

## Community Notes 12/19/17

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT has joined the YMCA in offering continued enrichment classes for the 2018 school year: Mondays-Nature Trails, Tuesdays-Junior Chef, Wednesdays-Homemade Products Naturally, Thursdays-French Cultural Immersion, and Fridays-Hip Hop Dance. Sign ups start on January 9.

KOWS in collaboration with Solar Works and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church raised nearly \$7000 for fire victims at a benefit starring Teresa Tudury, Roy Zimmerman, Lauren Mayer, Sandy and Richard Riccardi and Clowns on a Stick. Many local shops donated food and printing to support the benefit.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER cancelled retreats at its campus this month in order to feed and house evacuees from the fires in Santa Rosa. It has founded the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN) which explores sustainable food and farming systems.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS is offering free admission to anyone displaced by the North Bay Fires. Arrangements can be made by calling 874-9392. January will see two music concerts, one a benefit for fire victims on January 21<sup>st</sup>. January 19<sup>th</sup> there will also be a book launch for "A Circle of Elephants".

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL postponed its December meeting until January 4<sup>th</sup> due to the setting up for the 32nd Annual Holiday Crafts Faire put on by the Community Council.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL completed two successful days of its 32nd Annual Holiday Crafts Faire. This event funds community projects and programs which benefit residents and visitors alike. Its next scheduled meeting is Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> to review the budget for 2018.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CHOIR has completed its 39<sup>th</sup> Holiday Concert Series. A free concert for residents of Friends House in Santa Rosa was well attended as were the five public concerts. Work to compose Spring offerings has commenced with 2018's first rehearsal on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT will hold its next meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall downtown. October minutes and approved November minutes will be posted on the Council website when they are available.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL had excellent news that the volunteer work begun in 1998 and continuing today in collaboration with other like-minded organizations has succeeded in bringing salmonids back to Salmon Creek and some of its tributaries. DNA testing provides the long awaited proof.

WEST COUNTY OCCIDENTAL HEALTH CENTER has posted information and resources for fire victims on its website. Hours and services include on-call physicians to offer advice during regular hours as well as after hours by phone. The Wellness Center in Forestville offers additional support as well as its partnerships with CA Rural Legal Assistance, ShareFire of Petaluma People's Services Center, and Local Assistance Center.

YMCA (see Harmony Union School District above)

