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July 26 - August 11

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# July

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- 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:

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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 of Directors

nother month has flown by and it has been a very busy time for your Board of Directors.

By now you have probably heard that we are in the process of transitioning to our new Management Company, Keystone Pacific. They will be on site starting August 1, 2024. Who is this company and what do they bring that is different? Keystone, a midsize management company, has been a leader in managing associations throughout Southern California for 40 years. They manage large-scale communities such as Ocean Hills Country Club, Solera Oak Valley Greens, and La Costa Oaks.

We like that they are based in California which means their office can process your monthly checks most often the same day as they arrive. There will no longer be the long delay that some of you experienced with your accounts not accurately showing your payment. We like that they have 2 on-call managers every night to take emer-

gency calls. We like that Joe Winkler, president of Keystone, worked as general manager for on-site associations himself for many years before starting this company. That experience has provided him with real-time knowledge of what the position of GM should look like.

Keystone Pacific is in the process of finding a good fit for us. One who is seasoned with on-site management, has a strong financial understanding, outstanding people skills, and experience with managing maintenance and infrastructure projects.

We are very excited at the prospect of having the strong leader we so desperately have desired and needed. Be patient with us and Keystone, but by all means please reach out to the Board if you have any difficulty during this transition. We promise to provide whatever help you need.

Roxanne Remmel,
President,
OCA Board of Directors

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### News You Can Use

Based on the recent Board of Directors' decisions, homeowner comments, and the May General Meeting, here is the 'News You Can Use'.



### 503 Vista Bella Development Update

The developer held a last-minute meeting onsite at 503 Vista Bella on 5/16/24 at 5:30pm to show the proposed project for this 1.739 acre parcel and ask for resident comments. This was the second of these meetings and it appeared nothing had changed since the first meeting, despite 50-70 residents showing up at these meetings expressing their concerns.

The proposed project just North of the Church, will be 6 stories and offer 77 rental units featuring studio apartments, 1 and 2-bedroom apartments, and commercial space on the first floor. The allotted parking spaces, some underground and some on the surface lot, will only be 93. That is barely more than 1 spot per apartment if you include space for employees and customers visiting the commercial spaces. By offering a few low-income rentals, the developer has been granted state low-density waivers which has allowed for this extreme height and lack of parking.

What specific concerns were expressed by homeowners at the recent meetings regarding this proposed development?

- There is a real concern by homeowners that their property values will go down as this developer's lack of concern diminishes their main financial investment.
- For the last 60+ years many residents have enjoyed beautiful views with ocean breezes. These views and breezes will now be blocked by this extreme height.
- 3. Currently, there are only 1-3 story buildings on this slope along El Camino Real. It is questionable whether the slope will support this new weight.

What are the potential implications of the lack of parking and excess traffic for the surrounding community?

- There is not enough parking on this site to accommodate all these apartments and commercial spaces. Both sides of Vista Bella will be parked from Vista Rey to Vista Oceana with the overflow.
- There are concerns that drivers may not drive cautiously along the congested Vista Bella to allow for the safety of a 55+ Senior Community, some of whom have hearing, vision, and mobility challenges.

How will this excess traffic affect our neighborhood?

- 1. In an emergency evacuation, there are only 2 exits from Oceana, Vista Rey and Vista Oceana. One can envision the bottleneck that will occur when 2,000 folks try to exit at the same time. We will have residents of Oceana, nearby condos, new apartments, churchgoers, golfers, and patrons of the commercial spaces all in a panic to exit.
- 2. The exits from our community onto El Camino Real from Vista Oceana or Vista Rey will be unsafe to residents due to extra traffic generated by this development.
- 3. There will only be one entrance into this tight site, no exit for firetruck to turn and exit.
- 4. The last traffic study of this area was done 2 years ago.

What actions are being considered as part of this strategic plan to address the issues raised by residents?

We were informed at the last meeting that as long as this developer meets the state's requirements for low-income housing, the City of Oceanside has very few options other than to approve the development. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed at the May 26th General Board Meeting, with Ellen Marciel as the lead. We have been in contact with our representative Eric Joyce who is willing to hold a town hall at our auditorium and give advice on what our next steps should be. Now is the time to get involved before this development is beyond stopping. If you would like to be on an informational email or want to volunteer to help, you can contact Ellen Marciel at:

ellenmarciel39@gmail.com.

### No Spray List & Green Waste

Total Landscape Creations, our new landscape contractor, uses a non-glyphosate environmentally safe weed spray. If your home is currently on the NO Spray List and would like this service again, please contact the office. If you are currently trimming the bushes on common area near your home, please use the large green Bins for your cutting. You are responsible for disposal, leaving it piled on the grass could cause grass to die.

### Strategic Plan

The Board held a Strategic Plan Meeting on May 17th and also received input from residents who attended the Town Hall Meeting on June 8th. We will be prioritizing and putting forth a plan of action for this Board year with a precise plan to be rolled out in our next Hilltop Highlights.

# Fireside Chats (3rd Wednesday every month 6-7pm in the Library)

The May 15<sup>th</sup> chat was hosted by Board Member of the Month President Roxanne Remmel. A small group of residents showed up for a lively discussion on such topics as;

 Our ongoing litigation regarding the legality of the 2022 equalization of all assessments and whether The Land Lease Company is legally required to pay for replacements of aged-out infrastructure.

2. How your monthly assessments are allocated using a pie graph for clarity.

3. Why do we have so many green compost bins?

This is an ongoing informal opportunity to talk one-on-one with a board member, in response to your request for more transparency. Treasurer Lynn Leszczynski will host the July 17<sup>th</sup> chat.

### Water Remediation

In our ongoing quest to control the use of water, our landscape contractor, Bob Hanyon, owner of Total Landscape Creations, spoke at the May General Meeting regarding the SoCal Water Smart Residential Rebate Programs for weather-based irrigation controllers. The board approved a motion at the May meeting allowing TLC and our Landscape Committee to start the process. This is the first of many water remediation rebate programs we hope to implement this year using the knowledge offered by Bob Hanyon and the leg work of our Landscape Committee.

### Nominating Committee

A motion was approved at the May General Meeting to change the Name of the Nomination Committee to the Election Coordination Committee. This name more accurately reflects the scope of what the Committee's duties are. Procedures were set forth by the previous committee to help future Committees define the duties, responsibilities, and activities in assisting potential board candidates.

### Compliant Sidewalks for the 'Sightless'

A motion was approved at the May Meeting, Management will reach out to The City of Oceanside to facilitate the implementation of compliant Sidewalks that have 'grooves or bumps' so all residents with vision challenges can tell where the sidewalk ends and the street starts.

### Oceana Good Neighbor Fund

The fund's purpose is to provide support for residents of the Oceana Community. They can provide emergency economic support for resi-

dents via grants, \$50-100. It also provides a non-profit organization to seek grants which may affect HOA assessments. If you or someone you know needs emergency financial support and need more information please stop at the CRC (Community Resource Center) in the Clubhouse for more information, email Fund President Mike Archer at:

### President@ognf.org,

or go to the website:

### ognf.org.

There is also a drop-off mailbox in the office. To have funds coming into this worthwhile fund, the Board approved a motion for the Oceana Good Neighbor Fund to be designated as an Aladdin Project. You can make donations through the office or by contacting Mike Archer.

### Signs

In response to residents who suggested signs Warning of Coyotes and No Trespassing/No Soliciting signs; after reviewing our CC&Rs, Bylaws, and HO Handbook our current policy can be found under the heading;

GENERAL OPERATING RULES in the Homeowner Handbook. SIGNS

Signs may not be placed in common area.

Signs may be approved for estate or moving sales. See Section XII.

### Thank You

We realize the board and office staff could not be effective without all the volunteers serving on our Committees. The board approved 4 new volunteers at the May Meeting, thank you for stepping up. We want you to know how truly grateful we are to all of the volunteers for the many hours you put in.

Roxanne Remmel BoD





All classes held in the Art Room.

### Wednesday, July 10, 10-11:30am

Decoupage Flickering Candles Class

Fee: \$5

Register & pay at the office Deadline is July 8 Sign up ASAP—limited to 15 people.

### Wednesday, July 17, 10-11:30am

### Watercolor Class

Fee: \$5



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Register & pay at the office Deadline is July 15 Sign up ASAP—limited to 15 people.

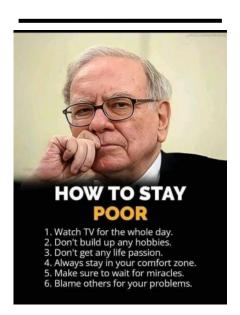
### Saturday, July 20, 10am-Noon

Tie Dye Class

Fee: \$5

Register & pay at the office Deadline is July 18 Sign up ASAP—limited to 15 people.





### 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 and hotdogs at \$3 each.



### Sunday, July 7, 3 pm

### "The Color Purple"

Starring: Fantasia Barrino Taraji P. Henson Danielle Brooks Colman Domingo Corey Hawkins

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



### Wednesday, July 17, 7 pm

### "Little Miss Sunshine"

Starring: Greg Kinnear Steve Carell Toni Collette Paul Dano Abigail Breslin Alan Arkin

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



### Save the Date

### Saturday, August 3, 1-3 pm



### The Annual OCA Ice Cream Social

**Poolside** 

It's Free! No Sign-up Required!

Just show up and enjoy the frosty delights.

### July Activities

### Thursday July 4, 1-3 pm

### Celebrate!

Join your neighbors for a celebration of our country's Independence Day! Enjoy the music of Oceanside favorite "Kings of La Jolla" and all-American fare from our caterer Eddie Chiw. We will have hamburgers and sausages, Eddie's homemade potato chips and green salad, with ice cream Drumsticks for dessert. Beer, wine and soda too. All for just \$15! Sign up by July 2.

When: July 4, 1-3pm

Where: Poolside

Enjoy: Fun, Music & Good Food

Signup: by July 2 Fee: \$15

### Friday, July 19, 5-7 pm

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

In honor of the MLB All-Star game on July 16! Wear your favorite sports team regalia! Participate in the Home Run Derby and Pitching Contest, or just cheer on your friends and neighbors! This event is an Oceana favorite every year, with lots of laughs! We'll serve hotdogs, chips, peanuts and Cracker Jacks, of course! Beer, wine and soda too. Just \$5! Sign up between June 26 and July 17.

When: July 19, 5-7pm

Where: Poolside Enjoy: Great Fun Signup: by July 17

Fee: \$5



### Wednesday, July 24 5-7 pm

### Poolside Summer Concert #4

Our poolside concerts are the hit of the summer! Don't miss this one! BYOP&B (Bring Your Own Picnic & Beverage), no glass please! Enjoy the music of local country band "**The Lightnin' Bugs**"!

Only \$5. Sign up between July 1 and July 22.

When: July 24, 5-7pm

Where: Poolside

Enjoy: Good Music & Lotsa Fun!

| Signup: July 1-July 22

Fee: \$5

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

# **COFFEE HOUR**

From 9 to 10:30 am Thursdays



July 4: No Coffee Hour today

July 11: John Scott

July 18 : Clay Colton Duo

July 25 : Celeste

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937



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### Resident Orientation & Expo

On a Saturday afternoon in May, over 100 residents attended Oceana's Resident Expo. 45 of those attending were brand new homeowners helping to make the event a huge success!

Twenty committees and clubs participated to let new residents know the many opportunities available to them in Oceana. Some residents opted to

sign-up with a club or committee and became new members.

Over 40 donated gifts
(including 2
huge gift baskets donated
by COX), were
raffled off and
free hotdogs,
chips, soda and
cookies were
available to an-

yone who was hungry!

Our new General Manager Michael Flores was there introducing himself, speaking with

residents and even helping to clean up afterwards!

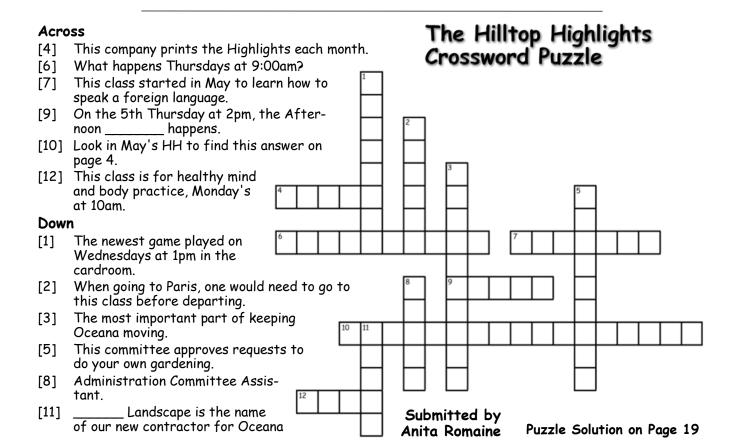
A big thank you to the Unit Advisors & Activity Committees for all their efforts in organizing this



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This event gets better each year, so don't miss out on next year's orientation.

Jeff Kern



# OCA Committee Membership

Activities Committee

Meets: 1st Tues. ea. Month,

10 am, Card Room

Ellen Marciel Chair 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. Month,

9:30am, Card Room

(Agenda deadline: 1st day of month)

Paula McDonald Acting Chair Mike Castoro U 1,1A,4

Paula McDonald
Jay Crawford
U 2,6
Fritz Beechler
U 12
Chuck Daily
U 8
Gail Olenick
U 9

tbd U 10,11
Bruce Cowgill U 3,7, A

Maura Parsons
Lisa Bagot
Board Liaison
Kathleen Dowling
Board Liaison

Community Resource Center Committee

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. ea. Month

10:30am, Community Room
Kris McLaughlin Interim Chair

Mike Archer Mary Hall Connie Iniquez Evelyn Thomas Sydnie Wauson

Téresa Chamberlain-Spradlin Board Liaison

Finance Committee

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. ea. Month

9:30am, Community Room
John McDonald
Charlie Wendt
Secretary

Nancy Follin Don Jones Meg Marple

OCA General Manager

**Lynn Lesczynski Lisa Bagot**Board Treasurer
Board Liaison

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

Landscape Committee

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. ea. Month,

10am, Billiards Room Interim Chair

Mike McLaughlin Phyllis Allinson Debra Demary Sue Mansis

Bill Matthews Steve Omlor

Teresa Chamberlain-Spradlin

Curt Conant

Board Liaison

Board Liaison

<u>"The Hub" Committee</u>

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. Month

2pm, Community Room

Secretary

Gail Olenick Chair Virginia Mann Secretary/Digital Coordinator

Pam Spangler Print Coordinator
Caryn Leventhal Website Coordinator
Lisa Olivero Website Photographer

Ellen Marciel Sandy Riser

Kathleen Dowling Board Liaison

OCA Media Sub-Committee

Geoff Allison Lee Mansis Anita Romaine

HUB Contacts: Oceanahub@gmail.com

Facilities Committee

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. ea. Month, 11 am, Community Room

Meg Marple Chair
Peggie Moore Co-Chair

Mary Anne Dilloway Steve Clayton

Yves Fournier Pasha Turley

Curt Conant Board Liaison Lynn Leszczynski Board Liaison

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

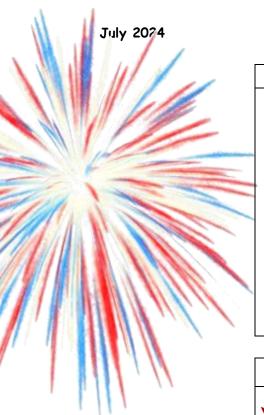
### Events Scheduled Every Week - By Weekday

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	(outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Share & Wear: 10-2pm Dominos: 12-4pm Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm 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 Studio: 10am-2pm The Groove Movement/ Dance: 10-11am Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Cribbage: 1-3pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm Friends of Bill W: 5:00pm

### Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	2 10am Activities Cte. Card Room	2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room
3pm OCA at the Movies "The Color Purple" - Clubhouse	11am Facilities Cte. Community Room	9:30am Architecture Cte Card Room 10am Book Club - Library 4-5:30pm Drama Club - Auditorium	9:30am Unit Advisors - 10 Clubhouse Auditorium  10-11:30am Decoupage Flickering Candles Class- Art Room  10:30am CRC - Community Room
14	9:30am Finance Cte Community Room 1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.	16	10-11:30am Water- 17 color Class - Art Room 6-7pm Fireside Chat - Library 7pm OCA at the Movies "Little Miss Sunshine" - Clubhouse
21	22	23	5-7pm Poolside Summer Concert #4 - Poolside
28	10am BOD Exec. Session	30	31 9:30am Open Board Mtg Auditorium

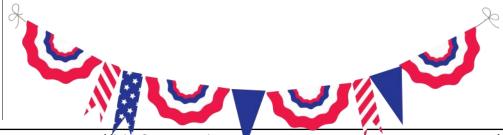
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Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Coffee Hour: 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor) 9:30-11:30am Band-It Fitness 9:30-11am Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Chair Volleyball: 1-2pm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

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-3pm 4th of July Party - Poolside	5	10am-2pm <b>SSS</b>
9am Coffee Hour - John Scott Clubhouse	10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room	13
9am Coffee Hour - Clay Colton Duo Clubhouse	19	10am-Noon Tie Dye Class- Art Room
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to our website at
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# Things To Do at OCA

- Art Studio Wed., 10am-2pm. Info: Caryn Leventhal 760-518-6982.
- 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
- Cribbage Wed. 1-3pm in the Cardroom. We play 2's, 3's and 4's. Info: Rhonda Christopher, 760-231-1808.
- Discussion Group Thurs. at 10:30am (following Coffee Hour) in the Library. Info: Danae Dancyzk, 760-529-9226.
- **Dominos Group** Tues., 12pm in the Card Room. Info: Dona White, 760-533-2484.
- Drama Club Currently closed due to play rehearsal. 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 -2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Voqt (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 heybtsy0040@att.net
- Woodshop -Mon-Fri 1-3pm. Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.
- Yoga (Chair) Mon. 10am. Auditorium. Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641

### Committee Membership Continued from Committee Membership page

### Unit Advisors Committee

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Meets: 2 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. ea. O	dd-Numbered Month	
Oam (	lubhouse Auditorium	
Jeff Kern	Chair	
Diane Pettibone	Secretary	
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Unit:		
1—Ron Landsel	760-231-7586	
1A—Lynn Schneidenbach	619-889-4612	
	017-007-1012	
2 (Open)		
3—Laura Bennett	760-224-2524	
4- Sally Lopez	760-421-4187	
T Sully Lopez		
5—Dr. Andrea Anderson	510-701-4044	
6 (Open)		
7—Renée Maricque	920-562-3436	
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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		
14—Toby Roberts	760-721-6077	
& Kristine Hale	858-775-4253	
	Board Liaison	
Evelyn Thomas	boara Liaison	

# Updates From The Isle

# EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE

**JULY 2024** 

ESTABLISHED 1966

Who doesn't love some gorgeous summer time golf? The golf course is in great shape this summer featuring full lakes still thanks to all of the previous year and winter rainfall.

We have some awesome live music coming up on every other Friday evening, you can always find the latest information below on our main calendar, website, social media, or free APP for the course! Each music night features local talent of all styles and variety along with rotating Local food vendors being paired to enjoy from 5:30-7:30 pm.

This past June we hosted on of our favorite tournaments "The UnderDog". This tournament is a celebration of being a dog friendly golf course. Want to enjoy some of the cutest dog photos around? Head over to our website and social media! Did you see we were recently named as one of the top 10 Dog Friendly Golf Course in the country? The Isle is absolutely making a name for itself throughout the golf world!

This July we will be hosting a community favorite event for the Oceanside fireworks on July 3rd "Red White & Boom!"

This family friendly event will have something available for everyone and an incredible front row seat to the best fireworks in north county!

Join us July 3rd with a lawn chair, blanket, and come enjoy tons of local food vendors, games for kids, and plenty of great adult beverages too. There is no outside alcohol allowed on the property.









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



THE ISLE GRILL MENU
OPEN DAILY 6:30AM-4:30PM

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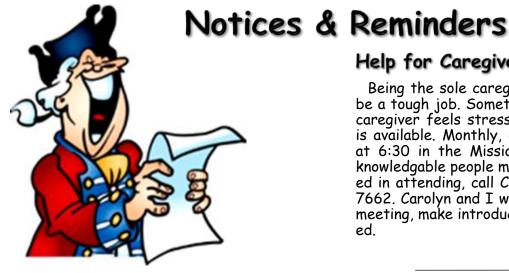


BOOK A PRIVATE LESSON BOOK A GROUP LESSON MORE INFO ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION NATALIE VIVALDI, PGA





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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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Any questions, call:

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

### Missing Your EBlasts?

### Important!

If you are a new resident of Oceana, or are simply not receiving the weekly eblasts, **please** follow the steps below to be added. 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! To register your email address: log into portal.connectresident.com/ (if your first time logging in you will need to create a password). Click on the stacked menu bar (three horizonal lines) in the upper left corner. Click on "My Account". Here you can Edit your contact email address and add your preferred email then SAVE your changes. Click on "My Communication Preferences" at the top to view all your communication choices. Remember to SAVE any changes you make.

Jaci Ackles

### Help for Caregivers

Being the sole caregiver for a loved one can be a tough job. Sometimes even the strongest caregiver feels stressed. It is not easy. Help is available. Monthly, on the second Thursday at 6:30 in the Mission San Luis Rey church knowledgable people meet. If you are interested in attending, call Chuck Kruse at 937-823-7662. Carolyn and I will give you a ride to the meeting, make introductions and get you start-

Chuck Kruse

### Monday Trivia

I started attending Monday trivia the week I arrived at Oceana. It is so enjoyable that I often try to encourage friends to attend. I'm surprised to hear the reasons people give for not wanting to do trivia: "It's too hard!" "I'll embarrass myself." or "I'm just not that competitive."

So, I want to take a couple of minutes to assure everyone you don't have to have the abilities of a Jeopardy! contestant to enjoy trivia. First off, we always play in teams, so you don't need to know all the answers to contribute. Secondly, the teams are randomly selected, so there isn't that one team that always wins. Third, the guestions are in a variety of categories. You don't have to know Geography or History. If all you know is Pop Culture or 60's TV Shows, you can still help your team! And, finally, no one really cares who wins. It's just a fun way to challenge our brains, collaborate with fellow Oceanaigans, and enjoy each other's company.

Oh, and the winning team gets Halloween candy guaranteed to be less than 365 days old. Well, 366 this year, it's a Leap Year.

If you find yourself at home on a Monday about 6:30 PM, set the TiVo, come on down to the Clubhouse's Card Room and try it out. I think you'll enjoy yourself.

Kyle G. Roesler

### 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)

### Oceana Good Neighbor Fund (OGNF)

### A New Focus

You may know of the Oceana Good Neighbor Fund (OGNF) through its prior black-and-white "Good Neighbor Patrol" vehicle. While the patrol project had some success, OGNF has recently shifted its mission - starting with



Oceana Good Neighbor Fund

501(c)(3) nonprofit

official IRS recognition as a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization with a Board of Directors that operates separately from the Oceana HOA.

Our new focus is to help our neighbors in need by giving small monetary grants for emergency financial assistance. Later this summer, we will launch a 6-month pilot program offering grants to Oceana residents (details still to be set, but in the range of \$50 - \$100 per household, with a short application process and grant frequency limitations).

In the past couple of months we've sold the patrol car, established an under-construction website at OGNF.org, and are working with the Community Resource Center (CRC) to determine how we can best perform our mission.

We anticipate that most grant requests will come through the CRC, which offers information on and help with applying for a variety of assistance programs. OGNF also plans to establish a working relationship with Oceana's Unit Advisors, as they may offer a personal, just-in-time conduit for residents who have emergency needs.

At May's Oceana HOA Board meeting, OGNF was approved as an Aladdin Project. This allows OGNF to spread our message through the various Oceana communication outlets, such as this Hilltop Highlights article, and to use clubhouse space for meetings.

OGNF's current Directors are Mike Archer, Sydnie Wauson, Tom Astengo, Karen Bishop, and John Mortimer. Karen, our current Secretary, will be leaving the Board in a few months so we are looking to fill her "big shoes."

At our last community meeting, about 10 other Oceana residents raised their hand to help fulfill our mission. We'll be in contact with those volunteers shortly. If you would also like to be part of this active and committed group, or if you know of a resident with an urgent financial need, please reach out to us at:

info@OGNF.org.

The OGNF Board of Directors

### Cribbage, Anyone?

### Every Wednesday, 1pm to 3pm, Cardroom

We play cribbage for all levels - come to learn and play!! We play 2's, 3's and 4's. It's fun! Come meet new people. Call Rhonda at 760 231-1808 for any questions. There will be teachers to explain the rules and help newcomers! Bring on the challenge!!

Anita Romaine

### Spanish Club

### iatención por favor!

Intermediate/Advanced Spanish speakers interested in meeting others and improving or maintaining your conversational skills, please join us. We'll meet in the Community Room on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm beginning August 7. Please bring ideas for topics/activities. Contact Erin Quinton with questions at: equinton@gmail.com, or at: 503-422-6727. Nos vemos pronto!

**Erin Quinton** 

### Ceramics Studio Update

For all who donated plastic bottles and aluminum cans to our studio, we thank you! Our studio is no longer accepting these items. Please continue to support our community by donating your recyclables to the Billiards group, to help them with their Aladdin Project to re-felt their tables! Thanks for your support in the past!

Lynn Schneidenbache

### 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 Hilltop Highlights July 2024

# Committee & Club Reports

### Facilities Committee

### What is CARE?

Oceana is beginning to show it's age. Among other issues, our infrastructure is aging, liabilities are increasing and the cost of the Oceana Land Company (OLC) lease is escalating. One response the Board took was the formation, last August, of the Facilities Committee. It's purpose: to identify, prioritize and mitigate risk hazards in our community.

We met with our Insurance Broker, Patrick Prendiville, Community Risk Manager Specialist, who helped fine-tune our scope of work. He commends the community for being proac-

tive in risk management.

Many risks have already been identified & fixed. The committee's current plan is to walk through 1-2 units monthly, front & rear, during the day & after dark, to identify trip hazards, lighting problems, drainage intrusions and other potential risks and prioritize their severity. We will also take photos, cataloging each identified condition. Next, we will work with the Board to evaluate the OCA budget and identify all funds available for repairs. Then requests will be made to the Facilities Manager for maintenance & repairs.

Using the name "Facilities Committee" caused confusion between us and the "Facilities Department". We will be changing the name of the committee from "Facilities" to "Common Area Risk Evaluation" (CARE) Com-

mittee.

We invite you to be part of the committee that helps you and your neighbors to stay safe and avoid hazards. We usually work in pairs when we are inspecting units. This is a fun way to get to know your neighbors and explore other units in Oceana. It's good exercise and you may even notice interesting flora & fauna.

In the near future, we will be reviewing units 3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9. The other units are either in-progress or will need regular review. We especially need volunteers who will check for adequate lighting when walking at night

(bring a flashlight & a friend).

If you are interested in walking units, during the day or after dark, or in joining the committee, please contact me at:

MegMcMarple@gmail.com.

Meg Marple



### Landscape Committee

Oceana has always taken pride in its lovely location and meticulous landscaping; but with years of drought, continual water price hikes, aging irrigation systems, etc., we've become increasingly frustrated. Unfortunately no magic landscaping genies exist to totally recreate the paradise of 50+ years ago, but we try to credit each landscape company for their expertise and efforts to "restore what the locusts have eaten!"

Introducing the newest kids on the block, Total Landscape Creations (TLC), with Bob Hanyon, owner. What really impresses us about Bob is his work ethic, vast knowledge of native plants and his generosity. Bob has bent over backwards to supply us with more free labor than you'd get on a 1920's chain gang! His crew members are hardworking and conscientious, willing to do whatever it takes to bring Oceana the color, texture and beauty that we crave. Bob is a licensed landscaping contractor, with over 40 years of boots-on-the-ground experience and a list of many local associations who have consistently employed TLC.

As owner, Bob puts his whole heart into Oceana and is present daily to supervise and check on details, interface with staff, meet with homeowners and update us on quality control issues and needs. And, after months of debate about the use of the controversial herbicide, glyphosate (chemical weed killer), Bob has assured us TLC never uses this chemical, but instead purchases large quantities of organic and safe weed killer.

While no landscaping company can satisfy all needs, all the time, for all people, we're pretty satisfied already with TLC. The many accomplishments (you might not even have noticed) are numerous. Anyone who's worked with Bob knows he follows through and gives his all. The following is a brief, but by no means exhaustive list of what TLC has done for us in barely 2 months on the job!

- Performed extensive slope clean up and brush removal for city fire requirements in Unit 10. Bob's crews were filling up the dumpster by the maintenance yard 3-4 times a week, (a significant increase from previous landscape companies).
- Weeded, trimmed and cleared the RV lot, removing 51 burlap bags of debris. TLC explained that weeds as tall as 4 feet had grown in every unit due to the huge backlog and the deluge of rain this past winter.

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- Sprayed weeds and rogue growth on parkways around Vista Campana and side streets.
   Hand pulled weeds daily, making sure roots were removed. Explained to Landscape Committee and staff, that NO pre-emergent had been used by previous landscaping companies, to deter weed growth. Thus, an abundance of weeds had been allowed to germinate.
- Brought in extra man-power to get ahead of weed removal and overdue trimming of bushes, hedges, dying and diseased plants; and to replace hundreds of sprinkler heads, water lines and wire shorts throughout Oceana, along with broken sprinkler valves.
- Planted 30 trees (no charge for labor) that were donated by SDG&E.
- Bob personally evaluated all the timers and clocks for our irrigation system (which had been turned off during the rainy season), turning them back on after a thorough check of each one. In addition, mowing to get turf areas under control before sprinklers were re-employed, while edging and cleaning up most lawns next to sidewalks and streets.
- Bob personally reviewed work orders and landscape requests that had either been misplaced or incomplete. He met, listened and consulted with numerous homeowners that had been waiting for the new landscape company to advise them.
- Trimmed and cut back all bushes away from homes in Unit 12, to ready for painting. And, cleared debris, leaves and weeds to make Dog Park canine-friendly again!

While TLC is working to capacity, we wait patiently, as Bob has asked us for 6-8 months to bring Oceana up to his standards. Judging from many of the associations TLC landscapes and cares for, those "standards" are worth waiting for! Thank you to Bob and TLC for all you do!

The Landscape Committee



### Garden Club

### At Oceana Orientation

Anthony Kay, the Oceana Garden Club (OGC) Secretary attended the Oceana Orientation event at the Clubhouse representing the OGC. The table set up displayed photographs of



the varieties of vegetables and flowers grown. In addition, there was a display of photographs and Canyon Wildlife Magazines of the wildlife that visit and live around the garden plots and the adjacent canyon. Great interest was received, and volunteer details taken.

### Oceana's Garden Birds

The Northern Mockingbird, (Mimus Polyglottos - this Latin name translates to 'many tongued mimic') is one of the most frequent visitors to Oceana Garden plots. These Mockingbirds can be seen all year round perching on



the garden fences, garden structures, and on tops of branches and trees. These birds are very territorial and times at can be very aggressive. We were lucky

enough to have a pair of mockingbirds make a nest in one of our tomato plants in our garden plot. We watched in awe from finding the nest with three eggs, hatching, feeding, growing up to flying away. The weeks were mesmerizing, watching the parents taking turns to catch the bugs and insects then feeding their nestlings. Nature at its finest.

In the last issue of the Hilltop Highlights, June 2024 the image of the Hawk was of a Cooper's Hawk, and not the Red-Tailed Hawk.

> Anthony Kay Secretary

### Activities Recap

### May 2024

### Memorial Day Concert

We began the celebration of Memorial Day by recognizing and honoring those who have lost their lives serving our country.





Afterwards, we had some great food (BBQ



Ribs and Chicken) from our caterer Eddie Chiw, which

was followed by music from the group Kings of La Jolla. They played a number of popular songs



that many Oceana residents enjoyed dancing to. It was a fun afternoon for all.



### Poolside Concert

At our second poolside concert of the summer, we were entertained by a bluegrass band



called the! Shoreline Pick-They ers. had several songs that featured different members of their group. People enjoyed the laid-



back music while also being able to visit with each other in the courtyard. The concert was on a Friday night. We will be having other summer events on different nights allowing flexibility for Oceana residents to attend. Please



watch for our upcoming concerts, as well as our 4th of July event where the Cool Rush band will be performing.

### Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated on Friday the 3rd of May this year. Tacos from our caterer Eddie



Chiw and Margaritas (Charlie's recipe) were flowing that evening.

The DJ (Mor Sol) was excellent and had many people up and dancing before the night's end.

### OCA at the Movies

FREE movies are back in Oceana. The movies shown this past month were "Mother's Day" and "Golda."

Movies are regularly scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month at 3 pm and on the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm. Doors

Wednesday at 7 pm. Doors open a half hour before the movie. The movie is free, but popcorn and sodas can be purchased for \$1. You are also able to purchase hot dogs, and usually there is an unexpected surprise too!



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### May Coffee Hour & Treat



Coffee Hour in May was another great month full of different presentations and entertainment.

Missing Coffee Hour (Thursday mornings) means missing quality entertainment, coffee, soda, donuts and fellowship with your Oceana neighbors. Come to the clubhouse between 9:00 and 9:30, pick up a beverage and some food (\$1 each) and get ready to have some fun. At 9:30 announcements of upcoming Oceana events are provided with fun stories and a few jokes. At 9:45 the fantastic entertainment begins. Please join us on Thursdays if you can. Here's a recap of May's excitement. Note: the May 2 Share and Wear Fashion Show was already covered in the June Hilltop Highlights.

### Glen Kramer

Glen Kramer came the second week with his outstanding piano playing and fun game of "Name that Tune." He is quite an accomplished pianist with a large repertoire of music. He put on an excellent show for our Coffee Hour crowd.



### The U Turns

Back again were the "U Turns" with their familiar 60's to 80's music. Many of their songs were ones we could all sing along with.



### John Scott

John Scott (guitarist and singer) and his lead guitar playing partner Brian Otto provided us



with a great show. John selected several origi-



nal songs (some of his own songs e.g., "Good Life") for their morning show. Other original songs were "Love Turned to Stone" and "I Can't Take It No More." It was a morning accompanied by some nice laid-back music.



### Clay Colton and Gary Piro



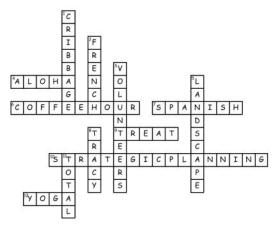
Clay and Gary sang many duets for our 5th Thursday Afternoon Treat. They sang some familiar Beatles tunes and Clay did his wonderful "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"



solo with his ukulele. They always put on a great show here in Oceana.

Charlie Wendt

# The Answers to This Month's Highlights Crossword Puzzle



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### Meet Your Neighbor

ach month as I
sit and compose yet another article for this column, I am reminded of the enormous diversity in this community of



ours. We come from all walks of life, hailing from all over the country and even the world. This month's Meet your Neighbor, brings yet another example of just that.

On a Friday afternoon, late in the month of May, I had the honor of sitting down with Marinella Mocovini. Marinella was born in 1942 in Trieste, Italy, a port city in the northeast part of the country. She attended school and then at 14 years of age, began working in the shoe department of a local store where she organized and cleaned for 2 years. At age 20, Marinella met her late husband, an American serviceman who was stationed in Italy. They married and set out for Southfield, Michigan, an inner suburb of Detroit, where in 1963, their daughter Jessica was born. From Southfield, Marinella moved outside of Ortonville, Michigan, a quaint little community where she lived on a farm and owned 4 horses. After many years in Michigan, Marinella made the decision to move to California. She has been living in Oceana for the past 24 years. I asked, "Why Oceana?" She responded, "A friend of mine in real estate showed me the community and I liked it." Her daughter, Jessica, followed shortly after and now resides in Winchester, California.

Presently, you can find Marinella in the Share and Wear Annex, where she volunteers weekly. She shared that she enjoys "keeping busy" and has quite a passion for tailoring. When I asked "what is it you enjoy doing that keeps you busy?" Almost immediately, Marinella replied, "I love to read, work on puzzles, listen to music and garden. I also love to walk and listen to nature." "What do you like best about Oceana"? With a bright smile, she answered, "I'm able to walk around without being afraid!"

A mom, a tailor, a gardener, a volunteer; that my friends is Marinella Mocovini. Next time you visit the Share and Wear Annex, stop by and say hello! You will see what I saw, a bright smile and glistening eyes!.

Gail Olenick

### From Oceana's Archives

The lyrics of a song, published in the June 11, 1965 issue of Campana de Oceana.

### Oceana's Banners

By RUX

(Tune: Yellow Rose of Texas)

See Oceana's banners
A-flutter in the air,
They mark, these soaring standards,
A place beyond compare.
Hear sounds of Oceana
Float music on the breeze,
And walk Vista Campana
While birds sing in the trees.

Look on our pleasant gardens, The grass so lush and green, Such beauty in the landscape, And such a lovely scene. Sweet flowers of lively color Are set along the walk, The bees are out for pollen And sit on every stalk.

A welcome at bright entries
Greets you at every door.
You're served from plenteous pantries,
Invited back for more.
The peal of pleasant laughter
Is heard among the halls,
There's healing hush thereafter
Within your private walls.

For this day and to-morrow
At low ebb and high tide,
Good friends in joy and sorrow
Are steady at your side,
While Oceana's banners
Still flutter in the air,
And mark, these soaring standards,
A place beyond compare.

Submitted by Dave Marple

