

Community Notes December 11, 2020

Bodega Land Trust reports that two Bodega Ranches will host prescribed burns when weather permits as part of the Bay Area CalTRES program. BLT's Auction was a big success in raising funds for this and other activities. [Bodega Land Trust](#)

Bohemian Corridor Business Alliance businesses have networked to coordinate the decorating of downtown Occidental with lights. There is a plan for toy drop offs in front of the Altamont on December 18. Updates at [Occidental Community Council](#)

Fire-safe Occidental's Protection Committee met virtually last month to coordinate bulk purchases of reflective address signs. They have submitted a draft of the Comprehensive Evacuation Plan to their Steering Committee. [FireSafeOccidental Web Site](#)

Harmony Union School District is planning a [Winter Festival of Lights](#), Thursday December 17th from 4: to 7: p.m. It is a drive-through event with an invitation to decorate but to stay inside your car. A wish tree in the basketball court will be decorated the day prior. For instruction go to [Harmony Union School District](#) Quick Links.

KOWS Local news host Laura Goldman has joined forces with the Occidental Community Council to promote Occidental a holiday lights project this month. Her program is broadcast every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM [KOWS FM Radio](#)

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center has had to cancel and refund fees for retreats and courses through June 2021. Therefore they are requesting tax deductible donations to soften their financial losses. [Occidental Arts and Ecology Center](#)

Occidental Center for the Arts website offers links to its collection of virtual musical events, book launches, and gallery shows from the comfort of your home. Sign up for workshops, book readings, Q & A with authors and more. [Occidental Center for the Arts](#)

Occidental Community Center Advisory Council has sent a letter to supporters acknowledging the retirement of Steven Kay as President. The Center has been re-keyed with keys being distributed to essential personnel. The Advisory Council will remain dormant until health concerns are lifted to allow indoor activities. www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org/index.html

Occidental Community Choir presents its first online Winter Concert titled "Where to Begin". It will feature thematic and original music and stories. Watch for its performance December 19th at 7: p.m. and on its website link thereafter. [Occidental Community Choir](#)

Occidental Community Council is working with other community elves to arrange for Santa to make an appearance on the 18th in downtown Occidental. [Occidental Community Council](#)

Occidental Community Farmers Market will continue next June. [Occidental Farmer's Market](#)

Occidental Community Service District swore in Carol Schmidt as a board member. Minutes and Warrants were approved. Fire Chief Lunardi discussed a future virtual meeting with FireSafe Occidental. In correspondence, concern was expressed about safety with homeless. Citizens are advised to call 911 when feeling threatened. <https://occidentalfire.com/board-meetings.html>

Occidental Library Station is offering curbside only pickup of book orders in Occidental. Check the Council website and click on their Library link for days and hours. It also offers online book holds and loans. eCards are free. [Occidental Library Station](#)

Occidental's West County Health Center requests that all visits are preceded by appointments and a phone call to ensure COVID precautions are adhered to. 824-3391. Phone support for pandemic related crises is available. To access your Patient Portal Login or other information resources go to [Home - Wchealth](#).

Salmon Creek Watershed Council has completed its 2020 Wet/Dry mapping of its watershed creeks. If you want to attend their next meeting January 26, 2021 at 7 p.m., to receive an invitation to zoom, contact [David Shatkin <dshatkin@sonic.net>](mailto:dshatkin@sonic.net)