

Community Notes December 15, 2021

Bodega Land Trust has published its list of accomplishments for 2021 and they are considerable. www.bodegalandtrust. This being their 30th year, despite the pandemic, they have managed to protect the Bodega Pastures property, revise their Strategic Plan, and begin recruiting for new Board Members and Monitoring Coordinator. January is their Annual Lamb Walk at Bodega Pastures.

Bohemian Corridor Business Association assisted with coordinating arrangements for Occidental's Holiday Weekend. Included were Occidental Choir programs, Community Council's Occidental Craft Faire, a Caroling Parade with Salmon Creek students, and Fire Department's help with Santa's Tree-Lighting. Our town was full.

Fire-safe Occidental's Protection <http://firesafeoccidental.org> continues to publish available resources and seminars in its newsletter online. It is never too soon to strategize how to steward your land while preparing for the next fire season. Donations are appreciated and may be sent to Safer West County, P.O. 1132.

Harmony Union School District www.harmonyusd.org has a slide show of campus in case you have not visited there recently. Singers from the school lifted hearts at the Holiday Weekend. Currently on Winter Break; classes resume January 3, 2022.

KOWS has bolstered its streaming presence with a free app for mobile devices. Stay on the move yet up to date. Local news host Laura Goldman's program is broadcast every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM. Their new website domain is <http://kowsfm.com> where programming and app links are posted. Signal will be temporarily suspended for radio while relocating antenna, done in January.

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center [Occidental Arts and Ecology Center](http://OccidentalArtsandEcologyCenter) is focused on their Wild-lands Program building wildfire resiliency. Stewarding their land, they are working with North Bay Forest Improvement Program grants and other groups with similar goals. Lessons learned will be useful to train others to improve forest health.

Occidental Center for the Art's past events are available for online viewing at OCA's YouTube Channel [Occidental Center for the Arts - YouTube Occidental Center for the Arts](http://OccidentalCenterfortheArts-YouTube). Up-coming events are on occidentalcenterforthearts.org This weekend a book launch by local author Chris Riebli starts Sunday at 4pm. Admission is free. January is packed with events every weekend starting with Words and Music on ninth and other book launches every Sunday. Concerts also on 22nd and 23rd.

Occidental Community Center Advisory is now a sub-committee of the Occidental Community Council. HUSD will be the new Operator of the Community Center.

Occidental Community Choir begins rehearsing music for its spring concerts entitled "Common Ground" on January 12th. Auditions for singers, especially sopranos and basses, may be arranged by contacting Music Director Gage Purdy <gage@valhallamusics.com>.

Occidental Community Council meets next Saturday January 15 at 10:30 a.m. outside the Community Center. Notes on activities can be read on [Occidental Community Council](#) and posted on the Council Bulletin Board near the Occidental Market. The Craft Faire this year was another amazing success. Funds raised will be used to address the community's unmet needs.

Occidental Community Farmers Market has closed for this season. For next season vendors and community organizations may apply at [Occidental Farmer's Market](#)

Occidental Community Service District met online and in person December 14. To receive a zoom invite contact Tiffany at occidentalcsl@gmail.com or check <https://occidentalfire.com/board-meetings.html> Safer West County and Fire Safe Occidental would like to collaborate with the Fire Department in preparing guidelines for application of AB38 regarding fire inspections. There is a vacancy on the Board due to the decease of long-time Director John Gonella. Applications are on the website

Occidental Library Station is open again in Occidental on Saturdays from 10: a.m. to 2: p.m. Check the Council website and click on their Library link for future days and hours. It also offers online book holds and loans. e-Cards are free. sonomalibrary.org/locations/occidental-library

Occidental's West County Health Center offers Primary Care, Behavioral Health Services and Gender Expansive Services. Currently it 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 regarding COVID-19 vaccination availability go to [Home - wchealth.org](http://Home-wchealth.org) Vaccinations are now available for ages 12 and older, and pop-Up clinics are listed.

Salmon Creek Watershed Council meets monthly the fourth Tuesday at 10: a.m. To receive an invitation to zoom, contact [David Shatkin <dshatkin@sonic.net>](mailto:dshatkin@sonic.net). For information and resources check www.salmoncreekwatershed.org. It has completed its annual wet/dry mapping of tributaries of Salmon Creek. Look for a new display of Fire History in Salmon Creek watershed in the kiosk outside Howard Station this month.