

Community Notes

February 5, 2021

Bodega Land Trust hosted in collaboration with Audubon Canyon Ranch an online discussion regarding prescribe burns. OAEC and Bodega Pastures have used this to reduce wildfires. New easements are developing especially along Purington Creek [Bodega Land Trust](#)

Bohemian Corridor Business Alliance businesses were successful in their cooperative planning and execution of a Holiday event downtown. Updates at [Occidental Community Council](#)

Fire-safe Occidental's Protection Committee and other Fire Sate members participated in a Test of the Sonoma County Emergency Management Alert system. Research continues for possible Webcam Site closer to Occidental. Next meeting is February 8. contact <dshatkin@sonic.net> for a Zoom invitation. [FireSafeOccidental Web Site](#)

Harmony Union School District has proposed, with the assistance of Gold Ridge Resource and Conservation District, a grant application to Wild Life Conservation Board to fund a Rainwater Catchment System which would irrigate the school's playing field. [Harmony Union School District](#).

KOWS Local news host Laura Goldman's program is broadcast every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM She has been hosting speakers on COVID updates in Sonoma County and commentary on current events in Washington DC as well as playing fine music. [KOWS FM Radio](#)

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center has created online courses on Permaculture, Groundwater, and an upcoming film about beavers, Indigenous Land Use, Right Livelihood and more. [Occidental Arts and Ecology Center](#)

Occidental Center for the Arts website offers links to its collection of virtual musical events, book launches, gallery shows, and more to view from the comfort of your home. Sign up for workshops. Next book launch is February 21st at 4pm. Next Virtual Variety Show is February 27 at 8 pm. [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's first online Winter Concert titled "Where to Begin" is available to watch now on its website link. Spring semester monthly gatherings with their Music Director begin February 17. [Occidental Community Choir](#)

Occidental Community Council met last month to update understanding of needs in the community. It is proposing a resolution to OCSA regarding public health issues resulting from need for public restrooms in town. Next meeting is Saturday March 20th at 10:30 am. For Zoom invite contact President Fawn Nekton <fawn@opendoorins.com> [Occidental Community Council](#)

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

Occidental Community Service District's staffing increases paid for by increased tax revenues awaits PERS approval. Next meeting is Tuesday February 9 at 7pm. To request an invitation contact <Melissa@melissafreeman.com>. <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 about COVID-19 vaccination availability tiered system go to [Home - Wchealth](#) .

Salmon Creek Watershed Council meets next on February 23 at 6:30pm. To receive an invitation to zoom, contact [David Shatkin <dshatkin@sonic.net>](mailto:dshatkin@sonic.net). The Council donated funds to OAEC. Despite low rainfall, fish are jumping at the Salmon Creek School waterfall.