

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Inside:

The 2021 OCA

Board of Directors



HAPPY

April Fools Day



A note to website viewers:

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Be careful
when
you follow the
masses
sometimes
the "m" is
silent.

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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.

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

It is the time of year to welcome the new members of our Board and to congratulate them on their elections. When I was running for the Board someone told me that if I was elected I would have three surprises—and they were *so* right. Here are the surprises that our new Board members are going to have:

The first is that you actually got elected.

The second is what you cannot do as a Board member. You can vote for any motion generated by the agenda, but you can't discuss it ahead of the meeting with other Board members. You can listen to complaints but you don't have the power to fix anything. You will find that many of the things you thought you could do are not permitted by California law. You have great ideas about what you would like to see done, but our very tight budget will not stretch to accomplish your dream. You must remember not to speak about anything discussed in executive session.

The third is what you can do as a Board member. You can vote. You can make a motion in a meeting. You can take residents' concerns to the office.

Once you get over your surprises, here is my advice on what you need to be a good Board member. You need a listening ear and a good pair of reading glasses, as you will do a lot of that. It also helps if you have the skin of a rhinoceros. Why? Because people who do not even know you, will say unpleasant things about you, or say you said things you would never have thought of saying.

You will need a team mentality, because a Board like ours is a team, with equal power for all. This may be a large surprise but the Board president has no special powers or perks. The president signs some checks and signs the contracts the Board has voted for, but the Board sets policy, not the president.

I have one piece of advice for you, and I know some will take it and some will not, but for me this was the best advice anyone gave me. "You have a lot to learn so do not jump in the puddle with both feet, you will splash mud all over yourself and everyone else, just step in gently and learn your way around."

And lastly, have a wonderful year and make Oceana a better and more beautiful place for all of the residents.

Carol Finkas

Tales

from the
Highway Patrol



Sitting on the side of the freeway monitoring the day's traffic, a Highway Patrol Officer saw a car puttering along at 15 MPH.

He thought to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So, he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he observed that there were five old ladies, two in the front seat and three in the back, wide-eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, also an old lady and obviously confused, said to him, "Officer, I don't understand. I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replied, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit, exactly fifteen miles an hour!" the old woman responded a bit proudly.

The Highway Patrol Officer, trying to suppress a chuckle, explained to her that "15" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But, before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask ... Is everyone in the car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asked.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 163."



Back by popular demand...

A Reminder for Homeowners

The amended and restated CC&Rs were approved by the community on 11/25 & recorded on 12/15/20.

Please note if you are thinking about selling your home, the CC&Rs now limits any new rental properties.

Effective December 15, 2020 newly amended and restated CC&Rs took effect. One very important change restricts the rental of units, please read Section 2.7 in its entirety. At this time, the Association is well above the 233unit limit, it will be some years before units become available to rent.

Written Approval to Rent or Lease Required

The Owner of a Lot who wishes to rent and/or lease the Lot is required to obtain from the Association written authorization to rent or lease. Approval will be granted if the number of existing leased Lots is below two hundred thirty-three (233) and the Owner is at the top of the Rental Pool listing or meets the other criteria set forth herein, such as hardship (Section 2.7.6.8), inheritance (Section 2.7.6.2), or existing lease (Section 2.7.6.9). The written authorization may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Association for approval to rent or lease. The Association will respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request that the Lot either qualifies or does not qualify for rental. Failure of the Association to respond within thirty (30) days is deemed approval. In the alternative, if the Owner receives notice from the Association that their Lot has become eligible for rental or lease, this requirement is deemed satisfied.

2.7.6.4 Registration of Lot for Future Rental

Owners may submit the Lot for inclusion in the Association Rental Pool listing by written request to the Board.





And, the winners are:



**Kelly
Byrne**



**Peggie
Moore**



**Anita
Romaine**

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

Congratulations!

We wish to thank all who participated in this election process and made it all possible.

At the time that this edition of Hilltop Highlights went to press, the full Board of Directors with its new members had not yet met to decide officers. Stay tuned!

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:

WWWIRS.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 and viewed on OCA-TV (Channel 1960).

French Club Meetings

This is a friendly reminder that the French Club is alive and well. Its meetings are held every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 AM by Zoom. For further information on the club or on how to access the Zoom connection, please contact danaedanczyk@hotmail.com

Thank you
Frank Danczyk

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.

Thanks!

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

HDTV COX CHANNEL 1960



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.

It is with deep regret that we announce the following deaths:

Jim Allen left us on February 19. Jim was 85 and lived in Oceana for 14 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen. He will be missed by the many people who knew him as the "good guy" he was.

Melford Smith passed recently. He was a resident of Unit 4. Most people knew him as "Gene" and probably encountered him on one of his frequent dog walks.

In Need of a Good Read?

The Oceanside Library offers ebooks and emedia services and will deliver most requested books to your home. Go to:

www.oceansidepubliclibrary.org

to see what they offer and to get reading.

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.

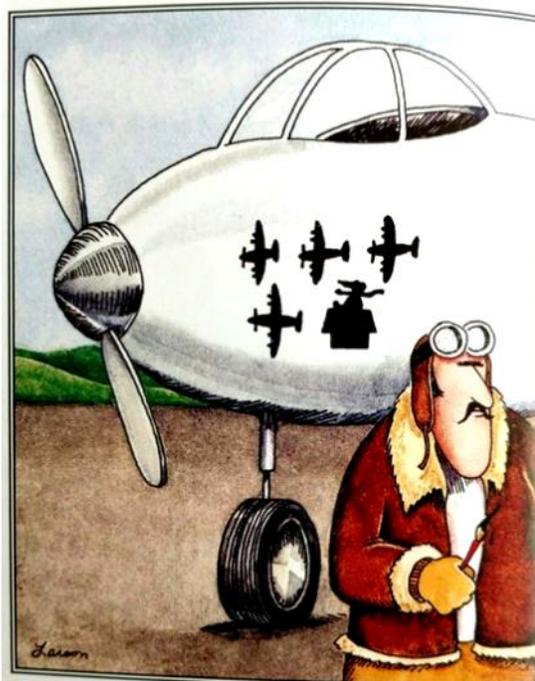
If you have new art—or old—that you want to get onto display, take digital photos of it and send them to:

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.



Did You Know?

THE ACADEMY AWARDS



The Academy Awards, or Oscars, is dedicated to honoring the cinematic achievements of the film industry. Each year, a statuette referred to as an Academy Award of Merit, or Oscar, is awarded to those who have excelled. Oscars are awarded on the basis of 24 categories including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor in a Leading Role, etc.

The Academy Awards are hosted and organized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, a professional organization that seeks to advance the arts and sciences of motion pictures. The Academy is composed of more than 6,000 professional members, more than 1,000 of which are actors, who are affiliated with motion pictures. For most categories, Oscar winners are chosen by the number of votes received from a jury of peers, who are voting members of the Academy. That is, actors nominate actors, film editors nominate fellow film editors, and so on. Other branches within the academy include cinematographers, costume designers, directors, sound and music engineers.

The first Academy Awards were held on May 16, 1929. Fifteen Oscars were awarded for artists and directors. The ceremony lasted only 15 minutes. Since then, the Academy Awards have evolved into one of the most-watched events on television.

Facts & Quotes

- Nominees who do not win the Oscar receive a gift bag that included gift cards for luxury spa treatments, vacation packages, hotel stays, bracelets and watches. In 2006, when reports started surfacing about the gift bags being valued at more than \$100,000, the IRS issued a statement that the bags qualified as taxable income and must be reported on tax returns.

- On Friday, January 22, 2016, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced major initiatives to increase the diversity of the Academy by 2020. Initiatives include doubling the number of women and promoting the diversity of members. Membership rules were changed to allow members with a voting status for only 10 years. In order to renew membership, members have to be active in motion pictures. If a member is no longer active, they achieve an emeritus status where they can no longer vote. Global campaigns will be created to recruit new members to reflect a greater diversity. Finally, new members will be added to the executive and board committees.
- 2016 marked the second consecutive year where the top 20 contenders for the Academy Awards were all white. This sparked an internet frenzy and social media outrage which led to the Twitter hashtag #OscarSoWhite.
- "You can change the Academy, but if there are no black films being produced, what is there to vote for?"—Viola Davis on Academy Award's diversity issue in 2016
- "There's a lot of great movies that have won the Academy Award and a lot of great movies that haven't. You just do the best you can." - Clint Eastwood, actor/director.
- Three movies share the distinction of receiving 11 Academy Awards:
 - ◇ *Ben-Hur* (1959),
 - ◇ *Titanic* (1997), and
 - ◇ *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (2013).
- The top 5 US Box Office grossing Best Picture Academy Award winners:
 1. *Titanic* (1997), \$695 million
 2. *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (2003), \$377 million
 3. *Forrest Gump* (1994), \$330 million
 4. *Gone with the Wind* (1939), \$199 million
 5. *Gladiator* (2000), \$188 million
- Attend the Academy Awards as a seat filler. Traditionally, seat fillers are relatives of individuals working at the Academy or PricewaterhouseCoopers. Academy Award seat fillers have to be well-dressed and are not allowed to interact with actors or actual guests of the ceremony, or to draw any attention to themselves. When an invited guest leaves to use the washroom or to get a drink, seat fillers have to occupy that seat so that there are no empty seats in the hall.

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.

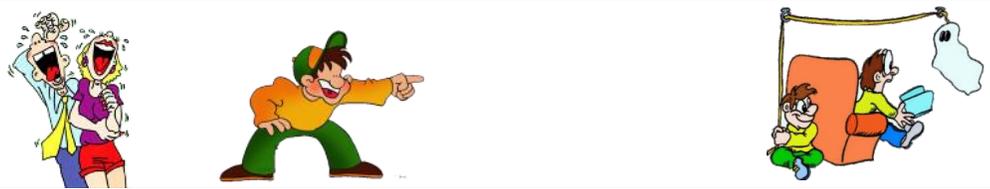
Info: Betsy 760-439-2879.

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
			
4	5	6	7 Noon Website Cte.— virtual
11	12	13 9:30am Arch. Cte. — virtual	14
18	19 9:30am Finance Cte.— virtual	20	21
25 	26	27	28 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	<i>global.gotomeeting.com/join/958207373</i> or Dial in at 872-240-3311 Access Code: 958-207-373
Website	First Wednesday, Noon (every other month)	<i>us02web.zoom.us/j/2049731523?</i> <i>pwd=UFZJMms1Y1Yxd3ZockxsMGZtd0Y5dz09</i>

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3
8	9 10am Landscape Cte.— virtual	10
15 	16	17
22 	23	24
29	30 	



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 12, 14
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 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
Vacant
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 Rische
Tain Soreboe
Bruce Cowgill Board Liaison

OCA-TV Committee

Mario Badua
Steve Graves Board Liaison

Safety Committee

Meets: 3rd 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: 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month,
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium
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: 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

OCA Safety

Bye Black and White.

I wore a uniform for 25 years to "protect and serve". There was, and is, a reason that police, fire, military, and several other professions have symbols and certain colors of their equipment, especially vehicles, to let people know that they are there doing a job.

Vehicles do not last forever without proper maintenance; and as vehicles age, the maintenance can become too costly. The Board of Directors in February of 2021 decided to not let the Safety Committee drive the black and white anymore. In the future, you might see your neighbors car with the Oceana Safety magnets and a yellow popcorn popper light on the roof. (That's the term I learned to call it.) Or perhaps you will be wondering why a stray golfer is on your street. It might be a Safety Committee member.

I used to patrol on a small 4-wheel drive vehicle known as a Quad. It was rigged with lights, decals, shotgun rack, and we would patrol the Santa Monica Mountain range. Not sure that would work here in Oceana. But it would be a great message to send to anyone scoping out our neighborhood.



So this article says Good bye to our black and white. Our symbol of safety. I can't promise how many current Committee members will stay on without a black and white. Perhaps we will get new members? But the black and white served us well. And she definitely cared about your safety. If you are interested in the new Safety Committee, please call the office.

Kelly Byrne



Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

This month's focus is on the generosity of our garden club members here at Oceana. It is such a pleasure to see the enthusiasm that our group possesses. Let's start with the furniture.

Thanks go to Casey Fitzpatrick for his contribution of new chairs. Looking forward to using them soon at a garden party with all members.



Now, let's talk about plants. Mary Murphy is doing a great job maintaining the herb garden and shade garden.



We have a new garden helper in 17a. His name is Bill Matthews. He too has a love for landscaping and is helping with this expansion including giving us



a hose outlet over there to make watering the plants easier. If you, your neighbors or friends have any larger sized succulents or cactus that need a new home, or are root bound in a pot, just let us know. Bill has a truck and we can pick up from you at any time.

Thanks to Christine Forster, Hoesin Winchester, Sherry Parovel, and Peggie Moore for your donations to the expansion of the Oceana Orchard in the back area. If I missed anyone's donations, I humbly apologize and will get you next time. All in all things are going well, not counting the 30 foot landslide on Vista Bella Rd. near the dog park. Hopefully, the road will be reopened by the time this edition is out.

Diane Harris, Secretary

Website

Happy Spring Time! Can't wait to get outside more and enjoy the fresh air and friends. Now that most of us have had our vaccine shots we can meander outside more to visit and find out what's new.

What's new? Oh, sure, you can go online at www.oceanaseniors.org to find out. There's a wealth of new and old news that keeps you in touch with our wonderful community. Although there is not a lot new happening in person, you can read about EV Owners and drafting EV charging policy. If you have an EV car, bet you will be interested in that bit of information. Free Food! What? Yup, that's in there, too. Need a form to remodel your home? Well, you can get the forms there, too. The Art and Event Photos are still up - we have so many talented people in Oceana, you may want to check this out and enter some of our own art. You can find out who won the 3 seats for the Board of Directors even before you read the Highlights, plus it's in full color. If you want to send a message to OCA office staff, go to the OCA AppFolio Portal, fill it out and you can be a part of the tech world.

Your very own Oceana Website is getting better and better each month. Volunteers are always needed to keep the Website productive. 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. The committee is the three Steves (Reigle, Ashworth, and Graves, liaison) plus Kelly Byrne, Don Betz and Gene Barilotti. Thank you for everything you do. Not many know the work you put into making the website look so professional and worth our time to use each day. Thank you for volunteering.

Anita Romaine
Chair Website Committee

OSERT

Water—you can't live without it!

This February, Texas and Mississippi were hit by unexpected winter storms. There were widespread power outages affecting millions of people but more important, hundreds of thousands of homes did not have access to water for drinking, cooking, washing or flushing the toilet. While sub-zero storms are unlikely in southern California, other events like earthquakes, floods and aging pipes can result

in a sudden loss of water pressure, contaminated water, or no water at all.

Humans (and our pets) cannot survive without safe drinking water for more than a few days. OSERT (and the Red Cross) strongly urge all Oceana residents to stockpile a two-week supply of water (one gallon per day, per person and extra for pets). Some canned food would also be a good idea.

Note: While canned foods have valid expiration dates, water in gallon plastic bottles from the store will never expire if it is kept in a cool, dark place like a closet.

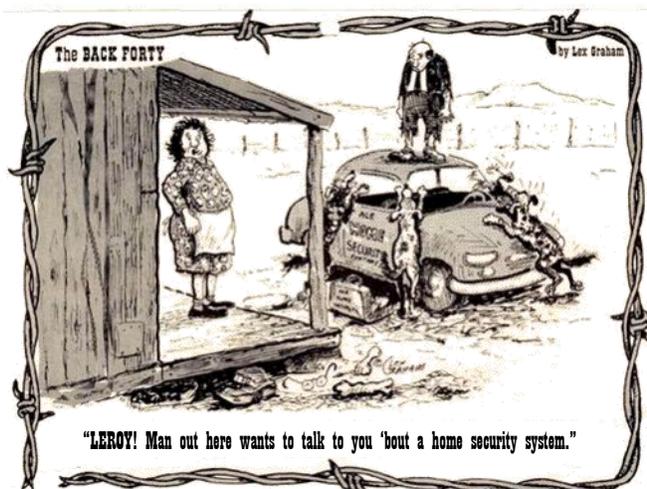
Since you won't be able to flush your toilets during a water outage, we also urge you to follow the recommendations for converting your home toilet into a temporary composting toilet using black plastic garbage bags and cat litter. These items should be purchased and stored before and not after an emergency happens. (We now all know what empty grocery store shelves look like!) For instructions on setting up a composting toilet, please see page six of the 2019-2020 Oceana Directory (where the relevant page of the OSERT Emergency Preparedness Manual is located).

Several years ago, there was a water pipe rupture in Oceana which left homes in several units without water. Residents were advised to go to the clubhouse if they needed water. Some residents contacted OSERT committee members and asked if we could have water delivered to their homes. Unfortunately, our very small committee of volunteers has neither the authority nor the resources to provide water to our community.

It is every family's responsibility to be prepared for emergencies. Please stock up on drinking water and other essentials.

Be prepared and stay safe!

Anita Romaine, Chair OSERT



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This month at The Isle we are excited to announce we have created additional seating and dining space at our brand new 'Beach Club'! This area located adjacent to the 18th green allows for even more entertainment space all while accommodating our guests in a safe and fun way. We look forward to hosting you all and getting back to normal as soon as we can. For more updates and announcements be sure to check us out on social media or give the shop a call to be added to our email list.

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