

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS



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- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st of the month preceding the month of the publication. Use the HUB submission form on the website or Email to: oceanahub@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted until the 8th of the month and included as space is available.
- 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? (Two kinds: maintenance work request and landscape work request) The most efficient manner is to submit an online request through AppFolio, our property management software. The physical work request forms are available on our website (oceanaseniors.org) or at the office. Submit completed forms to the office or via office@ocaoffice.org, by fax to 760-757-8177. 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 the office at:
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Keep Informed

Oceana
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City of Oceanside
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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 normally 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 who cannot attend may eMail comments by noon the day before the meeting to:
sriser@ocaoffice.org
Zoom chat is not available.



A Message From the Board Of Directors

In May, the Board made one of the most consequential decisions we will make all year - the decision to bring in a Community Management Company to manage the association. After months and months of interviews, research, and LOTS of meetings, we felt we had the information we needed to make a thoughtful and deliberate decision that will affect us all. As one of last year's key Strategic Plan issues and again on this year's plan, it felt good to decide. We appreciate all the input we had from so many of you to help us take this step forward.

Now we move to the hard part - the part to migrate to FirstService Residential, who we have chosen as our Community Management company. This summer we will have some bumps but stick with us. By the end of the year we should be feeling the results of this decision.

Which leads me to the next topic I wanted to highlight. "Oceana Lore" is an expression I use when referencing the rumors that sometimes swirl in our community. We have recently heard that homeowners are talking about and to our staff that they could lose their jobs when the community management company arrives.

***Nothing could be further
from the truth!***

Part of the negotiations with FirstService includes the absorption of our team. If you hear someone referencing this, please make sure they have clear facts so that our employees feel secure in their employment.

While Dan and the team are transitioning to the new company, the Board will be focusing on our other strategic goals—resolving our current legal issues, physical risk, financial risk, and improving communication between the board, employees, and residents. Hopefully the information to follow here, the newly designed weekly e-Blasts, and the Fireside Chats each month (3rd Wednesday of each month in the Library at 6pm for one hour) are ways we are working to better communicate all what is happening here at Oceana.

The Synopsis column tells you what we have been up to and the News You Can Use section is created each month by a board member and is based on questions we receive, homeowners' comments and decision made at our last board meeting.

Have a great summer and enjoy our glorious Southern California summer weather (says a former desert rat)!

**Sandy Riser
President,
OCA Board of Directors**

Board Activities Synopsis

Association Management Update

After an exhaustive search and analysis of self-management vs management company, the Board is excited to move forward with the management company, First Service Residential California LLC with Dan Farrar remaining at the helm as General Manager

Since 2016, the efforts by OCA Board of Directors to self-manage Oceana Community Association's 932 homes is fully appreciated, however, it is in the best interest of the entire community that we place you in the hands of professionals with years of HOA management experience, qualified to protect the community from risks and liabilities as well as financial strain. The transition begins in June and will be completed by August 1st.

Change can feel hard; but the office staff, at Dan's direction, will keep the community informed of the administrative changes that will affect each of you, primarily how payments of HOA fees are submitted. Here's their website for you to peruse :

www.fsresidential.com/california

Resolve Current Legal Issues

As you know, Attorney Smelko of Procopio Law Firm was unable to attend the June 28, 2023, Board meeting. None-the-less, you have an opportunity to submit your questions to him and he will address them individually, trying to clarify some of your concerns on how we are moving forward to resolve the complexities of the Land Lease Reserve Replacement obligations of the Oceanside Land Company.

We have come much farther than it may seem thanks to the hard work of the previous 3 boards, and we ask that you trust the process underway to protect the future financial strength of Oceanside Association and property values for 932 homeowners. It is a daunting task, and your support for a positive resolve is appreciated. Currently fees for this legal process are budgeted out of 2023 Reserve Funds.

Peggie Moore
BOD Director

News You Can Use

Based on recent Board of Directors' decisions, homeowner comments and the May BoD General Session, here is news you can use:

Using Reserve Funds for Legal Action with OLC

The legal costs to pursue Oceanside Land Lease Company responsibility for replacement costs are allowed to be paid from Reserves per California Civil Code 5510 :

(b) The board shall not expend funds designated as reserve funds for any purpose other than the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, or litigation involving the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, major components that the association is obligated to repair, restore, replace, or maintain and for which the reserve fund was established.

Parkways on Vista Campana

Update from City, the area between street and sidewalk (parkway) is not the City's responsibility to maintain. Sidewalk maintenance depends on what caused the damage. The City is responsible for maintaining the trees along the parkway. Dan and Fernando will prepare a proposal for what to do with parkways in June.

The Garden Club

After months of discussion about the Garden Club, they are officially back under the Activities Committee and can go forward doing what they do best. OCA residents will have a chance to check out what they do in August when there will be a great outdoor event at the Garden Club. Check them out!

Strategic Plan

The Board has been working on the 2023-2024 Strategic Plan since April. In June we discussed the steps being actively worked on: Community Management, Neighborhood Watch, Resource Information, Risk Management, and Budgeting.

Grant Submissions

The Board is working on a grant writing guidelines so that committees who want to pursue grants, where OCA might be eligible, have a clear path to what needs to be done and data they will need.

Red Fire Lines

It is **really important** that residents and their guests respect the red fire lines in our community. This is a safety hazard and we ask everyone to remember to **not** park in those red lined areas in all parts of the community. Management will be contacting the Oceanside Fire Department to ensure residents know how to report violations, etc.

Unit Painting

Several years ago OCA had a very thorough

painting project and the board at that time approved a paint pallet. So as units come up for painting, these paint pallet choices are available to the affected homeowners.

OCA Budget for 2024

We began the budget process in June for next year in order to have a solid plan by the fall. The first discussions on this will be at the July board meeting.

Consent Calendar on the Board Agenda

“What is that consent calendar on the agenda?”, a homeowner asked recently. If there are areas of a meeting agenda, such as the committee reports, where there are no questions by the Board, a consent calendar motion can be made for those items vs. approving them one at a time.

Peggie Moore
BoD

Management Contract Signed

This is the official signing of the contract with FirstService Residential for management of Oceana. A new beginning in many ways. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in making this come to fruition.



Dan Farrar



Lapidary Open House

Ever wonder what takes place in that small brown building just south of the auditorium? Yes, the one that says “Woodshop” on the outside. In the back corner of this building is an area known as the Lapidary. On May 13 the folks from the Lapidary held an Open House for Oceana residents to come to this special place and see what a unique opportunity we have to work with precious stones and jewelry. Over 22 people came to the open house. A full array of stone working tools, cutters, polishers and other jewelry working tools were demonstrated. John Pitarresi, who heads up this group, and some of the regular “lapidary-ists” (e.g. Scott Rogers) demonstrated the use of the tools and operations they have in the shop. For a better idea of what all you can do in the lapidary, come and visit during their regular “working” dates and hours.

So, if you interested in making your own costume jewelry—rings, bracelets, broaches, necklaces—or want to learn how to polish semi-precious stones, they have all the equipment you need in our private area of the Wood Shop, and they always welcome new members.

The lapidary is open Monday through Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

For further information call John Pitarresi at 760-917-6631.

Here are a few candid photos taken during the Open House:

(Photos by Lisa Olivero & Charlie Wendt.)



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July Activities

Tuesday, July 4, 1-3 pm



Join your friends and neighbors
Poolside

For a celebration of our country's
Independence Day

Music by: Jimmy and Enrique
Catered by: Eddie Chiw

All-American fare of hamburgers,
hot dogs, baked beans, chips and
apple pie a la mode. Beer, wine
and soda provided

Fee: \$15 ea. - Sign up June 15-June 29



When: July 4, 2023, 1-3 pm
Where: Poolside
Enjoy: Jimmy & Enrique +
All-American Fare by
Eddie Chiw
Signup: June 15 - June 29
Fee: \$15



We must apologize to our readers for the late publication of this event. We sincerely hope that this newsletter comes out in time for those of you who wish to participate may do so.

Please Note: Our events are so successful that we must start enforcing a hard policy of no sign-ups and no payments at the door. It's not fair to those residents who signed up and paid on time to have the caterer run short on food due to last minute signups and payments. Please take careful note of the signup time windows. If you haven't signed up and paid before the signup period has ended, you will not be able to attend the event. Don't miss out! Sign up on time!

COFFEE HOUR

Get caffeinated. Get energized. From 9 to 10:30 am Thursdays



- July 6 : Bingo—Win Prizes
- July 13 : Rob Reynolds—Classical Guitar
- July 20 : Robert Parker—The Classy Pianist
- July 27 : Mike Chamberlain—The Singing TV Guy

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

May Activities Recap

Cinco de Mayo - Tacos and Margaritas

On Friday evening the 5th of May, we had Tacos and Margaritas pool side. Our "go-to" caterer Eddie Chiw provided great tacos and nachos. Charlie Wendt provided his famous "Killer Margaritas" recipe for the liquid refreshments. Music was provided by Bell Pepperz, and they had people on their feet dancing by the end of the event. On this cool afternoon/evening we had some great fun!

Here are a few candid photos of the event:



Memorial Day BBQ with The Sweethearts of Swing

It was a "full capacity" crowd at Oceana for the afternoon Memorial Day BBQ on Monday, May 29th. It was festive with flag decorations everywhere around the pool area. And what's a Memorial Day BBQ without the Sweethearts of Swing? They provided our musical entertainment (e.g. The Andrews Sisters) as we chowed down on grilled tri-tip, chicken, mac & cheese, potato salad, and garden salad from Hunter's Steakhouse.

Here are a few candid photos of the event:



Charlie Wendt



May Activities Recap

May Coffee Hour

If you have lived here at Oceana for a while, you know that Thursday morning Coffee Hour has been one of Oceana's standard events each week for many years. The Activities Committee tries to keep the costs low and the entertainment options high week after week. If you have never been to one of our weekly events, please come. We gather between 8:30 and 9:30 am where you can pick up a beverage and food of choice (only \$2). At 9:30 announcements of upcoming events at Oceana are provided (plus some fun stories and a few jokes). At 9:45 the fantastic entertainment and fun begins. We had some excellent entertainers through the years, and we try to bring in some new groups as we find them. Please join us and your neighbors on Thursdays if you can. We think you will be glad you did! The following lists some of the events we had in May.

Week 1: Bingo: The first Thursday of the month we typically play BINGO! Ellen Marciel called our Bingo games. We played different combinations of Bingo (including "That's



a Plus") in addition to regular Bingo. The final game was "black-out" Bingo (all the squares of the cards have to be filled).

Grand prize (awarded again to 3 people who all had "Blackout Bingo" at the same time) was a gift certificate to our own Share and Wear.



Week 2: Clay Colton and Gary! Clay and Gary provided a composite of various Beatles music for us. They are great guitarists and singers. And Gary is always adding a bundle of interesting facts about the songs, who wrote



them and who sang them. There was a great crowd on hand for their show. This is a "Do Not Miss" group that we regularly have at Coffee Hour.

Week 3: Parkinson's Neurology Presentation: This was an informational presentation on some new options in providing nerve relief for people with Parkinson's Disease. Symptoms can be greatly reduced with some surgical implants.



Week 4: The Music Men: We brought back the Barbershop Chorus "The Music Men" to provide us with a fun show. The four-part harmony of this a 'Capella group was a delight to hear, and they provided some great visuals too. The first half of their program was a series of "Love Songs" (including Breaking Up is Hard to Do). And since this was just before Memorial Day the last half of the concert featured Patriotic songs (such as God Bless the USA).



Charlie Wendt

OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
Charlie Wendt Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.
Anne Rene Elsbree
Kim Emmett
Pat Hawkins
Don Jones
Carolyn Kruse
Chuck Kruse
Karin Messaros
Sue Moore
Gail Olenick
Lisa Olivero
Isabelle Strubhar
Ginger Thayer
Donna Wendt
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

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 U 9
Gail Olenick Board Exec. Cte.
Peter Cornog Board Exec. Cte.
Lynn Leszczynski

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: 3rd Wed. ea. Month
10am, Community Room
Chair
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
MaryAnn Alger
Mary Hall
Connie Iniguez
Kris McLaughlin
Evelyn Thomas
Roxanne Rimmel Board Liaison

Finance Committee

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

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2nd Fri. ea. Month,
10am, Community Room
Interim Chair
Mike McLaughlin
Phyllis Allinson
Debra Demary
Sue Mansis
Bill Matthews
Gail Olenick
Steve Omlor
Karen Bishop Board Exec. Cte.
Roxanne Rimmel Board Exec. Cte.

Strategic Planning Committee

Meets: As needed
Chair
Lisa Bagot lisabagot@gmail.com or 619-379-4085
Wayne Landry Board Liaison
Peter Cornog

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Card Room
Chair
Gail Olenick Secretary/Digital Coordinator
Virginia Mann Print Coordinator
Pam Spangler Website Coordinator
Gail Olenick
Ellen Marciel
Sandy Riser Board Liaison

OCA Media Sub-Committee

Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com
760-290-4252

Website Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. every Month,
10am, Community Room
Chair
Anita Romaine
Concepción (Connie) Iniguez
Lisa Olivero
Christopher (Chris) Scantlin
Evelyn Thomas Board Liaison

Committee Membership

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

Attention all Committee Chairs:

Please remember to update ALL changes (times, days, contacts), by submitting the information directly to the HUB; not the OCA office. The form for submission is on our website. Just click on the logo at the top of the home page and a simple, easy to follow form will appear. Thank you.

Hilltop Highlights
Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday



July 2023

| Every Sunday | Every Monday | Every Tuesday | Every Wednesday |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am -Private: 2:30-4pm 4-6pm  | Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit Class: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Yoga (Chair) 10am Ceramics 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pinochle: 1-4pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-6pm Trivia: 6:30-9pm | Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Dominos: 12:30-4pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 1:30-4pm Drama Club: 3:30pm Pickleball-New Player Lessons 3:45-4:45pm Billiards Warm-Up 6-8pm Poker: 6-8pm | Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Putting Practice: 10am (Golf Course) Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Art Room: 1-3pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm |

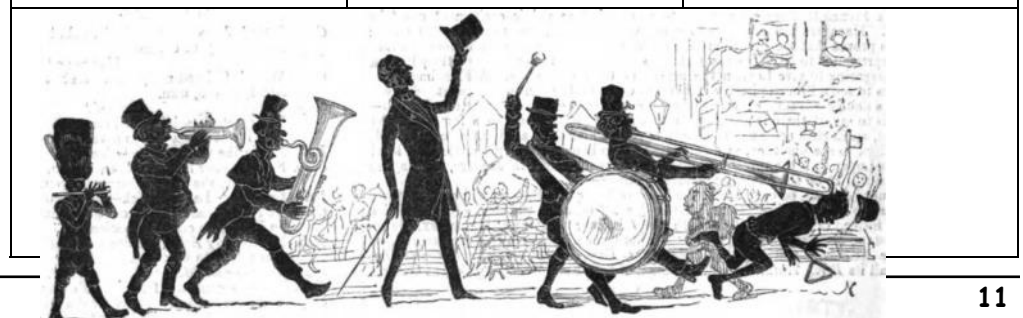
Other Scheduled Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 10am Activities Cte. Card Room  1-3pm 4th July Party Poolside | 5 10am Website Cte. - Community Room 2pm The Hub Cte. Card Room |
| 9 | 10 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm. | 11 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library | 12 9:30am Unit Advisors-Community Room |
| 16  | 17 9:30am Finance Cte. - Card Room | 18 | 19 10am CRC - Community Room 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library |
| 23 | 24 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm. | 25 | 26 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium 1pm BOD Exec. Session |
| 30 | 31 | | |

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| Every Thursday | Every Friday | Every Saturday |
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| Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Writing Group: 11:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 3-5:30pm Billiards (Private): 5-7pm Sing-Along: 6pm | Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Tai Chi: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Hand & Foot: 12pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball-Indoor -Open: 1:30-4pm | Pickleball-Outdoor -Adv'd: 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Indoor -Adv'd 9:30-11:30am -Open 2-4pm  Saturday 10am-2pm SSS  1 |

| Thursday | Friday | |
|--|--|----|
| 6 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse | 7 | 8 |
| 13 9am Coffee Hour - Rob Reynolds Clubhouse | 14 10am Landscape Cte. Community Room | 15 |
| 20 9am Coffee Hour - Robert Parker Clubhouse | 21 | 22 |
| 27 9am Coffee Hour - Mike Chamberlain Clubhouse | 28 | 29 |



Things To Do at OCA

Note: All Activities/Clubs are subject to change. Please check with the listed contact person first.

- Art Studio** - Wed., 1-3pm.
Info: Mary Hall, 714-595-4138.
- Billiards** -Thurs. 10am-Noon. Warm-Up Tues. 6-8pm. Friendly group for socializing and skills development. **Private Group Play:** Thurs. 5-7pm. Billiards Room.
Info: Lonnie Burrows, 760-433-9481.
- Book Club** - Second Tues. each Month 10am. In the Library. Info: Jeri Gustafsson 760-754-2911.
- Ceramics Studio** - open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30-3:30pm.
Info: Lynn Schneidenbach 619-889-4612
a53lynns@yahoo.com
- Chair Volleyball** - Mon. and Thurs. 1pm. Clubhouse.
Info: Dave Freeman, 818-262-0788
- Discussion Group** - Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library.
Info: Danae Dancyzk, 760-529-9226.
- Dominos Group** - Tues., 12:30pm in the Card Room.
Info: Dona White, 760-533-2484.
- Drama Club** - Tues., 3:30pm in the Card Room. Info: Tony Schwab 201-739-7521.
- French Club** - Wed., 11am-Noon in the Library.
Info: Diedre Burke, (213) 924-6653 .
- Friends of Bill W.** - On ZOOM Wed. 5pm. Info: Lin Riley, 760-730-3371, or Linriley@cox.net
- Garden Club** - Meetings on occasion. Reserve space in our garden.
Info: Casey Fitzfreck 818-426-4572
- Hand & Foot** - Fridays at 12pm Card Room.
Info: Joan Jeffery, 760-637-2384
- Keep Fit Exercise Class** - MWF 8:30-9am. Auditorium. Info: Don Jones, 760-703-4583.
- Lapidary** - Mon. thru Thurs. 1-3 pm.
Info: John Pitarresi, 760-917-6631.
- Mahjong** -2nd & 4th Mon. 1-4pm. Clubhouse Community Room. Info: Diana Siegel, 760-405-3306
- Pickleball** - Play levels: Open, Advanced Open and Invitation Only. Clubhouse and Outdoors. See OCA website pickleball activity page for specifics. Info: Denny Hanrahan, 760-525-0643 or Steve Reigle, stevereigle@gmail.com.
- Pinochle** - Mon. at 1 pm. Card Room. Double or triple deck; 3,4,5 and 6-seat tables. We play for fun.
Info: Rhonda Christopher, 760-231-1808.
- Poker** - Tuesdays 6-8pm. Card Room.
Info: Glenn Groth, 760-754-9646.

- Share & Wear:** Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am - 2pm, and first Saturday of the month for "Super Saturday Sale", 10am - 2pm.
Info: Linda Garcia, (760) 470-3562 or Teri Battaglia, (714) 458-6842
- Sing-Along** - Thurs. 6pm in the Auditorium. Feel free to bring a snack & a drink.
Info: Glen Hemingway, 760-518-5716.
- Tai Chi** -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium.
Info: Janice Burrows , 760-277-5139.
- Trivia** -Mon. 6:30-9pm. Card room.
Info: Colleen Eidson , 760-529-9999
- Water Aerobics** - Mon-Wed-Fri 8am Pool adjacent to restrooms.
Info: Sue Moore, 951-990-3536 or smoore121263@gmail.com
- Woodshop** -Mon-Fri 1-3pm.
Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.
- Writing Group** -Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm. Library. Info: alan dolit remembertolaugh@yahoo.com
- Yoga (Chair)** - Mon. 10am. Auditorium.
Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641

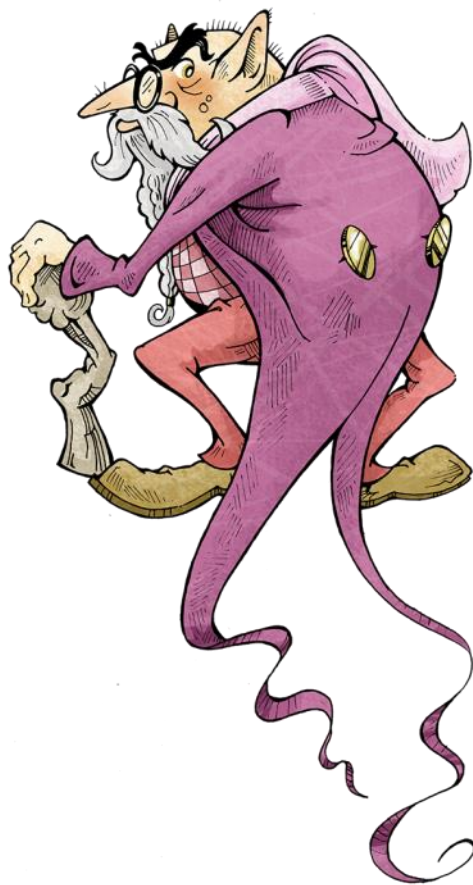
Committee Membership
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Unit Advisors Committee

- Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Odd-numbered Month, 9 am, Clubhouse Auditorium
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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Jeff Kern | Chair |
| Diane Pettibone | Secretary |
| Unit | |
| 1 - Ron Landsel | 760-231-7586 |
| 1A - Linda Langworthy | 562-301-1346 |
| 2 - (Open) | |
| 3 - Laura Bennett | 760-224-2524 |
| 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 |
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Updates From The Isle

Regrettably, we have no update from Emerald Isle for publication in this edition of the Hilltop Highlights.



From the Newsletter, *Indian Voices*, May 23.

Amen

A while back, a friend shared a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"God, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "God, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And, God, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But, God, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, God, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen".

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because God is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come.



Notices & Reminders



What's Happening in Oceanside?

For those who may want to participate in local activities and/or cultural events, the City of Oceanside maintains a special events calendar available for your access. You can find it at:

www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/government/parks-recreation/special-events/events-calendar

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin

Celebrate the Holidays!

During the upcoming holiday season, the Activities Committee would like to recognize holidays in addition to Christmas. Do you have any stories, history, traditions, recipes, decorations or memorabilia that you could share with us? Or, would you like to join a temporary committee that will plan ways to celebrate all holidays this winter? Please contact Ellen Marciel at:

ellenmarciel39@gmail.com

Ellen Marciel

Unit Advisors Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Unit Advisors Committee is scheduled for July 12 at 9:30am in the Community Room.



Share & Wear Schedule

A reminder for all:

Share & Wear is open for business:

10am to 2pm Tues. thru Fri. Weekly &

10am to 2pm First Saturday each Month
(The Super Saver Sale—50% off)

Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

Summer Hours - 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

Winter Hours - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

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.

City Street Sweeping for OCA

No parking on city streets, both sides,

9am-1pm,
1st & 3rd Fridays

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

Committee Reports

Garden Club

News

We are pleased to announce that we are officially called the Oceana Garden Club. We would like to say a big "Thank You" for all the hard work of the Oceana Board of Directors, especially Sandy Riser, Lynn Leszczynski, Peter Cornog, Oceana Garden Club (OGC) Chair, Casey Fitzpatrick, OGC Treasurer, Diane Huntley, and OGC Secretary, Anthony Kay.

June Hilltop Highlights correction regarding who can take soil and mulch from the garden area.

The Garden Club arranges and pays for the delivery of our soil and mulch for the use of our club plots and the nursery area. This material is for the Garden Club Members ONLY. Unfortunately, it is not for the community's use.

You can pick up free soil and mulch from Agri-Service located at 3720 Oceanic Way, Oceanside, CA 92056. Phone# (760) 295-6255.

The Garden Club Nursery

Here are a few Club Nursery guidelines. The full version will be posted on the Oceana Community Association's website. The plant nursery at the OGC was established with the intention to grow, supply, and replenish nursery stock to be used for the beautification of Oceana's community landscape.



At the OGC Nursery

Nursery plants will be available to the community as follows:

1. Individual homeowners may select nursery plants for their own use in exchange for a donation to the Garden Club at a predetermined fee based on species of plant and size.
2. The Oceana landscape contractor may se-

lect plants for installation on slopes and in areas of Oceana, as approved by the Landscape Committee, at no cost for the plants.

3. For approved Adopt-a-Spot projects, sponsor(s) can select plants for free as long as the plants are used in the spot.

4. The President of the garden Club or his/her designee will meet with a homeowner interested in utilizing nursery plant material to determine which plants are available.

Herbicide Information

Did you know the red flags on lawns alert the BrightView staff that the house is on the "No Herbicide Spray" list. If you would like to be on the "No Herbicide Spray" list just call or stop by the office and let the staff know.

Save The Date: August 24 at 5:30pm

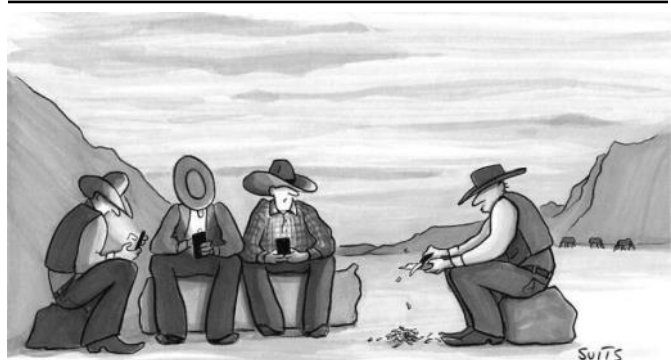
Party Under the Stars

This summer party sponsored by The Garden Club and the Activities Committee. Join us for an evening of fun, free food, music, prizes, activities, and lots more!

This Month's Image



'Catch of the Day'
Photo by Anthony Kay



"You lose your phone again, Rusty?"

Ceramics Studio Happenings

Greetings!

Are you waiting for the warmer weather to finally arrive? Many of us at the studio are as I write this article. We're ready to shed sweatshirts and closed shoes for sunglasses and flip-flops! Come on sunshine, we miss you!! Hopefully by the time you read this our gloomy weather will be long gone.

We were busy spiffing up the studio a bit in May. We had a work day 5/30/23 to complete tidying up and getting rid of the cobwebs and clutter that seems to build up in any setting. Our Maintenance folks installed a clay extruder in May. Extruders help members make moist clay coils to build pots and other items. Coils are long strands of clay in the shape of a Tootsie Roll. The extruder can make what usually is a tedious job, done by hand, a bit easier. A mini-class was offered on 6/12 for members of our group to learn how to use and clean the extruder and its various parts.

Plans are in the works for more classes on different clay techniques to be given throughout the remainder of 2023. Look for information in upcoming Friday E-blasts on what's happening in Ceramics. Stop by and check us out. We have friendly folks who can show you around and even get you started working with clay if you so desire! Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 PM.

Lynn Schneidenbach

Community Resource Center

Being a Community Resource Center Greeter

The fun thing about being a CRC Greeter is the opportunity to meet new residents and help them if they need help to save on their budget or just have an interesting visit with a potential new friend!

My shift starts when I come in the Clubhouse door. I check the brochure racks to see if they are full and organized. I gain access to the Center by entering a code in the key box next to the door. When I open the doors, I open the blinds and keep the doors open to show I am ready for business. I turn on the two computers and a printer which are available for your use if you need to check your email or do a web search. If you use the printer it costs 20¢ for B&W or 40¢ for color and I have you drop the coins in a lock cash box on

the wall. (We don't have a key to open this, only office personnel handle the cash.) I note how many copies were made and cost on a form by the printer.

If you stop by to see what we do, I'll show you the different free programs available to our residents to save money on utilities, food, transportation, veterans programs and much more. You can take any of the brochure's home with you. You can also find this information on <https://oceanaseniors.org/> under Committees CRC. If you need help filling out these forms, I have you fill out a *Request for a Private Session Form* which asks for your name and how to reach you to set up a private appointment at the Center or your home if you prefer. A Neighbor-to-Neighbor trained expert will be notified to call you to set up a confidential appointment and help you fill out the forms available for you. You can also stop in the office and fill out the request for service form and they will contact CRC for you.

Some days can be busy and some quiet. During the quiet times, as a Greeter, we have a file with a list of things that need to get done. It may be researching a new free service for our residents or filling the brochure racks. You will usually have time to check your own email or google search. When a resident comes into the Clubhouse, I like to give them a good morning greeting which sometimes might end up in them asking about what CRC is. Or, they might have a question about an activity or committee that I'm able to answer. Every day can be different.

So, if you have two hours a week, every other week or once a month to volunteer 10 AM to noon or 1 PM to 3 to help us, please contact CRC Chair, Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin at OCACRC@gmail.com or stop in the office to fill out a volunteer form. Here are the times we need help: 1st Monday of the Month 10 AM to Noon; any Monday 1 to 3 PM; 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10 AM to Noon; any Tuesday 1 to 3 PM; any Thursday 10 AM to Noon and 1 to 3 PM; any Friday 1 to 3 PM.

Stop in and check CRC out or attend our next CRC meeting time, day and location listed on the monthly calendar. Hope to hear from you soon.

CRC Veterans' Corner

Written by Corporal Thomas USMC Veteran

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Companion

The Medical Companion Program (MCP) provides transportation and supervised home re-

covery for veterans undergoing anesthesia or sedation related procedures who lack support of a caregiver. MCP simplifies healthcare access so more veterans can recover from procedures safely at home. MCP prevents unnecessary hospitalization. Veterans are able to recover and recuperate in their own home.

MCP facilitates a time limited, VA paid, medical companion services in which the companion accompanies the veteran during transport, throughout the veteran's procedure at the main VA Medical Center campus, and at the discharge location for a time period as clinically ordered.

Veterans Administration Medical Centers regulation mandates all veterans who undergo outpatient or ambulatory procedures using sedation and/or anesthesia are required to have a responsible adult accompany them to the procedure in order to facilitate their recovery and transition from a VA medical facility to their desired destination post care.

For more information, please contact Charles at The San Diego VA Medical Center: (858) 552-7572

See you at the CRC
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin
Chair CRC

Lapidary Open House *Continued from page 5*



Lisa Olivero & Charlie Wendt

Cinderella



Cinderella was now 75. After a fulfilling life with the now passed-away Prince, she sat happily upon her rocking chair watching the world go by with a cat named Alan for companionship.

One sunny afternoon, out of nowhere, the Fairy Godmother appeared. Cinderella said, "Fairy Godmother, what are you doing here after all these years?"

The Fairy Godmother replied, "Well Cinderella, as you have lived a good wholesome life since we last met, I have decided to grant you three wishes. Is there anything for which your heart still yearns?"

Cinderella was overjoyed, and after a moment, almost under her breath, she uttered, "I wish I was wealthy beyond comprehension."

Instantly, her rocking chair was turned into solid gold.

Cinderella was stunned! Alan, her old faithful cat, jumped off her lap and scampered to the edge of the porch, quivering with fear.

Cinderella said, "Oh thank you!"

The Fairy Godmother replied, "It's the least I can do. What does your heart desire for your second wish?"

Cinderella looked down at her frail body and said, "I wish I were young and beautiful again."

At once, her wish became reality. Her beautiful youthful visage returned. Cinderella felt stirrings inside her that had been dormant for years, and long forgotten vigor and vitality began to course through her very soul.

Then the Fairy Godmother again spoke, "You have one more wish, what will you have?"

Cinderella looked over to the frightened cat in the corner and said, "I wish you to transform Alan, my old cat, into a beautiful and handsome young man."

Magically, Alan suddenly underwent a fundamental change in his biological make-up that, when complete, he stood before her a boy so beautiful, the likes of which neither she nor the world had ever seen.

The Fairy Godmother spoke, "Congratulations Cinderella, Enjoy your new life!" And, with a blazing shock of bright light, she was gone.

For a few eerie moments, Alan and Cinderella looked into each other's eyes. Cinderella sat, breathless, gazing at the most stunningly perfect boy she had ever seen. Then, Alan walked over to Cinderella, who sat transfixed in her rocking chair, and held her close in his strong, youthful arms. He leaned in close to her ear, whispered, blowing her golden hair with his warm breath, "I bet you regret having me neutered now, don't you?"

Did You Know?



History

National Ice Cream Day is dedicated to appreciating ice cream. In 1984, Senator Walter Dee Huddleston of Kentucky initiated a joint resolution to declare July as National Ice Cream Month and July 15 as National Ice Cream Day. Further, in 1984 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month and July 15, as National Ice Cream Day. This observance is now celebrated on the third Sunday of July.

According to the International Dairy Foods Association, the origins of ice cream date back to the second century B.C. when many prominent historical figures were recorded to have enjoyed consuming iced beverages mixed with snow. As the centuries passed, the snow and ice were refined into cream ice and in 1777, ice cream was first advertised in New York. However, ice cream was a rare delicacy for the elite until the 1800s when ice houses were built. With the advent of refrigeration and freezers, it has become a staple dessert for cultures around the world.

Facts & Quotes

- Per Guinness World Records, the tallest ice cream cone was made by Hennig-Olsen and Trond L Wøienin 2015. It was 10 ft. 1.26 in. tall.
- During the summer of 1790, President George Washington spent \$200 on ice cream. Meanwhile, according to Thomas Berry of Duke University, the price of 1 pound of coffee was \$0.50 in 1788.
- 10% of milk in the US goes toward making ice cream.
- During World War II, ice cream was served to troops to boost morale while sanctions and rationing was in effect for the general public. When the war ended, rationing of ice cream was lifted and Americans celebrated victory with a cold, creamy treat. In fact, each American consumed more than 20 quarts of ice cream in 1946.
- In 2014, 872 million gallons of ice cream were produced in the United States. The average American annually consumes 22 pounds of ice cream.

Things to Do

- Enjoy some ice cream.
- Get free or discounted ice cream. Most ice cream shops give away free ice cream or offer special discounts on this day.
- Make President Thomas Jefferson's favorite vanilla ice cream. It is archived at the Library of Congress.

Thomas Jefferson's Vanilla Ice Cream

Ingredients:

- 2 bottles of good cream (size?)
- 6 yolks of eggs
- 1/2 lb. sugar
- 1 bean or stick of vanilla

Directions (per Thomas Jefferson):

Mix the yolks & sugar; put the cream on a fire in a casserole, first putting in a stick of Vanilla. When near boiling take it off & pour it gently into the mixture of eggs & sugar. Stir it well. Put it on the fire again stirring it thoroughly with a spoon to prevent it sticking to the casserole. When near boiling take it off and strain it thro' a towel. Put it in the Sabottiere then set it in ice an hour before it is to be served. Put into the ice a handful of salt.

Directions (Modern Interpretation):

- In a large heavy saucepan, combine cream and sugar. Split vanilla bean in half lengthwise. With a sharp knife, scrape seeds into pan; add bean. Heat cream mixture over medium heat until bubbles form around sides of pan, stirring to dissolve sugar.
- In a small bowl, whisk a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg yolks; return all to the pan, whisking constantly.
- Cook over low heat until mixture is just thick enough to coat a metal spoon and temperature reaches 160°, stirring constantly. Do not allow to boil. Immediately transfer to a bowl.
- Place bowl in a pan of ice water. Stir gently and occasionally for 2 minutes; discard vanilla bean. Press waxed paper onto surface of custard. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.
- Fill cylinder of ice cream freezer two-thirds full; freeze according to the manufacturer's directions. (Refrigerate remaining mixture until ready to freeze.) Transfer ice cream to a freezer container; freeze for 4-6 hours or until firm. Repeat with remaining mixture.