



Before



After

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 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. Hmmm...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.

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.

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