

HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS

Memorial Day

Remember and Honor



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A note to website viewers:

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INTERESTING CONFUSIONS

1. Can you cry under water?
2. Do fishes ever get thirsty?
3. Why don't birds fall off trees when they sleep?
4. Why is it called building when it is already built?
5. When they say dogs food is new and improved, who tastes it?
6. If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
7. Why does round pizza come in square box?
8. Why doesn't glue stick to its bottle?



Crazy world isn't it?

Submitted by Lisa Olivero

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 Fri., 9 am-3 pm
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Office Information

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1st of the month preceding the publication month. Use the HUB submission form on the website. If you have attachments, then you may send your information along with the attachments to: oceanahub@gmail.com. Late submissions will be included as space permits.
- 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 (checked Mon-Fri).
- 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 to Connect. 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 customer care center at 800-428-5588 .
- Are you moving? Do you have a neighbor who has moved or passed away? Please provide such information to the office at: office@ocaoffice.org.

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Keep Informed

Oceana oceanaseniors.org
City of Oceanside ci.oceanside.ca.us
San Diego County 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 normally takes place at 9:30 am on the last Wednesday of the month. It is 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 the Board President and to the General Manager. Zoom chat is not available.



A Message from the Board

It is hard to believe only a few weeks have gone by since the transition of your new Board of Directors. You have selected a board that is raring to tackle existing problems and looks forward to implementing a Strategic Plan to move Oceana towards the beautiful neighborhood we all envision. Total Landscape Creations is already making a big impact. From your comments, you have begun to notice. We appreciate your feedback and your suggestions.

**Roxanne Rimmel,
President,
OCA Board of Directors**

Thank
you!
Volunteers

The graphic features the words "Thank you!" in a colorful, playful font. The word "Thank" is in blue, "you!" is in red, and "Volunteers" is in a black cursive font below it. There are four colorful flowers (orange, blue, blue, and red) scattered around the text.

News You Can Use



Total Landscape Creations

You have probably seen our new landscape contractor's crew hard at work. They have been busy taking care of the most visible areas and will soon have a rotation schedule that we will give to you. If you have a landscape maintenance problem, continue to submit the maintenance form to the office or web site. If you have a landscape change or modification it should be on the Landscape request form and must be turned in the Wednesday prior to Landscape Committee meeting date on the 2nd Friday.

Board Change

By now you probably know who sits on your 2024-2025 Board. You may know many by sight as they have all been active previously on committees:

- President - Roxanne Rimmel,
- Vice President - Kathleen Dowling,
- Secretary - Evelyn Thomas,
- Treasurer - Lynn Leszczynski,
- Director - Lisa Bagot,
- Director - Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin,
- Director - Curt Conant.

Annual Notice

We appreciate your return of your Annual Notice as soon as possible. This is a required document and you are in non-compliance until it is returned. Management needs this information in order to be accurate with escrow statements to new purchasers.

Digital Surveys

The **CRC committee** has put together a survey that is now available. Paper copies of the survey can be picked up at the CRC office in the lobby of the Clubhouse. Please see page 15 for information on the Community Resources Center Survey.

Please take time to respond. It shows the committee what areas of life they can further help you with. They are always on the look-out for free or discounted services for seniors in Oceanside.

The **Ad Hoc IT committee** is also ready to release their survey in the next month. Your input on usage of cable TV and internet will impact contracts for these services that the Board is considering.

Strategic Plan

The Board will be meeting April 22 for a Strategic Planning meeting. There are a few California mandated laws that could affect our landscaping. We will be looking at how we can gradually roll out a plan to be in compliance when those dates kick in. January 1, 2029, The law prohibits 'the HOA from using potable water (fresh drinking water) to irrigate non-functional turf. (not used for sports, picnics, walking) Many of our unit's pipes are not separated from the home's potable water.

In 2020 California passed 'the ember resistant zone'. In areas prone to fire, vegetation must be 5' away from the house. We will be checking on whether we are within this zone.

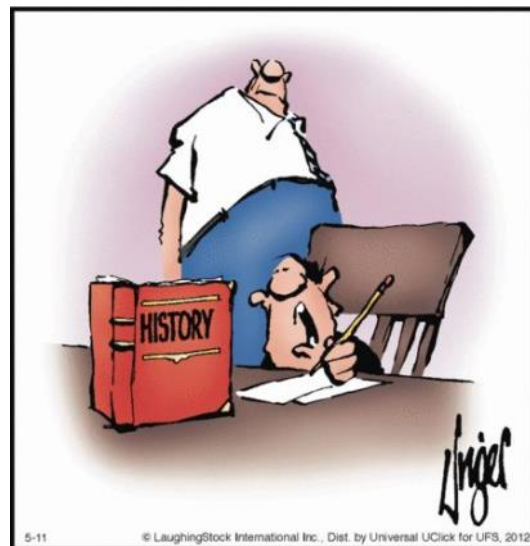
Painting of Unit 12

Painting is getting under way with homes 1-98 choosing their paint colors and making any homeowner-required repairs such as replacing rotten fascia. Don't worry, if you don't want to hire your own handyman or make the repair yourself, you can hire AF General our selected contractor to make the repairs.

Emerald Isle

Music has started again every other Friday through-out the summer. Music is from 5:30-7:30. Stop on down and enjoy music, food, and beverages. Remember, Oceana is a majority stockholder and we receive a monthly dividend check based on their earnings. So, you are supporting OCA as you enjoy your evening..

Submitted by Roxanne Rimmel,
BoD President



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"Sure, you're good at it. You were
there for most of it."

Meet Your Neighbor

Meet Carol Sanford

It was an honor to be invited into Carol's home to spend some time getting to know her. She has been a homeowner here in Oceana since 2001!

Carol was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 11, 1934, where she spent her first 13 years, until moving to Southgate, California. After graduating from Southgate H.S., Carol married her husband, who was a contractor. Due to the nature of his job, moving was constant—Texas, Mississippi, Michigan, Wyoming, just to name a few. She is the proud mother of 2 sons, one in Los Angeles, the other in Clearwater, Florida. She is blessed with 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, all located around the country.

After working for 30 years in California as a court transcriber, Carol ventured into the world of real estate for a short time and purchased several properties. She also worked on depositions for small businesses. In 2001, after buying her home here in Oceana, she experienced years with and without management companies.

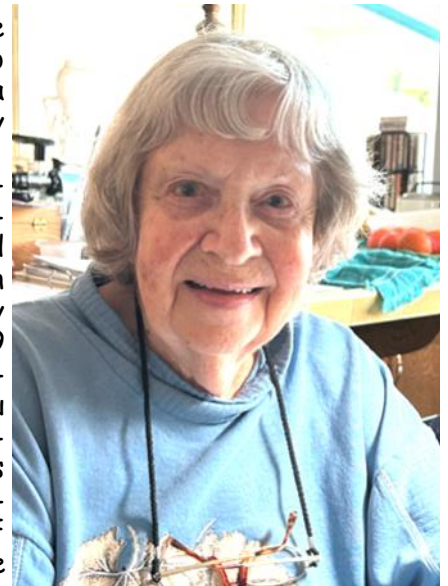
Carol stayed busy here at Oceana. She was on the BOD as treasurer from 2004-2005. She performed in the Tin Can Band at coffee hour, was Frosty the Snowman during the Christmas program for Head Start Kids and was a member of the Oceana Chorus. She also was the co-chairperson of Share & Wear in 2005. She related that donated items would be brought into the Boutique and whatever was not used at the time was sent to the "back room" now known as the Annex. The importance of volunteering continued, as Carol was also the chairperson of the Garden Club from 2001-2009. Wow! And if that wasn't enough, a 'Moonlight Angel' for the Moonlight Amphitheater and President of Brother Benno's serving food. After being diagnosed with macular degeneration, volunteering came to a halt.

I asked, "What has been the most significant change you have seen in the community?" She hesitated for a moment, then responded, "the equalization of assessments. The community has been at odds about this for years." I further inquired, "What keeps you so young at the near age of 90?" Responding ever so quickly she stated, "a change in diet based on Chinese medicine, drinking distilled water, lots of vegetables and little red meat. I also started drinking celery juice."

Carol added that she enjoys reading and taking care of herself ending with, "lots of things

that gave me joy I can no longer do, as a result of my vision loss."

So my readers, that's Carol Sanford. And if you happen to have a copy of the 2009 OCA Photo Directory, you can see a picture of her as well as the other residents. If not...here she is!



- Gail Olenick

Nature Photo

Seen around Oceana.



May 25
National
Wine
Day



Did You Know?

National Wine Day celebrates the history, varied tastes, and cultural importance of wine. It is a time to honor and appreciate the art of winemaking and its impact on international cuisine and cultural traditions, as well as its economic significance in the marketplace. National Wine Day encourages wine enthusiasts to learn more about wine, explore different varieties, and enhance their understanding of wine pairing with food.

Wine is important in American culture, predominantly in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, and New York, that house some of the country's largest and most renowned wineries. Not only has wine been a long-standing tradition in cooking and dining, but it also contributes significantly to the U.S economy, generating billions of dollars annually.

In America, National Wine Day is observed in a variety of ways. Events such as wine tastings and winery tours are popular, giving enthusiasts the opportunity to learn about the wine production process firsthand and sample different varieties. Some people celebrate at home by enjoying a bottle of their favorite wine, often pairing it with a home-cooked meal. Food and drink establishments often run special promotions or themed events in honor of the day. National Wine Day is held annually in America on May 25th, providing a splendid occasion to appreciate the contribution of wine to our culinary and cultural landscape.

Facts

- According to Statista, the estimated global wine consumption in 2022 was 232 million hectoliters, or 6.1 billion gallons.
- The top countries in terms of wine consumption per capita include Vatican City, Andorra, Croatia, Portugal, and France.
- According to IBISWorld, in 2022, there were about 7,600 wineries throughout the United States.
- According to Wine America, in 2022, there were 4,800 wine producers operating in the state of California, and the wine industry had an economic impact of \$276 billion.
- According to the book *A history of wine in America* by Thomas Pinney, the first American wine was a pink sparkling beverage made in the 1840s in Ohio from a hybrid grape called Catawba.

OCA at the Movies

Presented in the clubhouse auditorium.
All residents are welcome to attend.
Admission is free.



We offer popcorn and sodas at \$1 each.

Sunday, May 5, 3 pm

"Mother's Day"

Starring: Jennifer Aniston
Kate Hudson
Julia Roberts
Jason Sudeikis



Doors open at 2:30pm.
Curtain up at 3pm.

Wednesday, May 15, 7

"Golda"

Starring: Helen Mirren



Doors open at 6:30pm.
Curtain up at 7pm.

Save the Date

Saturday, June 29, 4-6 pm

Garden Gala

At the Oceana Garden

Food, Raffles, Crafts & More



May Activities

Friday, May 3, 5-7 pm



Cinco de Mayo Party

Jimmy & Enrique by the pool. Mexican food by Eddie Chiu. Margaritas by Charlie Wendt. All for \$15. Sign-up April 10-May 1

When: May 3, 5-7pm
Where: Poolside
Enjoy: Music, Food & Margaritas
Signup: 4/10-5/1
Fee: \$15

Saturday, May 11, 12:30-2:30 pm

Resident Orientation & Info Fair

Learn about the many clubs, committees and activities available here at Oceana. Enjoy hot dogs, chips, soda & cookies. Free prizes raffled off every 15 minutes.

When: May 11, 12:30-2:30pm
Where: Clubhouse
Enjoy: Learning more about OCA
Fee: Admittance is free

Friday, May 17, 5-7pm

Poolside Summer Concert #2

Enjoy bluegrass music by the Shoreline Pickers
 BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic)
 BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage)
 Fee: \$5. Sign-up April 24-May 15.



When: May 17, 5-7pm
Where: Poolside
Enjoy: Bluegrass Music
Signup: 4/24-5/15
Fee: \$5

Monday, May 27, 1-3pm

Memorial Day Party

The "Kings of LaJolla" will perform poolside. Enjoy BBQ pork spare ribs or BBQ chicken with sides and drinks. All for \$15. Sign-up 5/2-5/23.



When: May 27, 1-3pm
Where: Poolside
Enjoy: Music & BBQ
Signup: 5/2-5/23
Fee: \$15

Thursday, May 30, 2-3:30pm

Afternoon Treat

The Clay Colton Duo will perform poolside. Delicious finger foods from Eddie Chiu plus soda & water. All for \$5. Sign-up 5/7-5/28.

When: May 30, 2-3:30pm
Where: Poolside
Enjoy: Music & Finger Foods
Signup: 5/7-5/28
Fee: \$5

Please Note: No late sign-ups or payments at the door, so don't miss out and sign-up on time!

From 9 to 10:30 am
 Thursdays

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour



- May 2 : Share & Wear Fashion Show
- May 9 : Glen Kramer
- May 16 : The U-Turns
- May 23 : John Scott
- May 30 : No Coffee Hour - Afternoon Treat

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

Thank you, whoever you are...

I try to walk every day. I walk Vista Campana until I get to the Coastline church, then I head down to the Community Garden. Once I get down there, I wander through the Community Garden and Nursery and enjoy the greenery. Then I walk back up the hill and continue the rest of the Vista Campana loop.



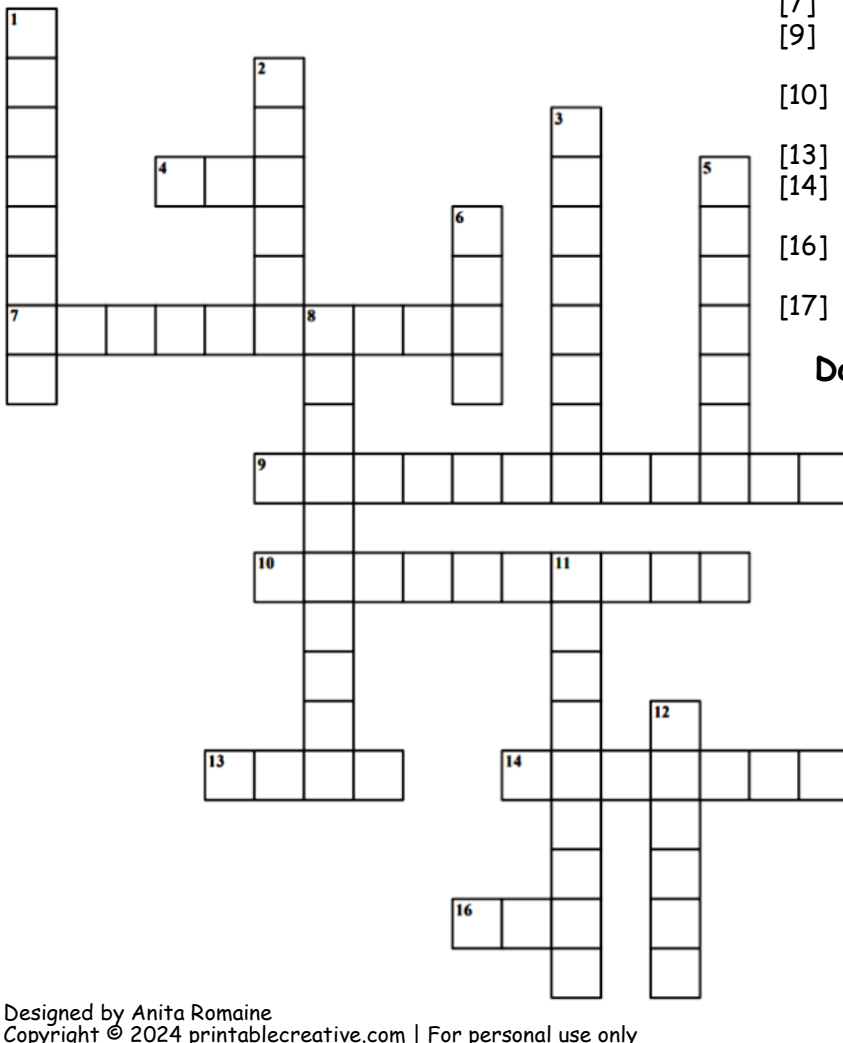
On the way down to the Garden, there is a tree that extends from the curb, over the sidewalk and into the adjacent canyon land. Imagine my surprise when I saw a small string of glass jewels decorating the tree!



I always enjoy my walks, and never tire of the views around almost every turn. And I love the peace and quiet of the Community Garden. But the jewels hung in the tree whose branches I walk under every day were such a lovely surprise. So whoever took the time to decorate this tree, just for the enjoyment of those few who take the time to notice, thank you!

Ellen Marciel

Introducing OCA's Highlights Crossword Puzzle



Across

- [4] How many swimming pools are there in Oceana?
- [7] It happens every Thursday at 9:30am
- [9] Where can you buy resale items in Oceana?
- [10] What is the name of the game you play with a paddle and holey ball?
- [13] New Director
- [14] Name the card game played on Mondays at 1pm
- [16] What meeting takes place every last Wednesday of the month?
- [17] Name the Treasurer of Oceana's Board

Down

- [1] Where you can make a coffee mug
- [2] Dance class on Wednesday at 10am
- [3] Who is the Vice President of Oceana's Board?
- [5] Who is the President of Oceana's Board?
- [6] Another new Director
- [8] Name of the Oceana monthly magazine
- [11] What room can you play pool in?
- [12] Oceana's newest Porter
- [15] Who is the Secretary of Oceana's Board?

The answers to this puzzle are posted on page 17.

OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,
10 am, Card Room
Chair
Ellen Marciel
Charlie Wendt Treasurer
Linda Garcia Share & Wear Mgr.
Mary Anne Dilloway
Pat Hawkins
Carolyn Kruse
Chuck Kruse
Karin Messaros
Gail Olenick
Lisa Olivero
Deborah Schwab
Ginger Thayer
Donna Wendt
Lynn Lesczynski Board Liaison

Architectural Committee

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. Month,
9:30am, Card Room
(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)
Acting Chair
Paula McDonald U 1,1A,4
Mike Castoro U 2,6
Paula McDonald U 5
Jay Crawford U 12
Fritz Beechler U 8
Chuck Daily U 9
Gail Olenick U 10,11
tbd U 3,7, A
Bruce Cowgill U14
Maura Parsons Board Liaison
Lisa Bagot Board Liaison
Kathleen Dowling

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: 2nd Wed. ea. Month
10:30am, Community Room
Interim Chair
Kris McLaughlin
Mike Archer
Mary Hall
Connie Iniquez
Evelyn Thomas
Sydnie Wauson
Teresa Chamberlain Spradlin Board Liaison

Finance Committee

Meets: 3rd Mon. ea. Month
9:30am, Community Room
Chair
Charlie Wendt
Nancy Follin
John McDonald
Nancy Norton
OCA General Manager
Lisa Bagot Board Liaison
Lynn Lesczynski 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
Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Board Liaison
Curt Conant Board Liaison

"The Hub" Committee

Meets: 1st Wed. ea. Month
2pm, Community Room
Chair
Gail Olenick
Virginia Mann Secretary/Digital Coordinator
Pam Spangler Print Coordinator
Caryn Leventhal Website Coordinator
Lisa Olivero Website Photographer
Ellen Marciel
Kathleen Dowling Board Liaison

OCA Media Sub-Committee

Geoff Allison
Lee Mansis
Anita Romaine
HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com

Facilities Committee

Meets: 2nd Mon. ea. Month,
11 am, Community Room
Chair
Meg Marple
Lynn Schneidenbach Secretary
Curt Conant Board Liaison

Committee Membership
Continued on Things To Do Page following the Calendar

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 Helpful Links at the top of the home page and you will find the HUB where there is a simple, easy to follow form. Thank you.

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



Cont'd →

Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) : 9:30-11:30am Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 2:30-4pm 4-6pm	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit Class: 8:30-9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) : 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 Open Play (indoor) -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-6pm Trivia: 6:30-7:30pm	Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) : 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Dominos: 12:30-4pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball Open Play (indoor) : 1:30-4pm Drama Club 4-5:30pm Billiards Warm-Up 6-8pm Poker: 6-8pm	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) : 9:30-11:30am Art Room: 10am-3pm The Groove Movement/ Dance: 10-11am Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm

Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			1 2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room ·HAPPY· <i>May Day</i>
5 3pm OCA at the Movies "Mother's Day" - Clubhouse 	6 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	7 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	8 9:30am Unit Advisors - Clubhouse Auditorium 10:30am CRC - Community Room
12 	13 11am Facilities Cte. Community Room	14 9:30am Architecture Cte. - Card Room 10am Book Club - Library 4-5:30pm Drama Club - Auditorium	15 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library 7pm OCA at the Movies "Gilda" - Clubhouse
19	20 9:30am Finance Cte. - Community Room 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	21	22
26	27 10am BOD Exec. Session 1-3pm Memorial Day Party - Poolside 	28	29 9:30am Open Board Mtg. - Auditorium

Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) 9:30-11:30am Band-It Fitness 9:30-11am Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Spanish Class: 2-3:15pm Pickleball-Indoor -Private: 3-5:30pm Billiards (Private): 6-8pm Sing-Along: 6pm	Water Aerobics 8am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Tai Chi: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Hand & Foot: 12pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Pickleball Open Play (indoor): 12:30-4pm Pickleball-New Player Lessons 3:45-4:45pm	Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am 

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Coffee Hour - Share & Wear Fashion Show Clubhouse 2-3:15pm Inaugural Spanish Class - Community Room 2	5-7pm Cinco de Mayo Party - Poolside 3	10am-2pm SSS  4
9am Coffee Hour - Glen Kramer Clubhouse 9	10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room 10	12:30-2:30pm Resident Orientation & Info Fair - Clubhouse Art Room Open 11
9am Coffee Hour - The U-Turns Clubhouse 16	5-7pm Poolside Summer Concert #2 - Poolside 17	 18
9am Coffee Hour - John Scott Clubhouse 23	24	Art Room Open  25
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Disclaimer: The information in this edition is subject to change. For updated information, please go to our website at oceanaseniors.org

Things To Do at OCA

Art Studio - Wed., 10am-3pm and 2nd & 4th Saturday, each month.
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. 6-8pm. Billiards Room.
Info: Lonnie Burrows, 760-433-9481.

Band-It Small Group Fitness—Thurs, 9-10:30am. Contact Deborah Schwab 551-206-5862 to sign up. Only six participants per 30 min session.

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 Danczyk, 760-529-9226.

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

Drama Club - Tues., 4:00-5:30, Auditorium. 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. Info: Lisa Olivero 917-589-2003

Hand & Foot - Fridays at 12pm Card Room.
Info: Joan Jeffery, 206-307-7220

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 (please leave a message) or Steve Reigle, stevereigle@gmail.com.

Pinochle - Mon. 1-4 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: Rhonda Christopher, 760-231-1808.

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 Sandy Vogt (760) 212-6311

Sing-Along - Thurs. 6pm in the Auditorium. Feel free to bring a snack & a drink.
Info: Glen Hemingway, 760-518-5716.

Spanish Class -Thurs. 2-3:15pm. Community Room. Contact Nancy Hildebrand at (760) 638-8809. Class is limited to 12.

Tai Chi -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium.
Info: Janice Burrows , 760-277-5139.

The Groove-Movement/Dance -Wed. 10-11am. Auditorium. Info: Deborah Schwab 551-206-5862.

Trivia -Mon. 6:30-7:30 pm. Card room.
Info: Colleen Eidson , 760-529-9999

Water Aerobics - Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30 am
For information please call Betsy Wilson at (760)439-2879 or email at heybetsy0040@att.net

Woodshop -Mon-Fri 1-3pm.
Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.

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

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

Committee Membership

Continued from Committee Membership page

Unit Advisors Committee

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

Jeff Kern Chair
Diane Pettibone Secretary

Unit:	
1—Ron Landsel	760-231-7586
1A—Lynn Schneidenbach	619-889-4612
2 (Open)	
3—Laura Bennett	760-224-2524
4- Sally Lopez	760-421-4187
5—Dr. Andrea Anderson	510-701-4044
6 (Open)	
7—Renee Maricque	920-562-3436
8 (Open)	
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
Evelyn Thomas	Board Liaison

Updates From The Isle

EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE

MAY 2024

ESTABLISHED 1966



VIEW & SAVE OUR MASTER CALENDAR OF ALL EVENTS UPCOMING AT EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE



THE ISLE GRILL MENU
OPEN DAILY 6:30AM-4:30PM
JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR SOME FOOD & DRINKS OR CALL US FOR A PICK UP ORDER



BOOK A PRIVATE LESSON BOOK A GROUP LESSON
MORE INFO ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION NATALIE VIVALDI, PGA



Can you believe it's already May?! The year is flying by and we are having a great time down at The Isle! This May we have one of our newest but also what became an instant favorite event, The UnderDog! This tournament is our fun way of celebrating a unique local rule at The Isle, Dog's are Welcome. Being a dog friendly golf course may sound sort of out there but we assure you, it adds something to your day. These pups bring so many fun stories, adorable photo opps, and can bring such a sense of calm to our course, we thought it was time to honor them and highlight them with a golf tournament of their own. The UnderDog features a four player team scramble format. Each golfer is to hit a tee shot, from there, each team member plays from the chosen/best of the four tee shots, and repeats this until completion of the hole. Current clinics at the course include Coach Natalie, PGA Summer Camps, Women's Clinics/Adult Group Lessons, and her weekly drop in clinics open to everyone! If you're looking to improve your game or even start the game, Natalie has everything you need to reach your golf goals.



Notices & Reminders



An Invitation From The Jane Austen Society of North America



*"I declare after all there is
no enjoyment like reading!"*

Pride & Prejudice

Come share your joy of reading with the Jane Austen Society of North America-San Diego. We host virtual and in-person events celebrating all things Austen. Visit the links below for more information.

**Website: jasnasd.org
Membership: jasna.org/join**

Diane Allison

Vista Bella Mixed-Use Dev. Plan

Work is under way to develop the property at 503 Vista Bella. The plan includes 77 rental units and retail. Manny Baeza is the City Planner in charge. Manny reported that there are no public hearings scheduled yet. If you would like to be on the city's mailing list for the project, email your home address to:

MBaeza@oceansideca.org

You can share your concerns. The HOA office is receiving information and will keep you informed of any updates via the weekly e-blast. The plans for the proposed development can be viewed online using this link <http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/search.asp> and entering the project number D23-00009.

Karen Bishop

¿Want to Habla Español?

A Course in Conversational Spanish

Nancy Hildebrand is starting up a conversation Spanish class. Classes will be held weekly. It's free, but the class is limited to 12 participants. The first class is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2-3:15pm in the Community Room. If you are interested, please contact Nancy at 760-638-8809.

**Conversational Spanish Class
May 2, 2-3:15pm
Community Room
Info: Nancy Hildebrand
760-638-8809**

Nancy Hildebrand

A Facilities Committee Invitation

The new OCA Facilities Committee is fast at work. We are currently focusing on several Units, identifying and prioritizing safety maintenance issues.

All residents are invited to attend our Resident Orientation, scheduled for May 11 at 12:30-2:30pm in the Clubhouse Auditorium. This is a good opportunity to understand what we are doing and how we are going about it.

We are also seeking volunteers for the committee. If you have skills in photography, contract negotiation, project definition and management, and/or quality control, please consider joining. We need you. Contact Meg Marple at the email address below.

megmcmarple@gmail.com

Thank you.

Meg Marple, Chair

Garden Assistants Needed

The Oceana Garden Club is seeking volunteers to assist garden plot members who are either away/ill/or not fully able to care for their gardens on their own. If interested, Please contact me at 917-589-2003.

Lisa Olivero



A CRC Survey

How Can We Better Help You?

The Community Resource Center, CRC, is conducting a survey of OCA residents to identify:

- Topics for events we can plan and host.
- Additional resources you would like us to research and make available.

Where to find the survey:

- (Preferred) Access it on our website.

Oceanaseniors.org

↳ Things to do

↳ Committees

↳ The CRC

and click on the Survey link there. The survey is a Google Docs form.

- The Google Docs form is also available via the survey link in the Tuesday Eblast under The CRC.
 - Fill out a paper survey form, available in the brochures stand outside of the CRC office in the Clubhouse lobby. Or,
 - Use the paper survey form below. Cut on the dotted line and either submit it at The CRC office, or mail it to the OCA office.
- Complete the survey and return it to us by

June 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact ocacrc@gmail.com.

The Community Resource Center Survey

Complete and return to the CRC Center in the Clubhouse Lobby by June 1, 2024.

For questions or comments, please email: ocacrc@gmail.com

1	Have you heard of the Community Resources Center (The CRC)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Do you know where to find the CRC page on the Oceana Website: www.oceanaseniors.org Or have you visited the website?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	If Yes on 2, have you explored any of the resources on the website?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Do you know the location of the CRC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Have you visited the CRC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	If you found resources on the CRC website or visited the office, did you feel helped?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	If No on 6, what could help you further?	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked mail slot at the CRC Office to leave a message <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up call <input type="checkbox"/> Home visit
8	Which resources did The CRC provide to you? (Choose all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Home Services <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Stop by for a visit <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
9	List any resources you need that The CRC doesn't currently offer:	

About You:

10 Age

- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85+

11 Demographic Group (pick all that apply)

- Indigenous
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Asian American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- American
- Other:

12 Have you served in the military? Yes No

13 Which branch?

- Army
- Navy
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Merchant Marines

Please cut on the dotted line.

Aladdin Is Back!

-To refurbish the pool tables in our Billiards Room.

Both billiards tables have seen better days! Both are in need of new felts and new bumpers.

Help us raise the needed cash.

Donate your recyclable bottles and cans.

Large **recycle boxes** have been set up:

- In front of the Billiards Room
- Poolside
- In the clubhouse
- At the clubhouse entry

Please put your bottles and cans into the recycle boxes. Each bottle or can will contribute only pennies. But, it will add up.

All donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Lonnie Burrows at 760-433-9481.

Thank you.



We are looking for workshop instructors.

Do you have a craft or hobby you are willing to teach your neighbors? If so, please contact Caryn ASAP!

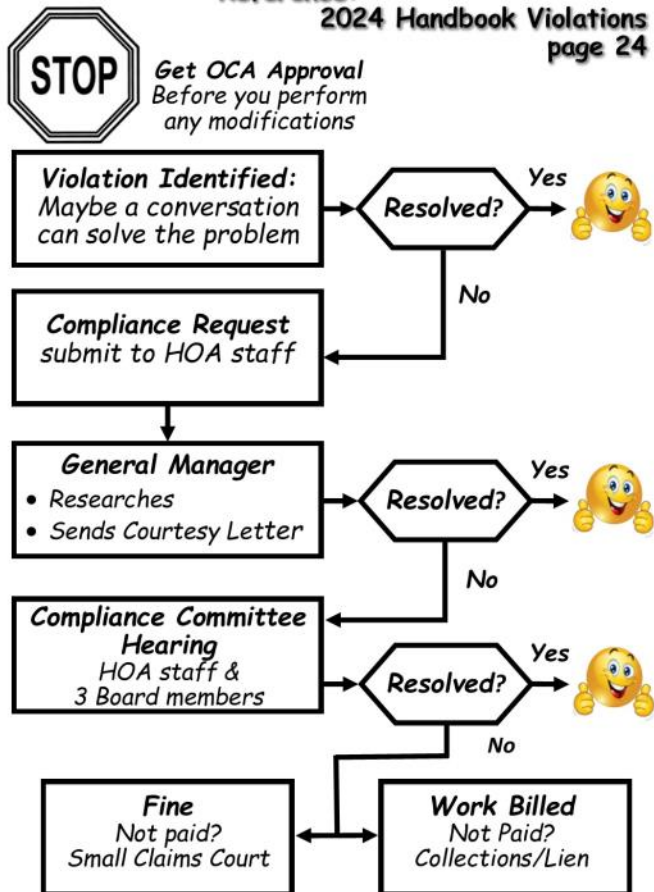
Plus...Art Room new hours: Every Wednesday 10am-3pm and the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month. Any questions, call:

Caryn at 760-518-6982 or Mary at 745-595-4138

The following is an update of the process for any compliance issue resolution at OCA.

OCA Compliance Process

Reference: **2024 Handbook Violations page 24**



Oceana Good Neighbor Fund

The Oceana Good Neighbor Fund held a re-organization meeting on March 19. The founding board members invited interested Oceana residents to make the fund a vibrant organization to help their Oceana neighbors. New volunteers can set goals to address the basic needs of food, health and safety. The board met with the Community Resource Center committee to see how they could work together.

It has nonprofit 501(c)(3) status. This is a powerful source of assistance to our community and an avenue to receive grants. The nonprofit status is essential for writing grants.

Please consider giving your time, treasure and/or talent. The OGNF is looking for volunteers, especially those with experience in nonprofits, grant writing, administration, fund raising, financial record keeping, event planning and, of course, donations.

The next OGNF meeting will be announced in an e-blast.

Email OceanaGNF@gmail.com with comments or questions.

501(c)(3), not-for-profit EIN 88-2148733
Dr. Gordon Bishop

Missing Your EBlasts?

Important!

If you are a new resident of Oceana, or are simply not receiving the weekly eblasts, **please** call the office and give them your email address. Eblasts are an important communication from the office informing the residents of events, issues and concerns. And, registering your email address gives the office another way to contact you in the event of an impending emergency.

It's important! Register your email address!

Jacki Ackles

Committee & Club Reports

Community Resource Center

Veterans Corner

Over 35 years ago, as a young soldier in the Armed Forces stationed at Fort Lee, VA (now re-dedicated as Fort Greg Adams), our Quartermaster Battalion Tango Company took a weekend trip to Washington D.C. We visited the Arlington National Cemetery and watched The Changing of The Guard of The Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. Before my eyes was this sea of white tombstones of the many soldiers that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. A dark cloud came over me. I thought of the many Gold Star Families missing their loved ones. I thought of how war stains the fabric of our nation and how we cannot view the blood they shed as dregs of our society.



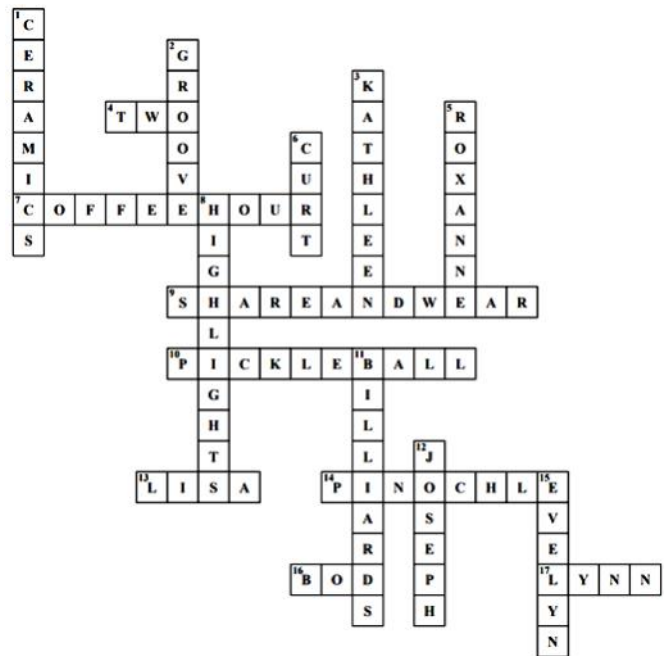
At the end of May, Americans around the country will participate in various Memorial Day events. This is a somber time for America. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, over 1.3 million Americans paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. They fulfilled the promise of their oath to us. They showed valor and bravery in the face of adversity. We will remember them for their courage, dedication, and commitment to this nation. We will share their stories, so their legacy lives on.

**Corporal Thomas
USMC Veteran**

Calling volunteers to help staff the shift hours at the CRC. Are you willing to keep the doors open one time a week, two times or one time a month? Email ocacrc@gmail.com, someone will get back to you.
C you at the CRC!

**Kris MacLaughlin
Temporary CRC Chair**

The Answers to This Month's Highlights Crossword Puzzle



General News

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) has ended as of the end of April. Your May bill will increase by the amount of your ACP discount unless the government provides partial or additional funding.

The Community Resource Center (CRC) Committee is looking for a new chair. Teresa is stepping down as chair of the CRC because she is now on the Board of Directors. She is honored to have worked with this committee of dedicated volunteers. The resources developed through R&D have helped residents save money.

The new computers and printing capability will enrich the lives of residents who don't own a computer and / or have printing needs. There is a small charge for prints.

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

San Diego County:

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/fire/home/coronavirus.asp

Activities Recap

March 2024

Spaghetti Supper



An enthusiastic crowd was on hand for one of our great Events of the Year! The packed crowd provided some home cooking and homemade pasta sauce from Gail Olenick. See page 8 in the April Hilltop Highlights for a complete recap.

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Comedy Magic Show



What comes to mind when you hear Magic Show? We were not sure just what to expect, but attendees were thoroughly entertained by Ari Paul and his Comedy Magic Show. Ari is from Philadelphia. He performs his show all over the country. After meeting him and while waiting before the main show to begin, he did some "close-up" card tricks with the Activities staff helpers who set up the nacho refreshments in advance. In his show Ari amazed us all

with many of us saying all night "How did he do that?". For instance, he was able to guess what numbers several participants wrote down,



hid a \$100 bill in a lemon, and guessed the tattoo people wrote down on cards. He was not only a great magician but also a great comedian. He had everyone laughing and smiling throughout the show. It was a great follow-up to the Professional Hypnotist show we had earlier in the year.

Don't miss out on these great entertainment opportunities we have at Oceana.



Spring Equinox Drumming

Every three months our planet Earth goes through either an equinox or solstice event. This past month it was the Spring Equinox. On the 19th of March this year... every location in the world had $\frac{1}{2}$ day of sunlight and $\frac{1}{2}$ day of darkness. At Oceana, we celebrated as people have for thousands of years. We talked about different ways ancient civilizations celebrate these events. Charlie Wendt led us in the drumming which



started with regular drumming where we all tried to "keep the beat". We sang "Come Back, Back" for the sun to "come back" into the fullness of summer. We

also had a favorite session of starting with a very quiet and slow egg rattle which then eventually built up to very loud and fast drumming... and then went back down to the quiet egg rattle again.



OCA at the Movies

FREE movies are back in Oceana. Because of the Voting taking place in the auditorium, we only showed one movie in March. The movie shown this past month was

"Hidden Figures"

on the 20th as a tribute to Women's and Black History Month.



Movies are regularly scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month at 3 pm and on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm. Doors open a half hour before the movies. The movie is free, but popcorn and sodas can be purchased for \$1.

March Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour in March had another great month of different presentations and entertainment.



In case you are not aware of our Thursday morning Coffee Hour events, you are missing out on some good entertainment, good coffee/soda and donuts and good fellowship with your Oceana neighbors. We gather between 8:30 and 9:30 am when you pick up a beverage (yes, we also offer sodas) and food of choice (only \$1 each). 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. Please join us on Thursdays if you can. The following are the great events and entertainers we had in March.

Bingo

After indulging in pastries, coffee, and soda, we played several games of BINGO. Ellen Marciel called regular Bingo plus some variations and finished with "Blackout Bingo" where all the numbers need to be filled in on the card with a prize of a certificate for our own Share and Wear. Come and join us on most 1st Thursday mornings of each month.



Celeste

This month Celeste had her tribute to Patsy Cline. In addition to singing her classics, Celeste shared some facts about Patsy's life. She talked (in Patsy's voice) about the men in her life, her mother, and her musical collaborations. She put on a great show for us at Oceana.



Robert Parker

Robert was at his best again this month. He has that wonderful way of conversing with all of us with his stories and wonderful piano (and flute) playing. He is such a "delight" to have at Oceana!



Clay Colton and Gary Piro

Clay and Gary put on a great show every time they come to Coffee Hour. Gary puts together a "play list" of songs that we all remember and love. Clay sings most of the vocals. Their musicianship is second to none. They played many of the old favorite songs. We try to have them back several times during the year. Watch for them in the future.



Emergency & Disaster Preparedness

Get Prepared: Free Disaster Course

The Oceanside Fire Department is sponsoring a course in emergency and disaster preparedness. Any and all are welcome to register for participation.

Curriculum Includes:

- Identifying Hazards & Risks
- Communication Plan
- Family Reunification Plan
- Utility Shut Off
- Fire Extinguishers
- Emergency Supplies
- First Aid
- Home Organization
- Emotional Support

When:

Saturday, May 4, 2024 8am-3:30pm

Where:

Mission Branch Public Library
3861 Mission Ave. Ste B
Oceanside, CA 92058

To Register:

<https://forms.office.com/g/JLcGF51g1V>

or scan the QR code:



For More Information:

Carina Martinez, 760-583-9575
CMartinez@oceansideca.org

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Self Portrait

At the Age of Fifty-Six

Of what is significant in one's own existence one is hardly aware, and it certainly should not bother the other fellow. What does a fish know about the water in which he swims all his life?

The bitter and the sweet come from the outside, the hard from within, from one's own efforts. For the most part I do the thing which my own nature drives me to do. It is embarrassing to earn so much respect and love for it. Arrows of hate have been shot at me too, but they never hit me, because somehow they belonged to another world, with which I have no connection whatsoever.

I live in that solitude which is painful in youth, but delicious in the years of maturity.

Albert Einstein

Today is slap an
Idiot day



I'm Gonna be
so busy