

Community Report

September 17, 2021

Bodega Land Trust Bodega Quilters are holding the 40th Great Bodega Quilt Raffle. This year's quilt is a real beauty. See it on the Bodega Land Trust website. The proceeds go to Bodega Volunteer Fire Department and to Bodega Land Trust. For \$20 you will receive 24 ticket chances to win. Buy tickets online at www.bodegalandtrust.org Drawing in November.

Bohemian Corridor Business Alliance has members who will sponsor another flea market in the Community Center parking lot October 2nd. Tables are \$25. Proceeds go to assist with providing public bathroom facility in town. Contact Leslie at 760-914-1989 if you want to reserve a table. Please support your local businesses. Check their individual websites for details.

Fire-safe Occidental's Protection Committee continues to support efforts by homeowners to harden their properties. Evacuation routes are being cleared for greater safety by the Conservation Corp North Bay. Visit [FireSafeCampMeeker Web Site](#) or [FireSafeOccidental Web Site](#) for more information. August 25th Newsletter has very valuable tools to assist you during this year's fire season.

Harmony Union School District Hybrid instruction or distance learning will not be offered this fall in the county. If a parent doesn't feel comfortable with their child going to school for full time, in person instruction, they can opt for an independent study program. Contact your school for independent study if needed. [Harmony Union School District](#) has adapted well to include air circulation filters, rescheduling, and other safety measures.

KOWS Local news host Laura Goldman's program is broadcast every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM. The station urges you to sign up as a member, underwriter, or host. Their new website domain is <http://kowsfm.com> where programming is posted.

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center is also dealing with the drought. The State Water Board has issued restrictions in water use throughout the Russian River Watershed. This includes the town of Occidental. Also one can watch "Where There Once Was Water" a film linked on their website. Applications for classes and for employment positions are available at [Occidental Arts and Ecology Center](#)

Occidental Center for the Arts's past events are available for online viewing at OCA's Youtube Channel [Occidental Center for the Arts - YouTube](#) In the gallery, a new show is up called "A Place In the Woods" now through September 26. Visit in person Saturdays and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Local author Andrea Granahan will launch her latest book [The Wandering Widow](#) on Saturday the 26th. This free event begins at 4 p.m. A live concert in the amphitheater on October 10 will present Stella Heath Quartet. For tickets and more information go to [Occidental Center for the Arts](#)

Occidental Community Center Advisory Council awaits the County Parks Department reopening of the Center. Several instructors await the department's locating a new operator.

Occidental Community Choir is writing music for its next winter concert entitled "Harmony". Full membership rehearsals continue at the OCA in preparation for **live concerts again** in winter of 2021 and spring of 2022. Hear some previously written music on their website. If you want to audition, check out this website, [Occidental Community Choir](#).

Occidental Community Council meets every third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. outside the Community Center. They continue to support programs such for Salmon Creek School student needs, Health Center needs, Farmer's Market, KOWS, and Choir Scholarships. Planning the next annual Craft Faire will be on the agenda. Minutes are posted online at [Occidental Community Council](#) and posted on the Council Bulletin Board near the Occidental Market.

Occidental Community Farmers Market is open each Friday 4 pm to dusk until October 29th. A portable toilet is available on location. Local farm produce, foods and crafts make shopping a treat. Community Groups may sign up for tabling. Vendors may apply at [Occidental Farmer's Market](#)

Occidental Community Service District met online September 14. To receive a zoom invite contact Tiffany at occidentalsd@gmail.com Agenda items included town water supply in drought conditions and fire protection issues. The 2021-2022 Budgets were adopted. <https://occidentalfire.com/board-meetings.html>. (Note: Sonoma Water Agency, a separate entity, will present a feasibility study of the proposed sewer pipeline between Occidental and the treatment plant in Graton in late September followed by a public meeting.)

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 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 about COVID-19 vaccination availability go to [Home - whealth.org](http://whealth.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). Representatives tabled at the Farmer's Market each month. For information and resources check <http://www.salmoncreekwater.org>