

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

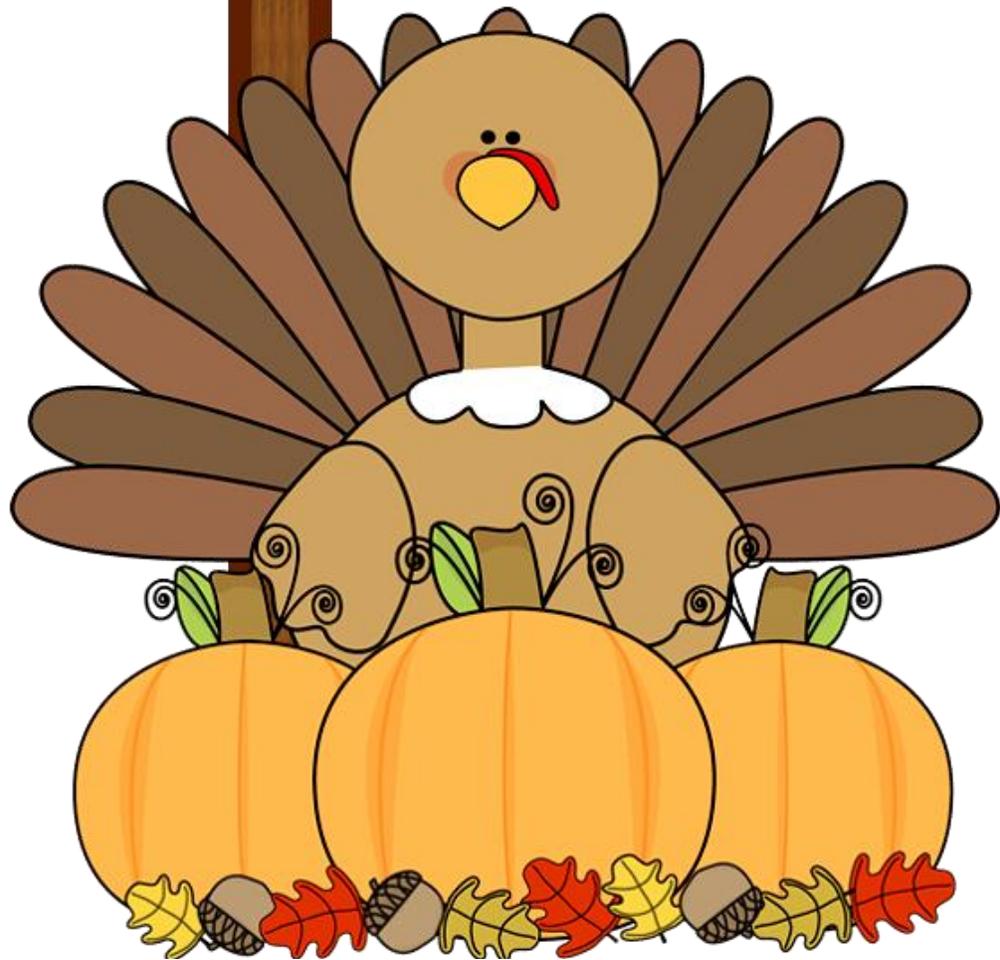


To All Our Residents Who Have Served
In Our Armed Services:

THANK YOU

It is an Honor and a Privilege
To Call You Neighbor

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



A note to website viewers:

This page does not appear in the printed version. Please scroll down to see the rest of this month's Hilltop Highlights. And, since the printed version is done only in black & white, you can see, here, the full color of the original design.

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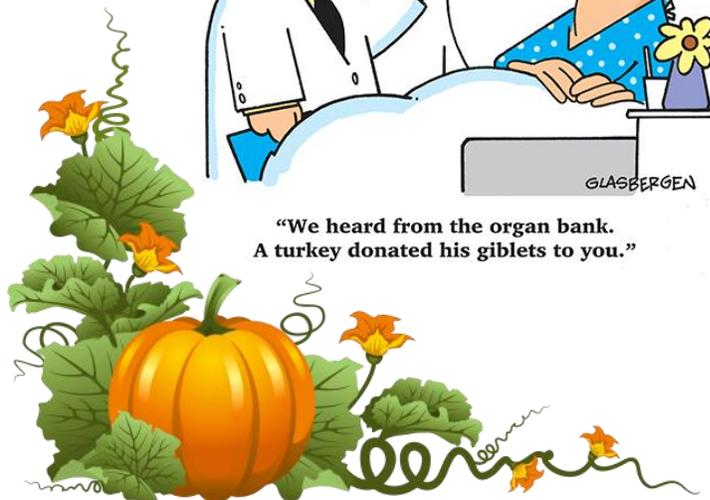
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“We heard from the organ bank.
A turkey donated his giblets to you.”



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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

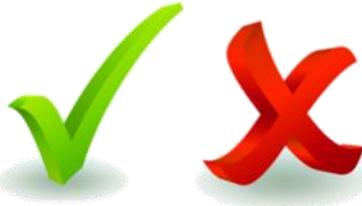
Here we are, just two months from saying goodbye to 2020. Maybe you are thinking goodbye and good riddance. Maybe we all feel that way at times. I recall the scene from the movie "Back to the Future" where the professor says to the young man, something to the effect of you can go to the future any time you wish but do not go to 2020. At times I feel the same way. But, there are some things that have been positive for me. I can go to meetings and church bare foot; I have more time with my husband; I know who my real friends are, because they contact me often; and finally I have more money in the bank, because the only store I go to is the grocery store.

Your monthly bill from the HOA is the question I hear most. So, I think maybe we needed to be reminded just what that bill is all about. When I was in school, I read the book, "I Remember Mama." The one thing I still remember is Mama taking Pa's wages and putting them in different envelopes for food, rent, etc. Well we can look at what we pay the HOA in the same way. Envelope 1 is for our land lease payment, all this amount goes straight to the Oceanside Land Company, every month. Envelope 2 is for your insurance. When I first moved to Oceana, we paid the whole sum once a year, then some kind board separated it into 12 monthly payments. Envelope 2 goes to the insurance company. Now we get to envelope 3, this is your HOA assessment of \$385. When I open this envelope, I find it has 2 sections. One called Reserves and one Operating expenses. Each month \$119 of my dues goes into the reserves envelope for the long-term upkeep of our property—you know, like paint and repairs on our community buildings, a new roof on community buildings, a new floor in the clubhouse, repairs on the pool, house painting and, this year, the beginning of our solar project. The \$266 in the Operating envelope must cover your water and sewer bill, your trash pickup, basic cable, and landscaping. And as if that is not enough, it also covers the wages and benefits for most of our employees, and it does not stop there: office expenses, legal expenses, etc., etc. Hope that helps you better understand your monthly bill.

Have a truly thankful Thanksgiving, and look forward to next year when we can spend the day together.

Carol Finkas

Verify!



We, as seniors are constantly under attack from every direction: from the telephone caller, the email sender, and from both malicious gossip and even from seemingly "good" gossip. We must keep our guard up at all times to not be fooled.

Case in point #1

Last week I received a phone call, supposedly from the Social Security office. I took a second look.

1. It was addressed to my legal name.
2. I had not done what they implied I had done.
3. They told me to call number that was not the correct number for the SS office.
4. I had understood that Social Security does not contact you by email.

Now if I still was feeling uneasy, then I would have looked up the SS number on my computer and asked about the call.

Truth: the sender just wanted me to give them my name and social security number.

Case in point #2

Someone sent some of the board members an email asking them to call me. This email was to a gmail address. I do not have a gmail email address. It was just a prank! I simply told the board to ignore anything that did not come from my regular email address.

Case in point #3

At the September board meeting the board decided to postpone voting on the budget until they could look at the matter further, and scheduled a special meeting to take care of the budget. Suddenly board members were getting calls and emails to complain because we had raised fees either 2%, or 3% or \$10 or \$25. The board had done none of these at that time. The board had decided to have a special meeting on October 6 to consider a raise in monthly fees. As a resident, I need to verify this information, and I can do one of 2 things. I can watch the meeting on our TV channel or I can call or email a board member to see if what I heard is true. And I certainly have a responsibility to verify my information before I pass it on.

They are out there to get you. But, you are smarter than that. Verify before you let it happen to you.

Carol Finkas

Joys of Aging

By alan dolit

I'm the life of the party...even when it lasts 'til 8 PM.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps with a hammer.

I'm usually interested in going home before I get to where I'm going.

I'm the first one to find the bathroom wherever I go.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories...over and over and over and over.

I'm aware that other people's grandchildren are not as bright as mine.

I'm so cared for: long-term care, eye care, private care, dental care.

I'm not grouchy, I just don't like traffic, waiting, politicians...

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a secure place.

I'm having trouble remembering simple words like....uh....

I'm now spending more time with my pillows than with my mate.

I'm realizing that aging is not for sis-sies.

I'm walking more (to the bathroom) and enjoying it less.

I'm sure they are making adults much younger these days.

*I'm in the *initial* state of my golden years: SS, CD's, IRA's, AARP.*

I'm wondering: if you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?

I'm anti-everything now: anti-fat, anti-noise, anti-inflammatory.

I'm supporting all movements now...by eating bran, prunes and raisins.

Do I have Alzheimer's? I don't remember. But, I'm happy, I think.

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

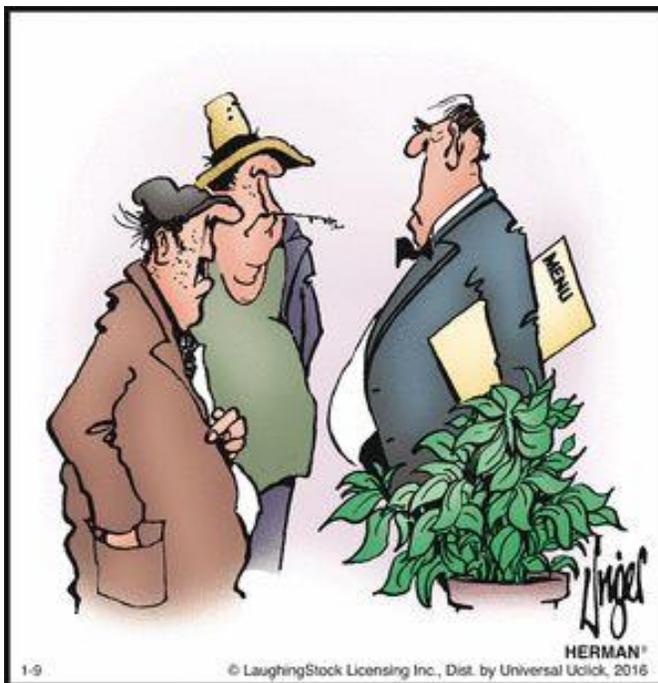
a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0

San Diego County:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

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



“Got a table for two near the exit?”

Did You Know?



Veterans Day November 11

History

Veterans Day seeks to honor and give thanks to all the men and women who have served and are serving in the US Armed Forces. Ceremonies are held across the country at Veterans Hospitals, cemeteries, and National Monuments. At 11:00 a.m. EST, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held at Arlington National Cemetery. At this ceremony the President of the United States, or his assigned ambassador, places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Veterans Day is observed on November 11th each year.

Facts & Quotes

- The theme for Veterans Day in 2020 is *Vision: Veterans in Focus*.
- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a proclamation urging the nation to support the Veterans Day effort in any way possible.
- During World War II, over 16 million men and women served in the military. The war resulted in over 400,000 deaths.
- The War of Global Terrorism, encompassing October 7, 2001 to May 29, 2012, has seen 54,820 casualties of which 6,456 resulted in death.
- This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. - Elmer Davis

Covid-19 precludes any gathering to recognize and celebrate our resident veterans. But, please remember that we do remember you, honor you and celebrate you. Thank You for your service.



Notices & Reminders



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 seven swimmers per pool and by reservation only. Available are 45 min. swim sessions from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday, Wed. and Fri. Tuesday and Thursdays pools are open from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm.

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

Wear Your Mask

It shows you care about your neighbors.



**We Need
You
To Take a
Quick Survey**

Please send an email to:

oceanatv1960@gmail.com

Enter '**QUICK SURVEY**' into the subject line and answer the following two questions in the body:

1. Do you use Cox Cable to receive television services?
2. Have you ever watched our OCA TV channel, 1960?

Please respond to this survey as quickly as possible. We are attempting to make some informed decisions about the future direction of OCA-TV.

Opportunities

Architecture Committee

The Architecture Committee is looking for two new volunteers to fill recent vacancies. If interested, please contact Bill Loftus at: bloftus98@gmail.com

Unit Advisors Committee

Unit Advisors are looking for additional volunteers, especially in Units 2, 5, and 8. If you want to learn more about this position, please call Donna Wendt, who will be pleased to answer any questions. Unfortunately, our established, hard-working Chair, Donna Wendt, has resigned effective after the Sept. 9th meeting. Thus, the Committee is also searching for a new leader and it would be great for continuity if a current committee member would volunteer to lead this important group.

OCA-TV

OCA-TV is down to one, very lonely, and very overworked volunteer. **Please**, if you have any videography experience at all and can give just an hour or two per week, please step forward so we can keep this valuable communication tool up and running in our community. Please call the Office to demonstrate your interest and ask any questions you might have.



RATS!!

Don't feed them!!

Any food you leave out for birds, bunnies or any other cute critters is food for rats.

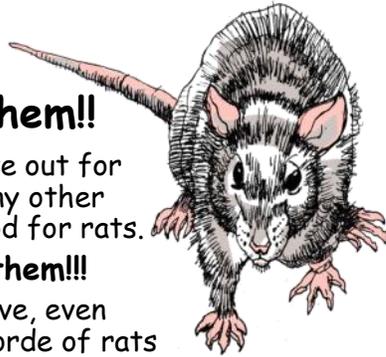
Don't feed them!!!

The birds will survive, even better without a horde of rats around.

Fallen fruit is also food for rats. Please pick up any fallen fruit and dispose of it in your trash. Help make Oceana vermin free!

And, if you find a dead rat (or other rodent) in a common area, remember that it could be there because of disease or poison.

1. Keep your dog away from it, and
2. Immediately notify the office so they can send somebody to remove it.



When you come across an illegally parked vehicle in OCA (i.e., parked in a red zone, in front of a fire hydrant, or blocking traffic) and if it is during business hours (weekdays from 9am to 3pm), call the Office and a staff member will place a warning ticket on the vehicle. If it is not during business hours (weekdays from 9am to 3pm), call the Non-emergency Police # (760-435-4900) and normally they will come and either ticket or tow.



We have a new contract with Cox Cable. The new agreement keeps costs to OCA at their current levels and increases the services to our residents. One HBO Channel (200) and one Showtime channel (240) are now part of each resident's basic service package. The agreement took effect on October 1, 2020. If you currently pay for HBO and/or Showtime, your charges should go down. If not, please call Cox.

If you have difficulty accessing the new channels, you may need to re-scan the channels on your mini boxes. If you continue to have difficulty, the cox technical group should be able to assist you. The Cox number is 1-855-512-8876 (press option 1 for retirement communities and then option 1 for technical support.)

A Safety Concern

Our Safety volunteers frequently report garage doors complete or partially open (enough for a person to crawl under) as they drive throughout our community. This is especially dangerous. We recommend you do not do this.

Reminder About Green Waste

If you have green waste that you want picked up, please be sure to place it outside early on Friday morning. Our landscape vendor collects green waste on Fridays. It can be in a paper container that they will take away or a permanent container that they will empty and leave.

We are saddened to report the deaths of several of our residents.

Edna Russel of Unit 12 passed in late September. She is survived by her husband, Alfred.

Ted Sala of Unit 2. He was active in Lapidary and Woodshop.

William G. 'Bill' Rafnel, CDR, USN (Ret.) of Unit 8. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

Will Steere of Unit 7.

We offer our heart-felt sympathies and condolences to their families and friends.

Updates From



THE ISLE EST 1966



NOVEMBER 2020

This month at The Isle we are upgrading and improving! A new patio area, exciting additions to our menu of food and drinks in the shop and more. We can't wait to see you all! Coach Natalie will be hosting her \$15 Junior Clinics every Friday. Please call shop to confirm times and to book those kids a spot while you relax with a glass of wine and grab a bite to eat. Our staff is here and ready to help, call the shop with any questions. Happy November!



TRY A NEW LOCAL BEER AND BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER AT THE ISLE GRILL



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	3 	4
8	9	10	11 10am Unit Advisors 
15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25 9:30am Open BOD Mtg. 1pm BOD Exec. Session
29	30		

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.

NOVEMBER

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7
12	13 10am Landscape Cte.	14
19	20	21
26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27 	28



OCA Group Membership

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
Tony Hoople U 10,11
Harold Marsh U 8
Paula McDonald U 2,6
Jay Norris U 5
Ed Smith U 1,1A,3,4
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.**

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**

OCA-TV Committee

Mario Badua
Steve Graves **Chair**
Board Liaison

Safety Committee

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

Unit Advisors Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Month,
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium
Chair
(Open)
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) - Rene Maricque, 920-562-3436
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
Jackie 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**

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.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the deadline for Cte. Agendas is 10 days prior to the mtg.)

No Area Code? Assume 760.

Committee Reports

Website

Did you know there are advantages to reading the Highlights online at:

www.oceanaseniors.org

- It's always delivered on time, around the 25th of each month.
- It's in color!!
- It's always in the same place every time you want to read it.
- It's in large print.
- You don't have to worry about recycling paper.
- Did I say it is in color?

So, there you have it, we live in the best kept secret - Oceana, our Community on the Hill! Even though we are bored and cannot do the things we used to do, we can keep those many hours of boredom filled with all sorts of dreams, memories, and new things to do with our lives just by reading the Highlights.

Have fun and stay SAFE!

Anita Romaine
Chair Website Committee

Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

Once again, our very active members have been busy with several projects. Kevin Immel, Bruce Pahl, and Sherry Parovel have been hard at work beautifying the dog park entrance. La Bahn's, our landscape contractor, donated the irrigation system and OCA helped with the delivery of topsoil for the plants.

Also, special thanks to some of our OGC members that donated plants to make this project a success. Connie Ferguson orchestrated the plant donations. Once the drip irrigation is in, this area will be covered with mulch, again thanks to OCA. Eventually the area will be covered with rocks and stones as they become available from within Oceana landscape improvements.

Slowly and surely, we will make our community a nice-looking place to live as we are permitted to make these improvements.

Another project was reconfiguring the floorplan of the garden. Casey Fitzpatrick and Kevin worked on getting a completely new plot ready to rent. In response to demand, they cleared

The Dog Park

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out an area previously used for storage and transformed it into a much-needed garden plot #1C. At the time, there were 7 people on the new member waiting list. Casey has also been looking into the possibility of turning the land between the dog park and the current garden perimeter into 2 or 3 more plots.

Over the summer and fall, there have been numerous changes in membership. Whenever a club member vacates his/her plot, there is a domino effect. First, a message is sent to a member on the transfer waiting list who already has a plot but wants to change to a different one. Then that member's current plot becomes available with the shift, and a second is notified of an opening. This continues until no more transfers are made by existing members. At that point, the new member waiting list is used to give someone the unassigned plot and welcome him/her into the fold. Hmm...maybe, it's more like musical chairs.

One final note: Thank you to Peggie Moore, who has been donating a percentage of her Mary Kay Cosmetic's sales to the Oceana Garden Club treasury.

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Fun Fact:

Several studies have been done with respect to the effects of music on plant growth. Many of these experiments show the plants actually growing away from rock and roll music, almost as if they are trying to escape the sound.

**Diane Harris,
Secretary**



OSERT

If you have not already downloaded the San Diego County Emergency Site on your phone or computer, please read further. This site will help you when there are fires in our county, evacuation information, maps, where the shelters are so you have a safe place to go, and opportunities to volunteer. Here's the website:

www.readysandiego.org

You can get the App with Apple or Google.

When disaster strikes, every little bit helps. To make the most of your contributions, consider these tips for volunteering responsibly:

Affiliate with existing non-profit organizations before coming to the disaster area. That means OSERT right here in Oceana. Immediately following a disaster, a community can become easily overwhelmed by the number of generous people who want to help. Contacting and affiliating with an established organization will help to ensure that you are appropriately trained to respond in the most effective way.

Safe and Well

After a disaster, letting your family and friends know that you are safe and well can bring your loved ones great peace of mind. This website is designed to help make that communication easier. Oceana OSERT actually has a Ham Operator that is able to contact your loved ones when it is necessary. Till then, go to **www.sdcountyemergency.com** to learn all you need to do to help yourself and be involved with the county.

Register Yourself as "Safe and Well"

Click on the "List Myself as Safe and Well" button to register yourself on the site.

Search for Loved Ones

Concerned family and friends can search the list of those who have registered themselves as "safe and well" by clicking on the "Search Registrants" button. The results of a successful search will display a loved one's first name, last name and a brief message.

The American Red Cross

Another way to help out before an emergency hits us is to register to donate blood with the American Red Cross. It's easy and most of the registration can be done online. Go to www.redcrossblood.org . Here's some of the beginning processes to know about:

1. We'll sign you in and go over basic eligibility.
2. You'll be asked to show ID, such as your driver's license.
3. You'll read some information about donating blood.
4. We'll ask you for your complete address. Your address needs to be complete (including PO Box, street/apartment number) and the place where you will receive your mail 8 weeks from donation.

Patricia McArdle



Landscape

The landscape committee has been busy with preparing for the implementation of the master plan in Unit #2. Our first workshop was held via Go to Meeting where we were able to cover preliminary plans for the first half of the homes in Unit #2. Pictures had been taken of all the homes, slopes and open common areas in the unit. The committee then viewed and discussed what changes should be made for each picture.

Due to the enormous scope of the project, it was agreed that the committee would focus on the front views of the homes and leave the design of the side, back, and slope areas to Ron Zacarro of LaBahn's. Ron has a strong background in irrigation, water conservation, and landscape design. A smaller group will be walking the area to discuss proposed improvements and provide input from the association

during the process. Turf reduction wherever possible is an important element of the overall design of the landscape project. Turf reduction is important because turf takes more irrigation than many other plant types and is more labor intensive to maintain. We look forward to Ron contributing his considerable talents to the master plan.

The second set of pictures were taken and another workshop will have occurred by this reading; which will address the changes recommended for those homes. As reported previously, the emphasis is on preserving thriving plant material and incorporating new plantings and hardscape with more cohesive, airy, modern, and low maintenance properties. Color, texture, height, and appropriate location are all major considerations in the recommendations the committee will make. Of course, reduction in water usage and overall maintenance requirements is ever the goal.

Many of you may have noted much activity by the landscapers on Saturdays in September and early October. The landscape maintenance rotation schedule fell behind due to several contributing factors. In the interest of providing continued level of service, LaBahn's dedicated an additional 328 crew member hours to catch the schedule up at no charge to the association. We are now back on a seven-week rotation schedule.

That schedule includes duties such as weekly mowing of all turf. Additionally, planter bed maintenance, green waste removal, v-ditch clearing, slope maintenance, weed/chemical application, and mulch application is serviced on the seven-week rotational basis. This means that each designated area of our community is addressed in these services every seven weeks. Irrigation maintenance and repair is on a daily as-required basis as part of the service contract.

The landscape committee is excited to participate in the fruition of the master plan in unit #2. Our hope and intents are that we will have a more efficient, aesthetically pleasing, people friendly design for the residents of unit #2 that will serve us well into the future. We are seeking all avenues available to us for obtaining rebates for water conservation and are hopeful that we can realize some savings while helping the environment.

The committee will be spending many hours working on the master plan implementation and we thank them for their efforts on behalf of the community.

Joan Jeffery

What, Another Irish Joke?



Two men were sitting next to each other at Murphy's Pub in London. After awhile, one bloke looks at the other and says, 'I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland.'

The other bloke responds proudly, 'Yes, that I am!'

The first one says, 'So am I! And where about from Ireland might you be?'

The other bloke answers, 'I'm from Dublin, I am.'

The first one responds, 'So am I!'

'Mother Mary and begora. And what street did you live on in Dublin?'

The other bloke says, 'A lovely little area it was. I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town.'

The first one says, 'Faith and it's a small world. So did I! So did I! And to what school would you have been going?'

The other bloke answers, 'Well, now, I went to St. Mary's of course.'

The first one gets really excited and says, 'And so did I. Tell me, what year did you graduate?'

The other bloke answers, 'Well, now, let's see. I graduated in 1964.'

The first one exclaims, 'The Good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck at winding up in the same place tonight. Can you believe it, I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 my own self!'

About this time, Vicky walks up to the bar, sits down and orders a drink.

Brian, the barman, walks over to Vicky, shaking his head and mutters, 'It's going to be a long night tonight.'

Vicky asks, 'Why do you say that, Brian?'

'The Murphy twins are drunk again.'

