

## **Community Notes**

### **8/15/19**

BOHEMIAN CORRIDOR BUSINESS ALLIANCE is planning a meeting August 21 with Lynda Hopkins. September 18th they plan to meet with Sonoma County Tourism. Currently they will be coordinating with the Community Council to plan events during the Crafts Faire.

YMCA After School Program note from Jeremy Hodgdon of the YMCA:  
“They Y is not operating an after school child care program in Occidental this coming school year. Unfortunately despite Trudy’s wonderful efforts we have been averaging around 8 children a day and most of those stay for less than an hour. To give you some context breakeven would be 15 kids averaging 3 hours. We tried to make the program viable for over two years and could not get enough participation. Trudy and I are brainstorming other ideas to offer programs for youth at the community center.”

FIRE SAFE OCCIDENTAL in its August Newsletter is urging neighborhoods to gather to get to know each other, perhaps at a potluck. Neighborhood leaders can be contacted by e-mailing Carolyn Sell (CarolynSell@gmail.com. A connected neighborhood is a protected one.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT is back in session today. The school offers free after school care for K-3 students from 2:30 to 3:05 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

KOWS offers “Laura’s Living Room” Fridays at 5 p.m. with hostess local Laura Goldman. Her show offers an assortment of music and topical conversations impacting our community.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER is offering tickets now on sale for their 17th Annual Chautauqua Revue playing in their North Garden Theater September 4-7. Tickets will be for assigned seating this year for the first time since events are sold out well in advance.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS gallery has a Members’ Show with diverse medium ranging from sculpture and textile art to prints and paintings. It reflects the diversity in our community of 34 artists. Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11-4 p.m. or by appointment. All artworks are for sale. Early September brings more music.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL met with David Robinson, Director of Sonoma County Department of Park and Recreation to discuss improvements the community would like to see at the Occidental facility. Next meeting is September 5th at 6:30 p.m.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CHOIR website shows a full job description for Music Director in its effort to hire a new Music Director. Applicants are being interviewed and a choice will be made for the position which begins in January. Andy Delmonte is interim Director.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL will be planning for the Holiday Crafts Faire scheduled for December 7th and 8th. Vendor applications will be processed and juried September 21st.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET is encouraging musicians who would like to perform at the market to email [<occidentalcommunityfarmersmkt@gmail.com>](mailto:occidentalcommunityfarmersmkt@gmail.com) with links to music samples.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT is exploring approval from LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) for an oversight EIFD agency to receive a percentage of the TOT funds collected from the community to be spent here to make our community improvements. At the August 7th meeting the Board resolved to put on the November 5th ballot a request for an increase of property tax to enhance Fire and Emergency Services.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL has completed its recording of creek fish and water observations from last season and is planning its next wet-dry observations for this September.

WEST COUNTY HEALTH CENTER will have its groundbreaking ceremony for the new Russian River Health and Wellness Center in Guerneville on Friday August 23rd from 5-7 p.m.