

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Happy
New
Year

Inside:



2022 BOD Recall & Election



January Activities Line-Up



HAPPY New Year

We made it!!!

A note to website viewers:

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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 back-ups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on week-ends 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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OVERSEE.ASP**

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 both in-person in the Auditorium and virtual—the link will be communicated to residents via email and on the posted Agendas.



A Message From the President of our Board Of Directors

Critical Votes Coming Up!

President Lincoln spoke of government of the people, by the people, for the people. The Declaration of Independence states: Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

In the upcoming months our community will have opportunity to test its belief in the principles of government of the people, by the people and for the people. A number of critical votes, to be counted at the March 19 Annual Meeting, will set our course for the next 40 or 50 years. Although the attorneys and the Inspector of Elections may still tweak things a bit, I'd like to get you started thinking and talking about the issues before us. Your ballot will have four parts.

Part #1 will be the vote to **Recall the Board**. It will be a simple Yes or No. The people of OCA will decide whether to trust the leadership of the present board or state that they want different directors. See Page 2 of this Hilltop Highlights for the names of the current directors.

Part #2 is to **Elect the New Board**. There will be two sections of which only one will be used. **You Need to Fill In Both Sections** because the outcome of the recall vote will not be known until the votes are counted on March 19. One section will be counted if the recall fails, and therefore there is need just to elect four directors for the four (John Vogt, Sue Moore, Kris McLaughlin, and vacant) whose terms are expiring. Or the other section will be used if the recall is successful and all seven directors need to be elected. You can mark your preferred top four candidates in both sections.

Part #3 is a non-binding survey to **Support the Board of Directors' and Future Board's efforts to Make Oceanside Land Company (OLC) Fulfill Its Legal Obligation to Pay for the Replacement of Failed Infrastructure in Our Community?** It will be a simple Yes or No.

Note: Our attorney has determined that there is solid, legal precedent to hold the landowner responsible for replacement of infrastructure. As a result our association has sent OLC a bill for 2,130,666.19 for replacements which we made and paid for in 2018-2021. Replacement costs are certain to become even greater in future years as our community continues to age. Court action and costs may be required to get OLC to pay up, although OLC would need to pay our legal costs if we win.

Part #4 is to approve the following amendments to our CC&Rs as drafted by Attorney Joel Kriger:

2.11: Commencing (to be determined), owners will no longer be required to make rental payments to the Association pursuant to their sub-leases. The total rental costs paid by the Association for the common area pursuant to the master leases will become part of the annual assessment.

4.3.4: The payments made to the Oceanside Land Company by the Association pursuant to the master leases for the common areas shall be part of the annual assessment allocated equally among the lots pursuant to [CC&Rs] section 4/7 herein.

5.2.7: The Association shall discharge and pay all rents due and payable under provisions of master leases. It will be a simple Yes or No.

Note: The land lease payment for 398 of the Lots i.e. homes) in our community is a flat \$15/month, and for 534 of the Lots there's an escalating lease payment which currently ranges between \$95.99 and \$127.98. According to

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the terms of our contract with the land company, the escalating payments increase every 10 years according to the cost-of-living index. OCA, in turn, passes on the land lease charge directly to the respective homeowners through 99-year sub-leases between our Association and its 932 members. One possible way to address this inequity is through this amendment. If it passes, the land lease portion of the monthly assessment would increase for all 932 homeowners at a rate of approximately half the cost-of-living index for the remaining ca. 45 years of the lease.

I'm sure you will agree with me that through their votes the people of OCA will be setting the course of our community for the next 40 or 50 years. I ask that you give the issues your careful thought and then vote for what you sincerely believe is the best course for our community.

John Vogt
Board President

The Staff Corner

A Recap of Important Info From the General Manager

...six months and the saying, "time flies when you are having fun", is "true". As General Manager here at Oceanside Community Association within my first six months, the office staff and I have taken daily action managing the association, carrying out board directions, and working with committees and homeowners to provide important support. We have helped facilitate OCA best practices throughout the community. The staff and I have not, nor will we make decisions for the association, except those specifically assigned to us by the Board and the committees. I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with many OCA Owners and, so far, my overall experience is excellent. I believe, as we continue working together into the New Year, 2022, that mutual respect, neighborly care, and the golden rule (treat others as you would like to be treated) will bring some peace, harmony, health, and a little love to the community. Further, a special thank you for allowing me to serve. I pledge to be open-minded, willing, and honest in my ongoing

responsibilities as General Manager. It feels good to be working here at OCA. Community, above all, is bigger than individuals-it is something much more than individuals when we are part of a community. And this is how things ought to be.

Scott Humberstone, CCAM
General Manager
T: 760-757-3937 ~ F: 760-757-8177



Letters to the Editor

We offer this feature to provide you, our members and residents, with a way to express your opinions, thoughts, suggestions and/or concerns on topics germane to OCA. Deliver

your letter to the office, or:

Email your letter to:

letterstoeditor@ocaoffice.org

Or snail-mail it to

Letters to the Editor

550 Vista Bella

Oceanside, CA 92057

Please be aware that we may be faced with space limitations. Also, please note:

- Every message must identify its sender, including your name (which we will publish), as well as your address and your email address or phone number (if we need clarification).
- No message may exceed 100 words.
- We will correct misspellings, obvious typos, grammar and constructs that obscure the message.
- We will not print a message that is not germane to OCA.
- We will not print a message containing vulgar, slanderous, or abusive language.
- Where needed, we will attempt a fact-check. We will print the message as submitted, but may make additional comments on validity of the content.
- If there are multiple letters on the same subject, and space is an issue, we reserve the right to summarize the messages and cite the numbers of submissions.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Keeping Informed in Case of Emergency

By Pat McArdle

I'm a volunteer on Oceana's Safety Committee. Some of us patrol during the day. Others drive around our community after dark. We check the security lights and keep an eye out for any unusual activity. If what we see is concerning, if the office is open, we notify them. Otherwise, we notify the Oceanside police on their non-emergency number (760) 435-4900), or, if there is a real emergency, we call 911.

Last month an incident occurred which illustrated our community's need for a speedy way to notify all residents in case of an emergency.

On Saturday Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm, while eating dinner and watching a movie, I heard a muffled male voice that seemed to be coming from somewhere outside. I couldn't understand what he was saying. A minute later I also heard the thwop-thwop of helicopter blades. I opened my front door, saw the chopper's search light, heard a siren and was able to make out only some of what the police loudspeaker was broadcasting: "man in a brown and white jacket...call 911." I went back inside, locked my door, closed the curtains, and decided that tonight was probably not a good night for this old lady and Vietnam era military veteran to be slowly driving around Oceana looking for security lights that had gone out.

Later that evening, I read on the Oceana "Next Door" app on my phone that the police had actually been searching for a missing person and not a criminal. I regretted not going on my night patrol. I might have found the guy.

It also occurred to me that some Oceana residents, who might be hard of hearing or who were also watching TV, may not have heard or understood the chopper's announcement. In this case it wasn't a life-threatening emergency, but it could have been.

Oceana is planning to deploy a system that will allow management to pass urgent information to all residents via cell phone, but that system will not be linked to the Oceanside Police or Fire Departments.

There is an online service that does allow you to receive relevant announcements on your phone. It's called **Nixle** and it's free. Oceana Board member, Safety Committee liaison and retired Los Angeles Police Officer, Kelly Byrne, has provided the following details on this very useful service.



2022 OCA Board of Directors Recall and Election

Get ready for some changes, folks. An election to select new board members for OCA is coming soon. The 2022 Nominating Committee had its first meeting on December 7. The committee members are MaryAnn Alger, Diane Harris, Georgette Velez, Robin Ynacay Nye, and Virginia Mann with Karen Walter as the assistant to the committee.

The deadline for candidates to submit their intent to run was 3:00 pm December 31, but you can still be nominated. In addition to the names on the ballot, nominations may be made from the floor on the day of the annual meeting. Check your December 4 Community Update for information about the annual meeting and election. Candidate profiles and forum details will be featured in the Feb. Hilltop Highlights issue.

Ballots will be mailed out February 15 by the Inspector of Elections. There will be two parts to the election. Part 1 is to vote for or against a recall of the entire 7-member board. Part 2 will be a vote for 4 new members if votes do not support a recall. Terms are 2 years in length. The annual meeting and election will be held Saturday, March 19 at 1 pm.

Diane Harris, Chairwoman

👉 Through **Nixle**, you can receive notifications concerning police and fire activity in our area. Unlike "Ready San Diego", which is an app, you will need to download **Nixle** from their website:

<https://local.nixle.com/register>.

Once you sign up, you can select the type of notifications you wish to receive.

On a smartphone you can use **Nixle** by receiving notifications via email or text message. If you don't have a smartphone, you can log onto their website via your computer. If you don't have a computer at home, you can use Oceana's Computer Room in the clubhouse to log into Nixle and put in your information so you can receive alerts through your landline. If you don't know how to use a computer, one of the volunteers in the Computer Room can help you.

Pat McArdle

Notices & Reminders



Report Infractions

When you encounter a parking problem that is a violation of city code (e.g., blocking access to your garage, parking on red lines, or blocking traffic), **contact Oceanside Police** at:

760-435-4500

For more information, see:

CI.OCEANSIDE.CA.US/GOV/DEV/CODE/OVERSEE.ASP

Announcing: Dominos

We have a new activity for our members' enjoyment: Dominos. The new Dominos group meets every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Card Room. If you would like to participate, please join them.

Charles Kruse

A Feel Good/Good Deed Story

One of our OCA walkers found a wallet. In looking for ID she determined there was \$500 in the wallet. She brought it to the office and asked if anyone had reported a missing wallet. No one had. When our sleuth/receptionist took on the case, no record could be found of a resident here matching the name. That did not stop the sleuth. She went on social media, found the owner of the wallet, who then came to the office and picked it up. As you can imagine, the owner was very happy; it turns out that was his last dollar.

Karen Walter

YANA

The Oceanside Police Department sponsors and supports the home-visiting program called **YANA (You Are Not Alone)**. Members of the Senior Volunteer Patrol Program perform the home visits, Monday through Friday, from 0900 - 1300.

When you request the service, a member of the Senior Volunteer Patrol will talk to you and determine the need and frequency for visits. The Senior Volunteers will check on your safety and well-being.

They will **NOT** provide care services, or assist you around the home. Please discuss with them problems you may have in your care or safety. As appropriate, the volunteers will try to assist you in reporting your problems to the appropriate person or agency.

If you consent to the service, we ask that you place the yellow sign where we can see it when you are unavailable for a visit. If the volunteers arrive for a scheduled visit, and you do not respond, they will assume an emergency and call for required assistance. If you are not available for the scheduled visit, call the Senior Patrol Office as early in the day as possible at 760-435-4763. If you do not receive and answer, please leave a message.

Submitted by Andrea Anderson

Oceanside Garden Club Annual Meeting

On January 8th at 10am, OGC will host their annual meeting to renew memberships, elect new officers and discuss future plans. The meeting will be held at the Shade Garden and refreshments will be served. If you have interest in joining our club, you can contact the office for more information, or come by on Saturday mornings and speak to Kevin Immel, the interim president.

**Keven Immel,
OGC Interim President**



Activities

Friday, January 14, 6 pm-8 pm

Pizza and Beer Night



Come to your neighborhood pub.

Sign up at the office by January 12 and join your friends and neighbors.

When:	Jan. 14, 2022 6 - 8 pm
Where:	Clubhouse
Enjoy:	Pizza & Beer
Signup by:	Jan. 12, 2022 at the office
Fee:	\$5 each

Monday, January 17, 6 pm-8 pm



Test your luck and have fun with your friends and neighbors. No sign-up needed.

When:	Jan. 17, 2022 6 - 8 pm
Where:	Clubhouse
No sign-up required and there is no fee!	

Saturday, January 29, 6 pm-9 pm

Dance Party



Country style music with wine, beer and snacks. Music by Rhythm Express.

Sign up at the office by January 25 and join in the festivities. \$10.00 each.

When:	Jan. 29, 2022 6 - 9 pm
Where:	Clubhouse
Enjoy:	Dancing, wine, beer & snacks
Signup by:	Jan. 25, 2022 at the office
Fee:	\$10 each

COFFEE HOUR

Get caffeinated. Get energized. Get dancing!

Live entertainment each week. Meets every Thursday in the clubhouse 9:00-10:30AM

Coffee Hour



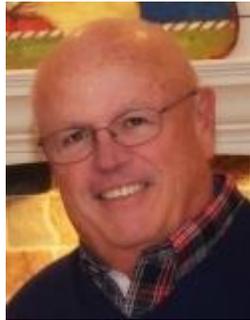
- Jan. 6 Bingo, Try your luck
- Jan. 13 Celeste (Music)
- Jan. 20 Michelle Gilberti—CBD Presentation
- Jan. 27 Radiance (Music)

Watch for Free Coffee and Donuts

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Obituaries

Bill Loftus passed away on November 28th. The family wishes that you respect their privacy and in lieu of flowers please consider donating to Interfaith:



Bill Loftus
1946-2021

interfaithservices.org.

Although Bill knew that his days were limited because of his serious health problem, he had agreed to use time in his last months to serve a six-month vacancy on the Board of Directors. He was a strong advocate for causes he believed in, but did it in a way that showed respect and civility. Even when he disagreed with you, you always were left with the feeling that he remained a friend.

Bill assisted this community in every way possible and he will be sincerely missed.

Other Recently Reported Deaths:

Frances Smith Unit 2,
Theresa Estep Unit 6,
Debbie McDonald Unit 5 and
Laurie Fraccalvieri, Unit 6.

We offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of each of these individuals.



When a woman says "What?", it's not because she didn't hear you.

She's giving you a chance to change what you said.



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

Things To Do at OCA

Art Studio -Art Studio - Wed., 1-3pm. Info: call Mary Hall, 714-595-4138.

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

Bridge

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

Social Bridge -Fri. 9:00am. Card Room.

Carving Club (The California Carvers Guild) -Wed. 6-8pm in the Art/Ceramics Room Info: James (Darrell) Roche at 760-285-2493 .

Ceramic Studio -open Mons. 9:30-12:30 and 1-3:00pm every Tues., Thurs. and Fri. Info: Dee Dee Young, deedeeyng@yahoo.com.

Chair Volleyball - Mon. and Thurs. at 1pm. Clubhouse. Info: Dave Freeman at 818-262-0788

Computer Room - Open Tues.-Fri., 10-12 and 1-3. Info: Don Betts at 760-433-2059

Creative Writing -Enjoy writing? Had your covid shots? We're a light-hearted, supportive, non-competitive writing group. We don't critique, but encourage. All invited. Billiards room, Tues. at 10AM. Info: Alan at 760 224-6404 or remembetolaugh@yahoo.com

Discussion Group - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library. Info: Carol Rische at 951-894-7109.

Dominos Group - Tues., 12:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Dona White agt 760-533-2484.

French Club - Wed., 11am-Noon in the Library. Call Danae at 760-529-9226.

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

Garden Club - Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden. Info: Kevin Immel 760-305-2160

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

Keep Fit Exercise Class - MWF 8:30-9am. Auditorium. Info: Tom Trompeter, 760-681-7100.

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.

Meditation Group -Friday evenings outdoors. Info: Jean Rothman at 760-303-1972.

OCA Book Club -2 pm 2nd Tues. of each month in the Card Room.

OSERT -3rd Wed. at 5pm. Computer room. Info: Anita Romaine, 760-519-7592

Pickleball - Sun., Mon., Tues. and Fri.. Play levels: Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. Clubhouse. See the Calendar for specifics. Info: Steve Reigle.

Pinochle Mon. at 1 pm. Card Room. Double or triple deck; 3,4,5 and 6-seat tables. We play for fun. Info: Joyce Poxon 760-859-6728.

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

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

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

Trivia -Mon. 7-9pm. Card room. Info: Colleen Eidson 760-529-9999

Water Aerobics

Mornings: 8:00am Mon/Wed/Fri. Info: Betsy 760-439-2879.

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

Yoga - Chair: Mon. at 10am. Auditorium.
- **Floor:** Tues. 7-8 pm.
Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641

Events Scheduled Every Week—By Weekday

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Weds.
Pickleball Private Noon-2:30pm Private 4pm-6pm 	Ceramics: 9:30am-12:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Chair Yoga 10am Keep Fit Class: 8:30am (Auditorium) Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Pickleball: Open Play 2-4:15pm Private 4:15-6:30pm Pinochle: 1-4pm Seniors on the Go 9-11am Trivia: 7-9pm Water Aerobics: 8-9am Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 1-3pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Creative Writing 10-11am (Billiards Room) Dominos 12:30-4pm Floor Yoga 7-8pm Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Pickleball: Advanced Players Only 9am-Noon Open Play 2-4:30pm Poker: 6-8pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Art Room Open: 1-3pm Carving Club 6-8pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm French Club 11am-Noon Friends of Bill W. 5:00pm Keep Fit Class: 8:30am Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Putting Practice 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 10-2pm Water Aerobics: 8-9am Wed. Bridge 12:30-3:30pm (Except 1 st Wed. of Mo.) Woodshop: 1-3pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2	3	4 10 am Activities Cte.— Card Room Share & Wear Open.	5 Noon Website Cte. —Computer Room 5:30 pm Safety Cte. —Computer Room
9	10	11 9:30 am Architecture Cte.—Card Room 2 pm Book Club —Library	12 10 am Unit Advisors —Auditorium
16	17 6-8pm Night Bingo — Auditorium	18 9:30 am Compliance Cte. —Card Room	19 6:30 pm OSERT —Computer Room
23	24 9:30am Finance Cte.— Card Room	25 Robert Burns Night	26 9:30am Open BOD Mtg. -Auditorium 12 pm BOD Exec. Session
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Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Billiards: 10:30am Ceramics: 1-3pm Chair Volleyball 1-2pm Coffee Hour: 9am (See below) Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Discussion Group (Library) 10:30am Knitting: 10:30am Lapidary Shop: 1-3pm Sequence: 1-4pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm Sing-Along—Aud. 6pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 1-3pm Computer Rm: 10-12am & 1-3pm Hand & Foot: 12:30pm Keep Fit Class: 8:30am (Auditorium) Pickleball: Advanced Players 1-3pm Open Play 3-5:30pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm Social Bridge: 9-11:30am Tai Chi: 10-11:30am Water Aerobics: 8-9am Woodshop: 1-3pm	
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		10am-2pm SSS 10am OGC Annual Meeting—OGC Shade Garden
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		9am Coffee Hour—Auditorium Celeste (Music) 2 pm SPC Mtg.—Library
		10am Landscape Cte.—Billiards Room 6-8pm Pizza & Beer Night —Auditorium
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		11 am Ad Hoc Unit Improvement Cte.—Office conf. room
		22
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		9am Coffee Hour—Auditorium Radiance (Music)
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		6-9pm Dance Party — Auditorium
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Looking Forward to a Great **2022**

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
Chair
Chuck Kruse
Charlie Wendt Secretary
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.
Susan Gugino
Don Jones
Karin Messaros
Kathleen Pursell
Carol Rishe
Isabelle Strubhar
Ginger Thayer
Anita Romaine Board Exec. Cte.
Peggie 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
Les Jones U 5
Jay Crawford (on leave)
Tony Hoople U 8
Harold Marsh U 2,6
Paula McDonald U 1,1A,3,4
Ed Smith
John Vogt Board Exec. Cte.

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Chair
Kathleen Dowling
Debra Demary
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Mike McLaughlin
Steve Omler
Peggie Moore Board Exec. Cte.
Sue Moore Board Exec. Cte.

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: TBD
Steve Gillis/Wade Messer Co-Chairs
Peter Cornog
Patricia McArdle
Mary Murphy
Mike McLaughlin
Tain Soreboe
Sue Moore 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.

OCA-TV Committee

Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
Steve Milligan
Theresa Loverro
Anita Romaine Board Liaison

Safety Committee

Meets: 3rd Wed. ea. Month,
6pm, Comp. Room
Chair, 510-701-4044
703-254-8916
214-0221
Andrea Anderson
Patricia McArdle
John Moore
Alice Nolan
Toby Roberts
Dorothy Thayer
Mike Thayer
Kelly Byrne Board Liaison

Unit Advisors Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month,
10am, Clubhouse Auditorium
Co-Chairs
Jeff Kern & Jay Norris
Unit
1 - Ron Landsel 760-231-7586
1A - Linda Langworthy 562-301-1346
2 - Georgette Velez 661-903-6990
Lynne Riddell 760-815-2220
3 - (Open)
4 - Sally Lopez 760-421-4187
5 - Andrea Anderson 510-701-4044
6 - Steve Lawler 760-419-7011
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7 (35-62) & 7A - Pat Hawkins 760-450-6231
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9 - Jeff Kern 908-420-1853
10 - Judy Hartmann 909-518-8767
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11 (46-77) - Diane Pettibon 760-803-1637
12 (1-53) - Jaci Ackles 760-845-4612
12 (54-98)- Karen Bishop 619-607-2400
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Website Committee

Meets: As Of Jan.5, 1st Wed. every other Month,
12pm, Computer Room
Chair
Tain Soreboe
Lonnie Burrows
Tom Trompeter
Kelly Byrne Board Liaison



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

Committee Reports

Activities

Planning 2022

The Activities Committee met to work on planning for 2022 events. We had different sources to help us in this effort, such as:

- 2021 Events - which ones went well and which did not do so well
- 2021 Wednesday "Hump Day" events we had in October (we learned a lot from them)
- 2022 General list of events happening during the year (e.g. Winter Olympics, Kentucky Derby)
- General Survey we sent out earlier in the year to find out your interests—this had some excellent suggestions for event ideas
- Brand new ideas for possible events

Here is some of our thinking and what we used to plan our 2022 Events:

Regular "Repeat" Events: We have scheduled some of the "regular" events that we've had in the past and want to continue (e.g. Super Bowl Party, Ice Cream Social, Holiday events).

Interest Survey: We used the results of the interest survey to identify the most requested event suggestions.

- The event that had the most responses was an Evening Concert on the Grass (out by the pool area). So we have plans for some concerts in the early evening in the summer.
- There were also many events that would require us to drive or "go to" to a place, event, or concert (e.g., La Jolla Playhouse, Catalina Boat ride, Moonlight Theater attractions, Oceanside Marina Boat rides, coaster to Gaslamp area, music/plays at Palomar College). We do not currently have these on our calendar. So we will be requesting some help from those that want these type of events to help organize a "meet up" this type of event.
- Other suggestions that came from your interest response include: Pizza party night, Potluck at clubhouse, Drumming at equinoxes, Night sky observing, Chili cook-off, Evening dances, Pool party with games), Wine tasting, Beer tasting, Sum-

mer campout night by pool area, Interesting speakers (e.g. CBD Uses). Our initial plans include many of these ideas and we will try to do them if we can get volunteers to help with the planning and putting on the event.

Wednesday "Hump Day" Event Learning

We cannot try to do a weekly event. It is too much work for a small number of volunteers. We do not always need a band to perform on evenings (using a playlist with our speaker system will work in many cases), nor do we need to have decorations. We also need to have a minimum charge for most events (we had a lot of "no shows" for some events where we planned food for a much larger number). People really seemed to like to come out to evening events where we have food and refreshments. A planned activity for folks also helps keep them interested.

Some Brand New Ideas: We are planning some evening monthly events we call: "TV Game Show Night". It would be an activity that would accompany food and refreshments for evening events. We would have Oceana residents (and maybe some of our staff) to participate in our OCA version of: Jeopardy, Newly Wed Game, Family Feud, and also to try night Bingo (with some good prizes). We feel it could be a lot of fun and be very entertaining.

Volunteers Needed: We feel we have many very good ideas for activities for the year. We will be requesting folks to help us out in different ways. We can use more committee members who help to organize overall events during the year. We also need others to help plan an individual event or two. We need people to greet at events, to help set up before the events, plan and conduct activities during events, and people to help clean up afterwards. We cannot ask the committee members to do all of this work themselves

Well... hopefully you will find some events that interest you. Give us a try! We plan to learn from some of our early events and continue to update our event plans to bring you opportunities to meet others, have fun and learn "stuff". Hey... and if you do not find an event that you would like, please let the Activities Committee know and if you'd be willing to help with it.

Charlie Wendt, Secretary

OCA-TV Update

Happy New Year and best wishes for a successful year for all Oceana residents

2022 - did we ever think it would finally get here?! Have you gotten used to typing in 2022 instead of 2021 (it's easy to make a 2 out of a 1 though!

So, you've been watching the revived Ch 1960 for a little less than a year now, what do you think? Do you rely on it to watch the recordings of the Board and other important meetings, live broadcasted or recorded? Have you watched the content on Ch 1960 and gone down memory lane with the TV shows and movies we all used to watch in our childhood? (We believed every one of them, too!) Compared to the website, how much more do you use the TV channel to watch the meetings and to stay informed with all the news that is happening in our community? Has Ch 1960 enhanced your knowledge of what's been going on in the Board meetings? I am interested in knowing what you think. Please keep it honest and informational so the TV Committee can make plans for the new year. The SPC committee is looking into other cable companies for comparison in price and content. We could possibly save some money each month and get better service and channels. Maybe there would be our own Oceana channel with the deal. The decision won't be made quickly as there is lots of research to do, but it may be worth the time to check it out.

Oceana is becoming a tech-savvy community. We have the capability of keeping in touch with everything within Oceana from BOD meetings, schedules for events or entertainment at our clubhouse, new winter schedules for the pool, what the weather will be in Oceanside for five days, upcoming events, the TV schedule for the month, all the forms needed for landscape and architecture projects, and pictures of past activities.

I want to thank the OCA TV committee for their willingness to revive ch 1960. With each holiday there will be new movies, cartoons, and the most recent recorded meetings. Have you seen the Art Sale videos yet? Something always new and interesting about Oceana!!

If you have comments about OCA-TV or are interested in joining our mighty committee, please contact me at 760-439-7766 or altanita14@cox.net. You are always welcome to see what we do and show us some of your expertise. Thank you,

**Anita Romaine
Acting Chair**

Landscape

Happy New Year! The Landscape Committee (LSC) has planted 14 trees in the last three months! We look forward to planting more before spring comes. If you see a place that needs a tree, if you wish to sponsor a tree, or you see a tree that is struggling please let us know.

New Landscape Service Request Forms (green) are now available outside the office, along with other forms and where payments and letters are dropped. Residents now have more options and can request a "Modification". For example, you may opt-out of having the bushes around your dwelling trimmed and you may request to plant a few annuals in the empty flower bed next to your front door. You can request to have artificial turf (up to 300 sq. ft.) installed in certain areas. There are many ways we can assist you in caring for the area around your home.

We are all on a new and exciting learning curve. Please be patient, be sure to read both sides of the new Landscape Request Form, and don't hesitate to contact the Landscape Committee with questions. You can e-mail us or attend our monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month at 10am in the Billiards room for more information.

The updated Member and Resident Handbook will be published soon. The Adopt-A-Spot Program and the Aladdin Project information are discussed in the new Handbook as are many other Landscape ideas you may be interested in.

Have a great month and enjoy the great outdoors.

Kathleen Dowling, Chair

Oceana Garden Club (OGC)

We are really looking forward to another great year in the Oceana Garden Club. If all goes well, we will continue to upgrade the aging garden plot enclosures with donations from our members and crew of carpenters. We are so pleased with the expansion of our nursery (see photo) that will serve our community on future Adopt-A-Spot and Aladdin projects saving us lots of expense.

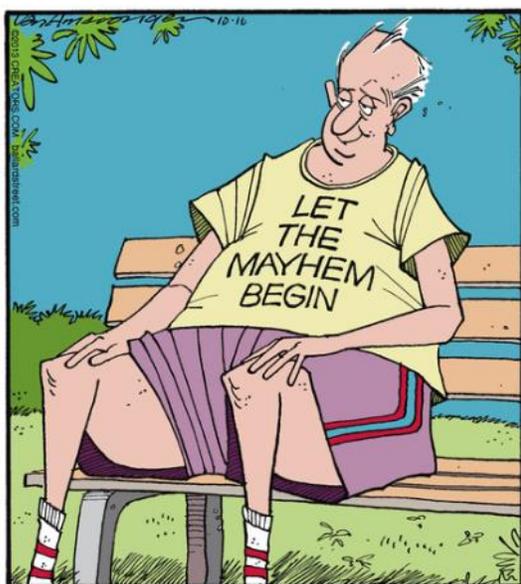
On January 8th, OGC will host our annual meeting to renew memberships and discuss future plans. This will be held at the Garden Lounge area. If you have interest in joining



The OGC Nursery

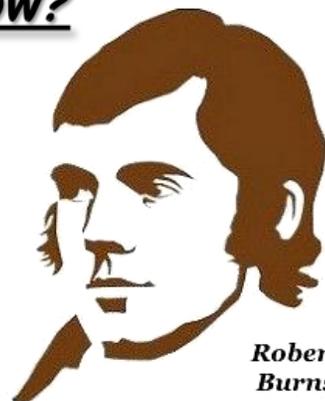
our club, you can contact the office for more information, or come by on Saturday mornings and speak to Kevin Immel, the interim president. Thanks again to all the gardeners that helped donate your time and support to help us transform our "Slice of Paradise "into something more beautiful each passing year. Special thanks to our outgoing officers Peggie Moore (Treasurer) and Dianne Harris (Secretary) for your service over the last year or two. Come down and visit the Vista Bella Gardens (formerly Dog Park Garden) made possible with donations of plants, materials and lots of hard labor from OGC and our supportive community.

**Kevin Immel,
Interim President**



Not surprisingly, Gordon never buys his own T-shirts.

Did You Know?



Robert Burns Night

Robert Burns

Burn's Night celebrates the birthday and life of one of Scotland's national poets, Robert Burns. Robert Burns was born 25 January, 1759 in Alloway, Scotland. He found major success at 27 with poems such as *To a Louse*, *To a Mouse*, and *The Cotter's Saturday Night*. His poetry focused on aspects of farm life, regional experience, traditional culture, class culture, and religious practice. He died in 1796 at 37 years old.

Burn's Night was first held in 1801 by his close friends. An evening supper was held in honor of his life. Today, it is common to enjoy the traditional Scottish dish consisting of haggis (a savory pudding containing meat, onion, and spices) and scotch whisky. Along with the meal, many people will recite Robert Burn's poetry. This holiday is recognized by the Scottish Parliament as a key cultural event. It is celebrated annually on 25 January.

For Burns Night, Scots *Wha Hae* on viola da gamba. Robert Burns wrote this song in 1793 adding words to an old Scots melody "*Hae Tut-tie Tattie*". This tune is said to have been played by the army of Robert the Bruce on the eve of their victory at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. You can listen to the tune, played on viola da gamba, at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyPRoX9y7to

Facts:

- According to Scotland.org, with the exception of Queen Victoria and Christopher Columbus, there are more statues dedicated to Robert Burns than any other non-religious figure.
- The largest collection of Robert Burn's work is said to be in Glasgow's Mitchell Library. His work there has been translated into almost 30 different languages.
- Robert Burns became the first person to appear on a commemorative bottle of Coca Cola. It debuted in 2009.

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Burns' Poetry:

For those of us who have not had much exposure to the poetry of Robert Burns, it is amazing how familiar it seems and how much it has influenced our every-day language. A few examples:

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint stowp!
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowan fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fitt,
Sin' auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,
Frae morning sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude-willie-waught,
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

A RED, RED ROSE

O my Luve's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O my Luve's like the melodie,
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in luve am I;
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare-thee-weel, my only Luve!
And fare-thee-weel, a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile!

TO A MOUSE

Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi' bickering brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry man's dominion,
Has broken nature's social union,
An' justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle
At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,
An' fellow-mortal!

I doubt na, whiles, but thou may thieve;
What then? poor beastie, thou maun live!
A daimen icker in a thrave
'S a sma' request;
I'll get a blessin wi' the lave,
An' never miss't!

Thy wee bit housie, too, in ruin!
It's silly wa's the win's are strewin!
An' naething, now, to big a new ane,
O' foggage green!
An' bleak December's winds ensuin,
Baith snell an' keen!

Thou saw the fields laid bare an' waste,
An' weary winter comin fast,
An' cozie here, beneath the blast,
Thou thought to dwell -
Till crash! the cruel coulter past
Out thro' thy cell.

That wee bit heap o' leaves an' stibble,
Has cost thee mony a weary nibble!
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,
But house or hald,
To thole the winter's sleety dribble,
An' cranreuch cauld!

But, Mousie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving foresight may be vain;
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!

Still thou art blest, compar'd wi' me
The present only toucheth thee:
But, Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!

