

Community Notes**April 16, 2019**

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR BUSINESS ALLIANCE acts as Occidental's Municipal Advisory Council in lieu of an official MAC. So far two official MACs have been established by Lynda Hopkins. BCBA will lend a voice to communities along the Bohemian Highway's ten miles not included. Next month it plans a presentation for the Tourist Bureau.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT volunteers will be organizing the Annual Auction Fundraising Dinner held next month on May 19th. The Middle School Climate Action Club is seeking donations for its trip to Washington D.C. Donations may be left in the school office. No school 4/19 or 4/22. KOWS moved to Santa Rosa and is requesting donations from listeners, hosts, and underwriters to help with finances. KOWS is a 75 volunteer 501c3 organization offering alternative programming with music and news and interviews.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER's Doug Gosling is celebrating 30 years of Food for Thought Food Bank Gardening. The Nursery Season opened April 6th and is open Saturdays and Sundays 10: a.m. to 5: p.m. to purchase plantings. It is offering to hire a Facilities Intern and an Office Manager/Bookkeeper.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS 14th Annual Fool's Parade was a lively success with over 200 participants. Thanks to all who sponsored, volunteered, and attended. Children and adults had a good time fooling around. On the 26th the People's Music Showcase will present a show that will benefit OCA. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Refreshments served.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL waits for dates for installation of the new gymnasium floor. Meanwhile, it continues to address queries from the public about facility use.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL's website has posted a link with Fire Safe Occidental. The link leads to important information about preparations for the upcoming fire season, what community resources are available, neighborhood groups, etc. Links are also provided to Community and Community Center event calendars.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT met to discuss the agreements with communities of Camp Meeker and Alliance Redwoods regarding water use from the Russian River. Also discussed were the county agreements regarding fire protection for Camp Meeker. Next meeting is at the Occidental Firehouse May 14 at 7: p.m.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL is collaborating both individually and as a group with Fire Safe Occidental members to ensure readiness for the 2019 fire season. It continues its outreach program with gifting new residents with its Welcome Packet. Next meeting will be May 13 at Salmon Creek School at 6:30 p.m. in Kurt Ericson Room.

WEST COUNTY HEALTH CENTER is hiring a full time Front Office Receptionist for the Occidental Health Center. It is also offering a fundraising dinner to the public on Tuesday April 30th at Mary's Pizza Shack all day 11: a.m. to 9: p.m. 15% goes to WCHC.

YMCA rented to OCA and staffed public bathrooms for three hours for the Fools' Parade.

Community Notes 3/15/19

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR BUSINESS ALLIANCE invites all business owners along the Bohemian Highway to their next meeting noon Wednesday March 20th, at the Union Hotel.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT will be on spring break from March 18 to 22. The Middle School Climate Action Club seeks donations for its trip to Washington D.C. Donations may be left in the school of Pice.

KOWS is presenting Rize Up fundraising benefit with Roy Zimmerman Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at dhyana Center, 186 North Main Street in Sebastopol. Donation \$20.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER is offering certification in Permaculture Design March 16 to March 29. Ongoing are courses in Wildlands Restoration on 70 of their 80 acres.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS will have a reception March 23 from 3: to 6: p.m. in the Gallery for an exhibit *Wilder Bentley the Younger: A Retrospective*. The exhibit will be showing the works of this local artist through April 7th. April 6th is the 14th Annual Fool's Parade from 1: to 3: p.m. Gather from noon on at the Community Center parking lot. Parade music with the Hub Bub Club, and later with Gumbo Variations. Free fun for all.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL is pleased to announce that it successfully received grant funds to install a new gymnasium floor. Work will begin most likely in June when contracts have been signed with Sport Court and County Parks makes preparations.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL has a new web-master. John Greaves stepped up to assist updating the website which has become the go-to website for community news.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT reported at its last meeting that the newly installed solar panels on the Firehouse roof are working well to supply the needs of the Firehouse. Carol Schmidt presented a proposal for a solar powered car recharging station for the community. Chief Ron Lunardi is acting as consultant for the newly formed citizen group FireSafe Occidental in preparation for the next Fire season.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL has learned the salmon are successfully jumping up local creeks including Salmon Creek and Dutch Bill Creek due to its efforts in conjunction with the efforts of Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District.

WEST COUNTY HEALTH CENTER is offering volunteer opportunities at all West County Centers. Visit www.volunteermatch.org/search/org970415.jsp or call 823-3201 Ext.6454 to see what is available.

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Community Notes Feb 19 2019

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR BUSINESS ALLIANCE is forming action plans for enhancing commerce and infrastructure along the Bohemian ten-mile corridor. Meeting at OCA on third Wednesdays at 4 p.m., discussions continue regarding benefits and challenges of future Farmer's Markets at the current location.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT will be presenting a production of Willy Wonka

March 1,2,8,9, at 6 p.m. and March 10 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for Children, \$10 adults. KOWS has a new studio location in Santa Rosa on 7th Street. The Studio phone number is 755-9250. Broadcast of a League of Women Forum on the vote for March 5 concerning the Palm Drive Acquisition can be heard at kows92-5.org/news/

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER will sponsor a lecture series by Water Institute Co-Director Kate Lundquist on the campaign to "Bring Back the Beaver" starting in Oregon this month and then March 18 at the Sonoma County Library in Santa Rosa.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS is celebrating Black History Month with an exhibition of an historical collection of Raynetta James and the exhibition of original juried works of art by local artists at the Gallery through February 24th. On February 23rd there will be a Gospel Brunch with music by the Joyful Noise Gospel Singers and food by Saucy Mama from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL awaits word due on the 22nd for possible funding by the Bothin Foundation for improvements to the gymnasium floor.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT is working with the recently formed Fire Safe Occidental citizen's group to explore ways to mitigate fire danger and facilitate evacuation during the up-coming fire season.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL is delivering Welcome Packets to new residents in the area. These guides show maps and references to services available to newcomers.

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Community Notes Jan 15 2019

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR meeting scheduled for January 9th was postponed and will meet again at a future date to be announced.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL has notified the public that a Citizens' Oversight Committee has been established to oversee expenditures of Measure C bond funds. Applications are being accepted. Winter enrichment classes have started in Nature Journaling and Chess at the Y. "Students of Salmon Creek School" art show will be up January 18-27 at the OCA Art Gallery.

KOWS 92.5 FM has a five star rating. It welcomes you to submit Public Service Announcements airing between one and two per day to let the public know about your organization or event. Look online for PSA Guidelines and Applications. The studios will be relocating from Sebastopol's United Methodist Church at the end of January.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER is taking enrollments for their 2019 Eco-literacy Courses in

Permaculture Design and Garden Teacher Trainings. In addition staff will be traveling to participate at conferences in Davis and Pacific Grove.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS will host the HUSD Student Art Show until January 27th. There is a

call for entries to Black History Month Art Exhibition opening January 29th. The auditorium will present "Words and Music" with Don Henry, Laurie Lewis, Claudia Russell, and Nina Gerber January 18th, and on the 25th it will present a free screening of three short films documenting timely issues with presenting speaker Cannes award- winning filmmaker Rob Nilsson.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL awaits word of possible funding award from the Bothin Foundation and is reviewing the next phase of improvements to the Community Center facility. Gazette columnist Gino Gaffney attended and interviewed council representatives.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL will meet January 19th to evaluate the December Craft Faire. Proceeds will be distributed in updated budget discussions. 2019 community projects will be proposed.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CHOIR still glows with the community support it received at its five sold-out winter concerts. Rehearsals for spring concerts have begun, and 40th anniversary special events are being planned. Announcements for these April events will follow.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT is budgeting to replace another 20 old water meters out

of the 87 remaining (total of 107 meters). It is suspected an increased water loss of 16.5% (or 1.64 gallons per minute) is due to old meters. Camp Meeker VFD representatives spoke of a plan to consolidate with Occidental VFD by being annexed. Discussions continue.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL continues to monitor rain data and stream water data. Its website holds a wealth of resource information for watershed residents and citizen scientists.

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Community Notes December 15, 2018

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR has successfully achieved its first collaborative Holiday weekend with tree lighting, caroling, and retail shopping with extended hours and special holiday treats. Town buzzed all weekend.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL middle-schooler's are still selling beautiful handcrafted cards for \$1.00 each in front of the school office Thursdays from 1: to 1:30. Proceeds go toward framing materials for the January art show at Occident Center for the Arts. Winter Break is from 12/24/18 to 1/7/19.

KOWS has found new studio location on Brown Street in Sebastopol. The move will take place January 2019.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER volunteers are planting diverse species of oak that are less susceptible to Sudden Oak Death on their 70 acre wildlife preserve. Their Wildlands Stewardship Plan is viewable on line at www.oaec.org.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTST Gallery will be featuring "Small Works" through January 13th with many gift items for sale. You are invited to see these exquisite works by local artists. Also now that the Lobby exterior is rain-secure, Volunteers continue to work on the Lobby's interior.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet with representatives from the Bothin Foundation as a prerequisite for receiving funds to complete its renovation of the Community Center's gymnasium floor.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL will be assessing its 2018 Holiday Craft Faire. Budgeting for donations addressing community needs will follow policies currently in place. New business will be discussed each third Saturday of the month at the Community Center at 10:30 a.m.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CHOIR is offering a 40 year retrospective show in the OCA Gallery showing photos, Poster Art, props and memorabilia. Resting from 5 sold out shows, members resume rehearsals January 9th.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT Fire Chief Lunardi assisted at the Fire Safe Occidental meeting held Thursday Dec. 13th at St. Philip Parrish Hall. Over 160 local residents attended to learn what can be done to prepare for next year's fire season. FSO will be holding trainings to be announced.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL Welcome Packet is available online at the Community Council website www.occidental-ca.org and at the Watershed website www.salmoncreekwater.org.

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