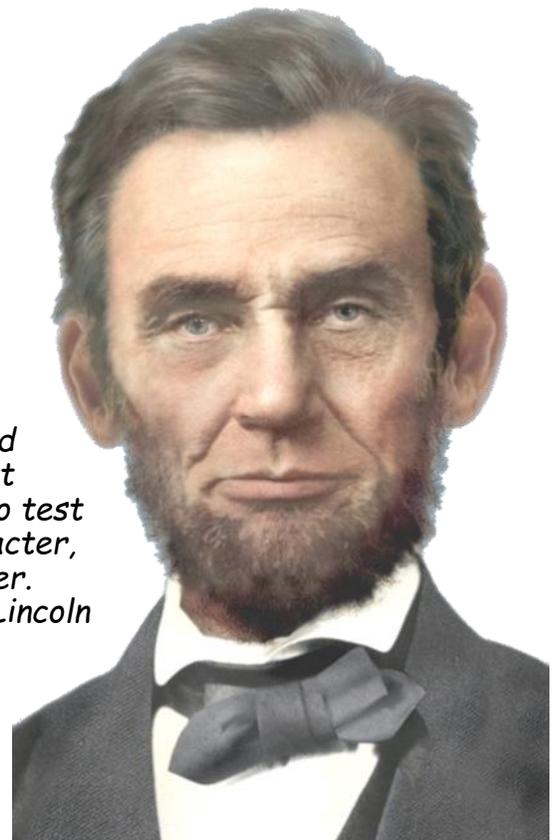


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Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.
Abe Lincoln



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Office Information

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st Friday of every month. Please email to: kwalter@ocaoffice.org.
- Have a payment to make or a work order to submit after office hours? Please use the new drop box located on the front/west side of the OCA Business Office. It is checked Mon. through Fri.
- How do I submit a work request? Both maintenance work requests and landscape work requests are available on our website: www.oceanaseniors.org. After completion, you may submit your form via office@ocaoffice.org, by fax to 760-757-8177 or by visiting the Business Office. All work requests are prioritized with other scheduled work. We do respond to an emergency situation (e.g. sewer backups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on weekends emergencies should be reported to our live answering service at 760-757-3937.
- Are you moving? Do you have a neighbor who has moved or passed away? Please provide such information to Karen Walter at the OCA Business Office at kwalter@ocaoffice.org.

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KEEP INFORMED

Here are several websites that can help keep you up-to-date on Oceana and your local community.

OCEANA

OCEANASENIORS.ORG

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

CI.OCEANSIDE.CA.US

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SANDIEGOCOUNTY.GOV

The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting will take place at 9:30 am on the last Wednesday of the month. It will be virtual and the link will be communicated to residents via email and on the posted Agendas.



A Message From the Board Of Directors

When I was teaching I played a game with my students. I would put a word on the board, and students were to use it as often as possible. Today's word is WHEN. My grandson calls and says "when can I come to see you?" When will we have a vaccine? When can I get back to the old normal? And the answer is, who knows when...

Then we get to OCA, and our residents who have so many 'when' questions. When will the pool open on weekends? When will the club house facilities and the office open? When can I check out a book from the library? I have an answer for those questions—but probably not the one you want to hear.

We will be able to do all of those things only after the Governor announces we are able to move into phase 4. And at present we are not doing very well with phase 3. We have opened the pool for swimming only. We are among less than 7% of HOAs that have been able to achieve this, but, for swimming only. No, the rules do not allow lounging by the pool.

Then there are the work order questions. When will the hole from the irrigation leak be fixed? And, again, the answer is not simple. Some years ago Sea Breeze, our management company at that time, used less-than-adequate materials in our irrigation system, resulting now in one leak after another. Finding them is like finding a needle in a haystack. Our maintenance crew feels that it is more like finding a leak in a mud hole. Then when the leak is

patched another leak may spring up in the same area. Each step takes time. So, when will the hole be filled in? - As soon as the problem is solved. Is there a cure for this problem? Yes, and we are working on it. As we move to expand the Master Landscape Plan, we are replacing defective lines. Unit 4 is complete and we will be moving on to the next unit.

Another question I often hear is: When will my house get painted? Again this is a work in progress, and we will continue to move forward. Unit 3 is finished and we are currently painting unit 5.

When will we finish the projects planned in the reserve study for 2020? If you listen to the board meetings, you will know we voted on many of these projects. Management is working very hard to get the estimates we need so we can take the appropriate actions to implement all of last year's reserve projects.

I know you are tired of this whole world of Covid-19. So am I. But we just have to keep going on. I have found if I do something every day to make someone smile, it helps my day too. So for today's smile, do you ever feel like your trash can gets to go out more than you do? Mine sure does.



Carol Finkas

Revised Governing Documents Ready for Member Approval

After 18 hours of public meetings, five hours of Board review, months of attorney editing, and nearly two years of waiting by our community, the revised CC&Rs and Bylaws are now ready for our members to give their approval. The Board has adopted a coronavirus-friendly plan to bring the documents to a vote. Because of the present restrictions on public gatherings, the adoption process will make use of presentations which are taped and re-broadcast numerous times on OCA-TV, channel 1960, and available through our website and YouTube.

The timetable adopted by the Board is as follows -

- **Before September 16:** A full copy of the revised documents along with the ballot and a postage-paid envelope for returning the ballot will be mailed to all homeowners. The revised documents will also be placed on our website.
- **Wednesday, September 16:** The revised documents will be introduced in an "Unveiling Ceremony" at 10:00 A.M. on OCA-TV. The presentation will be re-broadcast that same day at 1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.. The "Unveiling Ceremony" will then be rebroadcast once again on OCA-TV on Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.. We will strive to have it available also on YouTube and on our webpage for 24/7 viewing.
- **Three Q & A sessions are planned.** **Wednesday September 23** with the lawyer; **Wednesdays October 7 & 21** with Board representatives. The sessions will be broadcast live on OCA-TV at 10:00 A.M., with rebroadcasts later the same day at 1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M.

and 7:00 P.M. Members are asked to send their questions and comments before the sessions. Send emails to office@ocaoffice.org or drop a note in the office mail slot.

- **Wednesday, October 28: Deadline** for returning ballots. Members are to use the postage-paid envelope that is being sent along with the ballot. The envelope must be postmarked no later than October 28. The goal is to receive at least 600 completed ballots. If the number of returned ballots falls short of 600, a second and, if necessary, a third deadline will extend the voting time. The counting will be turned over to an outside counting company, and the results announced as soon as they are known.

It is important for all our members to cast their vote because the numbers needed to adopt the new governing documents are quite high.

CC&Rs approval requires a 2/3 "Yes" vote of at least 444 ballots.

Bylaws approval requires a minimum of 452 "Yes" votes (i.e. 51% of the Voting Power).

This has been a long and thorough process, aimed at replacing our 23-year-old, outdated governing documents with ones which agree with current law, are much easier to read and understand, and address several important issues which are not included in the present documents. We ask for your support and cooperation in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

OCA-TV Channel 1960

**Jackie Konstanturos and John Vogt,
Committee Co-Chairpersons**

Recap:**Governing Documents
Schedule of events:**

Before Sept. 16: Copy of revised documents and ballot mailed to all homeowners

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- OCA-TV at 10am, Rebroadcast 1pm, 4pm and 7pm.

September 19: Rebroadcast of "Unveiling Ceremony"
- OCA-TV at 10am and 2pm.

September 23: Q & A session with the lawyer re. governing docs
- OCA-TV live at 10am, Rebroadcast 1pm, 4pm and 7pm.

October 7: Second Q&A session with Board re. governing docs.
- OCA-TV —times tbd.

October 21: Third Q&A session with Board re. governing docs. *if needed.*
- OCA-TV —times tbd.

October 28: **Deadline** for ballot submission.

COVID-19 Info Sites**Federal:**

The Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

State:

CA Department of Public Health
www.cdph.ca.gov

CA Department of Aging
www.aging.ca.gov/covid19

Assembly District 76
COVID-19 Resource Navigator
a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0

San Diego County:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp

Verify!

As seniors we often need to be reminded to be sure of what we hear or read. Scams and misinformation are everywhere. A few weeks ago my fellow board members received an email from me asking them to go out and get money cards for a community emergency. I knew nothing about the scheme until some called to verify. You need to do the same, verify any time something looks or feels wrong. For your information, we members of the board will never send an email asking you for anything. So if you get anything from an individual board member please call Carol @ 760-586-8484 to verify if is real.

We as OCA directors can only act as a board, and can do nothing special as individuals. If any board member suggests that he or she can get

a work order done faster if you send it through them, guess what they can't do. If I, as president, can't control or speed up work orders, neither can anyone else. In today's world, of 'misinformation everywhere' we have to always remember that anyone can say anything, but it is our individual responsibility to check the sources

Carol Finkas

A Note From the Editor

When I first read the information included in the article 'Where There's Smoke . . .' in **Notices & Reminders**, my immediate response was that it was a hoax. But, I investigated via the internet and found enough legitimate sources with enough confirming information to conclude that it is true.

Al Arnold

Notices & Reminders



Wear Your Mask

It shows you care about your neighbors.

Creative Writing

The creative writing group resumes. If you enjoy writing and would like to share with others of a like mind, you are invited to join us. We do not critique, but encourage. If you are interested, send your email for time and location to Alan at:

remembertolaugh@yahoo.com

Alan Dolit



Green Waste Collection

We need to remind folks again that green waste is picked up every Friday. You **must** place your green waste out at the curb **prior to 12 noon on Friday**.

Karen Walter

Cell Phone Recycling

Waste Management has announced that they will now accept unwanted cell phones for recycling. Place them, along with used small household batteries, in a clear plastic bag, seal the bag and place it on top of your recycle cart for collection. Be sure to remove any personal data from the phone before collection. The embarrassment you save may be your own.

The office continues to be closed to the public. Please call, email or use the mail drop box to conduct your business. All other community facilities/meeting rooms continue to be closed. Committee and Board Meetings will continue to be held via virtual platforms.

The pool is open for one user at a time and by reservation only. Available one-hour reservations are Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm. The last reservation will be for no later than 3:30pm. Registration by phone with the business office is required. 760-757-3937, 9am-3pm.

Announcements and useful links can be found at oceanaseniors.org and viewed on OCA-TV (Channel 1960).

Where There's Smoke . . .

In late May of this year, the journal *Tel Aviv* announced the results of a two-year state-of-the-art study of two limestone altars that are currently housed in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. The altars were found in 1963 during an excavation at Tel Arad, a fortified city used to defend the southern borders of the ancient kingdom of Judah. They were part of a shrine devoted to Yahweh and were in use from 750 BCE to 715 BCE. The shrine appears to have been deliberately buried, probably to protect it's sanctity from the marauding Assyrians. Burial also protected the altars.

Analysis done at their initial discovery indicated that the larger of the altars had been used to burn frankincense. Nothing conclusive was identified for the smaller altar. The current study was aimed at filling in that blank.

The current study confirmed that the larger altar was used to burn frankincense. The smaller altar was used to burn cannabis. Compounds found with the cannabis residue indicate that it was burned at the right temperature to maximize the release of cannabis' psychoactive compounds. There was obviously some experience involved in its preparation and burning.

Frankincense was a highly valuable commodity imported from the Arabian peninsula. But, can-

nabis was probably even more valuable. The only eighth-century BCE source that we can identify for cannabis is far western China and the adjacent Asian steppes, currently part of Russia. It was probably bundled into packets and traded through what eventually became the Silk Road.

This configuration of altars was the norm in shrines to Yahweh from this period. The hunt is on to determine whether cannabis was used in other locations. If confirmed, then we may have a whole new dimension to the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Your Attention is Needed

1. Please, on occasion, go out after dark and verify that the security light near your home is lit. If it is not, please submit a work order to have it repaired.
 2. If you live in a unit with a trash room, please make sure that you close the trash room door after you make your trash deposit. Leaving the door open invites the presence of rats—and a few very large ones have recently been reported.
 3. Please remember to close and lock your garage doors at night. Open garage doors displaying arrays of tools and boxes are enticing lures for some two-legged rats.
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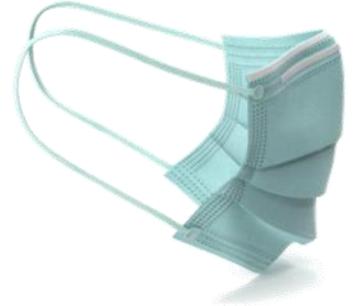
Please Use Discretion

We are asking residents to respect the privacy of others and to refrain from entering walkways that are semi-private with their main purpose being for those that live in the adjoining homes. Many homes have walkways that are adjacent to open windows and residents with underlying medical conditions who are trying to stay safe.

We are saddened to report the death of Dennis Eidson of Unit 14 on July 18. Dennis and Colleen had been married for 58 1/2 years. We offer our heart-felt sympathies to Colleen and to their family and friends.

Masks Required in SD County

A public health order requiring San Diego County residents to wear face coverings went into effect May 1. All residents are required to wear a face covering in public when they leave their homes and are within 6 feet of non-household members. Face coverings will be required until further notice.



"When you wear a face covering, you protect those around you," said Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county's public health officer. "When others use a face covering, they protect you."

Residents must wear face coverings in public settings, such as waiting in line to go inside a store, shopping in a store, picking up food at a restaurant, waiting for or riding on public transportation, riding in a taxi or ride service vehicle, seeking health care, going into facilities allowed to stay open, and working an essential job that interacts with the public.

Residents are not required to wear face coverings at home, in a car alone or with members of the same household, when advised by a medical doctor, and when swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling or running provided there is social distancing. Children under 2 years old should not wear face coverings due to the risk of suffocation.

Businesses must require employees, contractors, owners and volunteers to wear a face covering at work and when working off-site. Businesses must also inform customers about wearing a face covering, including posting signs and advising people in line or in the store. Finally, businesses must refuse service to anyone not wearing a face covering.

Face coverings don't have to be hospital grade but should cover the nose and mouth, officials said. Homemade masks, bandanas, scarves and neck gaiters are acceptable, since these items can be washed and reused.

People who violate the order may be cited and denied access to businesses, transit or recreational areas, according to the order.

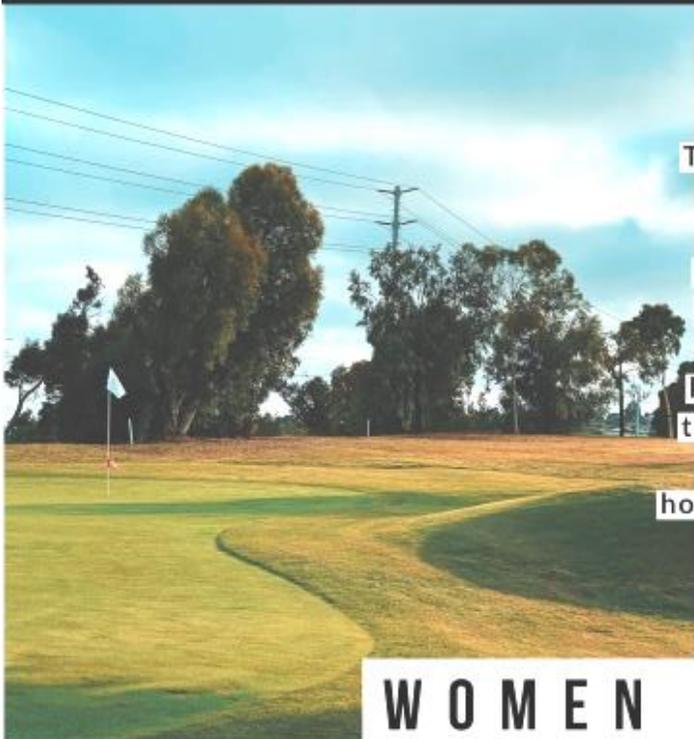
Updates From

THE ISLE

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SEPTEMBER 2020



This month we wanted to feature a few photos of our original Oceana Women's Golf Club circa 1966!

These women you see here in these photos are a huge part of our history and will forever be remembered and displayed in our golf shop's historical section (located to the left of our check in counter). From a small 9 hole course to the 18 holes we know and love today, it's incredible to see the rapid and powerful impact women have had on the golf industry as a whole and how much this course and game have evolved. We felt it was special to showcase these lovely ladies and thank them for all they did to pave the way for those to follow.

WOMEN & THEIR HISTORY AT THE ISLE:



1966 OCEANA WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



A GOLF COURSE FOR EVERYONE

EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE OCEANSIDE, CA

Things To Do at OCA

**All Physical Meetings & Events Cancelled until further notice.
Check for Virtual Sessions.**

Art Studio -Mon.& Wed., 1-3pm; Water-color instruction, Wed. 1-3pm. Info: David Finkas at (760) 586-8484.

Billiards -Thurs. 10:30am. Friendly group for socializing and skills improvement.

Bridge

Wed. Bridge -Wednesdays (except 1st of month) 12:30-3:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Tom Miller, 760-757-1393.

Social Bridge -Fridays 9:00am in the Card Room.

Bunco -1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm in the Large Card room. Info: Dona White (760) 533-2484.

Ceramic Studio -open 1-3:00pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Contact: Pat Christie at 442-297-7430.

Chair Volleyball - Monday and Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse. For info: call Dave Freeman at 818-262-0788

Chair Yoga - Monday at 10am in the Auditorium. For info: call David Phears at 714-795-0027

French Club - Monday, 4-5pm in the Clubhouse Library. Call Danae Danczyk at 760-529-9226.

Friends of Bill W. -Wed. at 5:00 pm in the card room. Info: Lin Riley 760-730-3371.

Garden Club-Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden. Info: Casey Fitzpatrick 818-426-4572.

Hand & Foot -Fridays at 12:30 pm. Info: Joan Jeffery at 760-637-2384

Keep Fit Exercise Class—MWF 8:30am-9am in the Auditorium. Info: Gene or Dee Barilotti at 760-967-2157.

Knitting -Thurs. at 10:30am in the Card Room. Info: Karen Jacobson 760-757-2477 or Dee Wylie 760-231-9577.

Lapidary Shop -Mon. thru Thurs. 1-3pm. Info: John Pitarresi at 760-917-6631.

Line Dancing -Thursdays 3pm-4pm in the Auditorium. Info: Shirley Thralls at 760-433-3164.

Mah Jong - Mondays 1:00pm-4:00pm and Tuesdays 12:30pm-4:00pm in the Library. Info: Marlene Kerman at 760-433-0347.

OCA Book Club -10:00am 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse Library.

OSERT -3rd Wed. at 5pm in the Computer room. Info: Patricia McArdle, 703-254-8916

Pickleball - Playing times Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Play levels are Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. In the Clubhouse. See the Calendar for specifics. Info: Steve Reigle.

Pinochle Mon. at 1 pm in the Card Room. Info: Joyce Poxon 760-859-6728.

Poker - Tuesdays 6-8pm. Contact Glenn Groth at 760-754-9646.

Quilters—1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9am-Noon in the Art Room. Info: Sue Moore, 760-231-7966.

Sequence -Thursdays 1pm-4pm in the Card room. Info: Marilyn 760-435-9600

Sing-Along - Thursdays 6pm in the Clubhouse Auditorium. Bring snacks & drinks. Info: Glen Hemingway 760-518-5716.

Trivia -Mondays 7pm-9pm in the Card room. Info: Colleen Eidson 760-529-9999

Water Aerobics

Mornings: 8:00am Mon/Wed/Fri.

Afternoon: 1:00pm-1:45pm Fri.

Info: Betsy 760-439-2879.

Woodshop -Monday-Friday 1-3pm. Info: Jim Romans 949-742-2311.

Writing Group (Write On) -Tuesdays 10am. For location and other info: Alan Dolit 760 224-6404.



Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1	2 No Website Cte. Mtg. this month
6	7 	8	9 10am Unit Advisors
13	14	15	16 6:30pm OSERT Governing Documents Unveiling Ceremony OCA-TV 10am, 1pm, 4pm, & 7pm (See below)
20	21	22 	23 Governing Documents Q&A with the Lawyer OCA-TV Live at 10am Rebroadcast at 1pm, 4pm & 7pm (See below)
27	28	29	30 9:30am Open BOD Mtg. 1pm BOD Exec. Session

Some group activities are continuing virtually, via electronic contact. The schedule for those activities is listed in the calendar, above. Accesses for electronic communication are as follows:

Group	Meeting Schedule	Access Method
Open BOD Mtg.	Last Wednesday, 9:30am	Dial in at 872-240-3212 Access Code: 580-629-045
Landscape Cte.	Second Friday, 10am	global.gotomeeting.com/join/958207373 or Dial in at 872-240-3311 Access Code: 958-207-373
OSERT	Third Wednesday, 6:30pm (every third month)	us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523? pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09
Unit Advisors	Second Wednesday, 10am	
Website	First Wednesday, Noon (every other month)	

Please check the Friday Update email and our website (Oceanaseniors.org) for any updates.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11 10am Landscape Cte.  Patriot Day	12
17  Constitution Day	18	19 Governing Documents Rebroadcast-Unveiling Ceremony: OCA-TV 10am & 2pm (See below)
24	25	26



Special Governing Documents events for September:
(OCA-TV Channel 1960)

- September 16:** "Unveiling Ceremony"
-- OCA-TV at 10am, Rebroadcast 1pm, 4pm and 7pm.
- September 19:** Rebroadcast of "Unveiling Ceremony"
-- OCA-TV at 10am and 2pm.
- September 23:** Q & A session with the lawyer re. governing docs
-- OCA-TV live at 10am, Rebroadcast 1pm, 4pm and 7pm.



Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
Chair
Chuck Kruse
(Open) Vice Chair/Events Coordinator
Ginny Romans Secretary
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.
Barbara Allen
Susan Gugino
Sue Mansis
Nancy Norton
Bella Strubhar
Carol Finkas Board Exec. Cte.
Sue Moore Board Exec. Cte.

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Chair, U 9
Bill Loftus
Lisa Bagot
Kelly Byrne U 7,7A
Mary Hall U 10,11
Tony Hoople U 8
Harold Marsh U 12, 14
Eric Monce U 2,6
Paula McDonald U 5
Jay Norris U 1,1A,3,4
Ed Smith
Bruce Cowgill Board Exec. Cte.
John Vogt Board Exec. Cte.

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Chair
Joan Jeffery
Connie Ferguson
Kevin Immel
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Bruce Cowgill Board Exec. Cte.
Sue Moore Board Exec. Cte.

OCA-TV Committee

Mario Badua Chair
Steve Graves Board Liaison

Reserve Planning Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. Quarterly,
Mar., June, Sep., Dec.
11am, Card Room
Chair
(Open)
Mike Faulkner
Patricia McArdle
Ken Rische
Tain Soreboe
Bruce Cowgill Board Liaison

Safety Committee

Meets: 3rd Wed. ea. Month,
6pm, Comp. Room
Chair, 335-6597
Kelly Byrne
Andrea Anderson
Connie Ferguson
Patricia McArdle 703-254-8916
Alice Nolan 214-0221
Jacki Konstanturos Board Liaison

Unit Advisors Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Month,
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium
Chair, 453-2223
Donna Wendt,
Unit
1 - Ron Landsel 231-7586
1A - Linda Langworthy 562-301-1346
2 -
3 - Gisela Lauer 754-0296
4 - Mary Hall
5 -
6 - Steve Lawler 419-7011
7 (1-34) - Donna Wendt, 453-2223
7 (35-62) & 7A - Pat Hawkins 450-6231
8 - Kathleen Pursell 439-9282
9 - Jeff Kern 908-420-1853
10 - Judy Hartmann 909-518-8767
11 - Shari Flanders 754-0020
Diane Pettibon
12 (1-53) - Jay Norris/Pat Brinson 509-939-1680
12 (54-98)- Karen Bishop 619-301-6100
14 - Toby Roberts & Anita Romaine
Jacki Konstanturos Board Liaison

Website Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month,
12pm, Computer Room
Chair
Anita Romaine
Steve Ashworth
Kelly Byrne
Gene Barilotti
Don Betts
Steve Reigle
Steve Graves Board Liaison

(NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the deadline for all Committee Agendas is 10 days prior to the meeting.)

Attention all Committee Chairs:

Please contact the OCA office to inform them of any changes to your committee, either times, days, or new contacts for your committee. We need to update all the committees so the Oceana residents can be able to attend your meetings and not be misinformed. Let's keep everyone up to date and active. Thank you.

No Area Code? Assume 760.

Committee Reports

Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

September is the time to plant your bulbs to get beautiful spring flowers. Some of the more common are tulips, irises, daffodils, hyacinth, allium, and crocus. Many bulbs are perfect for container planting — bring them into view when blooming and move out of the way when foliage is wilting and when dormant.

Let's talk about tulips. True or False? Tulips were once worth more than gold and responsible for the crash of the Dutch economy in 1637.

According to Wikipedia, Tulip mania was a period in the Dutch Golden Age during which contract prices for the fashionable bulb reached extraordinarily high levels and then dramatically collapsed in February 1637. At one point 12 acres of land were offered for a Semper Augustus bulb, but historically, it had no critical influence on the prosperity of the Dutch Republic, the world's leading economic and financial power in the 17th century.



Semper Augustus

The 1637 event was popularized in 1841 by the book *Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds*, written by Scottish journalist Charles Mackay. Mackay claims that investors were ruined by the fall in prices, and Dutch commerce suffered a severe shock. Although Mackay's book is a classic, his account is contested. Many modern scholars feel that the mania was not as extraordinary as Mackay described and argue that not enough price data is available to prove that a tulip-bulb bubble actually occurred. It definitely makes for a good story.

Did you know? . . . Dragonflies can fly up to 20 miles per hour! They also hover and fly backwards. These insect-devouring hunters should be a welcome sight in any garden, consuming gnats, midges, beetles, moths, and mosquitoes.

Diane Harris, Secretary

Landscape

Master Plan: The new focus for the master plan has been approved by the board to commence in Unit #2. As a reminder, the master plan includes:

- Installation of energy-efficient LED pagoda lighting (in-house pre-landscape)
- Removing all unauthorized ornaments, borders, pavers, etc.
- Replacing the irrigation system in the target area
- Dethatching and reducing turf area
- Restoring remaining turf
- Replacing or installing hardscape and borders per the stated palette
- Removing dead and overgrown plants and replacing with suitable materials

While the new LED lighting is being installed, pictures are being taken of all homes as well as slopes and open common areas in Unit #2. In a series of workshops, the landscape committee will develop specific plant and hardscape recommendations for board approval. Since irrigation and landscape design go hand in hand, this will also be coordinated to assure success of the project.

We are looking forward to getting started on this ambitious endeavor and are expecting great results.

Adoptions wanted! Do you have a plant or tree that has outgrown its pot and you don't know what to do next? Consider offering it to the landscape for possible transplant in our common areas. So far, we have received about 10 or 12 such plants that have enhanced our landscape here. They must be in a pot and on our palette. Placement will be up to the landscape committee and the board, and will go to where the need is greatest and most appropriate. Adoption will help residents with overgrown pots and offer a solution to managing the unmanageable in many cases. We will inform you of your contribution's new location so you may visit and see the good you have brought to the community. In some cases, the plant may not take to the new location, but the generosity is appreciated and we will do all we can to make it thrive. Your pots will be returned intact if at all possible.

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Why did they whack that bush? From time to time you may think that the landscape crew has taken pruning to an extreme level. There are several varieties growing in our community that require being severely cut back at least annually. Lavender, butterfly iris, and many ornamental grasses and other plants require just that. When they are "whacked", they come back more beautiful than before. Check out the Vista Campana side of the clubhouse sometime. Those beautiful, showy irises are nearly cut flat annually to keep them growing that way.

Also, many oleanders in our community have become diseased. One last ditch effort method to save them is to cut them flat to the ground. There are no guarantees that they will recover or not fall victim to disease once again, but we are going to try where it seems plausible.

Process Reminder: If you find something missed by the landscapers, need special service in an area, do not understand why something was done or see irrigation that needs repair, please use the established process:

Call or email the office to have them create a work order. This will begin a process to have our landscaper and committee chair investigate, assess, and remedy.

Residents should never contact our landscape vendor La Bahn's directly at any level. The board and management are responsible for the contractual relationship with vendors and should not be interfered with in any respect, to do so is a compliance violation.

Joan Jeffery

OCA Safety

The Chief of the Oceanside Police Department will be retiring next month. Chief McCoy has given 34 years to law enforcement and was appointed Chief in January 2006. He has held the Chief position longer than anyone in the history of OPD.

During his tenure, Chief McCoy built a culture focused on community-based policing and worked with the department and the community to lower Oceanside's overall crime rate. Since his appointment, the City has seen a 33% reduction in overall crime and a 28% reduction in violent crime.

A nationwide search has already begun for his replacement. But there are several leaders within OPD that can continue the current standards and perhaps even improve.

Now is the time to support and stand by your local Police Commission.

However, if you do have concerns, one avenue available to all citizens is the city's Police and Fire Commission. They meet quarterly at city hall on the 3rd Thursday at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. (Due to the Pandemic, there are restrictions. Please call ahead or look at the city's website for current information. There is a link on Oceanaseniors.org.) There is always time set aside for comments and representatives for the Police and Fire are present. The Commission is a nice way to become involved with keeping Oceanside safe and know what is going on.

Kelly Byrne
Safety Committee Chairperson
Member, Oceanside Police
and Fire Commission

Activities

This is a broken record but there is still no opening of Activities in sight. We have all seen things open to great cheering only to be closed again. Opening is not up to us, which is probably a good thing. All we can do is to follow the mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and no gatherings guidelines. Being mature adults, we all have seen challenges come and go and this too shall pass.

There are a few things available here in Oceana. The pool is open and all you have to do is call the office and make a reservation. The number of adults at any one time is limited. You will reserve one hour, 45 minutes for swimming and 15 minutes to dry off. Your fellow swimmers are just like you, tired of being locked up and anxious for conversation. Do not wait until the last minute to make a pool reservation.

Another thing available is walking. We have hilly and reasonably flat paths. Grab your mask and get out of the house. You will come across lots of your neighbors doing the same thing. Most are just like you, anxious to talk to somebody. Don't be shy, just say hello and see where the conversation goes.

The golf course is open. Although I am not a golfer, tried it 4 times and each was worse than the last, but they do have outside tables where you can get something to eat. You do not have to be an expert to try the putting green or the driving range. Work out your frustrations by grabbing a club and hitting a little round ball. You don't need to keep score.

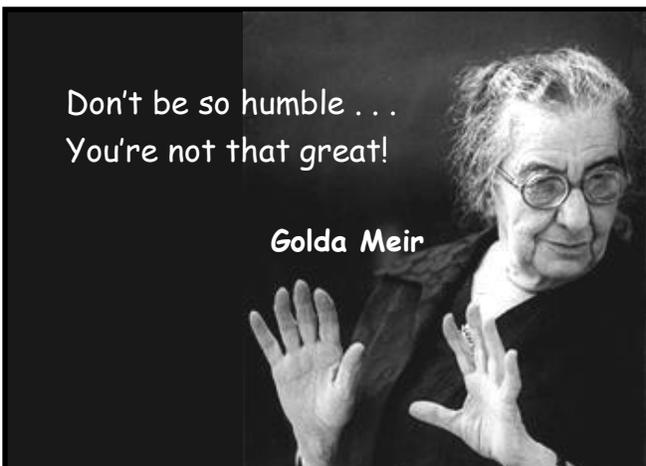
Another great activity is reading. Unfortunately, our library is closed. However, when I take my walks, I do see houses where the owners have decided to share their books. It is not unusual to see a small bookcase or chair with a pile of books. If you have an extra book or two, add them to the pile. Look thru what is there and you might find something of interest.

Stay healthy. We will see you whenever things reopen.

Charles Kruse, Chair

A Final Request

I want a closed casket funeral. However, toward the end of the service, please have the organist play "Pop Goes the Weasel" over and over until everyone in attendance is staring at my coffin with silent, horrified anticipation.



Did You Know?

Sept. 17

History

Constitution Day commemorates the adoption of the United States Constitution and celebrates the citizens of the United States. The Constitution was written because the existing charter of government, known as the Articles of Confederation, had resulted in creating a weak and ineffective central government. The Constitution defines the supreme law of the United States, with each article of the constitution pertaining to aspects such as the congress, president, judicial system, interrelationship between the state and federal government and process of amendments to the Constitution. James Madison, Oliver Ellsworth, Nathaniel Gorham, Alexander Hamilton, William Johnson, Rufus King, Gouverneur Morris, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington wrote the Constitution.

Constitution Day originally began in 1939 with the suggestion of a holiday to celebrate American Citizenship. President Harry Truman then declared that the third Sunday of May become 'I am American' Day. A decade later, 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower changed the date to coincide with the signing of the Constitution and renamed it Citizenship Day. Constitution or Citizenship Day is observed annually on September 17th, the same day as the US Constitution was signed in 1787.

Facts & Quotes

- The 232nd anniversary of the U.S. Constitution was celebrated in 2019. Of all international constitutions written, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest.
- The Constitution is a short document with only 4,543 words before the amendments. In contrast, the Bible is approximately 20 times longer, while Harry Potter has approximately 70,000 more words.
- More than 11,000 amendments have been proposed in Congress. However, only 27 amendments received approval to become official amendments to the Constitution.
- The words God and Democracy are not found in the United States Constitution.



Constitution Day