

## Community Notes

January 16, 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. [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* met online January 11th to discuss the Pole Mountain Fundraiser for a new steel tower. Also discussed were better exit signage and reflective posts for evacuations, protocols for fire extinguisher use, upcoming Measures A and B for March elections, future web cams for the OCSD area, and possible CERT trainings locally. Next meeting is February 8. contact <dshatkin@sonic.net> for a Zoom invitation. [FireSafeOccidental Web Site](#)

*Harmony Union School District* is in its second trimester of its virtual learning program. This month and next the school will observe five legal holidays and four days of conferences. Campus is still closed to all but essential staff unless granted permission by the Superintendent. [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](http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org/index.html)

*Occidental Community Choir* presented its first online Winter Concert titled "Where to Begin" featuring thematic and original music and stories. Watch for its performance on its website link. Spring semester bi-monthly gatherings with their Music Director begin in February. [Occidental Community Choir](#)

*Occidental Community Council* met today to discuss budget, dues, community planning issues, and to update understanding of needs in the community. Active Membership at \$10/yr. is encouraged for those wanting to vote on policies. \$15 Supporting Members for less involvement. Send Checks to P.O. Box 1022, Occidental CA 95465. For Zoom invite contact President Fawn Nekton <fawn@opendoorins.com> Next meeting is Saturday March 20th at 10:30 am. [Occidental Community Council](#)

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

*Occidental Community Service District* met online on January 12th. It is planning to update its website. Staffing increases paid for by increased tax revenues awaits PERS approval. The water district is reported to have used an average 18,000 gallons of water per day in 2020. Next meeting is Tuesday February 7 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 January 26th at 6:30pm. To receive an invitation to zoom, contact [David Shatkin <dshatkin@sonic.net>](mailto:dshatkin@sonic.net). It is interesting to note that even with lower than normal rainfall, the creek mouth opened January 9th.