

# HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

*Inside:*



*Learn who they are and what they can do  
for Oceana.*

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*Also Inside:*



**OCA's Solar Project**



**Wishing you the happiness of  
a leprechaun's gold, and a  
day of songs of love that  
will never grow old.**

*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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**911**

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**Office Information**

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

**W**hen you read this I will have only 3 weeks as a Board member, so I decided to share my story. The last 6 weeks have in many weeks been the most difficult of my life. On December 23, David, my husband fell and broke his hip. The trip from there was: new hip, rehab, fall & back to the hospital, back to rehab, fall back to hospital, also an infection, back to rehab, Covid and back to hospital, and now hopefully back to rehab or maybe even home. So I have had lots of time to be very thankful for the staff and all my friends here who have made this journey bearable.

My story begins in 2004 when we decided we didn't want to do yard work any more and we bought our home in Oceana. The timing was perfect, as 4 months later we were offered a position teaching on cruise ships. This meant that we would be out of the country for at least 4 months of the year. Oceana was perfect, we could just pack our bags and go.

At that time we had a management company. Most things went ok aside from reoccurring billing problems. Our house got painted while we were away, and aside from the use of gallons of bono instead of exterior repairs, it was ok. During a stay at home I decided that the dirt area along one side of my home needed planting. Landscape said they would put in a stepping stone path and plantings. When we came home, some stepping stones had been installed but no plants. Why no plants? There was no more money in the budget. (To this day there is only mulch, they took away the path.) Then we came home on a tight schedule and there were 2 inches of water on our floors. Mopped it up, left the next day for work. When I got home I called maintenance, Ron came out, said the water had come through the cement brick wall and call when it happened again...

Work was slowing down, so I decided to run for the board because I was upset by all the deferred maintenance and lack of care. I did not get elected.

About this time the board decided that the management co. was not doing a good job and we became independent. Eventually someone from landscape suggested we needed a french drain. Engineers were called and a drain was put in and the ouster wall was sealed.

Still feeling I could help Oceana, I ran for the board again in 2016 and got elected. I am so proud of all the board and management have done in these 4 years to begin to fix the problems of our previously deferred maintenance projects.. A painting program has been established that requires that exterior of homes must be repaired before painting, neglected cement block walls have been rebuilt, garages and car sheds have been rebuilt and re-roofed, broken driveways have been repaved, metal railings have replaced old wooden ones. We have begun new projects like putting a safer floor surface in the club house, buying much needed equipment for maintenance, and embraced on a major money saving project, the new solar system. Also, we have begun the work on the master landscape plan which includes improving our outdated irrigation system.

Yes there is still a lot to be done and I must leave that to future boards. Before I close I must thank Patricia Orlando and Randy Newman for their continued devotion to Oceana, and also thank our staff. I also thank you for the excellent people you have elected. I have been so blessed to have such a dedicated board.

In closing I want to remind you to vote, but listen and think first.

**Carol Finkas**

## Member Point of View...

*As per California Civil Code, equal access has been provided to the following members of the community, advocating a point of view.*

*The association has not edited or redacted the content of these members. The member, and not the association, is responsible for that content. These homeowners plan to be nominated from the floor during the March 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.*



### Bill Loftus

I have a strong background in public sector policy development and understand the need for both Policies and Procedures to provide clear direction to Board members and staff. I have over 40 years experience as a school

district officer and have served on Boards at the State and local level with several years experience as a president of a school board. My mantra has been one of "servant leadership" which reflects my commitment to serve those within the organization.

I look forward to working with Board members and staff in conducting the business of this large Homeowners association. During our 16 years living in Oceana my wife and I have come to appreciate and value the work of the many willing volunteers who have created and maintained a community that provides a great environment in which to live.

As the chairperson for the Architecture Committee I have become experienced in understanding and implementing the OCA Architectural Guidelines. I believe I have implemented some procedural changes in the Committee's work that has increased the efficiency of the Committee. As a member of the Board's Land Lease Committee I have come to learn of ways to equalize the land subleases that have made it expensive to live here. During the pandemic I have represented the League of Women Voters in demanding greater transparency of the Oceanside City government and am interested in bringing increased transparency to the work of the OCA Governing Board.

While we have 7 committed Board members representing over 900 homes it requires extra effort on the part of the Board to inform homeowners and to fully reflect their interests. Transparency is important! This is not an easy job. However, I am willing to commit my time and talent to that task.



### O. Wade Messer

1. I seek only the best for our community and it is time to stand up for better management and stewardship of this great neighborhood!

2. I am concerned that our community is falling into a state of disrepair.

I want to see a better

effort to improve the infrastructure of Oceana with better controls and decisions by the Board of Directors (BOD).

3. The Board of Directors seems to have fallen into a pattern of deficit spending. The Association has seen the Cash Reserve depleted by at least half in one year and yet the Board of Directors authorized pay increases.
4. Land lease fees have escalated dramatically in the past two years. At this rate our property values are declining as it is now common knowledge within the real estate industry. It will be difficult to sell our property at a fair price.
5. The accounting controls are not in place to ensure the integrity of the fees we pay to the Association.
6. I am committed to be a stronger Board of Directors that makes openness, fairness and accuracy in all its decisions their (BOD) primary purpose.





We have

**Three**

*BOD positions to fill, and*

**Six**

*Homeowners running to fill them.*

***How well do you know them?***

Please join us for two virtual forums to get to know the candidates:

**Thursday, March 4, 9:30 am**

**Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 pm**

## How to Participate:

Email your questions for the candidates to:

***office@ocaoffice.org***

or drop them off in the office by noon, March 3rd for the first forum, and by noon, March 8th for the second forum. If we run out of questions, we will open the mic for additional homeowner questions.

Each forum will be recorded and played on OCA-TV (Channel 1960).

Karen Walter will send an email to all homeowners who have supplied their email addresses. It will contain the below link to Zoom Meeting which you can simply click to access the service along with the meeting ID and passcode to get you to the proper meeting. Otherwise, to access the meetings go to:

***https://zoom.us/j/7676327212?pwd=NDhwbW5IcmpFKzFYQmpKMkVpdXhHdz09 \****

***Meeting ID: 767 632 7212***

***Passcode: 5UxRQQ***

***\* Hint: send in your email address.***

## OCA's Solar Project



Many questions have come up from owners concerning the board decision to install solar energy on our common area buildings. This decision has been under discussion for several years and we would like to "walk" through our decision process.

- This is a very large investment totaling \$392,000; however, it is anticipated to result in savings in utility bills of \$60,000 each year! We will save even more as electricity costs increase—enough to restore large sections of our neglected landscape or catch up on more of our deferred maintenance.
- There are 39 power meters in our community. The new system will be linked to nine of these meters. The power measured by each of these meters costs our community \$100 per month or more.
- Utility bills for the two swimming pools, spa, and clubhouse are the highest.
- This solar contract was approved unanimously last July in open session.

- It was also discussed in previous board meetings.
- Additionally, there was an open workshop available to all residents.
- Many of us are familiar with residential solar, but the scope of this job requires a commercial solar installer.
- We contacted multiple solar installers and brought in a highly respected solar consultant as part of our decision-making process.
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPA's) were not available for the size of our project and Lease Agreements would not yield the savings we were seeking.
- Loan interest costs would outstrip our reserve earnings.
- Federal Solar Tax Credits will also apply to our modest taxable income for 2020. We can "roll over" the remaining credits into future years for as long as the IRS solar tax credit is still in effect. The cumulative dollar-for-dollar tax savings may be substantial.

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# Notices & Reminders



## Wear Your Mask

If you care about your neighbors.

## AARP Tax Aide

COVID-19 has hit us hard! AARP has done everything to try and make doing 2019 & 2020 taxes a possibility.

There have been at least 15 scenarios as how to make doing taxes safe for everyone. After approving a couple of ways that could possibility work, we workers approached the City of Oceanside for approval.

Due to **liability** and no where to do the taxes (El Corazon is completely closed and the Country Club is not open to the public) we were turned down.

As of this date there will be **no AARP free taxes** done in Oceanside.

If at a future date things improve and business and buildings open, we may be able to do taxes.

Note: there is a Web site for preparing taxes:

**WWW.IRS.GOV**

Click on Free Tax Service

Tain Soreboe

*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.*

**Pool schedule changes:** The pool area is open M-F, 7:30am—3:30pm by reservation only. Sessions are for 45 minutes only, seven residents max per pool and one resident (or family unit) for the spa. Six-foot spacing is required. Reservations for the spa may be made only one day in advance.

Announcements and useful links can be found at **[oceanaseniors.org](http://oceanaseniors.org)** and viewed on OCA-TV (Channel 1960).

## Once Again—To The Dogs!

Dogs are wonderful companions and friends. Many of us probably can't imagine living without them. And we have a lot of dogs in Oceana.

We created dogs and have developed them for a variety of roles. They have no place to exist except around us fulfilling those roles. And, if we choose to have a dog, we have the responsibility to properly train it and to manage its behavior.

A previous article in *Notices and Reminders* talked about dogs that bark continuously. The specific dog at issue is still barking, but not as much (or are the neighbors going deaf from the continuous racket?). **Owners take note!**

This article is about aggressive dogs, especially large aggressive dogs. Most dogs, large and small, are docile and friendly, especially if they have been properly trained and socialized as puppies.

But, there are exceptions. If your dog is large enough to break away from you when out walking and it has previously shown any signs of aggression, it may need a muzzle. Injuries to another dog can be a serious problem. Injuries to a human, especially a child, will be immensely worse.

**Remember: you are responsible for your dog's actions.**



## Recycle Your Batteries

If you have smaller-size batteries that you want to dispose of, **do not** put them into regular trash or into the recycle bin. Batteries contain hazardous materials that must receive special treatment.

Enclose old batteries in a plastic bag and put the bag on top of the lid of your recycle bin for regular trash collection. The trash collector will pick it up and handle it properly.

## OCA-TV Update

OCA-TV would like to display your art. If you have new artwork—or old—and can send digital photos of it to us, we would be delighted to show your creativity to the community on TV. The same holds for any video presentations you have made on topics of interest (e.g., Art, exercise, card games, gardening, etc.). Please send them to:

[oceanatv1960@gmail.com](mailto:oceanatv1960@gmail.com).

Thanks!

**Mario Badua Jr. USA Ret.  
BSCSE | RF Network Engineer  
Integration & Development**



## Are You a Parking Hog?

Our regulations state: "no part of the vehicle shall protrude out of the confines of the building." We realize that this is no longer appropriate since so many vehicles have become so big. But, consider this.

When parking your vehicle, no matter how large or small, be aware of your surroundings. Do not park in a way that will impede your neighbor's access to their vehicle, their home or their garage. If your vehicle is so large that you cannot park in a carport space without blocking access to the vehicle next to you, then you need to find another place to park.

Consideration for your neighbors will always trump immediate personal convenience.



## Like it?

This is OCA-TV's new logo. Hopefully, it will be around for a long time to come. Unfortunately, that may not be the case.

## We Need Your Help!

OCA-TV is down to one, very lonely, and very overworked volunteer. Mario Bodua Jr. is doing a yeoman's job keeping our very precious asset, OCA-TV, up and running all by himself. That's a daunting job. We owe him an immense debt of gratitude. But, we owe Mario something more: help.

It takes a lot of effort to keep a TV station up and running, and it's not all super-technical stuff. A lot of it is stuff that just about any of us could do. All you need to do is volunteer to help, even if for only an hour or two per week. Mario will be happy to teach you anything you may need to learn. And, you will be making a major contribution to our community!

## You can do it!

There is so much that we can do to make OCA-TV a vibrant part of our community. Call the Office to arrange for a discussion with Mario where you can learn how you can be a part of it. You won't regret it. Contribute your time and be a proud member of Oceana.



## A Chance to Strut Your Stuff!

For all of those among us who are artistically creative, social distancing has posed a major problem. How can we display our creations when nobody can come out to see them? OCA's website and OCA-TV are both offering a way to get your creativity on view to the public.

If you have new art—or old—that you want to get onto display, take digital photos of it and send them to:

office@ocaoffice.org and/or  
oceanatv1960@gmail.com.

The same is true if you have produced that professional-quality photo that you would like everybody to see.

OCA-TV is also providing an opportunity for those budding video makers among us. If you have (or will make) any videos on topics of interest (e.g., art, exercise, card games, gardening, etc.), send them to OCA-TV who will be happy to air them on Oceana's own TV channel!

Let us all see what you can do.



### COVID-19 Info Sites

#### Federal:

The Centers for Disease Control  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

#### State:

CA Department of Public Health  
[www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

CA Department of Aging  
[www.aging.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.aging.ca.gov/covid19)

Assembly District 76  
COVID-19 Resource Navigator  
[a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0](http://a76.asmdc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-navigator-0)

#### San Diego County:

[www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus)

#### City of Oceanside:

[www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp)

## Did You Know?



## World Consumer Rights Day

seeks to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs. This day demands that the rights of all consumers are respected and protected. This day aims to protest against market abuses and social injustices.

World Consumer Rights Day was established in 1983. It was inspired by U.S President John F. Kennedy. In 1962, President Kennedy formally addressed the issue of consumer rights in a special message to the U.S Congress. Since then, a consumer movement has mobilized action toward issues and campaigns. One such campaign is World Consumers Rights day which is observed annually on March 15th.

## Facts & Quotes

- According to Consumers International, several consumer rights should be upheld:
  - ◊ The right to satisfaction of basic needs
  - ◊ The right to safety
  - ◊ The right to be informed
  - ◊ The right to choose
  - ◊ The right to be heard
  - ◊ The right to redress
  - ◊ The right to consumer education
  - ◊ The right to a healthy environment
- On March 15th of 2019, 137 consumer organizations in over 96 countries came together to celebrate World Consumer Rights Day and take part in the #BetterDigitalWorld campaign.
- Consumers International was founded in 1960 to celebrate World Consumer Rights Day. Their vision for the future is to achieve advocacy for 3 issues: sustainability, digitalization, and inclusion.
- "In a consumer society there are inevitably two kinds of slaves: the prisoners of addiction and the prisoners of envy." - Ivan Illich
- "In giving to others which belongs to them, we give rights to ourselves and to our country." - John F. Kennedy

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** -1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse Library.

**OSERT** -3<sup>rd</sup> 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**—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
7	8	9:30am Arch. Cte. — virtual 7 pm—virtual Candidates Forum See Pg. 5 for access	10
14 	9:30am Finance Cte.— virtual 15 	16	6 pm OSERT .—virtual 17 
21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31 9:30am Open BOD Mtg.— virtual 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	Reference Friday email update for current access method.
OSERT	Third Wednesday, 6:30pm (every third month)	Reference Friday email update for current access method.
Unit Advisors	Second Wednesday, 10am	Reference Friday email update for current access method.
Landscape Cte.	Second Friday, 10am	<b><a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/958207373">global.gotomeeting.com/join/958207373</a></b> or Dial in at 872-240-3311 Access Code: 958-207-373
Website	First Wednesday, Noon (every other month)	<b><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523?pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09">us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523?</a></b> <b><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523?pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09">pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09</a></b>

# M A R C H

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>9:30 am—virtual Candidates Forum See Pg. 5 for access</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am Landscape Cte.— virtual</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1pm Annual Meeting —Virtual</p> 
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>



## OCA Group Membership

### Activities Committee

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. Month,  
9:30am, Card Room  
(Agenda deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> day of month)  
Chair  
Jay Norris U 10,11  
Lisa Bagot U 7, 7A  
Fritz Beechler U 9  
Kelly Byrne U 5  
Jay Crawford (on leave)  
Tony Hoople U 8  
Harold Marsh U 2,6  
Paula McDonald U 12, 14  
Jay Norris U 1,1A,3,4  
Ed Smith  
Bruce Cowgill Board Exec. Cte.  
John Vogt Board Exec. Cte.

### Landscape Committee

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** TBD  
(Open) Chair  
Mike Faulkner  
Patricia McArdle  
Ken Rishe  
Tain Soreboe  
Bruce Cowgill Board Liaison

### OCA-TV Committee

Mario Badua  
Steve Graves Board Liaison

### Safety Committee

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

### Unit Advisors Committee

**Meets:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month,  
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium  
Jeff Kern & Jay Norris Co-Chairs  
**Unit**  
1 - Ron Landsel 231-7586  
1A - Linda Langworthy 562-301-1346  
2 - Lynne Riddell/Georgette Velez  
3 - Gisela Lauer 754-0296  
4 - Sally Lopez  
5 - Andrea Anderson 510-701-4044  
6 - Steve Lawler 419-7011  
7 (1-34) - Rene Maricque, 920-562-3436  
7 (35-62) & 7A - Pat Hawkins 450-6231  
8 - Kathleen & Dan 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  
& Kristine Hale 858-775-4253  
Jackie Konstanturos Board Liaison

### Website Committee

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

Happy Spring to you all. March 20 is the first day of spring, and work continues in the gardens to get ready for a big growing season.

We are in the process of expanding our orchard in the back area, which has been raised to stop the flooding. Bruce Pahl has donated 3 avocado trees, Peggie Moore, a Mexican lime tree, and Christine Forster, an apple tree.

Club members have been reconfiguring a few garden enclosures thanks to Casey Fitzpatrick, Kevin Immel, and our new member, Peter Cornog. This will result in the addition of more garden plots. More work has been done to expand the succulent cactus garden over on the dog park side, and some special mix from Corazon was donated along with some rocks. It's going to be a spectacular little corner over there and also double as a nursery for plants.



In order to kick start our new succulent nursery project, we encourage any Oceana resident who wants to donate pots, potted plants, succulents and cactus to contact Diane Harris (dianee3808@att.net) or Casey Fitzpatrick, (fitzfreck@gmail.com) by email. We will then make arrangements to pick up these items at their houses.



The vote is in, and kudos to our men for their work to control the flooding that occurs during the rainy season. They dug trenches and placed rocks at strategic points to redirect the flow off of the hillside. Previously, most of the pathways and garden plots at the lower end of the hill were underwater after the rain, and gardeners needed rubber boots to get around in the ankle-deep water. The first test came when three storms in succession passed through at the end of January; there was no visible flooding.

Casey has come thru again and curated 9 yards of topsoil, 9 yards of humic mulch and 9 yards of topping mulch. All was donated by Corazon's Mary Matava, including delivery.

I hope you planted your spring bulbs a couple of months ago. If so, they should be showing their color.

Fun Fact: After WWII, plants were bombard- ed with radiation to produce useful mutations known as Atomic Gardening, which resulted in today's peppermint and red grapefruit.

**Diane Harris, Secretary**

## Landscape

The landscape committee continues to work on completing the scheme of the master plan for Unit #2. This project has taken much longer to get launched than we hoped. There are several factors involved, but mostly the pandemic has made its effects known in our community.

Delays are caused for many reasons; manpower shortages and supply are a few factors to be considered. Our community is not an oasis, free from the challenges of the rest of the state, country, and world. Some landscape employees have either tested positive with Covid-19 or have had to quarantine due to exposure to someone who has.

Our suppliers and agency personnel are also affected. We are relying on rebates for irrigation parts and turf removal, they too are likewise affected, and so everything takes longer.

The committee is in the process of selecting hardscape materials for our community. The goal is to come up with a hardscape palette that will bring harmony, functionality, and cohesiveness to our landscape design. It is anticipated that the palette will have been finalized by this publishing.

We all will need to exercise patience through this project. The committee, management, and the board understand that for those of you living in Unit #2 it is frustrating to have the project

drag on. We too would love to have the project completed so we can enjoy the fruits of our labor with you.

We understand that people are weary of hearing that the pandemic is affecting timelines. It is our reality, not an excuse. Pandemic or not, the project is going forward and we expect that the results will be a vast improvement for the community and make Unit #2 much more enjoyable to live in.

Stay safe; stay well.

**Joan Jeffery**

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## **OCA Safety**

### **Catalytic Converter Thefts**

There has been a startling increase in catalytic converter thefts throughout San Diego County. In Oceanside, thefts often occur in neighborhoods near main thoroughfares, freeways, or at commercial establishments.

#### **What is a Catalytic Converter?**

A catalytic converter is a critical exhaust component of vehicles located underneath vehicles.

#### **How/Why are Catalytic Converters stolen?**

Suspects often remove catalytic converters with saws and snipping tools. The entire process can take just minutes. Catalytic Converters are sold for the precious metals they contain after being stolen.

#### **Most frequently targeted vehicles**

Vehicles in commercial establishments that are not in view of surveillance systems and Toyota Prius' are the most frequently targeted vehicles. Additional vehicles include: Lexus RX, Toyota Tacoma, Ford F150-550, Dodge 2500, Kia Sedona. But all vehicles, especially high profile vehicles, can be a target.

#### **How to prevent the theft of your catalytic converter**

- Park in a garage or well-lit area if a garage is not available.
- Park near building entrances or in high traffic areas.
- Have your catalytic converter welded to your car.
- Calibrate your vehicle security system to detect vibration.
- Purchase cameras that clearly capture where you park.
- Purchase a security device for your catalytic converter.

"Cat Strap" and "Cat Clamp" devices both cost less than \$200.

For more information on clamps:

**MillerCat.com/cat shield**

Your Safety Committee Chairperson and Candidate for the Board.

**Kelly Byrne**

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## **Website**

This is a special month for Oceana. Not only are we getting closer to 'herd immunity' but we should be able to be outdoors more, breathing the fresh air and smelling the flowers blooming. Plus, you get to vote for your Board of Directors. You can read their bios on the [www.oceanaseniors.org](http://www.oceanaseniors.org), just click on the February Highlights. Oh, did you know that the Highlights comes out online before you get it delivered to you? Somewhere between the 24th and 30th of each month. Check it out!!

Your very own Oceana Website is getting better and better each month. I want to thank the committee for their expertise and commitment to making this Website so exciting and full of everything you need to know about Oceana. I have a committee full of Steve's - Reigle, Ashworth, and liaison, Graves, plus Kelly and Don. Thank you for everything you do. Not many know the work you put into making the website look so professional and worth your time to use each day. Thank you for volunteering.

**Anita Romaine**  
**Chair Website Committee**

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## **OSERT Mtg. Postponement**

In the past OSERT has sent out much information for all residents to learn about emergency preparedness. In hopes of being able to train in person last year, we were hoping March would be a good month to meet for a short training discussion for "Auxiliary Volunteers". The good thing about that is you don't have to belong to a committee or attend meetings. Just one or two a year to keep up to snuff with the plans from O'side Fire and Police Departments. Even though some of us have had our first and maybe second Covid vaccines we still don't have permission to meet in public as an Oceana committee. So we will postpone the March gathering in hopes of being able to meet in the Clubhouse parking lot on April 21st. But we can still meet for a Zoom meeting to chat a bit about how OSERT is going to keep our committee together and a viable group of residents. We care about the safety of Oceana. Please put March 17th on your calendar to meet with OSERT at 6pm. Here is the link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09>. Hope to see you then! Thank you.

**Anita Romaine, Chair OSERT**



## Updates From

# THE ISLE

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MARCH 2021

The Isle has so many exciting changes coming up! For the month of March we will continue our patio seating, and our seating around the range with proper social distancing guidelines for everyone to come enjoy the food from The Isle Grill. Call us for a take out order or come sit on our nice sunny patio and enjoy a beer from our new tap handles while we grill up all your favorites! For the golf course, we are looking forward to the start of driving range improvements including, leveling the land, fresh grass, and more. Along with leveling some of our older tee boxes. New palm trees have been put along the path to the number one tee as one of our many continued efforts to beautify this little slice of Oceanside we all know and love. The Isle has had an incredibly busy and awesome first few months of 2021 and we look forward to seeing all of you for some dining and golf in the sunny months coming up!



**RECOGNIZE  
THESE GUYS?**

Created as new targets on the range, these Irishmen are a remake of our original logo which you may remember here at the golf course. Thanks to one of our own employees Benjamin Hughes a senior at El Camino High School, you can now see this out on our public grass driving range!



**ORIGINAL LOGO  
CIRCA 1966**



**UPDATED HOURS:  
-6:30AM TO 5PM-**  
WALKING ONLY AFTER 4PM GRILL CLOSSES AT 6:00PM

A GOLF COURSE FOR EVERYONE

EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE OCEANSIDE, CA



## Maintaining an Attitude of Gratitude

In today's turbulent world where we can easily feel like a solitary figure in a violently shaken snow globe, it is easy to focus on the negative. Fixing on what we don't have, or no longer have, rather than what we do.

Attitude is a choice, and it is often said, "Attitude is everything". What matters isn't what life hands you, but how you handle what life has given you.

We have all lived long enough to know that there are no free rides in life. No one is immune to the challenges living can bring. Each of us is tested in our own way. It may be health issues, the death of loved ones, money woes, job loss, loneliness, or any other means of stealing our joy.

One key element involved in remaining positive in the face of negativity is maintaining the attitude of gratitude. Even though we are faced with unrest, pandemic, social limitations, even chaos; each of us can find elements in our life that evoke gratitude.

There are many reasons for gratitude around us. Here are just a few.

We are living in a safe environment, in comfortable homes, with safe areas to walk in and enjoy. We live in a part of the country where we have pleasant weather the year round. We are not struggling with hurricanes, blizzards, incessant rain, and freezing temperatures. We have been spared the severe hardships those types of conditions bring. Imagine how difficult it is to cope with any of those in the face of the pandemic.

We live in an area with good and accessible health facilities, and first responders and health personnel who put the treatment of others ahead of their own personal safety.

Within our homes we have many means of communicating and receiving information. We have television with hundreds of channels, HBO, Showtime and OCATV. My friends and family are so impressed that we have our own TV station to keep us informed, it is a real luxury. I personally am grateful to Mario Badua for his tireless work to keep that station going. He has taken it on as his passion and labor of love for our community. Our Website Committee likewise has developed an extensive information site where the latest OCA news is at your fingertips. I am grateful for the wonderful volunteers on that committee as well.

Additionally, we have email, Zoom, Go to Meeting, and other media to keep us connect-

ed and doing business when meeting in person isn't possible. Our Board of Directors and staff have kept things going even in the face of the effects of the pandemic and personal challenges. Imagine what communication and entertainment was like during quarantine in 1918.

At home, we do not even have to leave our home to get groceries or other needed items if we do not want to venture out, or are unable to do so. Almost anything you need can be delivered to your door. On a personal note, friends and neighbors perform little acts of kindness for me, such as bringing the waste bins to and from the curb for me because it is difficult for me to do so. I am extremely grateful to them for the consideration they display. The list of things worthy of gratitude is long, and differs with each one of us. The important point to keep in mind is that we need to look for them and focus on them. This is vital to attaining a sense of peace, contentment, and joy in these trying times.

Stay safe, stay well, stay grateful.

**Joan Jeffery**

### ***OCA's Solar Project*** *Cont'd. from Page 5*

Given the projected cost savings on electric utility bills, on the advice of consultants, and much consideration by the board, it was decided that spending the money to convert to solar made total fiscal sense. The expected payback period for this expenditure is five years or less.

As electricity costs continue to escalate, our decision to convert this portion of our community to solar will reap even more benefits. We will be able to spend our assessments dollars on visible, tangible projects rather than continuing to pay for the invisible soaring electric energy expenses, while benefitting our environment.

**Bruce Cowgill**

