

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS



Happy
Holidays



*... And may 2023 bring you good health and happiness
From your Board of Directors and Staff.*

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A note to website viewers:

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Thurs., 8:30 am-Noon; 1pm-5:30 pm
Fri., 9 am-3 pm

Office Information

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st Friday of every month. Email to:
oceanahub@gmail.com.
- Have a payment to make or a work order to submit after office hours? Please use the drop box located on the front/west side of the OCA Business Office. It is checked Monday through Friday.
- 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, 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 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 Amber Effinger at:
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Keep Informed

Oceana

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City of Oceanside

ci.oceanside.ca.us

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sandiegocounty.gov

Report City Code 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),

Call: 760-435-4500

ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/code/oversee.asp

The monthly General Session Board of Directors' meeting takes place at 9:30 am on the last Wednesday of the month. It will be held in the Auditorium and by Zoom. The link will be communicated to residents via email and posted on the website. Agendas are posted on bulletin boards and the website. Homeowners may eMail comments **prior** to the meeting to:
office@ocaoffice.org.
Zoom chat is not available.



A Message From a Member of our Board Of Directors

This article is the opinion of the author, listed below.

Be One of Three

Yes, **You!!** You have until 11:59 p.m. on December 22 to submit your completed application package for nomination to the Board of Directors. The board is best when it has a wide range of talents, skills and experience. The 2022-23 board has benefitted from members with volunteer, law enforcement, education, private business, city government, legal and finance experience. We rarely have a unanimous vote, but you have to admit we have lively discussions.

Rewarding

It is a big responsibility to serve 932 homeowners, but it is also rewarding. In the beginning, the board had many items that needed to be addressed. As the seven of us keep chipping away on the problems, the complaints turned to compliments and gratitude. Each month, a board member is assigned to answer the homeowners' emails to the entire board. During my month, I was prepared to respond to the complaints with my spreadsheet (of course). The board received one complaint and numerous notes of appreciation.

It Takes Time

Yes, you are making a time commitment to the community that affects your family. There is one person who wishes I had not been elected - Gordon, my husband! Don't judge the time commitment totally by this board. We work numerous hours to address items with the goal to set policies and procedures and put them into practice so the 2023-24 board won't have to work so hard. There have been many hours addressing management, election, risk management,

financial, legal, maintenance and Oceanside Land Company issues this year.

Winning Isn't Everything

Whether you win a place on the board or not, through the process you make new friends and have an opportunity to express your possible solutions for OCA during your campaign. Perfect examples are Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin and me. I may never have met Teresa in the community, but because we sat next to each other during three Candidate Forums, we became friends. We may not agree on all topics, but we do agree that we both want the best for the OCA community and as such reach a compromise with joint issues. As a result of a willingness to serve, Teresa has found a rewarding way to assist the residents of Oceana as Chair of the new Oceana Community Resource Center.

Please contact Amber Effinger, Assistant General Manager, for your nomination package. If family or medical issues arise, you can always withdraw your nomination between the time you apply to the March 18, 2023 election.

aeffinger@ocaoffice.org

Karen Bishop, BoD VP



From the Nominating Committee:



Oceanside Community Association

WE

NEED

YOU

Do YOU or someone you know want to make a difference in our community?

We are actively recruiting for our HOA Board. As a self managed community, we need board members to make decisions in the community's best interests.

We are looking for open minded people with any of these qualities:

- ✓ **Genuine Desire to Serve our Community**
- ✓ **No Personal Agenda**
- ✓ **Patient**
- ✓ **Appreciation of Long-Term Planning**
- ✓ **Team Player**
- ✓ **Good Listener**

The Nominating Committee thanks you!
Robin Ynacay Nye
Mary Ann Alger
Maggie Conant
Mary Anne Dilloway
Dennis Wiens

Do you know a good person who you would love to see serve on the board but need help encouraging them to run? If so, then please email the Nominating committee at ocanomcom2023@gmail.com. We would be happy to reach out to them or answer any questions.

Intent to Run Packets will be available on Nov. 22, 2022

*** On the OCA website at www.oceanaseniors.org; or**

*** At the OCA Office at 550 Vista Bella, Oceanside, CA 92057**

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**Extra!
Extra!
Read All
About It!**

Coming Next Year, January 2023

The Website Committee Photo Contest

*Get Your Camera Ready!
Photos Judged & Prizes Awarded*

Contest Guidelines:

1. Only residents of Oceana are eligible.
2. Photos must be taken between Jan. 1, 2022 and Jan. 16, 2023.
3. Photos must be of Oceana, only.
4. Photos must be in .jpeg format.
5. You may enter a maximum of 3 photos for each of the following categories:
 - An event object • People
 - Animals • Landscape • Pets
 - Animated • Holiday • Plants
6. Deadline for registration and submission of photos is Jan. 16, 2023.
7. Judging on Jan. 24, 2023
8. Reception (date: TBD) showing photos & Residents' Choice judging.

Submission of Registration & Photos:

Registration form is available on the website (under Forms) and at the OCA office. Submit the form & photos:

- To the OCA office
- Email to ocanawebcomm@gmail.com
- Complete the Google Form on the website (News) under "Get Your Camera Ready".

Judging:

The committee: local photographer(s) and staff member. A prize will be award for each category. Winners to be announced at the reception and notified by email. All photos will post on the Oceana website. Residents' Choice award will be judged and awarded at the Photo Contest Reception.

Disclaimer: You give permission to post your photos on the website and in the Hilltop Highlights.

Attention Homeowners: Homeowner Info Required

Attention Homeowners

Civil Code Section 4041 requires each owner of a separate interest (the home you own within OCA) to provide written notice annually to the Association of all information located on the form on the following page. If the information is not provided, the property address will be used for notices.

You may submit your information by:

1. a written form (next page), or
2. Complete and submit the online survey (web address listed below).

A quick response is appreciated.

The Web Address:

<https://forms.gle/gVzE5vkmSD1UPemr6>

The 2023 OCA BoD Election Nominating Committee

The OCA Board of Directors has approved the 2023 Elections Nominating Committee. The members of the committee are:

- Robin Ynacay Nye (Chair),
- MaryAnn Alger,
- Maggie Conant,
- Mary Anne Dilloway, and
- Dennis Wiens.

Their purpose is to ensure adherence to election protocols and timelines.

There are 3 openings for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. A candidate:

- Must be a homeowner for at least one year at the time of serving on the board;
- Have all OCA assessments up to date;
- Have no past convictions that would affect OCA's fidelity bond coverage.

Our community appreciates board members who are team players with positive communication skills. We encourage residents who have business, financial and/or law backgrounds to apply. After all, OCA is a business.

Candidate Application packets are **available** from the office from:

11/22/22 to 12/22/22.

**Packet submissions due no later than:
12/22/22, 11:59 pm.**

Homeowners: Please Fill Out & Submit

(A Separate Form for Each Owned Home)



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ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Annual Notice of Physical Address, Representative and Rental Status

One form per home.

Civil Code, Section 4041 requires the owner of a separate interest (the home within the HOA Community) to provide written notice to the Association of all the following information annually.

If the information is not provided, the property address will be used for notices.

Owner _____ Phone _____

Address _____

This home is _____ Owner occupied _____ Rented _____ Vacant

DELIVERY OF HOA STATEMENTS & NOTICES

Indicate delivery preference for statements and notices.

You may change or revoke your choice at any time via written notification to the OCA office.

Monthly Statements _____ Email _____ Mail _____

Official Notices _____ Email _____ Mail _____

Email Address(es) *Please print* _____

Please print _____

Mailing Address Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Notices can also be sent to an alternative or secondary address: *Please print*

If any: legal representative, person with power of attorney or alternate contact

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

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Activities

Saturday, December 3, 12:30-2:30 pm



New Resident Orientation And Information Fair

Come learn about all of the wonderful Clubs & Activities we have here in Oceana

Cookies & Lemonade Served

When: December 3, 2022
12:30-2:30 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Cookies & Lemonade
Signup: NA
Fee: Free

Saturday, December 10, 5-7

Potluck Dinner with Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest & "Oldie-Wed Game Show"



Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater & laugh as our Married Neighbors see how well they know each other.

Bring a dish or beverage to share.

When: December 10, 2022
5-7 pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Potluck dishes & drinks, fun & laughs
Signup: NA
Fee: Dish or beverage to share

Please Note:

We have no events planned for Christmas Dinner or for New Year's Eve.

Please Note: Whenever we have an event there is usually a requirement to sign up at the office by a cutoff date. We are sorry that we have to enforce this requirement. Not doing so results in problems for both the food vendors and maintenance setup staff. Please try to sign up in time. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR

Now with Espresso. Get caffeinated. Get energized. Get dancing!



- Dec. 1 : Our Own Oceana Choraleers!
- Dec. 8 : Music Man - Featuring Charlie Wendy
An Oceana Favorite
- Dec. 15 : The Toe Tappers - A Tap Dancing Group of Senior Women ranging from 57 to 80 years old.
- Dec. 22 : No Coffee Hour
- Dec. 29 : "White Elephant" Gift Exchange - Get a Christmas gift you would like to 're-gift'? Bring it (wrapped) and we'll have fun opening (or stealing) presents together. If you buy something new to bring, make sure it's under \$10.

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Updates From The Isle



November brought us all the rain and perfect weather for our golf course to soak it all in. We are now enjoying a beautiful December with lush conditions and watching all of the hard work of 2022 pay off. The golf course is back to perfect following our regular fall maintenance last month. We are also looking so stylish and smooth in our brand new golf carts! These carts provide a super smooth ride, brand new cup holders, phone charging ports, and updated logos. Coming this month we will be hosting our huge winter festival SnowSide! This huge winter takeover is back for another year of real snow, epic performances by local talented musicians, dancers, Santa will be here, local food vendors, and so much more! Join us for our 2nd annual family friendly winter wonderland. SnowSide at The Isle December 9-11, 2022. Tickets can be purchased online at our website www.emeraldisle.com or by using the codes below. See you there!



have you had our... NO DRESS CODE BEER?

A custom dry hopped mosaic brewed by DogLeg Brewing and created with a custom label just for The Isle Golf Course!
Come enjoy for just \$5, only sold in shop!



JR LEAGUE TEAM 2022 SEASON

**WANT TO IMPROVE
YOUR GAME?**
TO VIEW ALL
AVAILABLE CLINICS
OR TO BOOK A LESSON
SIMPLY SCAN THIS
CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA



**UPCOMING
EVENTS AT
THE ISLE**



Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
Charlie Wendt Secretary
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.
Pat Hawkins
Don Jones
Chuck Kruse
Karin Messaros
Sue Moore
Isabelle Strubhar
Ginger Thayer
Karen Bishop Board Exec. Cte.
Sandy Riser Board Exec. Cte.

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Chair
(Open) U 10,11
Lisa Bagot U 3,7, A
Fritz Beechler U 1,1A,4
Mike Castoro U 12
Bruce Cowgill U 5
Jay Crawford U 8
Chuck Daily U 2,6
Paula McDonald Board Exec. Cte.
Kelly Byrne Board Exec. Cte.
Peter Cornog

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: Beginning Jan., 1st Wed. ea. Month
10am, Card Room
Chair
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Secretary
Kris McLaughlin
MaryAnn Alger
Mary Hall
Ron Landsel
Nancy McAdams
Pamala Perry
Evelyn Thomas
Georgette Velez
Anita Romaine Board Liaison

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Billiards Room
Interim Chair
Mike McLaughlin
Phyllis Allinson
Debra Demary
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Steve Omlor
Peter Cornog Board Exec. Cte.
Peggie Moore Board Exec. Cte.

Finance Committee

Meets: 3rd Mon. ea. Month
9:30am, Card Room
Chair
Charlie Wendt
Nancy Follin
Nancy Horridge
Lynn Leszczynski
John McDonald
Peggie Moore Board Liaison

OCAMedia Committee

Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
Theresa Loverro
Sara Rodriguez
Anita Romaine Board Exec. Cte.

Safety Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month,
5pm, Library
Chair
Dr. Andrea Anderson 510-701-4045
Thomas Burke
Patricia McArdle 703-254-8916
Alice Nolan 760-214-0221
Toby Roberts
Dorothy Thayer
Sandy Riser Board Liaison

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: TBD
Acting Chair
Kris McLaughlin Secretary
Kathy Jones
Mary Murphy
Tain Soreboe
Peter Cornog Board Liaison
Peggie Moore Board Liaison

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Card Room
Chair
Lynn Leszczynski Secretary
Virginia Mann Print Coordinator
Pam Spangler Website Coordinator
Evelyn Thomas Digital Coordinator
Ellen Marciel
Sara Rodriguez
Karen Bishop Board Liaison
Sandy Riser Board Liaison
HUB Contacts: **Oceanahub@gmail.com**
760-290-4252

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

Committee Membership
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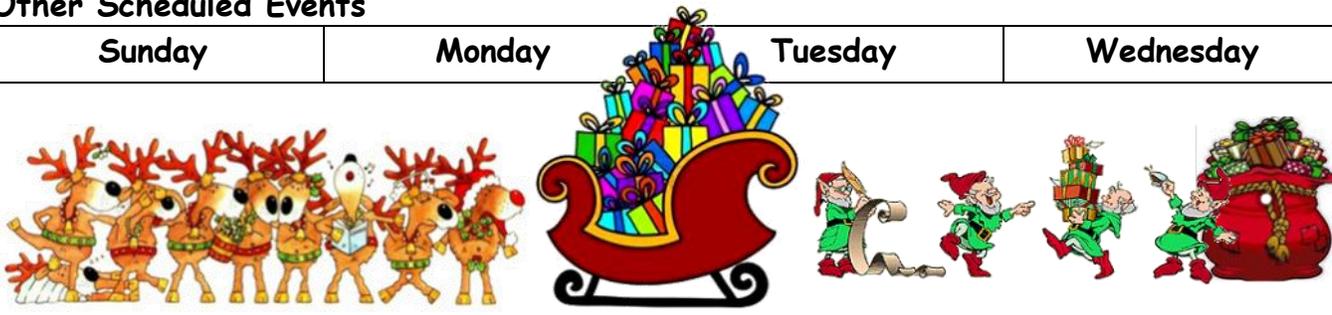
Attention all Committee Chairs:
Please inform the OCA office of any changes to your committee, either times, days, or new contacts. We need to keep all published committee info current so the Oceana residents can attend your meetings and not be misinformed. Let's keep everyone up to date and active. Thank you.

Hilltop Highlights
Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

December 2022

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private: 2:30-4pm 	Ball Room Dancing: 6:30-7:30pm Ceramics 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Chair Yoga: 10am Keep Fit Class: 8:30am Gentle Hatha Yoga 7pm Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Pinochle: 1-4pm Seniors on the Go: 9-11am Trivia: 7-9pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Billiards Warm-Up 6pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Dominos: 12:30-4pm Floor Yoga: 7-8pm Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am -Open: 2-4pm -New Player Lessons: 4-6pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Poker: 6-8pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Art Room: 1-3pm French Club: 11am-Noon Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm Keep Fit: 8:30am Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private: 11:30am-1pm Putting Practice: 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 10-2pm Woodshop: 1-3pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
4	5	6	7
	1-4pm Mah Johgg - Community Rm.	9:30am Activities Cte. Card Room	10am Website Cte. - Computer Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room 5pm Safety Cte. Library 
11	12	13	14
		9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room	9am Unit Advisors Cte. - Auditorium
18	19	20	21
	9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room 1-4pm Mah Johgg - Community Rm.		9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 1pm BOD Exec. Session 
25	26	27	28
	OCA Office Closed		

Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Billiards: 10am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Coffee Hour: 9am Discussion Group: 10:30am Knitting: 10:30am Jewelry & Lapidary: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 3-5:30pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Sing-Along: 6pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Hand & Foot: 12:30pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Tai Chi: 10-11:30am Woodshop: 1-3pm	Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am -Open 2-4pm Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Coffee Hour - Oceana Choraleers! Clubhouse 1	2	10am-2pm SSS 3 12:30-2:30pm New Resident Orientation —Clubhouse
9am Coffee Hour - Music Man Clubhouse 8	10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room 9	5-7pm Potluck Dinner —Clubhouse 10
9am Coffee Hour - The Toe Tappers Clubhouse 15 	16	17
No Coffee Hour 22	23	24
	<i>OCA Office Closed</i>	
9am Coffee Hour - 'White Elephant' Gift Exchange —Clubhouse 29	30	<i>new years eve</i> 31
	<i>OCA Office Closed</i>	

Things To Do at OCA

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

Ballroom Dancing - Mon. 6:30-7:30pm. With Patricia Hulse. Sign-up in the Lobby. Info: 760-994-2299

Billiards -Thurs. 10am-Noon. Warm-Up Tues. 6-8pm. Friendly group for socializing and skills improvement. Billiards Room. Info: Lonnie Burrows 760-433-9481.

Ceramics Studio - open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Info: Dee Dee Young, deedeeyng@yahoo.com.

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

Discussion Group - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library. Info: Danae Danycz at 760-529-9226.

Dominos Group - Tues., 12:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Dona White at 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. 1-3 pm. Info: John Pitarresi at 760-917-6631.

Mah Jongg -1st & 3rd Mon. 1-4pm. Clubhouse Community Room. Info: Karen Frisch 760-689-5877 or karen.frisch@hotmail.com.

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

OCA Book Club -10 am 2nd Tues. of each month in the Library.

Pickleball - Play levels: Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. Clubhouse and Outdoors. See the Website Calendar for specifics. Info: Steve Reigle.

Pinocle - 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.

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. Pool by the restrooms. Info: Sue Moore 951-990-3536 or smoore121263@gmail.com.

Wood Carving Club -Wednesday 6-8pm. Room TBD. Info: Margaret O'Keefe (760) 828-1530 soundingthebell@gmail.com

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

Yoga (Chair) - Mon. at 10am. Auditorium. Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641

Committee Membership
Continued from Committee Membership page

Unit Advisors Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month, 9 am, Clubhouse Auditorium

Jeff Kern	Chair
Diane Pettibone	Secretary
Unit	
1 - Ron Landsel	760-231-7586
1A - Linda Langworthy	562-301-1346
2 - (Open)	
3 - (Open)	
4 - Sally Lopez	760-421-4187
5 - Evelyn Thomas	760-681-4716
6 - Steve Lawler	760-419-7011
7 - Renee Maricque,	920-562-3436
8 - Kathleen & Dan Pursell	760-439-9282
9 - Jeff Kern	908-420-1853
10 - Judy Hartmann	909-518-8767
11 (1-45) - MaryAnn Alger	503-348-9959
11 (46-77) - Diane Pettibone	760-803-1637
12 (1-53) - Jaci Ackles	760-845-4612
12 (54-98)- Elaine McClendon	626-940-4487
14 - Toby Roberts	760-721-6077
& Kristine Hale	858-775-4253
Sandy Riser	Board Liaison

Website Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. every Month, 10am, Computer Room

Evelyn Thomas	Chair
Karen Bishop	Board Liaison
Anita Romaine	Board Liaison

Notices & Reminders



Holiday Schedule Changes

OCA Office

Closed from December 23 to 26
and from December 30 to January 2.

Community Resources Center

Closed from December 19 to 23.

A Reminder to Smokers

Many of the residents at OCA have significant breathing issues. The problems range from COPD to allergies to components of cigarette smoke. Cigarette smoke can pose a serious problem for them.

No, we are not going to tell you to kick the habit (although that's not a bad idea). But, please remember when you light up outside the cloud of smoke you leave behind you can be carried on the wind into any number of adjacent residences.

An early 20th century American comedian joked that you must always get your drinking water upstream from the herd. A corollary to that would be 'If you light up outside, please do so downwind from your neighbors.'

Are You an Accident Waiting to Happen?



The speed limit on city streets (Vista Campana and Vista Bella) is **25** miles an hour. The speed limit on the interior streets is **10** miles an hour. Please observe these speed limits. Yours and your neighbor's safety are involved.

A Special Opportunity:

The Strategic Planning Committee needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers with some specific skills and interests. You would help gather information, perform analysis and provide reports and recommendations to the board on various topics. Here are some of the areas where we need your expertise:

- Climate actions that OCA can start implementing,
- Construction and maintenance background,
- Contract knowledge—comparing contract offers,
- Grant writing and search,
- Planning, organizing and/or assessing reserve items maintenance for the annual Reserve Study

You can join an ad hoc group, the committee or both. Let us know what field of expertise or interest you have and if you'd be available to investigate specific topics.

The committee also needs a Chairperson.

Call the office, (760) 757-3937, and leave a message for the Strategic Planning Committee with your area of expertise or interest and your contact info. Someone from the committee will get back to you.

This is an area where you can really make a difference.

Thanks!

City Street Sweeping for OCA

No parking on city streets, both sides,
9am-1pm,
1st & 3rd Fridays

Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

Summer Hours - 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
Winter Hours - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Spa Open until 9pm year around.

Daily Guest Swim Times

11:00 am to 1:00 pm
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

All guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Committee Reports

Community Resource Center

Spotlight on SDGE Medical Equipment reduced electricity rate.

Do you know if you use a CPAP, or any other medical device listed on the sheet of approved medical equipment, you are eligible for a reduced electricity rate?

The application and more information about this program can be found on the oceanaseniors.org website and hard copies in the brochure holders outside and inside the CRC. For example: Because a CPAP machine is used during sleep, the extended electricity period of time qualifies for the program. I use a CPAP and have been on the program for years. It is a nice benefit to use.

If you don't use a computer and or would like assistance with completing the application, sign up for a Neighbor Helping Neighbor Private Session with one of our trained CRC volunteers.

The CRC resources are non-profit and provide a free benefit for residents. We are looking for more resources. Please bring your ideas to the CRC and one of the volunteers will gladly take them. We research all services prior to posting them to the website.

The CRC hours are expanding in December. The CRC will be closed December 19 through 23.

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC

October Activities

October was a busy month for events at Oceana. We've been trying to find a number of different ways for you all to socialize with neighbors and have some fun. Here's a summary of what we did. We hope many of you were able to attend these events. We hope you will not miss out on the fun activities planned for December.

Art Show and Sale

The Art Show held on Sunday, October 16th was a huge success. Our Oceana artists displayed their creations and sold many of them. There were many different kinds of art talent that our residents displayed. The chair of the event (Dee Dee Young - who was actually out sick that day) expertly organized a wonderful afternoon for us all. Check out some of the artists and displays.



Some days I just wish I had the wisdom of a ninety year old, the body of a twenty year old and the energy of a three year old.

Family Feud Happy Hour

We had food (Killer Pizza from Mars) and entertainment (our talented Oceana residents playing the Family Feud Game). Don Jones was MC for the festivities. We had "Team Fun" battling





Team "Trivia"

"Team Trivia" for bragging rights. The contestants as well as the audience enjoyed the evening. We'll be planning more of these in the future for your entertainment!

Halloween Dance and Costume Contest

One of the most fun events we had in October was our Halloween event. We had Halloween music, dancing, food and refreshments...



and just a lot of fun socializing with our Oceana neighbors. We had about 170 people (+/- 100) at this event. (At least it felt like the place was packed.) Halloween decorations were up throughout the auditorium as well as some fog and a ghoulish figure greeting people outside as they came in.

"Cowboy" Don Jones was an outstanding MC and music director for

the evening. Ellen Marciel was our line dancing teacher helping us learn the "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and the "Cowboy Hustle" dances.

Costume Judges were: Mary Ann Alger, Susan Gugino, and Isabelle Strubhar.



Costume Winners were:

Most Creative:



Charlie & Donna Wendt
"You light up my life"

Funniest:



Kerry Graze
"Minnie Pearl"

Scariest:



Larry Bungay
"Lady in Red"

More Halloween Pictures:



Thursday Morning (9 am) Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour had a full schedule of entertainment this past month.

- The first Thursday was **Bingo**.



- This was followed by **Radiance**.



- **Celeste Barbier** sang her Blues and Jazz next.



- We finished the month with Ronnie Bell and Jay Anderson in the duo **Bell Pepperz**.



We strive to provide excellent programs and entertainers for you on Thursday mornings. And we think it is one of the best deals around: A roll and coffee for a dollar each. Where can you go to get this kind of deal, plus have first class live entertainment?

It was a busy October with lots of entertainment options. We hope you enjoyed them. Don't be afraid to come to our upcoming events and ask your neighbors to join you as well.

Charlie Wendt
Activities Secretary

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A bagpiper was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As the bagpiper was not familiar with the backwoods area, he became lost. He finally arrived an hour late. He saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.



The bagpiper apologized to the workers for his tardiness, then stepped to the side of the open grave where he saw the vault lid already in place. He assured the workers he would not hold them up for long, but this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. The piper played out his heart and soul. As he played, the workers began to weep. He played everything from 'Going Home' and 'The Lord is my Shepherd', to 'Flowers of the Forest', closing with 'Amazing Grace'. He then packed up his bagpipe, and walked back to his car.

As he drove off, one of the workers said to another, "Sweet Jesus, Mary 'n Joseph, I have never seen nothin' like that before. And I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years!"



Did You Know?



History

Bill of Rights Day commemorates the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

This day aims to show appreciation for the rights and liberties granted to the people by the Constitution. Some of these rights include freedom of speech, the right to protest, and due process of law. The Bill of Rights was written by James Madison. It was ratified by Congress on December 15, 1791.

Bill of Rights Day was established in 1941 by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It is observed annually on December 15th.

Bill of Rights Day Facts

- James Madison drafted 19 amendments in 1789. The House of Representatives narrowed them down to 17. The senate then narrowed them down to 12. Upon review, states decided to reject the first two amendments, leaving 10. These 10 would go on to be known as the Bill of Rights.
- The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791 by 3/4 of the U.S. states. However, three states did not ratify the Bill of Rights until 1939. They were Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Georgia. They finally ratified it in 1939, the 150th anniversary of the Constitution.
- It is believed that in 1865, a union soldier stole North Carolina's copy of the Bill of Rights. It wasn't discovered until 2007 when the FBI learned of its whereabouts through an antique dealer trying to sell it.

Things to Do

- Brush up on your knowledge of the Bill of Rights as well as the other amendments. You can view them at:
constitution.findlaw.com/amendments.html
- Visit the National Archives in Washington, D.C and view the Bill of Rights. The National Archives are home to three formative documents of the U.S: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights

Amendment I Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment VII In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

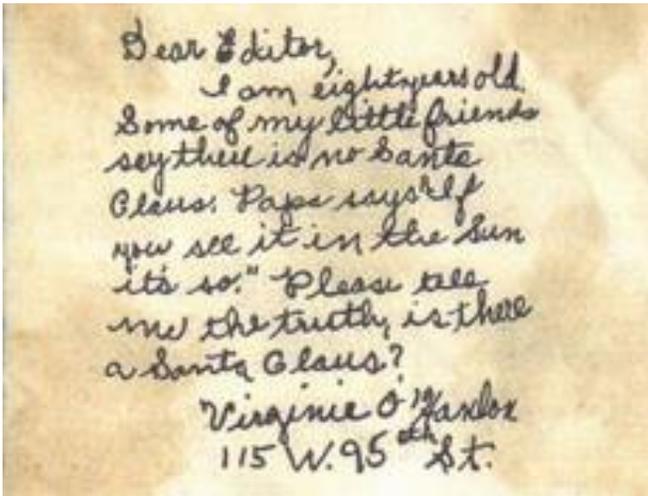
Amendment IX The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Is There a Santa Claus?

The following is an editorial first published in *The Sun* (a New York newspaper) on September 21, 1897. It went on to become one of the most famous editorials ever published.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:



A reprint of the actual letter sent
by Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on

Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Note: In 1897 *The Sun* was one of the most prominent newspapers in New York City. This editorial was written by a member of their editorial staff, Francis Church, but was not credited to him (per the paper's policy) until after Church's death in 1906.

"Is There a Santa Claus" has become the most reprinted editorial in any newspaper in the English language and has been translated into 20 other languages. *The Sun* reprinted the editorial sporadically during the following few decades until they were inundated with requests to reprint it annually. They did so at Christmas every year from 1924 until they went out of business in 1950.

Virginia O'Hanlon's letter was returned to her by *The Sun* shortly after the editorial was first published. It resurfaced and was authenticated in 1998. In 2007, *Antiques Roadshow* appraised its value at around \$50,000. As of 2015, the letter was held by Virginia's great-granddaughter.

