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FROM THE HELM

Labor Day is just around the corner and we are wrapping up a great summer of fun events. Thanks to all those who volunteered to organize activities, help at events, and make this summer great!

Something Unusual

At the August NSCA Board Meeting a strange thing happened. We had 30 plus homeowners show up for our public forum. For those who have not attended a Board Meeting, we start each general session with an open forum where homeowners can speak to the Board on any subject. Normally we have one or two people show up, and many times we have absolutely no homeowners at the meeting. This meeting brought out many homeowners to voice their opinion on the potential removal of a coral tree in the common area off Leeward. This particular tree has been here since the community was first built and most attending did not want to see the tree removed. As a result, the board voted to not remove the tree.

Resident's Roundtable

Many may not believe it but we want to hear from you on issues that impact our community. It is great to

hear what you have on your mind and then have the opportunity to discuss. Too often these discussions are done in soundbites and important information is somehow not included.

This got us thinking of expanding the open public forum several times a year to be able to spend an hour, or so, and have direct dialog with our homeowners. So, at the Board Meeting on **September 13**, we will move the meeting to the clubhouse and set aside an hour from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** for homeowners to come and discuss any subject. We are labeling this a **Resident's Roundtable** and it is your opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions, complain and, most importantly, provide solutions. Landscape issues, tree removals, rules, parking restrictions are all topics we want to hear your thoughts about. If you do have a concern or an issue, be sure to bring your ideas, suggestions, and solutions.

We will also discuss the community infrastructure and work that needs to be done to keep Niguel Shores looking great and safe. We are working on next year's budget and will discuss projects being considered in 2018.

—Bob Russell

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SUMMER

May Be Coming to an End

But Life is Still a **BEACH**
IN NIGUEL SHORES

NIGUEL SHORES | Market Update

	2016	JAN. 1, 2017 - AUG. 16, 2017	PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE
UNITS CLOSED	35	19	--
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$1,730,300	\$1,501,711	-15%
MEDIAN SALES PRICE	\$1,525,000	\$1,400,000	-9%
PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT	\$807	\$844	+5%



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Beach Bluff Picnic Tables: Last month, I was so excited to write about the beautiful redwood picnic tables that were purchased and installed at the bluff. In the same article, I mentioned that someone had vandalized a spa handrail cover. It is with a heavy heart that I am now asking for your help in talking to everyone you know and telling them that the picnic tables are for the entire community to enjoy and not meant to be destroyed. Evidently someone (Max) thought that the tables were a canvas and should be his/her personal item, since they labeled one with their name. Again, please be considerate of Association property and refrain from damaging these items.



Renovation of the Slopes and Parkways: As part of the ongoing Master Landscape Plan, the current slopes being renovated are the Niguel Shores Drive slopes and parkways west of the PCH bridge. I am sure many have seen this work progressing as you make your way to the Beach Bluff on these wonderful summer days. Harvest has completed the demolition of the Niguel Shores Drive slopes, and installed most of the irrigation and plant material. The next area will be the slopes that run above and below Magellan Isle. These areas should be completed quickly and we will then move on to the next slopes on the plan. The goal is to complete the Master Landscape project by 2020, so we will be moving quickly to get this accomplished. Again, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during these slope renovations and all the NSCA landscaping projects.

Tree Trimming: The tree trimming throughout the community should begin toward the end of September, run through October and be finished some time in November. Although we have several view complaints, the fall months

are the time of year when our community trees are trimmed. Once the tree trimming is completed the trees will not grow as much during the winter months and then you can expect them to come back during the spring and Harvest will start over again with the same process next fall. Since Niguel Shores has thousands of trees, your patience is greatly appreciated during this process. In addition, as they are trimming you may want to be aware of the locations and if there is a tree close to your driveway or where you park your car, you should move it to allow the trimming to move forward. If there is a car in the way, the tree will be skipped and then the tree trimmers must come back and trim another day, causing delays.

Entrance to Community Center: As you are entering and exiting the parking lot at the Community Center, please be aware that this is a directional lot – One Way In and One Way Out. I have noticed several cars backing out of the parking area and exiting the wrong way or trying to enter through the exit recently. There are signs and large indicator arrows painted on the ground to help guide you in and out appropriately. Please be aware of this and tell others (even golf carts) so we can avoid any incident.

Office Closed: The management office will be closed Monday, September 4, 2017 for the Labor Day Holiday. As always there will be no construction allowed on this day and trash pickup will be a day later than its usual schedule.

***“Have a Wonderful Labor Day Holiday”
From the Niguel Shores Staff!***

—Marla Miller

Street Sweeping

The streets in our community are swept on the last Wednesday of the month. The Association asks residents to keep roads clear whenever possible by moving your cars or parking on your driveways during sweeping times. The street sweeping dates for the remainder of 2017 are as follows: September 27, October 25, November 29, and December 27.

For Board Action Summary Please See Website

Replacement Smoke Alarms

All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. The Orange County Fire Authority has free battery-powered smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries available for residents who are seniors, low income, or living in high fire risk conditions. This free offer applies only to battery-operated devices, not hard-wired ones. OCFA cannot replace hardwired smoke alarms, but can assist seniors with installation if they need to replace older hardwired alarms or alarm batteries with newly purchased ones. If you want to schedule an installation appointment or have questions about the smoke alarm program, please contact OCFA Education Specialist Polly Bowen at (949) 347-2256 or pollybowen@ocfa.org.



NIGUEL SHORES MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

The Niguel Shores Finance Committee is comprised of seven volunteer homeowners and meets on a monthly basis to review, monitor and make fiscal recommendations on financial issues such as budgets, expenses, investments and reserves. The current members of the Finance Committee are Sue Kichline (Chair), Martin Dedrick, Jim Eckstaedt, David Goldberg, Chris Lockwood, Rick Palmer and Jeff Kessler. The Niguel Shores General Manager, Controller and CFO attend Finance Committee meetings.

The Committee annually provides owners a mid-year update on the financial results to date including comments on expected year-end variances from budget and ongoing projects. The update includes revenue earned and expenses incurred compared to budget through June 30, 2017.

Our community is thriving due to our hard working dedicated staff and all the committee volunteers who continually aim to keep spending within the budgeted amounts. As a result, our reserves are adequately funded and our dues have been stable for several years. Their efforts make Niguel Shores a fabulous place to live.

The Finance Committee welcomes questions and feedback on this mid-year update and invites you to submit comments/questions to the attention of the Finance Committee Chair at mmiller@niguelshores.org.

NIGUEL SHORES INVESTMENTS

The Niguel Shores funds are reviewed by the General Manager, the Controller, Board CFO and an Investment Sub-Committee comprised of several members of the Finance Committee. NSCA's Investment Policy dictates that funds must be invested in instruments that are either obligations of or guaranteed by the US Government, such as US Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds, or Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) backed bank accounts, money market funds and certificates of deposit. Comerica Securities, Inc. is used to assist in identifying appropriate investments to maximize returns and protect principal.

The budgeted income from investments for 2017 is \$58,243. Based on results through June 30 and projections for the balance of the year, it is anticipated that full year 2017 interest income will exceed this budget target. The current investment portfolio of \$4,736,409 includes \$1,452,652 in checking and money market accounts to cover short term expenditures.

REVENUE UPDATE

2017 Budget	Earned as of June 30, 2017	\$ Remaining Anticipated Revenue
\$3,364,794	\$1,710,398	\$1,654,396

The major revenue items include quarterly assessments, bank interest income, newsletter commercial ads, as well as document response (ownership transfer), architecture and gate access fees. Architecture fees, bank interest income and newsletter commercial ads are expected to exceed budget. Document response fees and collection fees are lower than estimated due to fewer ownership changes and delinquent accounts, respectively. Overall, we anticipate the revenue to meet the budget for year-end 2017.

MAINTENANCE BUDGET UPDATE

2017 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2017	\$ Remaining
\$557,531	\$252,028	\$305,503

The Maintenance budget is reviewed and monitored monthly to ensure the needs of the community are met and that costs for repairs and expenditures are reasonable and within budget guidelines. As the community ages and the amenities and infrastructures are subject to increased usage, the Maintenance Committee and our maintenance staff are always faced with new and unique challenges.

The maintenance staff consists of the Facility Manager, three full-time and one part-time employees. They perform many daily and special projects which include both operating and reserve items.

To assist the maintenance team, a golf cart with a trailer was purchased this year. If you see the blue cart with the Niguel Shores emblem on it you know our crew is hard at work.

The actual expenditures for the first six months of this year are currently under budget and it is anticipated that we will end the year at or below the planned budget although we constantly face the possibility of unplanned expenditures.

LANDSCAPE BUDGET UPDATE

2017 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2017	\$ Remaining
\$965,722	\$418,185	\$547,537

The primary expense in the Landscape Budget is the Harvest Landscape Maintenance contract. The contract is currently in the third year of a four (4) year term. This contract has a renewal clause and will run through 2018. There is a built-in increase of 1% in 2017 and 0% in 2018. This contract covers landscape maintenance, including but not limited to mowing, edging, cleaning, weeding, drains, color changes and various other duties. Water has, and will

continue to be, a resource that will see rate increases by SCWD as it becomes more and more difficult to come by. Niguel Shores recognized this and took action by upgrading its watering systems and worked with SCWD to find many other ways to create cost savings. We have achieved great success in this regard, as reflected by the following overall gallons of water used:

January to June	2015	19,252,772
January to June	2016	12,807,213
January to June	2017	3,814,052

Indeed, we have been recognized by SCWD as a very progressive community, one to be proud of! Other expenses such as pest control, sprinklers, tree removal and replacement, routine planting and slope maintenance are also part of the landscape budget.

The budget is managed by the General Manager with feedback and updates provided by the Landscape Committee. The Committee representatives review a specific area and report any items of concern. The Landscape budget is currently on track. The Master Landscape Plan which focuses on large scale slope renovation, turf reductions and some irrigation refurbishment is not included in this budget, but is a part of the Reserve section of this report.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE

2017 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2017	\$ Remaining
\$387,134	\$183,630	\$203,504

Patrol services account for over 90% of the Traffic and Safety budget, with spending for fobs, decals, surveillance equipment and access control software accounting for most of the remainder. Thus far in 2017, expenses are slightly (3.5%) less than budgeted and full year results are anticipated to be at or close to budget.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET UPDATE

2017 Budget	Spent as of June 30,	\$ Remaining
\$1,454,407	\$651,361	\$803,046

General and Administrative (G&A) expenses include payroll and employee benefits for the staff as well as legal expenses, insurance, taxes, printing, postage, computers and other services required to manage the Association. Legal expenses are currently less than the budgeted amount due to fewer litigation related issues than anticipated. Excluding legal expenses, G&A expenses are currently 5% under budget. All other expenses are anticipated to be less than, or not significantly exceed, the budgeted amounts.

NIGUEL SHORES RESERVE STUDY UPDATE

A review of the Association's reserves is required every three years by an independent contracted consultant. The independent consultant specializes in performing reserve analysis and provides recommendations. The last detailed reserve review completed by the independent consultant was in 2015. The Niguel Shores General Manager, Controller and representatives of the Finance and Maintenance Committees also provide input to the consultant during the analysis. During the interim years, the independent consultant working with the Niguel Shores General Manager, Controller and representatives of the Finance and Maintenance Committees prepares a high level reserve review. The final report will be distributed to Association Members in the fall.

The purpose of the reserve analysis is to identify certain assets in the common areas of Niguel Shores that will need to be repaired or replaced within a defined timeframe. Since the cost to repair or replace these assets may be expensive, the reserve analysis identifies and determines the cost to repair or replace and determines a financial plan to accumulate the needed funds.

A partial list of assets identified in the reserve analysis is: street resurfacing, fencing, lighting/electrical, pool, tennis courts, irrigation, slope repair and master landscape.

Reserve funds, excluding Breakers Isle, spent from January 1 to June 30, 2017 were \$318,944. The funds were primarily used for entrance gates, pool, slopes, master landscape, lighting, beach bluff furniture, and fencing.

As of June 30, 2017, the balance in the reserve funds, excluding reserves for Breakers Isle, was \$3,674,424. As of June 30, 2017, the balance in the Breakers Isle reserve was \$95,214. The Breakers Isle reserve covers vehicle entrance area, gate house, vehicle gates, and fencing, but is not limited to these items.

—Sue Kichline

SEA TERRACE I BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sea Terrace 1 Board is soliciting self-nominations to run for the Board for a two-year term. The Board meets two to three times a year and oversees the operations of the Sea Terrace 1 Townhome Association, which primarily manages the painting process for our townhomes. If you are interested or have questions please contact either Cathy Tyson, VP of Elections, at tk310@sbcglobal.net or Larry Wellikson, President, at llwellikson1@cox.net not later than October 31, 2017. The new Board terms will start January 2018.

—Larry Wellikson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER! I have had the pleasure of contributing articles for the *Seashore News* over several years and do so in hopes that they serve as reminders and enlightenment to many things we can do to prepare for potential emergencies in our community, homes, travels, insuring the safety of our family and friends.

In this issue: What to do in case of a nuclear attack by North Korea and where to buy gas masks? **NOT GOING THERE!** What about the horrific increase in opioid use and overuse of antibiotics? **NOT GOING THERE EITHER!** The statue of Robert E. Lee, Nooooo! **AND**, what about having some wine or Fire Ball at the bluff? (Well, we can talk about that!)

It's true that most, if not all, issues, tips, and directions on how to prepare for emergencies can simply be found using Google or Wikipedia. Now that I've divulged one of my key resources, I encourage you to do the same and access an endless number of websites that provide information on earthquake preparedness, fire prevention, internet scams, water safety, response to heart attacks and strokes.

In Niguel Shores, we have sponsored several certification classes on First Aid, CPR, and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) which is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to resuscitate the heart. These classes have been held in our own Clubhouse on a Saturday morning, and last about three hours, conducted by a certified instructor, and **REALLY** can provide you with life saving techniques. If you are interested in participating in one of these classes please contact Matt Northrop in the office and we will schedule another class based on interest in the community.

AND, just as an FYI, did you know we have our own AED installed just inside the clubhouse entrance **AND** another one that is **ALWAYS** carried in the patrol vehicle that can be accessed in an emergency by calling the Gate House attendants? (**BUT** always call 911 as your first resource.)

How about your own expertise and knowledge about **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**? We welcome your suggestions on how we can make Niguel Shores and our residents better prepared for any emergency.

—*Kent Wellbrock*

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Candid Camera:

Our new high definition security cameras are now in place throughout the community and properly functioning.

Not only do they record sharp and clear pictures, but they also pick up conversations. These recordings have already helped to resolve disputes and identify people violating laws and rules. Please note: Just because nobody is in sight around the open area near the clubhouse and pool area, it doesn't mean someone isn't watching. Needless to say, some folks engaged in questionable public conduct in these locations have really been embarrassed.

Word to the Wise:

Deputy Mark Hale, who is our liaison officer with the Dana Point Sheriff's Office, attended our most recent Traffic and Safety meeting. After a brief introduction, he explained that he has the responsibility of patrolling our community and is going to focus his enforcement efforts on speeders, stop sign violators, and underaged and unlicensed drivers of golf carts (NEVs).

Deputy Hale advised that 70 % of burglaries of homes and thefts from vehicles occur because they are unlocked. I personally think that in our community virtually all thefts from vehicles occur because they are unlocked. Anyhow, the message is clear: When unattended, lock your cars and homes.

Guests and Service Providers:

Non-resident vehicles must display a pass on the dash when parked on the street, at the Community Center, or at the Bluff. As we are responsible for our guests and service providers, their failure to properly display a pass could end up costing us a lot of money for each citation issued. Remember the second citation received, in a calendar year, will result in a \$100 fine. Each citation thereafter (during that year) is \$100. I can see where an irresponsible guest or service provider could really run up a pretty stiff tab for a resident. Consequently, explain our rules to all of your guests and service providers.

—*Be Safe and God Bless . . . Tim Murphy*

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee is responsible for the oversight of all maintenance and repair activities for Niguel Shores Community Association. Duties include assisting the Maintenance Department on large, annual projects like street maintenance, evaluation of alternative upgrade proposals like the Coach Lamp project, monitoring progress on approved projects, and budget projections.

Currently, the committee consists of seven volunteers, and meets monthly with NSCA staff (General Manager, Facilities Manager, Controller) and a representative of the Board of Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our common facilities are valuable assets to our community and require everyone's participation in maintaining their quality and appearance. If you would like to find out what makes NSCA tick—and if you would like to help keep it ticking—consider joining the Maintenance Committee.

OUR ENTRY GATE SYSTEM

NSCA has one attended vehicle gate and five unattended gates: Mariner (attended), Selva, Cabrillo, Manta Court, Garibaldi, and Breaker's Isle.

The Mariner gate has a gate attendant 24/7 and is intended for residents using barcodes attached to the vehicle and for guests and service vehicles, who are assisted by the gate attendant. The other gates are barcode or code box operated for residents. Guests and service personnel can speak to residents using a callbox or by using a telephone-based resident look-up system. The look-up system calls the resident's telephone, and the resident can remotely open the gate by phone to allow access.

At the Selva and Cabrillo gates, when a proper barcode is detected by gate electronics, a gate arm is raised and the spike strip is lowered. The strip is raised again after the vehicle clears the gate. The unattended Selva and Cabrillo gates have signage warning that the gate is for resident

use only, and all five unattended gates have signs warning against tailgating. Additional signs are posted at the Selva and Cabrillo gates directing visitors to the Mariner gate.

Unfortunately, almost every week one or more vehicles ignores the signs and attempts to tailgate behind a resident's vehicle. Typically, these attempts result in some form of vehicle damage, often punctured tires or damage to the gates—all resulting in a very frustrated driver.

Please remind your guests and service personnel not to tailgate. Let them know in advance how to enter the community properly at the Mariner gate. If your guest or service personnel cause damage to the gates from tailgating, you will be held responsible for the cost of repair.

One more important word of caution: Tailgate rules also apply to those with barcodes. Even if you have a barcode on your vehicle, please do not tailgate. Barcode readers do not always read a barcode properly due to a number of reasons. So allow some space between you and the vehicle in front of you. A few seconds of waiting for the vehicle ahead of you to proceed could spare you hours of frustration if your barcode was not read properly. Everyone's cooperation about gate entry is appreciated.

—Bob Gregg

NIGUEL SHORES MARKET UPDATE

Eleven Properties For Sale

• Seatterrace Townhome 2 Bed/2 Bath,	1032 SF	\$979,000
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 4 bed/2 bath,	1867 SF	\$1.375M
• Seatterrace Townhome 3 Bed/2 Bath,	1552 SF	\$1.499M
• Villas Home 3 bed/2 bath,	1963 SF	\$1.499M
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 3 bed/2 bath,	1627 SF	\$1.599M
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 3 bed/2 bath,	2517 SF	\$1.745M
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 3 bed/2 bath,	1800 SF	\$1.825M
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 3 bed/2 bath,	2488 SF	\$1.839M
• Broadmoor Home 4 Bed/3 Bath,	3000 SF	\$2.195M
• Garden Home (Ocean Side) 2 bed/2 bath,	2021 SF	\$2.195M
• Custom Home (Ocean Side) 3 bed/3 bath,	3947 SF	\$5.299M

Recent Sales

33515 Moonsail Drive 3 Bed/3Bath,	1477 SF	\$1.125M
23761 Brisbane Bay 3 Bed/2 Bath,	1404 SF	\$1.260M
33855 Manta Court 3 Bed/2 Bath,	1525 SF	\$1.385M
33502 Dosina Drive 3 Bed/2 Bath,	1800 SF	\$1.520M
33511 Spinnaker Drive 2 bed/2 bath,	1420 SF	\$1.550M
23811 Salvador Bay 3 Bed/2 Bath,	1624 SF	\$1.610M
33465 Abalone Drive 3 Bed/3 Bath,	2091 SF	\$1.650M

*MLS Data June 1 to July 20, 2017

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Oh No! Where did our Summer Go? I am sure a lot of you have mixed feelings, as I do, when August ends. Summer is gone but not for those who live in this beautiful community of Niguel Shores. We still have one of the best months of the year coming up: September! We can still enjoy our beaches and sunshine a little longer!

I hope you all enjoyed our **Summer Bluff Concert** last week with Last Call Crush! It is always a great way to close the summer. Thank you to all who attended.

We have some great events still to come at the Bluff:
Labor Day BBQ—September 4, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for our famous barbeque celebration. We will provide the hot coals and you bring whatever you would like to BBQ!

Island Fever Festival—September 23, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This will be our first Caribbean themed event in Niguel Shores held at the Bluff. There will be Caribbean food and steel drum music with your choice of food: Orange Glazed Grilled Chicken or Maracas Bay Tri-Tip sandwich with tropical salad or rice and peas. This should be a fun evening. Be sure to buy your tickets in advance at the NSCA office. Sales start September 1, \$15 each.

Upcoming Events for October:

Garage Sale—October 14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Halloween Party—October 29, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

—Maria Elena Banks

AT THE BLUFF

Can you find yourself or your neighbors in these scenes from the August **Food Truck Night** at the Bluff? If you were there, you know that everyone enjoyed the music of D.J. Symes and the chance to sample tasty hot dogs, pizzas, sliders, and strawberry, cinnamon, powdered sugar waffles right off the trucks.

Possibly you also noticed the lovely bride celebrating with her groom and all their family at red and white checkered tables. And you couldn't miss the colorful décor at another table set with bright blues, yellows, a centerpiece of giant sunflowers, and an array of hurricane candles. You might have lifted your glass toasting "cheers" to the circles of friends in their beach chairs on the lawn. Or maybe you tossed a few bean bags, which seemed to be the sport of the evening with

at least four "corn hole" boards in different spots across the park. Relaxed sea-watchers enjoyed views of the surf and a beautiful sunset from the sidewalk benches, and groups of happy neighbors shared tables while laughing kids blew bubbles and chased balls nearby. A lot of summer fun for all. *(P.S. Many thanks to the "good Samaritan" woman at the Bluff late that night who offered a flashlight and helped find my keys that were accidentally tossed with the table scraps into one of the trash cans!)*

—Sandy Homicz



WOMEN'S CLUB

Our opening luncheon meeting of the new season will be Thursday, September 14, at noon in the Clubhouse. You will want to be there to hear our speaker, Dana Point Mayor Debra Lewis. She will discuss the "Development Pipeline" of Dana Point's progress on Coast Highway, Doheny Village, and the Harbor.

All Niguel Shores women are invited to take part in the Women's Club. Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Clubhouse. A social time starts at noon followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and a special program. Newcomers can register for membership at this first meeting. Dues are \$15 a year, and the luncheons are \$3 each time you attend. Come join us!

—Nadine Allen

In addition to our regular Women's Club luncheon meeting, we invite you to participate in our Outside Activities.

Please join us for **Happy Hour at the Bluff on September 21 and October 19**, the third Thursday of the month, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Spouses or friends are welcome. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. We will supply the plastic glasses, plates, plastic ware, napkins and a few munchies.

Please sign up in the office (Niguel Shores Women's Club File) so we know how many to expect. Hope to see you there!

—Tina Fornadley and Carol Kuhn

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Hosts Congressman Darrell Issa

At the August 15 meeting of the Men's Club, Congressman Darrell Issa of California's 49th Congressional District spoke to a packed clubhouse where he addressed current topics in a question-and-answer format. Men's Club VP C.W. Gruenig, who arranged for the Congressman's visit to our community, said, "Though the arrangements took about six months, getting Congressman Issa as our speaker was well worth the effort. All of his aides were helpful,



Congressman Darrell Issa speaking at Men's Club breakfast, August 2017

responsive and congenial, both locally and in Washington. On Monday, the day before his visit to Niguel Shores, Mr. Issa appeared live on television in Washington, D.C. and then took the red eye to arrive early for our breakfast Tuesday morning."

In answer to a list of questions, the Congressman gave an informative and frank review of the situation in Washington, expressing his concern about technology theft by foreign governments, thoughts on healthcare reform, effects of the San Onofre shutdown, opinions on immigration and migrant worker programs, views on party politics and partisanship, and tax reform.

C.W. indicated, "All the comments I have heard so far have been positive about the presentation. What I personally gained from the Congressman was helpful detail about what is really happening in Washington delivered in a fair manner. He was tactful and generally respectful of political opponents, and he knew programs and people in great detail . . . He didn't say that his party or our President is mistake free. Instead he stressed that our elected President must do better and that we must hold our elected officials accountable . . . Another item that people talked about afterward was the idea that many of the laws today are being passed bilaterally, not unilaterally as repeatedly reported by the press. This gives some hope that the two parties can actually work together."

The Men's Club expresses thanks to Congressman Issa for an enlightening morning! Thanks also go out to the Men's Club governing board, our club members, our team in the kitchen, and the Shores administration who worked together for the successful visit of the Congressman with 100 people in attendance.

—This report was compiled by the Seashore News from the notes of NSCA Men's Club. Your comments on the Congressman's visit are welcomed by sending an email to seashorennews@hotmail.com or by posting a comment on "Voice of the People" on the Niguel Shores website at www.niguelshores.org.

MAINTENANCE LIST

The Men's Club has compiled a list of handymen, contractors and service people who have done work for residents of our community. You can find this **"Men's Club Maintenance List"** on the Niguel Shores website at www.niguelshores.org.

Note: This list is offered as a convenience for residents but the Men's Club and NSCA do not personally endorse nor recommend nor stand responsible for any acts or services of any providers listed.

CLUBS



GARDEN CLUB

After the long, hot days of summer when we were all tinkering in our gardens (or drinking a cold beer—my favorite) it is time for our first Garden Club meeting of the new season,

Monday, September 18. I hope you will not miss it because we have a very special treat in store.

Our club president, Gunjan, will be showing a video of a beautiful garden that some of us have never seen or are likely to visit. As many of you know Gunjan's husband is now working out of Amsterdam. Gunjan is spending time there as well as in their home in Niguel Shores. The video presentation is on the beautiful tulips at the Keukenhof Gardens of

Amsterdam, one of the world's largest flower gardens. Come, you will not be disappointed.

Another special treat at this meeting will be your chance to win a \$30 gift card donated by the Armstrong Garden Center. Unfortunately (or fortunately for us) this gift card was received just after our May plant sale, so the club officers decided to raffle off the gift card this month to our members. For a donation of \$1 or more to our Penny Pines collection you will receive a raffle ticket (one per member please). Feeling lucky? This is your chance!

Members will also receive their Garden Club yearbook for 2017-2018 and there will be sign-up sheets available for helping with our future Garden Club events. —Karl Kuhn

ACTIVITIES

PAGETURNERS

The Monday and Thursday PageTurners will begin their 2017-2018 reading season this month with a discussion of Amor Towles' novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow*. The book has been praised for displaying a grace, wit and charm that contrasts dramatically against its bleak setting in 1920s Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution. It should provide for thoughtful discussion when the groups meet the last week of September.

Reading selections chosen by the two groups for the coming year are as follows:

September: *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles

October: *The Sympathizer*, Viet Thanh Nguyen

November: *The Wright Brothers*, David McCullough

December: Book Exchange Social

January: *Captains and the Kings*, Taylor Caldwell

February: *A Sense of an Ending*, Julian Barnes

March: *Any Human Heart*, William Boyd

April: *News of the World*, Paulette Jiles

May: *The American*, Henry James

June: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, William Kamkwamba

If you are interested in joining one of the PageTurners groups, there are waiting lists forming. Contact Lisa by email at lisabuchner@cox.net.

—Lisa Buchner

REALLY SERIOUS OREO BOOK CLUB

Sapiens—the History of Mankind, by Harari, Part II, a thoughtful and thought-provoking segment of the book,

was the subject of a discussion led by Priscilla Agnew at our August meeting, which was hosted by Mary Crowl. There was some disagreement with the author's concept of the thrust of history, but it was still a brilliant concept. The author's notion on the role of socially accepted ideas of religion, money and other conventions and their role in the civilizations of the world was expanded in the discussion. Also our concept of "happiness" as covered by the author was dissected and expanded to ourselves and other cultures.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Norton Schwartz where we will discuss *Drawdown*, edited by Paul Hawken, concerning the variety of approaches to reduce our carbon footprint and climate change. If you would like to attend our book review group, email Norton Schwartz at Nortlynne@Cox.net.

—Norton Schwartz

LIBRARY

The following is a list of programs and events at Dana Point Library for September 2017. All events are held in the Library Community Room unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins are welcome.

CHILDREN

Toddler Storytime — Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities and songs for children under 3 and their favorite adults to enjoy together. Stay and play with puzzles and toys after storytime. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime — Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities, and fun for children, ages 3 to 5. Stay and play with puzzles and crafts after storytime. No registration required.

ACTIVITIES

Read to a Dog — Wednesday, September 6 and Tuesday, September 19, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For beginning readers. These special therapy dogs love listening to stories. Held in the children's area.

Lego Club — Wednesday, September 13, 3:00 p.m. Design, build, and create. Lego bricks provided. No registration required. All ages welcome.

Talk like a Pirate Day — Tuesday, September 19, 4:00 p.m. Ahoy mateys! There be plenty of swashbucklin' fun at the library this afternoon. Talk in your best pirate lingo to earn prizes. No registration required. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Dana Point Library. Join us...if you dare!

PJ Storytime — Monday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. Children of all ages with parent or guardian. Wearing pajamas is encouraged. A cookie and water will be served. Provided by the NCL Laguna Sunshine Readers.

ADULTS

Coloring and Knitting Club — Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring out your inner artist while surrounded by books and good company. All materials provided free. No registration required. Held at the adult tables.

Write On! Writers Group — Tuesdays, September 5 and 19, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Gentle Readers Book Club — Thursday, September 14, 10:30 to 12:00 noon. For those interested in optimistic but provocative books without the graphic content. Copies of current selection, *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall, are available at the service desk.

SPORTS

MEN'S GOLF

August brought us great golf weather. Cool and clear. On August 8 we played our monthly tournament at Oak Creek—a group favorite. The game that day was “Team score—best 3 net scores for each foursome.” In this format we only count the 3 best net scores and throw out the worst net score for each foursome. This is a great format as it makes each foursome competitive regardless of handicap.

- **First place:** Dick Grabham, Bill Verbrugge, Rick Palmer, and John Monson with a net score of 205
- **Second place:** Roy Dohner, Larry Wellikson, Curt Bartsch, and Dave McFarland with a net score of 207
- **Third place:** John Chis, Kent Wellbrock, Chris Dolkas, and Morry Dohner with a net score of 210
- **Closest to the pin on #3:** Dick Grabham

Travel Club — Sunday, September 17, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Do you love travel, learning new things, exploring interesting places and meeting fellow adventurers? Join the Travel Club as we continue our voyage to exotic destinations. Guest speaker and travel consultant, Chuck Weghorst of Saddleback College, will offer travel tips and take your questions this month. No registration required.

Foreign Film — Sunday, September 24, 3:00 p.m. This month's selection is *Theeb*, directed by Naji Abu Nowak. Set in 1916 in the Ottoman Empire. Two Bedouin brothers guide a British Army officer through dangerous terrain. Free. No registration required.

Seaside Book Club — Monday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Copies of current book, *Born to Run*, by Christopher McDougall are available at the service desk.

—Karla Sanders

BRIDGE

The Bridge Club has been playing four tables of summer bridge every week and we've added several new players to our group. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Mary Ann at (949) 489-9999.

Our latest winners:

- 7/19 Jane Olson, Jim Pinola, Lee Farrell
- 7/26 Pouri Fowzi, Margaret Brugger, Bernadette Bloom
- 8/2 Jane Olson, Helen Campbell, Frieda Baskin
- 8/9 Jim Pinola, Pouri Fowzi, Judy Bates
- 8/16 Frieda Baskin, Judy Bates, Lanny Bernard

—Mary Ann Theissen

■ Closest to the pin on #11: John Torok

On deck for September is Talega on September 5, Tijeras Creek on September 12, San Juan Hills on September 19, and back to Talega on September 26.

TOO FOGGY TO SEE

Two dim-witted golfers are teeing off on a foggy par-3. They can see the flag, but not the green. The first golfer hits his ball into the fog and the second golfer does the same. They proceed to the green to find their balls.

One ball is about 6 feet from the cup while the other found its way into the cup for a hole-in-one. Both golfers were playing the same type of balls, TopFlite 2, and couldn't determine which ball was which.

They decided to ask the golf pro to decide their fate. After congratulating both golfers on their fine shots, the golf pro asks, “Which one of you used the orange one?”

—Bob Russell

Bringing the News TO NIGUEL SHORES

Every month, dozens of Niguel Shores volunteers collaborate to plan, write, print, collate, and deliver your *Seashore News*. Without their help, there would be no newsletter at your door on the first of every month. Each person's contribution is important. Each report from a club or committee or activity, each photograph, each page of the layout, each volunteer who walks the block on delivery day—they are all essential to the newsletter.

With this in mind, we'd like to describe the process of bringing you the *Seashore News* and introduce some of the people who make it possible.

On the first Friday of every month, the NSCA Communication Committee meets to discuss upcoming ideas, events, and activities that would be of interest to residents reading the next issue of the newsletter or searching the Shores website.



Once the monthly content is decided, the *Seashore News* and Website editors and sub-editors contact NSCA Board members, club and committee reporters, activity reporters, and feature writers to remind them that their articles are due, usually by the fifteenth of the month.

When the articles come in, they are edited and proofread before going to our layout designer, who works miracles fitting everything together artistically.



Then, after a final proofreading, the pages are sent to our printer, who usually has 1,100 copies ready for us before the end of the month.

Meanwhile, our collating team has labelled approximately 30 bags with the names and addresses of key distribution people in each Niguel Shores neighborhood.



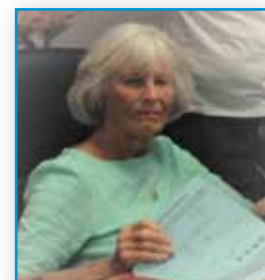
Once the printer delivers his cartons of finished newsletters to the NSCA Office, our collators go to work inserting the calendar and extra pages of information into each copy and counting out how many copies go into the labelled bags for delivery throughout our community.



Our collators then bring the filled bags to neighborhood key people like Len Bebee, Julie Chis, Ann Christiansen, Barbara Hall, Lori McNaught, Donna Rosecrans, Courtney Van Dijk, Sue and Dick Kichline, who are responsible for as many as 80 to 100 copies each, which they count out and bring to their individual distribution team members on each street.

When the distribution team members for each street receive their bundles of newsletters, they set out walking your block delivering the *Seashore News* to your home.

We owe a big "Thanks" to all our volunteers for their work keeping us informed and spreading the news. A special word of praise goes out to Shirley Smith who has been present for the *Seashore News* collating every month since the 1970s. At that time she was in charge of the group now headed by Kathy Newport and Peggy Oliva. It was Shirley's job to organize the individual pages of the newspaper in numerical order so her team could then assemble them into batches. Shirley would then carry the assembled newsletters over to another crew, who would staple the binding so the newsletters would be ready for delivery. Thank you, Shirley, for over 30 years of dedication to the *Seashore News*!



Here are the people working to bring the news to our community every month:

NSCA Communication Committee

- **Advisory:** Marla Miller
- **NSCA Board Liason:** Al Glatt
- **NSCA Staff Liason:** Matt Northrop
- **General Members:** Kathryn Fitzmaurice, Buzz Halliday, Mike Harrod, Sandy Homicz, Kathy Newport, Yollie Mancino, Patti Staudenbaur

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 - **General:** Sandy Homicz
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NSCA Website

- **Administrator:** Matt Northrop
- **Website Article in Seashore News:** Patti Staudenbaur

DOG LICENSING IN OUR CITY

Niguel Shores Community Association recently received this information from the Coastal Animal Services Authority/San Clemente-Dana Point Animal Shelter located at 221 Avenida Fabricante, San Clemente, 92672. Call the shelter at (949) 492-1617 for more information.

What to know about licensing a dog in San Clemente and Dana Point:

- Anyone owning a dog four months of age or older in the city limits of San Clemente or Dana Point must obtain a license from the San Clemente-Dana Point Animal Services Authority.
- The license tag must be worn on the dog's collar whenever the dog is outside.
- Payment for the license is due within 30 days after the current license expires. If you are licensing for the first time, you must purchase a license within 30 days of adopting your dog and/or residing in our cities.
- Licenses may be purchased for 1, 2, or 3 years, with fees charged accordingly, as long as the rabies vaccination is valid for the same period of time. Licenses expire on the anniversary date of the vaccination. Rabies laws state that the license term cannot exceed the rabies expiration date.
- Licensing helps Animal Control identify family pets should an animal become lost. The fees from licensing are used to care for animals at the San Clemente-Dana Point Animal Shelter and to investigate complaints about stray animals, among other services. Other goals of animal licensing are to promote responsible pet ownership and to reduce the tragedies associated with lost pets and pet overpopulation.

A License is a...



**lost dog's
ticket home.**

Paperwork required to purchase a license:

- A rabies vaccination certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian.
- A spay/neuter certificate if the pet has been altered since the last licensing period.
- Proof of your age if you are 62 or older and requesting senior license pricing.

BACK TO SCHOOL



It's that time again, and the *Seashore News* wishes all the school children in our community a happy, productive school year ahead. Knowing that a return to a regular schedule after summer fun can be challenging—both for kids and adults, Dr. Fran Walfish, a child and family psychotherapist and author of “The Self-Aware Parent,” and Christina Nichols, PhD, a licensed clinical psychologist, offer 101 helpful tips for easing kids back into school. Check out their suggestions at <https://www.care.com/c/stories/3192/101-back-to-school-tips-for-kids-and-parents/>

Or you can view other back-to-school ideas at these websites:

- <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/back-to-school/back-to-school-tips-for-parents/> (sponsored by PBS)
- <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/Back-to-School-Tips.aspx> (sponsored by American Academy of Pediatrics)
- <http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/organizing/tips/g2358/back-to-school-prep/> (sponsored by Good Housekeeping)

—Sandy Homicz

Wellness... The Curse of Eternal Dieting

I bet you thought that baseball was our national pastime. I'm here to suggest that dieting is competing for that honor! By my observation alone, the number of people on diets probably rivals the number of people who are overweight or obese. A whopping 85% of diets fail within two years, with people gaining all of their weight back and more, leading to never ending dieting. The first three letters of the word, d-i-e, are indicative of how diets actually “kill” the odds of creating long term health in our lives!

I'd like to suggest that you forget the word diet, or dieting. If you're like many people, you probably get a bit of a negative feeling in your gut when you even think about that word. You end up kind of stuck in that mindset of dieting which isn't sustainable. You could switch to saying that you're eating healthy, improving your health, even changing your life, because that's what we have to do when you think about it. Change our lives. Create and practice new, and better ways to live, long term. Dieting is very short-term, where lifestyle changes will take care of you forever.

One of those lifestyle changes is improving your eating habits so that you feel your very best. Instead of eating without paying attention, practice “mindful eating” and become aware of your daily intake. Keep a food journal to see what you're eating, and then make the necessary changes so that you can treat your one-and-only body right. Whether your goal is to lose a few pounds, lower your blood pressure, reduce your cholesterol, or something more, mindful healthy eating will keep you on track.

Here's a delicious recipe to get started on your way, too!



Health & Happiness! Questions or comments? Sharon@TakeShapeWithSharon.com
Sharon Stewart RN, Certified Health Coach

Chicken with Pear and Avocado

- 4 (4-oz) boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 Tbsp canola oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 leek, white part only, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
- 1 Bartlett or Anjou pear, peeled and cut into 3/8" slices
- ¼ cup white wine
- ½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- ½ large or 1 small ripe Hass avocado, cut into 12 slices

1. Pound the chicken pieces between 2 sheets of waxed paper to ½ inch thickness.
2. In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Sauté the chicken until lightly browned on both sides and white in the center, about 6 minutes, turning once. Transfer chicken to a plate, cover with foil, and set aside.
3. Melt the butter in the pan. Add the leek and sauté until soft. Add pear and cook until warmed through, turning once. Add the leek and pear to the chicken.
4. Deglaze the pan with the wine, using a wooden spoon to scrape up the browned bits, then boil until the wine is almost evaporated. Add the broth and boil until it is reduced by half.
5. On each of 4 dinner plates, place a piece of chicken. Top each with 3 avocado slices and spoon one-quarter of the pear and leek on top of each. Drizzle on the hot pan juices. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 285 calories, 13 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 28 g protein, 12 g carbohydrates, 4 g fiber.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Paul and Susan Davis are relatively new residents to Niguel Shores. They purchased their home on Halyard in 2016 and are very happy with their decision. The Davises moved to the Shores from San Juan Capistrano but, prior to living in San Juan, they resided in Dana Point where they raised their two sons, Will and Paul. After 40 years of marriage, the move to Niguel Shores was a lifestyle change. They wanted a smaller home, less property, and a setting closer to the beach. They had heard lots of positive things about Niguel Shores and Dana Point, especially from Susan's uncle, Wayne Rayfield, who is the former Mayor of Dana Point and presently serves on the South Coast Water District Board.

Paul grew up in the San Fernando Valley and Susan in San Marino. By coincidence, both Paul's family and Susan's family decided to relocate to Orange County at about the same time. However, not until they both attended Stanford University, as undergrads, did they meet. After graduation, Paul went off to UC Davis to attend law school and, a few years later, Susan followed to attend UC Davis's School of Veterinary Medicine. Paul earned his law degree and Susan her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, and they moved to Napa for several years before deciding to head south to Orange County to be closer to family.

Their son Will attended Capistrano Valley High School and then went on to graduate from Cal Berkeley. He is



Susan and Paul Davis

presently living in Dana Point and working at Taylor Morse, Inc. in Lake Forest. His brother Peter attended Stanford University, like his parents, where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees. He is preparing for the bar exam and, with his wife Kate, will be moving to Washington, D.C. where he has been offered an opportunity to Clerk for the Court of Appeals.

Susan owned Aliso Animal Clinic in South Laguna for 30 years. In fact, many Niguel Shores residents brought their pets to Susan's clinic, and she recalls her clients talking about what a wonderful community it was. Susan recently sold her practice and is now teaching three days a week at Western

University of Health Science in Pomona. Paul maintains a law practice in Laguna Beach, where he specializes in Estate Planning and Real Estate Law.

There are lots of things about their move to the Shores that appeal to Susan and Paul. They love the beach, the sense of security here in the community, and the very friendly people. They still feel they have not yet taken full advantage of all the wonderful resources. Susan wants to get Paul out on the tennis court, and they both hope that someday Niguel Shores will be a great place for their grandchildren! In the meantime, Susan and Paul are getting to know the community and enjoying their new home.

—Patti Staudenbaur and Kathryn Fitzmaurice



Our nation dedicates the first Monday in September as a tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. What began as a New York City worker's parade one day in the early 1880s was later proclaimed a national holiday in the 1890s by President Grover Cleveland. Labor Day is celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with speeches, parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. In praise of honest work, the essayist Joseph Joubert wrote,

"Genius begins great works, but labor alone finishes them."



CUISINE CORNER

The Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens

For that special occasion and a unique dining experience, I would recommend taking the time to drive to The Farmhouse in Corona del Mar. Make it a destination to enjoy Roger's Gardens or shopping at Fashion Island, but plan your time around a lunch or dinner in this open-air alfresco café.

Two seatings are available: Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. There are dining areas and a gazebo for special events. Be sure to make a reservation since lunch and dinner fill up quickly.

Owner and Executive Chef Rich Mead is the former owner of Sage Restaurants. He partnered with Roger's Gardens in establishing his field-to-fork concept. During his 35 years of culinary experience, Chef Mead has cultivated relationships with the best local farms to offer the freshest salads, fruits, and vegetables farm-to-table.

Best dishes include House Cured Salmon Platter; Asian Short Ribs; Glazed Satsumaimo (sweet potato); Roasted Cauliflower with Chimichurri; R.G. Burger; Hanger Steak Salad, Hoisin Pork and Saimin Noodles; Roast Half Chicken; Carrots and Burrata; and Braised Beans and Greens.

The dessert menu contains a variety of tempting sweets including favorites like flourless chocolate cake or carrot

cake, but also some unusual ones such as grilled sweet potato and ginger pound cake with berries, sweet cream, and toasted pistachios; Regier Farms peach crisp with brown sugar oat topping, vanilla bean ice cream, and caramel sauce; or a Mason jar parfait with chocolate angel food cake, marshmallow crème, and mixed berries.

The Farmhouse features a selection of wines, craft beers, and signature cocktails. Corkage fee, if you bring your own, is \$25 per bottle. Price Range: Lunch \$8 - \$30; Dinner \$10 - \$44; Dessert \$5 - \$8; Cocktails about \$14.00. The Farmhouse at Roger's Gardens is located at 2301 San Joaquin Hills Road, Corona del Mar. (949) 640-1415 or email farmhouse@rg.com.

—Bill Walkup

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The Ocean Institute is celebrating its 33rd year hosting the Toshiba Tall Ships Festival. This extraordinary event takes place each year the second weekend in September. History comes alive, as crews from each ship, along with historical re-enactors, engage the public in cannon battles, pirate adventures, mermaid encounters, ship tours and educational demonstrations.

Tall Ships Festival Adventure Pass

September 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Includes: All day admission to the Festival – Tours of the Brig *Pilgrim*, *Spirit of Dana Point*, and all visiting vessels – access to vendors, food, pirate encampments, exhibitions, crafts, activities, Beer Garden and live music. TICKETS: Members: \$9/adults (15+) • \$7/child (ages 3-14) Non-members: \$20/adults • \$8/Child • Family 4-Pack \$30

TALL SHIPS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

Sails 'n Ales (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.): Cider and Craft Beer tasting, music, mermaids and prime view for Parade of Sail!

TICKETS: General Admission Pre-Sale: \$30

4-Pack Pre-Sale \$100 • Kids Ticket (18 & younger)

Designated Driver: \$20 • At the door: \$40

Sunset Parade of Sails (4:00 – 7:30 p.m.) Work with the crew hauling up sail or simply sit back and enjoy spectacular demonstrations of skill and survival!

TICKETS: Adult (Ages 15+) \$50 • Child (Ages 4-14) \$40

Saturday and Sunday

Under the Sea Mermaid Breakfast (9:00 – 10:30 a.m.) Special mermaid guests enjoy a one-of-a-kind breakfast experience. Meet and greet with a special mermaid friend, make a fun mermaid craft, enjoy pancakes from Party in a Box catering, and watch mermaid swim underwater! Family fun for all mermaids at heart!

TICKETS: Adult (Ages 12+) \$50 • Child (Ages 2-11) \$45

Cannon Battle Sails (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.) One of the best ways to experience the Ocean Institute Tall Ships Festival is by sailing aboard a tall ship during the popular mock cannon battles. Enjoy blasting cannons, towering rigging, bustling decks and the magnificence of canvas full of wind. Work with the crew or sit back and enjoy the demonstration of skill, knowledge and survival.

TICKETS: Adult (Ages 15+) \$70 • Child (Ages 4-14) \$60

Headlands Nature Walk

September 2 • 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Nature Interpretive Center -34558 Scenic Drive, Dana Point

This approximately 1.5 mile walk focuses on the plants and animals that can be found on the headlands.

Catalina Festival Of Art

September 15-17 • Avalon, Catalina

The 59th annual street fair attracts artists from around the country and also has music, entertainment, a kids' art show and charity art auction. It's the longest running annual event on Catalina Island • www.catalinaartassociation.org



Greek Festival

September 16-17 •

Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Free Admission & Parking

Hosted by St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church

27129 Calle Arroyo, San Juan Capistrano

Enjoy delicious Greek food, live music and dancing, kid zone. Greek food and pastries available along with Greek beer/wine and sport bar. • www.SJCGREEKFEST.org

Lantern District Car Show

September 17 • 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy hundreds of custom and classic cars, a motorcycle display, awards, great entertainment and food. Attend for the cars and stay for the great dining and shopping.

www.danapointchamber.com

Coastal Clean-Up Day

September 17

Please join us at one of the many clean-up sites to participate. Clean-ups generally start around 9:00 a.m. and go until noon. Sites (at time of printing) in Dana Point include but not limited to:

- Salt Creek Beach
- Capistrano Beach (meet at basketball courts)
- Dana Point Harbor Cigarette Butt Round Up
- Dana Point Harbor Underwater Clean Up
- Dana Point Marine Protected Area (Ocean Institute)
- Doheny State Beach & Lower San Juan Creek

www.coastkeeper.org/ced_site_locations

BARK YOUR CALENDAR

Yappy Hour for Tail Wagging Fun

September 28 • 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel on the Dana Lawn

Bark your calendar to join other canines and their companions to sniff and schmooze as they enjoy lapping up libations thanks to water in their favorite flavors.

Proceeds support The Veterans Initiative of Canine Companions for Independence

www.ritzcarlton.com/LagunaYappyHour



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