

Community Notes January 16, 2018

Note from the Editor: Happy New Year with thanks extended to all the volunteers in these and all other organizations who offer time, energy, and sometimes money to the well being of our community. Together they make all the difference in the quality of our lives.

HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT schools have reopened. The next Board Meeting is Jan. 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Assembly Hall in the Salmon Creek Falls Building. Student progress reports will be scheduled Jan. 19.

KOWS invites you to host a program. Have music or ideas to share with the community at large? Contact <http://kows92-5.org/contact/> or phone 707-755-9250.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER is utilizing methods of wildlands restoration on their property using those outlined by Kat Anderson in her book *Tending the Wild*. Controlled fires and seed collection are two activities now used in their program that were ancient practices of local native peoples.

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS will host the Salmon Creek Students Annual Art Show from January 19 to February 4. The gallery is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a hosted reception January 20th from 2-5 p.m. On January 21 from 4-6 p.m. there will be a benefit concert "Beauty from the Ashes" to aid fire victims.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL is looking for a ping pong table for after school to be use by HUSD students. Tax deductible donations for a new gymnasium floor can also be made online at sonomacountyparksfoundation.org. Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page. Or checks can be made out with OCC Floor on memo line. The next meeting is February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center.

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 20th 10:30 to noon to review the budget for 2018.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CHOIR is writing and rehearsing music for its spring concert series "The Great Wheel". Concerts will be the first two weekends of May. All but one (Glaser Center) are performed at OCA.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT is considering endorsing a letter of thanks to Supervisor Lynda Hopkins for making a verbal commitment to dedicate \$50,000 of Tourism Funds for the completion of the downtown sidewalk across from the Firehouse. It will address the hazard caused by bicycles, pedestrians, and motorists all using the same space on Bohemian Highway.

SALMON CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL met with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District representative, Sierra Cantor to discuss repair of the flow gauge in the main stem of Salmon Creek. The Council meets again January 23 in the Kurt Erikson Room at Salmon Creek School at 6:30 p.m.

WEST COUNTY OCCIDENTAL HEALTH CENTER has posted the video "The New Russian River Health and Wellness Center" on its website to assist in the capital campaign to rebuild after their fire in 2015. They plan to break ground this coming spring.

YMCA offers its Activity Room for rent at from \$20 to \$30 for a two hour minimum. Phone 874-2242.