## Oceanside Community Association

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## Inside:

A Regular Night Visitor



"Evening Flight" Barn Owl—Image by Anthony Kay, taken late evening in Unit 2

Also Inside:

Friendship Garden Wins First Place!

## The Owls of San Diego

San Diego County, California has over 500 birds on the accepted ABA list and many other introduced species. Waters of the Pacific Ocean, mountains over a mile high and deserts all within the boundaries of the county provide many varied habitats for a broad variety of birds.

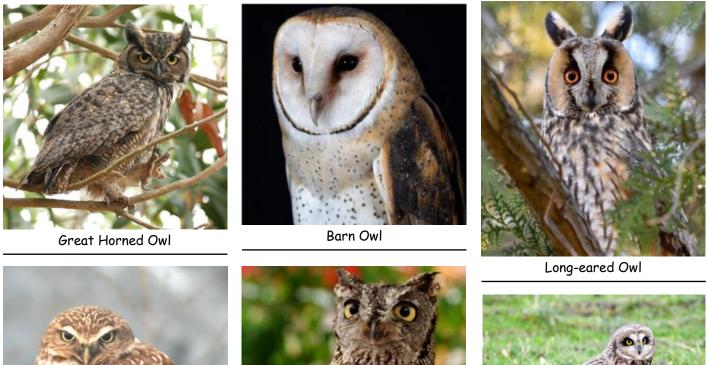
The unofficial title of "Birdiest County" in the US is a back-and-forth battle with Los An-

geles County, California as each adds a new species over time.

The number of Owls in San Diego County also varies, depending on who is making the list and on what owls have decided to make a rare appearance (e.g., the Snowy Owl). The following six appear in most lists. Four are permanent residents and two are migratory visitors, both Winter only.

#### **Permanent Residents:**

#### **Migratory:**





Western Screech Owl



Short-eared Owl

#### A note to website viewers:

**Burrowing Owl** 

This page does not appear in the printed version. Please scroll down to see the rest of this month's Hilltop Highlights. And, since the printed version is done only in black & white, you can see, here, the full color of the original design.

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<u>maintenance@ocaoffice.org</u>

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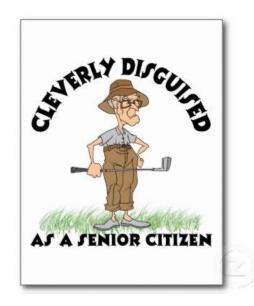
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#### **Office Information**

- The deadline to submit information for The Hilltop Highlights is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 keystone connection.net. The physical work request forms available are our website on (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 back-ups and exterior water leaks) within 24 hours. After normal business hours and on weekends emergencies should be reported to our customer care center at 949-833-2600.
- 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.

## Keep Informed

#### Oceana

oceanaseniors.org

#### City of Oceanside

ci.oceanside.ca.us

#### San Diego County

sandiegocounty.gov

## **<u>Report City Code Infractions</u>**

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

ow, the time has flown, the board is already in our 6<sup>th</sup> month. It makes me dizzy thinking about everything that has happened in one month. On August 1, our new management company took over the reins. We got off to a bumpy start but were soon back in control thanks to the competence of Keystone Pacific. Our new General Manager, Vartan (Von) Yacoubian, started on the 19<sup>th</sup> with the regional manager, Karen Thompson, filling in while we waited for his start date. We had 4 maintenance tech positions posted and hopefully filled by the time you read this.

We have tested your patience and asked a lot of you during these months of transition. During July and early August, Bob with Total Landscape, worked against the clock to get our sprinklers refitted with new timers. I often saw Bob working until there was no light left to the day. The State gave us only 60 days to complete the project or we would lose the rebates worth \$56K. I can't thank him enough for the dedication he put into this project for us. I realize it was frustrating to see our grass turn brown, but the long-term payoff will be worth it as we go into the future with weather-sensitive controlled timers. I appreciate all of you who understood that this was a temporary setback and now we are compliant with the State of California codes.

In a neighborhood like Oceana, with these demographics, we see neighbors come and go. We miss seeing friends that we've known for years. We've said goodbye to beloved staff that became friends. What I hear most often from residents is how friendly people are. We are a neighborhood of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, religious philosophies, and political ideologies. We don't all think alike. I'd like to ask you to consider what my favorite sage Ted Lasso would say, 'Be curious, not judgmental'. With that attitude, we will enjoy our neighbors with all of their differences even more. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.

> Roxanne Remmel, Your President, OCA Board of Directors

## News You Can Use

Based on the recent BOD' decisions, homeowner comments, and our last General Meeting, here is the 'News You Can Use'.



#### New Management Update

It's been a month since we welcomed Keystone Pacific to Oceana. A lot has been done to settle in the past 30days, and a lot is still ahead. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Von, our new General Manager, please stop by the office and say HI.

#### New Emails for Office Staff

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#### 2025 Budget Development

A draft outline of our operating budget, listing and describing the content of each line item, has been prepared for our General Manager. He is working on filling in the numbers to reflect our needs for 2025 and will be bringing that to the community for review sometime in October. Also in process is the new Reserve Study so that the 2025 Reserve Budget can be developed. Watch for updates on this process during the month of September.

#### No Smoking by the Pool

Residents have recently been observed drinking and smoking poolside. There is NO Smoking allowed in the pool or pool area.

#### Strategic Planning

As promised, action items on the strategic plan have been developed and a final document was distributed to homeowners. If you missed receiving a copy, it is available on the website.

#### **Irrigation Timers Project**

It is close to completion. Sprinklers are to be set to go on regularly, 3 times a week.

Lynn Leszczynski

## We Won‼

#### Our Friendship Garden Took First Place



Thanks to the efforts **OCEAN**SIDE of Kathleen Dowling and

William Matthews, our Friendship Garden is the winner of the 2024 WaterSmart Landscape Contest held by the City of Oceanside.

Text from the email announcing the win is presented below:

#### Dear Kathleen Dowling,

Congratulations! Your landscape transformation project is the winner of the 2024 WaterSmart Landscape Contest.

We were very impressed by your climatefriendly plant selection as well as your commitment to stormwater capture and water efficient irrigation methods. Your project serves as a role model to your neighbors, passersby, friends and family. We thank you for your contribution in creating a more sustainable Oceanside community!

As the contest winner, your project will receive a \$250 gift certificate to a local Oceanside nursery of your choice. Please respond with your favorite nursery or landscaping supply store that will best help you with the upkeep of your award-winning garden. Additionally, you may see your landscape highlighted in future Green Oceanside outreach materials.

We would love to have updated photos of your new and improved space. Would you be open to City staff visiting the property to take photos or would you rather send us photos via email? Please let us know. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase all of your hard work and dedication to sustainable landscaping.

Congratulations again and thank you for being a great example for our community! Sincerely,

> Nicole Cano Environmental Specialist I Water Use Efficiency Program City of Oceanside Water Utilities 300 N. Coast Hwy. Oceanside, CA 92054 760-435-5107

ncano@oceansideca.org

Thank you, Kathleen and William, for your tireless efforts and great success.

#### September 2024

#### Hilltop Highlights

## Meet Your Neighbor

s the sole writer of this column, I have been approached by many people who offer their suggestions as to who I should interview. One such person was Peter Cornog. He approached me poolside one sunny afternoon asking, "Why don't you interview Joan and Henry?" Guess what Peter? I did.

Meet Joan Rooney and her son, Henry. Joan was born the first of 5 children in Manhat-

tan Beach, CA. She is the mother of 2 children; a daughter Lucy who is 30, and Henry who is 31. Joan attended San Diego State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreational Therapy. Struggling to find employment in her field, she finally secured a position at Sharp Rehabilitation Center. There she worked with stroke and spinal cord injury patients. Joan also taught English as a second language to Indochinese refugees who came here to California. And if that wasn't enough, Joan later received her Master's degree at the University of Maryland in Adult Education. Subsequently, she worked for the Department of State, teaching leadership and management skills at the Foreign Service Institute in Virginia. Joan, along with her son Henry, moved to Oceana in May, 2023.

Henry was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), at age 3 1/2 and lost most of his ability to speak at the early age of 5. As a speech/language pathologist, I am quite familiar with ASD. I witnessed Henry's incredibly high receptive language skills. He understood everything I was asking. How did I know this? I engaged Henry in several questions, the first one being, "Did you attend a special school?" To my absolute surprise, Henry reached for his mom's phone and began typing his response, with his EYES CLOSED! "So, I feel I had a bad school, they thought I was retarded. I am not. I have autism, intelligent but I can't speak well." Henry was assisted by his mom, who gently supported his wrist while typing. This is known as Facilitated Communication. Although this technique has been discredited by the American-Speech-Language and Hearing Association stating that the "facilitator" authors the message, I observed quite the opposite. Henry was typing! He added, in his first message, "she is taking notes give her what I wrote." My interviewing continued with the next question being, "What do you enjoy?"



Henry and Joan with Ruby

Henry immediately took the phone and typed, "I love the ocean and we go everywhere I get a great feeling in the water and in the air." I was on a roll! "Do you like the pool?" I asked. He typed, "I love the pool and the hot tub but I don't like people who try and talk to me and don't understand autism." Henry was communicating! I was in absolute awe of his skill set and his ability to understand and respond. Joan conveyed that Henry attends the Spellers Center San Diego, located in

Oceanside, once weekly during the year. Spellers is a learning center for non speakers who come to learn to type to communicate. They also participate in group lessons and social events. Henry also attends the Mira Costa's Community Learning Center at Mira Costa College, where he participates in life skills and writing classes for people with disabilities.

Towards the end of our time together, I turned to Joan and asked "Why Oceana?" Joan responded, "There are breezes all the time, I can see the ocean and the mountains, and I smell the flowers as I walk our dog, Ruby," (a Maltese).

As I drove back home, all I could think about was the incredible experience I was so fortunate to encounter. This was one interview that I truly will never forget.

Gail Olenick

#### Following is an excerpt on ASD.

#### What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-5<sup>th</sup> edition, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by deficits in social communication and the presence of restricted interests and repetitive behaviors.

- Autism affects 1 in 36 children in the US.
- ASD prevalence in the US has increased by 312% since 2000.
- Boys are diagnosed with autism 4.2 times more often than girls.
- Autism is most common among Asian and Pacific Islander children.
- The average age of autism diagnosis is 4 years.
- 73.6% of autistic students in the US leave high school with a diploma.

Meet Your Neighbor Continued on page 8



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Monday September 2, 1-3 pm

## Labor Day Party

**Good food** and the music of **Cool Rush** by the pool!



Enjoy Chicken Wings (BBQ, Spicy, Plain & Lemon Pepper), Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Tossed Green Salad, Bread Sticks, Ice Cream Drumsticks, Beer, Wine, Soda.

#### All for only \$15.

Reminder: the pool is closed from 1 hour before any poolside event until the end of the event.

Saturday, September 14, 11 am-1 pm

## Dog Days of Summer



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event! (We had ~100 people with their fur babies last year) Dog competitions & prizes; gift certificates, a photo booth, raffles, silent auctions & lots of free stuff! Food (hot dogs) for purchase. Questions: Curt at 760-331-9311

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When:	September 14,
	11am-1pm
Where:	Dog Park
Enjoy:	Dog Park Competitions, Prizes & Fun
Signup:	NA
Fee	NA Admission is Free

When: September 2, 1-3pm

Enjoy: Good Food, Good Music Signup: Closed as of Aug. 29

Where: Poolside

\$15

Fee:

#### Sunday, September 22, 6-7pm



## Fall Equinox Drum Circle

Bring your own drum or borrow one from Charlie. A celebration of community & season. It's free. When: September 22, 6-7pm Where: Poolside Enjoy: Rhythm & Community Signup: NA Fee: Admission is Free

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

Sept. 5 : Bingo Sept. 12 : Glenn Kramer Sept. 19 : Robert Parker Sept. 26 : Jimmy & Enrique

Questions? Call the office at 760-757-3937

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#### Myths about ASD

#### Autism can be cured

Comprehensive medical research has shown that autism is not an illness, and thus, autism cannot be cured—and many argue whether it even should be cured, as it perpetuates the idea that being neurotypical is the only way to have a fulfilling life.

#### Autism is caused by bad parenting

One of the earliest misconceptions about autism is that it's caused by poor parenting, or rather, the failure of parents to form a bond with their child during the first few months of the child's life. It's also known as the "refrigerator mother" myth, implying that autism was caused by mothers being cold towards their children and uninterested in their needs.

Subsequent research has proven this myth wrong, demonstrating that autism is intrinsic and not caused by anything that happens after the child's birth.

#### Vaccines cause Autism

A 1998 study led by Dr. Andrew Wakefield addressed 12 children who allegedly developed a new phenotype of autism after receiving MMR vaccination. Although there have been small-scale and inconclusive studies on the topic before, this one gained a lot more media attention, leading to a more serious impact.

This autism and vaccines myth led to a sharp decline in vaccination rates, which consequently led to an increase in the cases of measles and mumps.

#### Autistic individuals are anti-social

Autistic people may need support with social skills or interact differently with the world around them, but most autistic people enjoy having relationships. People show their social difficulties in different ways. Some are quiet and shy or avoid social situations, others speak too much and struggle to have two-way conversations. Unspoken communication can confuse autistic people; they might find body language, tone of voice and sarcasm difficult to read. These challenges can make it difficult to make friends, build relationships or get on at work. Taking time to get to know autistic people and understand their differences in an environment where they are happy makes all the difference.



## The Hilltop Highlights Fill in the Blanks Puzzle

#### Submitted by Anita Romaine

Most of the information is in the July/ August Oside magazine.

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ cabins on the Strand in Oceanside used to cost \$3 a day to rent.
- 2. The \_ \_ \_ \_ Market is held on Thursday evenings.
- 3. \_\_\_\_ is the name of the magazine filled with photos and restaurants in Oceanside.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ is Anita's favorite place to eat a Flaco Taco.
- \_\_\_\_ Market is held on Thursday mornings.
- 6. The name of the oldest theatre in Oceanside is Sunshine \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.
- 7. The last name Oceanside's Mayor, Esther, is \_
- 8. The name of Oceanside's only Michelin Star restaurant is \_\_\_\_.
- 9. In 1919, the \_\_\_\_\_ was erected on the beach just south of the pier.

- 10. \_\_\_\_ Restaurant on corner of Mission and Coast Hwy.
- 11. The Oceanside \_ \_ \_ \_ extends from San Luis Rey River to Buena Vista Lagoon.
- 12. \_\_\_\_ is short for the Oceanside Museum, the place to see a photography art show.
- 13. The \_\_\_\_ was originally built as a movie theater back in the 50's & 60's.
- 14. The \_\_\_\_ structure caught on fire in May.
- 15. The \_\_\_\_\_ train takes you to San Diego from Oceanside.
- 16. This Museum is where historical \_ \_ \_boards are on display.
- 17. The \_\_\_\_\_ train travels from west to east, from Oceanside to Escondido.
- 18. The military base that is north of Oceanside is called \_\_\_\_ Pendleton.
- 19. \_\_\_\_ has two of these restaurants in Oceanside, Coast Hwy and ECR.

#### Puzzle solution on page 20

## **OCA Committee Membership**

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Ellen Marciel	10 am, Card Room Chair	Mike McLaughlin	10am, Billiards Room Chair
Charlie Wendt	Treasurer	Phyllis Allinson	enan
Linda Garcia	Share & Wear Mgr.	Peter Cornog	
Mary Anne Dilloway	Share a wear mgr.	Donna Grabel	
Pat Hawkins		Denny Metz	
Carolyn Kruse		Steve Omlor	
Chuck Kruse		Teresa Chamberlain-Spr	adlin Board Liaison
Karin Messaros		Curt Conant	Board Liaison
Gail Olenick			
Lisa Olivero		"The Hub"	Committee
Ginger Thayer		Meets:	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. Month
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#### Hilltop Highlights 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	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	Share & Wear:10-2pmDominos:12-4pmCeramics:12:30-3:30pmLapidary:1-3pmWoodshop:1-3pmPickleball Open Play (indoor):1:30-4pm	Water Aerobics 7:30am Keep Fit: 8:30-9am Water Aerobics 9am Pickleball Adv Open Play (outdoor): 9:30-11:30am Art Studio: 10am-2pm Share & Wear: 10-2pm French Club: 11am-Noon Cribbage: 1-3pm
	Pinochle: 1-4pm Pickleball Open Play (indoor) -Open: 2-4pm -Private: 4:15-5:30pm Trivia: 6:30-7:30pm	Billiards Warm-Up 6-8pm Poker: 6-8pm	Lapidary: 1-3pm

#### Other Scheduled Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
1	2	3	4	
3pm OCA at the Movies "The Color Purple" (The 2023 Steven	<b>1-3pm Labor Day Party</b> - Poolside	10am Activities Cte. Card Room	2pm The Hub Cte. Community Room	
Spielberg version) - Clubhouse	1-4pm Mahjong - Community Rm.			
	Labor Day			
8	<b>9</b> 11am Facilities Cte.	10 9:30am Architecture	9:30am Unit Advisors - <b>11</b> Clubhouse Auditorium	
	Community Room	Cte Card Room 10am Book Club	10am-Noon Crazy Cork Crafts - Art Room	
		- Library	10:30am CRC -Community Room	
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6-7pm Fall Equinox Drum Circle- Poolside			9:30am <b>Open Board Mtg</b> Auditorium	
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29	30			
	10am BOD Exec. Session			
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Billiards: 10am-Noon Share & Wear: 10-2pm Discussion Group: 10:30am Ceramics: 12:30-3:30pm Lapidary: 1-3pm Spanish Class: 2-3:15pm	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
Billiards (Private): 6-8pm	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 Lapidary: 1-3pm Woodshop: 1-3pm	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	• •

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9am Coffee Hour - Bingo Clubhouse	6	10am-2pm SSS 6
12 9am Coffee Hour - Glen Kramer Clubhouse	13 10am Landscape Cte. Billiards Room	14 11am-1pm Dog Days of Summer - Dog Park
9am Coffee Hour - 19 Robert Parker Clubhouse (International	20	21
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26 9am Coffee Hour - Jimmy & Enrique Clubhouse	27	28 10am-Noon Acrylic Pouring on Canvas - Art Room

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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 10-11am. In the Library. Info: Jeri Gustafsson 760-754-2911.
- Ceramics Studio open every Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 12:30-3:30pm. Info: Paula McDonald, 760-703-3661, paulamcd@cox.net
- Chair Volleyball Mon. 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: Alan Dolit (760) 519-3765.
- **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) 429-9224, 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 Teri Battaglia, (714) 458-6842
- Sing-Along Thurs. 6-9pm 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.
- Spanish Club -Weds. 3:30-4:30pm. Community Room. Contact Erin Quinton at eequinton@gmail.com.
- Tai Chi -Fri. 10am-Noon. Auditorium. Info: Janice Burrows , 760-277-5139.
- Trivia -Mon. 6:30-7:30 pm. Card Room. Info: Colleen Eidson , 760-529-9999
- Water Aerobics Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30-8 am and 9 -9:30 am. Info: text Mary Hurban at (209) 834 -6036
- Woodshop -Mon-Fri 1-3pm. Info: Jim Romans, 949-742-2311.
- Yoga (Chair) Mon. 10-11am. Auditorium. Info: Peggie Moore, 949-887-4641 or YogaWithPeg@gmail.com

Committee Membership Continued from Committee Membership page

Unit Advisors Committee			
Meets: 2 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Jeff Kern	908-420-1853		
9 Phyllis Allinson	760-809-9551		
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) (Open)			
14 Toby Roberts	760-721-6077		
& Kristine Hale	858-775-4253		
Evelyn Thomas	Board Liaison		

## Updates From The Isle

## EMERALD ISLE GOLF COURSE SEPTEMBER 2024 ESTABLISHED 1966



Hard to believe that summer is almost over already and we are heading into our Fall and Winter events and tournaments! We had a fantastic summer full of plenty of sunshine, growing the game, and remaining the local Golf Course For Everyone, a title we are proud of here at The Isle. The driving range has been through another incredibly busy season hosting 3 full junior camps, multiple large group style ladies clinics, and so much more. Being a public driving range has its challenges but we truly feel the range is in the best shape it has been in all year long! Even after a busy summer, our staff continues to keep our little slice of Oceanside green and healthy for the premier practice conditions open to everyone every day of the week! Our maintenance staff is heading into what we might consider their "busy" season.

### 10/21 & 10/22 THE GOLF COURSE WILL BE FULLY CLOSED

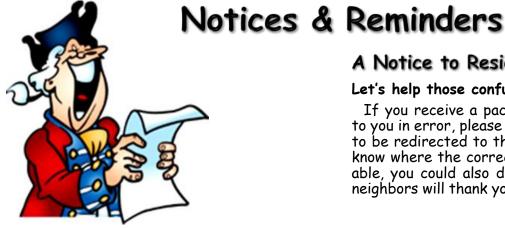
The putting greens on the course and the practice green will be aerated (process in which we punch small holes in the greens to allow ventilation, healthy root growth, and deep water saturation) they are then top dressed with sand, watered, and given a break from the mowers for a bit. Typically the greens are fully healed within 2-3 weeks of normal weather. We always appreciate your patience while we do this necessary bi yearly process in order to keep our course and especially our greens healthy, and ready for all of our upcoming fun and events! Make sure to stay up to date with us on our website, social media, and app for dates on music nights, and to stay in the loop of any changes last minute with us here at The Isle.





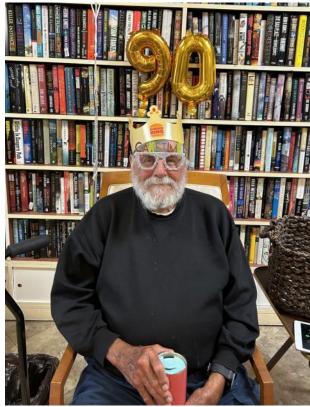
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#### Hilltop Highlights



Happy Birthday, Alan Dolit!

Ninety Years Young



### Oceana Chair Volleyhball

You can fasten your seat belts. We must all stay seated. We play with a beach ball so it does not harm your hands or heads. Wheelchairs and walkers are welcome. It is good upper body exercise.

We play on Mondays at 1:00 pm in the (airconditioned) auditorium for an hour. We need more able-bodied and disabled players!

> **Dave Freeman** dave@no-wimp.com 818-262-0788

## A Notice to Residents

#### Let's help those confused delivery people!

If you receive a package that was delivered to you in error, please drop it off at the office to be redirected to the right address. If you know where the correct address is, and you're able, you could also deliver it yourself. Your neighbors will thank you!

Sean O'Connell



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

### Class Discontinued

The Groove Dance Class is discontinued. I thank all the students for making me very happy every Wednesday morning. You always filled my heart. I encourage you to keep on moving!

Deborah Schwab

## Pool & Spa Hours Reminder

Residents

Summer Hours	-	7:00 am	to	9:00 pm
Winter Hours	-	7:00 am	to	7:00 pm
Guests		11:00 am		
		3:30 pm	to	4:30 pm

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

## NO EXCEPTIONS

**NOTE**: The pool is closed any time there is an out-door event poolside, from one hour before the event until the event is over.



We Need You! Wednesday Sept. 11, 10:30am Community Room

Do you want to help improve the Oceana lifestyle and assist your neighbors who may be facing a financial emergency?

Mark your calendars and please attend OGNF's Annual Elections Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the Clubhouse Community Room. At that time, we will fill the Board of Directors for 2025 and add volunteers to help carry out our mission.

OGNF needs:

- A new Secretary (no experience needed, we will train you!)
- Additional Board members to help administer our emergency grant program
- Volunteers for ad hoc projects such as grant funding research and applications

OGNF's emergency grant program is a 6month pilot running from August 1, 2024 through January 2025. Grants of up to \$100 per household are available to low-income Oceana residents. As this article is being written in late July, we know of several Oceana residents just waiting for the 8/1 start date to submit their applications. We hope this small beginning swells to a wave of support for our community!

We've also received generous financial donations from Oceana residents (as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, your donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law). We are able to accept both personal checks and online payments through Zelle®.

For complete information on applying for a grant, please drop into the Community Resource Center (CRC) office, email info@OGNF.org, or visit www.OGNF.org. There you'll also find ways to help OGNF fulfill its mission:

Providing emergency cash grants to qualified Oceana residents from OGNF funds

Working with the Oceana HOA to access additional grant funding for projects (such as infrastructure improvements) that may enhance our Oceana lifestyle while keeping HOA costs down

Join us on September 11 and help us help you! OGNF Board of Directors

Did You Know?

September 19

Embrace your inner swashbuckler. Use pirate slang and colloquialisms.



Established in 2002, International Talk Like a Pirate Day has grown in popularity and now attracts participants from across the globe. It promotes good humor and camaraderie among pirate enthusiasts, and often involves costumes, pirate-themed games, and events.

The day traces to a conversation between two friends, John Baur and Mark Summers, in 1995. The pair decided to create a day dedicated to talking like pirates and chose September  $19^{th}$  as the date. Since then, the celebration has gained widespread media attention and recognition, with Americans taking part alongside participants from countries around the world. The festivities often involve media campaigns and charity fundraising events.

In the United States, International Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated with various activities such as pirate-themed parties, parades, and gatherings at pubs and bars. Participants are encouraged to dress like pirates and use pirate slang throughout the day. The pirate theme even extends to sports events, where fans may adopt a pirate persona to cheer on their teams.

#### Facts

- International Talk Like a Pirate Day has its own official website that offers a free pirate-party kit and a world-wide map of International Talk Like A Pirate Day parties.
- The "Golden Age" of piracy is popular internationally and there's no better evidence of that than the popularity of Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean franchise. Fronted by Johnny Depp as Jack Sparrow, the series has grossed \$4.5 billion worldwide.
- The holiday is often used as a fun, whimsical way to emphasize the importance of fluency in multiple languages within the American educational system.
- The pirate accent, as it exists in popular culture, largely comes from Disney's 1950 film of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island", featuring actor Robert Newton's strong West Country English accent.

Hilltop Highlights



## July 2024

## July 4th Celebration & BBQ

Following the Oceanside Fireworks display on July 3<sup>rd,</sup> Oceana had burgers, sausages, homemade chips, salad, and ice



cream drumsticks on the 4th of July. What more would a person want to eat while celebrating our country's Independence Day? The pool side celebration had red, white and blue decorations everywhere! The music was good and had people dancing by the end of the event.

It was another great Oceana/Oceanside afternoon!

## Hot Pursuit Poolside

For Oceana's 4<sup>th</sup> Poolside Concert of the summer, the duo of married couple Delene St. Claire and Barry Cahill were back again to put on





an outstanding program for a Wednesday pool side event at Oceana.

Familiar 60's and 70's music (e.g., lots of Beatles and Beach Boy songs) and some Jimmy Buffett music was heard around the pool area. Barry plays several instruments and Delene

sings and adds her guitar playing to their concert. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the lovely southern California evening.



### Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oceana had their own fun Major League Baseball All-Star event the same weekend MLB had their All-Star Game and Home Run Derby. After eating traditional baseball re-



freshments (hot dogs, chips, peanuts, Cracker Jacks, and beer/wine/ sodas), Charlie Wendt led a couple of Oceana events. The events were Home Run Derby (hit a pickleball off a tee and up onto the stage curtain) and a

and a Pitching Contest

(throw the pickleball into a target area net). We asked all the participants to pick a fun nickname for these events. Each event had two divisions: Novice and Open.

Home Run Derby Novice Division was won by Karin "Yo" Messaros. In the finals, she narrowly defeated Carole "Cubbie Carole"



Grayson and Tain "Tasmanian Tain" Soreboe by 1 and 2 points. Very close competition!

Home Run Derby Open Division was won by Bob "Doc" Rupp. He just beat out Dave "the Dave" Freeman and Rich "Rapid Rich" Freeman with the scores of 15 to 12.

**Pitching Contest Novice Divi**sion was won by "Double Winner" Karin "Yo" Messaros. She beat Donna "Buckeye" Wendt and Alice "All Star" Symons by only 1 point 10 to 9.

Pitching Contest Open Division winner was White Sox fan Jim "Jimbo" Skrudland scoring 8 points with Dan "Dan the Man" Malone only a point behind.

The final competition was for "Best Dressed". The team of Alice "All Star" Symons and Susie "Tinker



#### September 2024

Bell" Leary won by applause over the Chicago Cubs duo. Both teams were well dressed... but it probably did not hurt having a San Diego crowd to pick the Padres dressed winners.



## July Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour in July 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 this past month.

## John Scott with Brian Otto



John was kidding that Brian is currently "out on bail." We are glad he was as he is the rhythm guitar player of this duo. They specialize in good smooth, easy going music to sit



back and listen to. Many of the songs are originals that John has written or co-written with one of his music friends. We heard "I Can't Take it No More", "Don't Call Me Johnny", "Good Life" and many other songs this "lazy" Thursday morning.

## Clay Colton Duo & Gary Piro

Clay, partner Gary and Gary's son Joey (on the cajon) played an assortment of Number 1



Billboard Hits from the past. They have broken the 150 hits that they have in their repertoire into decades and started with some of the rare ones in the 50's

and 60's. Some of the songs we heard were "Tennessee Waltz," "Jambalaya," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Blue Suede Shoes," "She Loves You," and "Pretty Woman." Clay kidded with us that it is not their fault if we do not like some of the songs... after all they were all Number 1 hits.



## Celeste

Celeste provided "Summertime" music for her theme this morning. She has this wonderful contra-alto voice that is so smooth. Some of the tunes she sang were: "Time of the Season," "Sumer Breeze," "Garden Party," "Johnny B. Goode," and "Under the Boardwalk." Some new residents were welcomed into the Oceana Coffee Hour group.





## Committee & Club Reports

#### Art Studio

WOW.. can't believe July is already over... we have been busy creating gorgeous works of art and learning a ton along the way!

This month we did a project decoupage on battery operated flicker candles and vases to beautify our homes, we



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last but not certainly least, we added a ton of color and pop in our lives with tie dye!!! Be sure to check out our photo collage below. Most importantly.. we had fun along the way with lots of oohs and apphys and

Decoupage

painted birds, and

our

knowledge and know how

watercolor

techniques,

Decoupage

huge and special Α thanks to resident Carol Finkas for not only being an incredible watercolor teacher but for her amazing and generous donation of the watercolor supplies.. every student got to keep their own paint palette filled with paint and a brush!

A shout out to Stacey Bacon-Smith of Fit to be

Tied, a tie dye expert. and teacher. It is such a fun party idea to consider for your next event! Be sure to check out her website ..you will be amazed of what you can do!



Tie Dye

#### http://www.fittobetied.biz

Be sure to check out this month's calendar for our upcoming classes. Plus a new watercol-





Tie Dye

The Goodies

or series is on the horizon so be sure to follow the eblasts for details!

The art room is open every Wed from 10-2 so if there isn't a class in session feel free to come by and get creative with us!

A real sense of community and friendship is cultivated here in the Art Room... can't wait to see you!

Have a craft you would like to learn or teach, please reach out to Caryn at 760-518-6982 and she will do her best to make it happen!

> Caryn Leventhal carynnicole30@yahoo.com

### Garden Club

Exciting news for the Oceana Garden Club!!

#### We now have an owl house in place.

Thank you to Kim for the idea, Mark, for building it and Peter who climbed the ladder to position the house high in the tree.

The owl house placement was a strategic effort to invite a natural predator to help control the population of mice, rats, squirrels, and other pests that have been invading our crops.

Owls, being natural hunters of these vermin, can play a significant role in maintaining the ecological balance of our garden. We encourage everyone to cross their fingers and eagerly wait for an owl to move into its new home. If successful, this innate form of pest control will not only protect our crops







but also enhance the biodiversity of our garden. Thank you once again to Mark and Peter for their efforts

in securing it in the tree. Let's all stay hopeful and look forward to the beneficial impact this will bring to our garden community.

#### The Barn Owl

Lisa Olivero

Barn owls can be seen flying around and perched in trees here in Oceana, mainly in the early mornings and in the late evenings. These magnificent owls are a medium size raptor/ bird of prey. They are amazing nocturnal hunters. As they perch in the trees, they can be heard making a screaming call, rather than a hooting sound. They are 'frequent flyers' along Vista Campana north, and at the back of unit #2, and in and round our garden plots.

Whilst walking our puppies, many times the puppies can sense the owls flying from behind us well in advance. As the owls approach we all turn around, look up, then freeze. We watch in awe as the owl flies just a few feet above us, only to turn around and fly back, so close you can feel the powerful down draught from their stunning wingspan. This is just another magical wildlife moment of the incredible nightlife here in Oceana. Our new owl house will be a great asset to Oceana's Garden Plots. Thank you so much for this beautiful donation.

I captured the image of a Barn Owl, ~ Evening Flight ~, shown on the cover, late in the evening in unit #2, giving a dazzling flying display. Beauty at its finest.

> Anthony Kay Secretary Oceana Garden Club

#### **Ceramics Studio**

#### Retirement

Have you heard the phrase from Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven"? My time as the lead in the Ceramics Studio has come to an end due to moderate osteoarthritis effecting my hands, elbows and shoulders. I am no longer able to create on the wheel or hand build because of pain and mobility issues. For any of you who have this situation (who doesn't to some extent as we age?!) you have to learn to do things differently in your day to day activities to stop overuse and slow down progression of this disease of "wearing out our parts". That said, we have three members who will share the responsibility of keeping things running smoothly. Studio hours and days listed in the Hilltop Highlights remain the same. Inquiries can be made to Paula McDonald, studio contact at 760-703-3661 or by email to paulamcd@cox.net. Stop by if you are interested in joining in on the clay fun or if you have any questions. Thanks for all the community support you have given to me on my watch these past few years.

> Sincerely, Lynn Schneidenbach

#### **Community Resources Center**

#### Veterans' Corner

#### Connect the Vets - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

The San Diego Department of Veterans Affairs "Connect The Vets" program provides a safe and comfortable social gathering for fellow veterans to "connect". The VA incorporates the foundation, "you're not alone" and "we've got your back!" All Veterans from all eras and branches are welcomed. Come for some coffee, share a "war story" or two, and meet with other Veterans. Fight loneliness with a healthy dose of camaraderie!

Connect the Vets meets every first and third Tuesday of the month from 9:00am to 11:00 am at the Jennifer Moreno VA Medical Center (The La Jolla VA Medical Center). Participate as much as you like. See you there!

Where: Jennifer Moreno Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (The La Jolla VA Medical Center). Conference Room 1525 (Near Health Benefits Enrollment) 3350 La Jolla Village Drive,

San Diego, CA 92161

#### Cost: Free

#### **Meeting Dates:**

Tues. Sep 5, 2024, 9:00 am - 11: 00 am PT Tues. Oct 3, 2024, 9:00 am - 11:00 am PT Tues. Nov 7, 2024, 9:00 am - 11:00 am PT Tues. Dec 5, 2024, 9:00 am - 11:00 am PT Tues. Jan 2, 2025, 9:00 am - 11:00 am PT

#### Evelyn Thomas

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## WARNING

When you drink Vodka over ice, it can

give you kidney failure. When you drink Rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.

When you drink Whisky over ice, it can give you heart problems.

When you drink Gin over **W**ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you;

warn all your friends!!!

#### COVID-19 Info Sites Federal:

The Centers for Disease Control www.cdc.gov

#### <u>State:</u>

CA Department of Public Health www.cdph.ca.gov

CA Department of Aging www.aging.ca.gov/covid19

#### <u>San Diego County</u>: www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

City of Oceanside:

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

## Highlights Puzzle Answers

- 1. Roberts cabins on the Strand
- 2. Sunset Market held on Thursday evenings.
- 3. **Osider**: the name of the magazine filled with photos and Oceanside restaurants.
- 4. **Sanchos**: Anita's favorite place to go to eat a Flaco Taco
- 5. Farmers Market, held on Thursday mornings
- Sunshine Brooks: the Oldest theatre in Oceanside
- 7. Sanchez: Last name of Oceanside's Mayor.
- 8. Valle: Oceanside's only Michelin Star restaurant.
- 9. Bandshell: Erected in 1919 on the beach just south of the pier.
- 10. Swamis: Restaurant on corner of Mission and Coast Hwy.
- 11. Oceanside **Beach** extends from San Luis Rey River to Buena Vista Lagoon
- 12. **OMA**: Short for Oceanside's place to see a photography art show.
- 13. **Star**: Originally was a movie theater back in the 50's & 60's.
- 14. Pier: Structure that caught on fire in May.
- 15. **Coaster**: The train that takes you to San Diego from Oceanside.
- 16. Museum for historical **Surf** boards.
- 17. **Sprinter**: The train that travels west to east, from Oceanside to Escondido.
- 18. The military base that is north of Oceanside is called **Camp** Pendleton.
- 19. Anitas: There are two of these restaurants in Oceanside, Coast Hwy and ECR.