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FROM THE HELM

The NSCA Board recently approved the development of a **Master Recreation Plan** for our community. An ad-hoc committee of owners will be formed to research and recommend enhanced or new recreational amenities. Board member **Jeannie Sticher** will facilitate this effort and will be seeking input from the community. If you wish to volunteer for this ad hoc committee, please complete the **Application for Master Recreation Committee**, which can be obtained in the office or on our website at www.niguelshores.org. Once the applications have been received, it is anticipated that a working committee team of seven (7) owners will be selected, based on striving for a diverse group (different neighborhoods, family usage/makeup, desire to research various options, and ability/time to serve at least one year). **The deadline for submitting Applications is September 27.** More details will be provided as we proceed on this important matter.

The next **Resident Roundtable** will be held on **October 9** and we invite all interested residents to attend. The main topic will be Traffic and Safety in Niguel Shores. We are working on arrangements for a representative from the OC Sheriff's Department to be present to discuss such things as deputy staffing levels in the city of Dana Point, deputy coverage for Niguel Shores, response times for Niguel Shores, OC Sheriff's Department coordination with Securitas personnel for incidents within Niguel Shores.

Please note that our **September Board Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 4**, instead of September 11, due to road closures around the Office and Community Center for seal coating. Please refer to the insert in this newsletter for details regarding the road closures. We appreciate your understanding and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

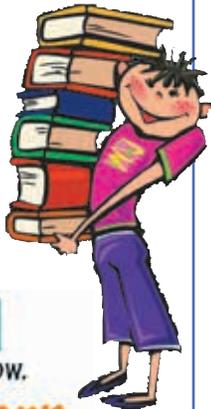
—Dick Kichline



September is National Literacy Month

Literacy To-Do List:

- ✓ Encourage children in their back-to-school endeavors.
- ✓ Visit the library and support its programs.
- ✓ Join a language class, a book discussion, or a writing group.
- ✓ Explore and enlarge your world through reading.
- ✓ Remember to thank the teachers, friends, and family members who provide the gift of literacy.
- ✓ Help others improve their language and reading skills.



**"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss**

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Street Work:

It is that time of year again when street work must be done. Enclosed with this newsletter is an insert to help you better understand the dates and streets that will be affected during the asphalt repair and slurry project. The asphalt rehabilitation portion of the project will be conducted on Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday, September 4. The streets will be open for travel; however, please proceed with caution in these areas during this phase of work.

The asphalt slurry portion is a little more complicated and will occur on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—September 9, 10 and 11. During this phase of the project, affected streets will be completely closed to all traffic for a minimum of 24 hours. Residents should notify any contractors, service providers or guests in advance as no one will be allowed to travel on the streets during this work.

Residents along Cabrillo and Seaward Isle will not be allowed to drive anywhere on Cabrillo on Monday, September 9, so if you are going anywhere that day you will need to pull your car out the night before and park along Niguel Shores Drive or the Beach Bluff parking lot. We will not issue overnight parking citations in these areas during the street project.

As indicated on the map, the **Mariner entrance** will be closed on September 11. All contractors, guests, service providers, etc. will need to enter through Cabrillo or Selva gates only. We will have a patrol officer at each of these gates to allow access into the community on this date. The entire **Community Center** will be closed on September 11, because the entrance to the parking lot will not be accessible.

Master Landscape Plan for the Renovation of the Slopes: As part of the ongoing Master Landscape Plan, the current slopes being renovated are the Windjammer slope located just behind the Tennis Courts. The last two slopes

anticipated to be completed in 2019 are the Windlass (along Brigantine) and the Brigantine slope (along Windjammer).

In 2020, there will be one final slope to complete which is the Marlinspike slope located below Marlinspike Drive. The Landscape Committee and I thank you very much for all your patience throughout this long project.

Tree Trimming: Tree trimming throughout the community should begin in September, run through October and be finished some time in November or December. Although we receive several view complaints during the year, the fall months are the time 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. Using this cycle, trimming by Harvest will start over again with the same process next fall. Since Niguel Shores has over 1,650 trees throughout the community, 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, please park elsewhere 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.

Office Closure: The management office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2019 for the Labor Day Holiday. As always there will be no construction allowed on this day.



“Have a Wonderful Labor Day Holiday”

—From the Niguel Shores Staff

—Marla Miller



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NIGUEL SHORES MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

The Niguel Shores Finance Committee is comprised of six 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, Rick Palmer and Jeff Kessler. The Niguel Shores General Manager, CFO, and Robin Rangel from Mission Financial attend the 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. This update includes revenue earned and expenses incurred compared to budget thru June 30, 2019.

Our community is thriving due to our hard-working dedicated staff and all the committee volunteers who continually aim to keep our spending within the budgeted amounts. We have had a smooth transition from full in-house accounting to out-sourcing the majority of the accounting work to Mission Financial.

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 investments are reviewed by the General Manager, the Board CFO, and the Finance Committee. Comerica Securities, Inc. assists in identifying appropriate investments to protect principal while maximizing returns. The Finance Committee uses this input and projected future cash needs to make investment recommendations. NSCA's Investment Policy requires that funds be invested in instruments that are either obligations of or guaranteed by the US Government, such as Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC) backed bank accounts, money market funds and certificates of deposit.

The budgeted income from investments for 2019 is \$90,000. Based on results through June 30 and projections for the balance of the year, it is anticipated that full year 2019 interest income will slightly exceed this budget target. The current investment portfolio of \$4,978,971 includes \$1,298,329 in checking and money market accounts to cover short term expenditures.

REVENUE UPDATE

2019 Budget	Earned as of June 30, 2019	\$ Remaining anticipated revenue
\$3,635,500	\$1,841,246	\$1,794,254

The major revenue items include quarterly assessments, bank interest income, newsletter commercial ads, as well as document response (ownership transfer), architecture fees, gate access fees and other miscellaneous income.

Thus far in 2019, revenue has exceeded budget and it is expected for that to continue for the remainder of the year.

MAINTENANCE BUDGET UPDATE

2019 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2019	\$ Remaining
\$623,200	\$278,479	\$344,721

The Maintenance financial results are reviewed and monitored on a monthly basis to ensure the needs of the community are met and that costs for repairs 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.

The actual expenditures for the first six months of this year are currently \$27,415 under budget. Year to date expenditures are less than budget primarily due to certain projects being deferred because of the heavy rainfall earlier this year. 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

2019 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2019	\$ Remaining
\$1,136,730	\$510,484	\$626,246

The primary expense in the Landscape Budget is the Harvest Landscape Maintenance contract. This contract went out for bid last year and Harvest was awarded the contract due to the fact that they were still significantly under the next bidder. We renewed the contract for 4 years. This contract covers landscape maintenance, including but not limited to mowing, edging, cleaning, weeding, drains, color changes, tree trimming and various other duties.

Water is another large expense in the overall landscape budget. We have seen a decrease in the expense this year due to the excessive amount of rain we have enjoyed.

The landscape budget also includes other expenses such as pest control, sprinklers, tree removal or replacement, routine planting and slope maintenance.

The budget is managed by the General Manager with feedback and updates provided by the Landscape Committee. The Committee representatives review their specific area and report any items of concern. The Landscape budget is currently on track for 2019.

The Master Landscape Plan which focuses on the large-scale slope renovation and irrigation upgrades is not included in this budget, but is a part of the Reserve section of this report. This project is slated for completion in early 2020.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE

2019 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2019	\$ Remaining
\$402,791	\$192,574	\$210,217

Patrol service accounts 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 2019, expenses are tracking slightly below budget and full year results are anticipated to be at or close to budget.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET UPDATE

2019 Budget	Spent as of June 30, 2019	\$ Remaining
\$1,472,789	\$674,942	\$797,847

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.

Currently, the actual expenses are running slightly below the budgeted amount and we expect that trend to continue for the remainder of the year.

In the latter part of last year, our long time Controller retired and an outside firm was hired to perform these duties. Consequently, the Office Salaries and Related Payroll expenses are less than forecasted, but the savings are mostly offset by the cost of the new outside firm.

NIGUEL SHORES RESERVE STUDY UPDATE

A detailed 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 independent study was completed in 2018. In 2019, that study will be updated by a high-level review prepared by the independent consultant. During the interim

years, the independent consultant working with the Niguel Shores General Manager 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/spa, tennis courts, club house (interior and exterior), irrigation, slope repair and master landscape.

Reserve funds, excluding Breakers Isle, spent from January 1 to June 30, 2019 were \$172,041. The funds were primarily used for improvements in resurfacing streets, club house furniture, pool area, fencing, and master landscape.

As of June 30, 2019, the balance in the reserve funds, excluding reserves for Breakers Isle, was \$3,845,386. As of June 30, 2019, the balance in the Breakers Isle reserve was \$136,328. The Breakers Isle reserve covers vehicle entrance area, gate house, vehicle gates, and fencing, but is not limited to these items.

—Sue Kichline, Financial Committee



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

Labor Day means summer is nearly gone—but the Recreation Committee hopes you enjoyed our summer events. August's Band by the Sea event rocked as usual, and it was so great seeing the kids getting involved with their "air guitars." Keep on enjoying these last days of summer and mark your calendars for our next events.



"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air"

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Future Events:

Halloween Party – October 27, 4:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Halloween party for the kids! This is always fun for all. Join the festivities. Wear your best costume, participate in the parade, play the games, and eat pizza! \$5 Entry Fee.

Holiday Boutique – November 16, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy all the crafts and ideas from the community for sale at the boutique. Get your vendor application in the office now if you would like to participate. Only 16 tables available at \$15 each. One table per entry.

—*Maria Elena Banks*

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Pedestrians:

We received several reports of close calls involving pedestrians and moving vehicles. All drivers are reminded pedestrians have the right of way at marked and all of the numerous unmarked crosswalks we have in our community. For all the walkers that are crossing streets, please use caution and use a crosswalk that is clearly visible to oncoming traffic.

The Good Host:

All residents are responsible for their guests. Along that line, we want to remind everyone that guests at the Bluff, including those just sitting at the tables or on a bench, must be accompanied by a resident. A violation of this "Good Host" rule could, among other things, result in a fine.

—*God Bless... Tim Murphy*

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It's September and Back to School time again (already?). Please take a minute to re-set and check some boxes on your list of things to insure your kids (and you) are prepared for the new school year.

- Your children should know your name(s), address, contact number, and where home is, in case of emergency. Also, a backup number of a relative or trusted neighbor. Sound simple? Ask them if they know and practice at home.
- Emphasize NEVER to talk to strangers, accept food or candy, or accept offers of rides to or from school or other places. PERIOD.
- If children should get lost (in a neighborhood, supermarket, mall, etc.) tell them it's important to stay right where they are. They can speak to a store clerk and ask for help, or if they see a mother with kids, ask her for help.
- NO ONE should EVER be allowed to touch your child. If this happens, they should immediately shout for help and alert people around them.
- NEVER share addresses, phone details, photos from cell phones, email ID's, or other personal information.
- Let children know if they are uncomfortable with something they are asked to do that feels wrong, they should NOT do it.
- Parents should be aware and informed of a child's school's Emergency Preparedness Procedures. What is the plan for natural disasters or a breach of the school by unauthorized individuals? Is there a protocol for someone claiming to be a relative or neighbor picking up your child?



September is a time to think about these things as the kids go back to school. Have a reasonable conversation with your children to insure they understand these issues without scaring them, but making sure of their level of awareness.

—*Kent Wellbrock*

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WOMEN'S CLUB

We were blessed with blue skies, mild breezes, and warm sunshine during the summer here in Niguel Shores. The Women's Club took advantage of this wonderful weather and boarded the local trolleys for outside activities to the Laguna Art-A-Fair and lunch at 7Seven7; the San Clemente Outlet Mall and brunch at Ruby's; and Avenida Del Mar in San Clemente for lunch at South of Nick's followed by a walk through the lovely, historic downtown.

Members, please keep September 19 open for a trip to Crystal Cove Historic District in Newport Beach. We will visit 46 vintage coastal cottages built as seaside retreats in the 1920s and 1930s. Along the beach we can scope out the restored cottages and the others getting ready to be updated. Afterward, we'll lunch at the Beachcomber Restaurant, a bungalow right on the sand. We will carpool to Crystal Cove State Park, park at the Los Trancos Lot, and walk under PCH through the tunnel along the paved trail to the cottages. Please meet at the Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. Hope you can join us!

The Women's Club begins our 2019-2020 calendar this month with the first Membership Luncheon on September 12. All ladies of Niguel Shores are welcome to join our gregarious group promoting friendship, fun and service to the community. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Clubhouse. Social time begins at noon followed by a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and a special program. Our guest speaker this month is comedian **Jennifer Arundale**, who performs regularly at The Improv, Flappers, The Comedy Store and The Rec Room as well as smaller venues. While relatively new to stand up, Jennifer is not new to writing and performing. She studied sketch comedy with Anne Beatts of SNL and National Lampoon fame.

For membership inquiries, please contact Membership Chairs **Jennifer Paige** jopaige@aol.com and/or **Judi Palladino** twopalls@yahoo.com. For Outside Activities, please contact **Terry Link** tjlink630@gmail.com.

—Terry Link

MEN'S CLUB

Our meeting on August 6 featured a return engagement from **David Hosmer**, mediator and attorney, who presented these observations on conflict and solutions: You will always find the solution to a problem at the intersection of personality, conflict and leadership. Look in a mirror while asking what do you contribute to the conflict? That's the beginning of finding solutions. How can you fly like an eagle when surrounded by turkeys? Leadership is seeing into the future. You don't like the people creating the problem, but you have to talk to them. How did you create this mess? If you do not know yourself it's difficult to know other people. Wait, actually you can learn something from the turkeys. Before leading others, you must lead yourself or you will be a fifty-year-old acting like a four-year-old. Perhaps your wife makes you mad because she holds a mirror in front of you while pointing out all of your flaws. You have to understand your deficiencies before you understand your adversary's shortcomings. Reconcile. Listen intently. The leader has to resolve conflict within its own group to take the group where it needs to go. What have you done to contribute to the situation in which you find yourself? With no solutions and a closed mind, you may be tempted to attack the adversary personally. Resolution can not come from this approach.

On August 20 **Randi Biederman**, co-author with Mark Biederman of *Schindler's Listed*, told two overlapping stories—the story of a search for some gold coins resulting in an acclaimed book, and the story revealed by the book.

The most significant fact of Mark Biederman's life occurred before he was born: his Polish-born parents survived the horrors of Auschwitz and the Holocaust. His mother Sally, with her mother, survived Auschwitz as a stunning 19-year-old redhead selected by Josef Mengele, the Angel of Death, to be his personal cook. Regretfully, many, emigrant parents/grandparents from Eastern Europe in the late nineteenth and through the twentieth century refused to talk about their lives before crossing the Atlantic to freedom in America.

Mark, nineteen at the time of his father Harry's death,

Niguel Shores Women's Club Outside Activity for September

EVENT: Historic Crystal Cove State Park **DATE:** September 19, 2019 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please meet at the Clubhouse parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. for carpools. We will drive up PCH to Crystal Cove State Park and park at the Los Trancos Lot (on the right, across PCH from the ocean). We will walk through the tunnel and down the trail to the cottages. Lunch will be at the Beachcomber where entrees cost about \$16. We will return to Clubhouse parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP: By September 16, please email Terry Link at tjlink630@gmail.com to let her know you will be carpooling with us. Thank you!



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knew only one short story about his father who buried a collection of gold coins in the backyard of his home somewhere in Poland before internment at Auschwitz. Where? Somewhere in a backyard somewhere in Poland. Over a twenty-year period, augmented by the miracles of curiosity and serendipity, endless frustration, non-cooperative Polish bureaucrats, careful observation, and asking the right question at the right time, Mark and Randi discovered the address in Poland where the coins were buried.

In a Miami deli Sally, Mark's mother, saw an unknown man named Izzy reading a local Polish newsletter. Turns out Izzy had been Harry's next-door neighbor in the house where the gold coin collection had been buried. That led Mark and Randi to locating and finding the house of the story.

Did they find the gold coins? Randi did not tell us whether they found the gold. I bought the book and will find out.

Up Next: 9/3 Fifth District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett; 9/17 California Senator Pat Bates.

Show your spirit: Niguel Shores logo apparel is available at <https://business.landsend.com/store/niguelshores/> or by calling Land's End at (800) 587-1541.

If you are a Men's Club member and not receiving our emails, or if you would like to become a member, please let us know at rfsaint@me.com or (949) 466-2400.

—Robert Saint-Aubin

GARDEN CLUB

I'm sure that all of you members, after a lazy and mild summer, at least here at the coast, are anxious to start another year of interesting and adventurous Garden Club activities. So get ready for a stinging first meeting on Monday, September 15.

Our speaker will be **Mackenzie Hintz** of **Bee Happy Botanicals**, which she founded last year. Realizing how important bees are to our ecosystem, she started right away

by safely relocating bees to her aviary in San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Beach. Come and hear how she learned beehive maintenance, bee pests and diseases, and then started making and selling handcrafted beeswax products to spread the word while showing people the amazing benefits of bee products. Don't miss this fascinating meeting.

Here is another tidbit that you might find interesting. From a past issue of *Better Home and Gardens*, the caption said *Garden—For Good Health. Working in the dirt cultivates big benefits for your mind and body.* 27% = the amount gardening can lower your risk of heart attack or stroke. 11 pounds = Gardeners are roughly that much lighter than those who don't dig in. 50 % = Cut your risk of Alzheimer's disease in half by gardening regularly.

In addition to the presentation on bees at the meeting this month, there will be signups for our upcoming Lobster dinner, Forget-Me-Not project, and Holiday Party.

P.S. You don't have to come to the September meeting in a Bee Protection outfit.

—Karl Kuhn

BRIDGE CLUB

Niguel Shores Bridge Club has grown to five tables recently. We are always eager to welcome new Bridge players as regulars or substitutes. If interested, please call **Betty or Bob French** at (949) 312-2556.

Our Recent Winners:

- 7/17 1) Jim Pinola 2) Betty French 3) Karen Murphy
- 7/24 1) Bob French 2) Joannie Donohue 3) Mary Ann Theisen
- 7/31 1) Mark Sobolik 2) Bob French 3) Mary Ann Theisen
- 8/7 1) Betty French 2) Jane Olson 3) Jim Pinola
- 8/14 1) Betty French 2) Jane Olson 3) Mark Sobolik

—Bob French

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ANN AND JACK CHRISTIANSEN

This month we spotlight two of Niguel Shores most admired and dedicated residents. Ann and Jack Christiansen will be leaving us for a new home in Reata Glen in early September, and it is an understatement to say how sorely they will be missed.

The Christiansens moved to Niguel Shores in 1996, and one of their first memories is standing on the Niguel Shores Bridge with many other residents as the Olympic Torch passed by below on PCH. We will get to more of those memories in a bit, but first, I want to share with you a few of the reasons Jack and Ann's departure will leave a void that will be very hard to fill.

Together they have headed the 4th of July Celebration, organized Sunday Evening Potlucks, served on the Recreation Committee, and collated and distributed our *Seashore News*.

In addition, Ann has been part of the Women's Club, the Garden Club and has been involved with Monday morning Page Turners for 23 years. Jack has been highly active in the Men's Club and has cooked and served his share of both Men's Club and 4th of July breakfasts. In fact, if a Niguel Shores event was happening, it's most certain Ann and Jack would be there helping in some way and enjoying the activity.

However, of all the Christiansens' contributions to our community, Jack's exceptional work with the Niguel Shores Maintenance Committee over the past 15 years cannot be overstated. Jack joined the committee at the same time that George Cooley became Facilities Manager and the two worked together to create the well-maintained community we have today. Jack served as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee for 12 years, and George says Jack was an extremely organized leader. He added that Jack truly understood the workload of the Niguel Shores maintenance staff and was an effective advocate for the maintenance team with the Board of Directors and the General Manager. During Jack's time on the committee, he was actively involved with some of the most significant maintenance projects and improvements Niguel Shores has gone through. Jack played an important part in the Niguel Shores Clubhouse and Community Center remodel and has been further involved with our street resurfacing, sidewalk maintenance, street lighting, gate operation and gatehouse improvements, replacing the pool deck and most recently the beautiful

new furniture for the Clubhouse Lobby and Pool Deck. It is impossible to walk or drive around this wonderful community of ours and not notice the projects Jack has been such an integral part of. About Ann and Jack, to quote George Cooley, "Their service and love for Niguel Shores is difficult to measure because they have done so much."

I would be remiss if I said that their time here was all work.

In fact, just the opposite is true. When the Christiansens moved to Niguel Shores in the '90s, it was a time they describe as "the golden years." They said they were immediately embraced by a group of residents who knew how to party, and party they did! There were gatherings hosted by neighbors at restaurants like the Chart House, black tie Christmas Galas at local country clubs, and even private parties on John Wayne's boat, the Wild Goose. The couples often traveled together for golf weekends and trips to Morro Bay, Apache Junction in Arizona, Baja

California, Pacific Grove, and even cruises to Mexico. Legend has it that some of the outings involved some seriously amusing entertainment (which will go unmentioned here).

Jack shared with me that growing up, his heroes were World War II military people and those Tom Brokaw referred to as "The Greatest Generation." According to Jack, that generation grew up during the Great Depression, served in the military in Europe and the Pacific, came home to work and raise a family, and now were enjoying their retirement years in Niguel Shores.

As we all know, things do change, and to quote Jack, "That generation and that time has passed. A new younger generation has arrived in Niguel Shores. It is our hope they will honor the past, but embrace the future with their support for each other and donate some of their time and energy to keeping Niguel Shores this little bit of paradise." Not about to let Jack have the last word, Ann added, "As we leave, it is with gratitude for having lived in this bit of paradise with an excellent staff to keep things running smoothly and neighbors who care about one another. We encourage others to get involved and continue this atmosphere."

From all of us in Niguel Shores – "Thank You" to Ann and Jack for your friendship and your countless contributions to our community.
—Patti Staudenbaur



Ann and Jack Christiansen

HONORING OUR SOUTH COAST LITERACY COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

The **South Coast Literacy Council**—a totally non-profit, no-paid positions, all volunteer organization—is about to celebrate its 50th year in 2020, and several Niguel Shores residents are among the volunteers who make the Literacy Council such an important part of our local community.

Established in 1970, SCLC runs entirely on donations and offers free classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) to help adults from other countries acquire the language skills they need for daily living, employment opportunities, and full integration into American society for themselves and their families.

Students of all languages and levels are welcome at the English classes given by SCLC volunteer tutors at sites in Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and various other locations throughout Orange County. At our Dana

Point Library, students and tutors meet in small groups for instruction, conversation, book work, and socializing with other English learners from around the globe. Classes are Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Registration is free at esl.danapt@gmail.com.

SCLC provides online training for volunteers who want to assist in tutoring. Anyone interested can contact Joan Nadeau at (714) 352-6996 or sclctraining@att.net.

Perhaps there are individuals in our Niguel Shores community who are looking for a rewarding way to use their skills and enrich life for newcomers to our country. If so, SCLC may be just the right opportunity. For general questions about the program or volunteering, send an email to Volunteer@SouthCoastLiteracy.com.

—Sandy Homicz



I recently had the pleasure to meet with three Niguel Shores residents who volunteer with South Coast Literacy Council. **Jerry Kostka** has lived in Niguel Shores since 1997. After retiring from the business field, Jerry spotted a newspaper ad seeking tutors to coach English language learners, so she decided to check it out. She went through the training sessions and visited several centers before deciding to become a volunteer.

Jerry has been teaching with South Coast Literacy for seventeen years now, serving fifteen of those years as the Director of the San Juan Capistrano facility. Some of her students are parents and grandparents wanting to become more proficient in English so they can better help their children become successful in school. Others are studying English for citizenship purposes, and still others are looking to improve their English language skills for better career opportunities.

Jerry clearly enjoys volunteering and has developed many close relationships with her students and fellow tutors. She said her work with South Coast Literacy is one of the most meaningful projects she has ever been involved in.

After several years as a Director, Jerry placed an advertisement in the *Seashore News*, hoping that other Niguel Shores residents might consider volunteering as well. Only one person answered that ad, but she was the perfect one for the job. **Ellen Dovey** and her family have lived in Niguel Shores for almost twenty years. Ellen was intrigued by Jerry's ad and decided that South Coast Literacy might be a good fit, since she had assisted in education as a parent and parent volunteer and felt



Left to right, SCLC volunteers Ellen Dovey, Vicki Sommer, and Jerry Kostka

comfortable in that environment.

Right from the start, Ellen enjoyed her work with the ESL students. After completing her training, she volunteered for five years in San Juan Capistrano and now teaches classes at both our recently re-opened Dana Point Library and the Capistrano location. Ellen was actually part of the team instrumental in re-opening the Dana Point classes in 2017 after being unavailable for almost eight years. Like Jerry, Ellen finds the interaction with the students incredibly rewarding.

Vicki Sommer, another SCLC volunteer, is an original owner here in Niguel Shores. She describes herself as a lifelong educator, having taught in many areas from high school to special education and other roles in between. As a teacher, Vicki knew about South Coast Literacy Council and decided this would be a good place for her to focus her volunteer efforts. Vicki grew up in a home where English was a second language for both her parents, and she wanted to do something for that population. In 2017, Vicki started tutoring in San Juan Capistrano. When the Dana Point Library classes re-opened, Vicki jumped right in to tutor there. In 2018, Vicki became Director of the Capistrano location, but continued tutoring at Dana Point as well. Last year she clocked four volunteer days per week with South Coast Literacy Council—quite a commitment for a community volunteer. She truly enjoys helping her students grow in language skills as well as learning about their lives, their families and their culture. She also likes hearing their perspectives on living in the United States and says her students have great appreciation for the opportunities that they,

their children, and their grandchildren have in this country.

Jerry, Ellen and Vicki all share a passion for their work with South Coast Literacy Council and believe very strongly in the organization's mission, "to empower students to become confident, successful, active and engaged members of the community." They are proud to share "The Gift of English" with their students. SCLC always welcomes more students, volunteers and donations. For details, Jerry invites you to call her at (949) 573-7958. —Patti Staudenbaur

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 8
IS UNESCO
INTERNATIONAL
LITERACY DAY



Literacy: The ability to read, write, numerate, and function capably in at least one language.



BACK TO SCHOOL – TEACHERS ON LITERACY

Yes, the new school year is upon us! Getting students refocused and in the "school mode" can be daunting, but the **NCSA Communications Committee** reached out to several Niguel Shores educators for some advice on how to begin the school year successfully and promote literacy at all levels and ages.

Get Ready:

Retired Kindergarten teacher **Cynthia Talley**, with over 25 years' experience teaching the very young, shares some activities that help to ready a child for school:

- ★ Practice printing first name
- ★ Encourage counting to 10
- ★ Learn to say the alphabet and recognize alphabet letters
- ★ Know some beginning consonant sounds
- ★ Try to sit and listen to a story for 10 to 15 minutes

Cynthia encourages parents to reinforce how fun school is. "My goal was to make my students' kindergarten experience one where they would want to come to school every day with smiles on their faces!" Cynthia says teachers and parents both play an important part in making that first formal year of school a happy and memorable one. She refers to a quote from educator Robert John Meehan: "Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning."

Acquire Good Study Habits:

Barbara Barrett, a recently retired Capistrano Unified District teacher, offers several suggestions for elementary students and parents:

- ★ **Master the multiplication facts:** They are the basis for 90% of the math standard, especially for 5th and 6th grades. Flashcards are a great way to review, and computer based programs will keep it fun.
- ★ **Get Organized:** Set up an efficient organization system that includes a planner and all necessary school supplies. Have a sturdy backpack readied for the next morning and placed in the same location each day. Complete homework before play and electronics.

- ★ **Limit Electronics:** PLEASE monitor your child's electronics – both phone and computers.

Read:

Barbara's most important recommendation is one that was also shared by **Joni Ashworth**, a retired teacher from both Saint Anne's School and South Pasadena Unified, and that is to READ . . . READ . . . READ! Barb suggests twenty minutes a day for upper grades. Joni has applied what she learned as a classroom teacher for over 30 years to her own family, encouraging reading of all kinds from newspapers to novels, or even game and craft instructions. Joni, her adult children, and her grandchildren share in a three generational book club, with the youngest members choosing the books and leading the discussions.

Other educators suggest playing audio books in the car, watching literature come to life through stage and movie productions, offering "stay up late and read" times on certain evenings, and reading aloud to children from their earliest years onward.

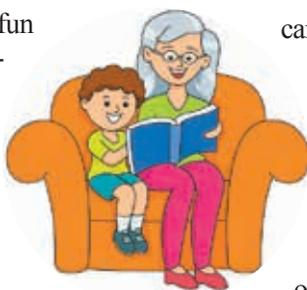
Go Step by Step:

In his teaching and science, Russian physicist and Nobel Laureate Adrei Sakharov approved of an orderly, systematic approach, without skipping steps and without superficiality. High school teacher **Mike Harrod** says, "Having taught in the science classroom for 37 years, I think if students try skipping steps they never grasp the fundamentals. This hinders literacy to a great degree, and it takes the fun and excitement out of learning."

Address the Basics at Any Age and Level:

Improved literacy and expanded learning don't stop with advancing age. **Sandy Homicz** says, "For most of my career with L.A. Unified, I worked with adults who lacked even the most basic education. While helping them earn high school diplomas, I witnessed first-hand how increased reading, writing, and math skills changed their lives. For all of them, gaining literacy was their key to unlock better futures."

—Patti Staudenbaur



ACTIVITIES

DANA POINT LIBRARY

Take some time during National Literacy Month to visit the Dana Point Library and enjoy the programs promoting literacy in reading, writing, language, life skills, and technology. Many thanks to the Dana Point Library Staff for their ongoing work encouraging literacy at all ages: Branch Manager Laura, Librarians Dan and Kristin, Library Assistants Linda, Carmen, Wendie, Christine, Mizue, Pavinee, Sandy, and Paula. In addition, special recognition goes to those providing the library with literacy activities, including BARK, Dana Point Friends of the Library, Dana Point Teen Advisory Board, Dr. J. Mahakian, Linda Gottfredson, Laguna Storytellers, National Charity League, OC Master Gardeners, South Coast Literacy Council, and the Write On Group.

Registration may be required for certain library activities marked with *. Contact the Service Desk at (949) 496-5517 or see www.ocpl.org/libloc/dana/calendar for more information.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
3	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writers Group – adults
4	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
	3:00 p.m.	Read to a Dog – beginning readers
6	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	Memory Club Brain Boosters – adults
10	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time
11	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
	3:00 p.m.	Lego Club by Friends of Library – all ages
12	10:30 a.m.	Gentle Reads – <i>Thirteenth Tale</i> , Setterfield
13	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
15	2:00 p.m.	Travel Club – <i>Baseball in OC</i> , Chris Epting
16	5:00 p.m.	Teen Volunteer Orientation – grades 6 to 12
17	9:00 a.m.	Basic Computer Skills* – adults
	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time
	5:00 p.m.	Write On! Writers Group
18	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
19	4:00 p.m.	Book to Movie Night – teens
20	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
22	2:00 p.m.	Foreign Film – <i>Rafiki</i> (Kenya, 2018) – adults
23	10:30 a.m.	Seaside Book Club – <i>Every Note Played</i> , Genova
	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
24	10:30 a.m.	Toddler Story Time
	3:00 p.m.	Young Readers Book Club – <i>We Are In a Book</i> , Willems
25	10:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time
	1:30 p.m.	Classic Movie Discussion – <i>The Letter</i> (Bette Davis, 1940)
26	10:30 a.m.	Family Movie – <i>Tigger</i>
	3:30 p.m.	Tween Tech Time – ages 8 to 13
27	10:00 a.m.	Coloring Club – adults
	11:00 a.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
28	11:00 a.m.	Pumpkin Succulents by Anita Dorhut* – teens and adults
	2:00 p.m.	Teen Advisory Board – volunteer opportunity grades 7-12
30	1:00 p.m.	English Class by South Coast Literacy* – adults
	5:30 p.m.	Pajama Story Time by NCL – all ages



—Dana Point Library Staff

WHAT LOCAL BOOK CLUBS ARE READING



NIGUEL SHORES REALLY SERIOUS BOOK CLUB: Topics of Importance. 3rd

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. *The Story of the Earth in 25 Rocks: Tales of Important Geological Puzzles and the People Who Solved Them*, Donald R. Prothero; *The Spy and the Traitor*, Ben Macintyre; *Secret Empires*, Peter Schweizer; *The Point of It All*, Charles Krauthammer; *Presidents of War*, Michael Beschloss; *The Guarded Gate*, Daniel Okrent; *The Politics of Petulance: America in the Age of Immaturity*, Alan Wolfe; *America, Compromised*, Lawrence Lessig.

NIGUEL SHORES PAGE TURNERS: Relevant Fiction and Classics. 3rd Monday or Thursday, 1:00 p.m. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens; *A Ladder to the Sky*, John Boyne; *Bear Town*, Frederick Backman; *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, John Irving; *The Island of Sea Women*, Lisa See; *Unsheltered*, Barbara Kingsolver; *The Library Book*, Susan Orlean; *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, Hazel Gaynor; *Still Life with Bread Crumbs*, Anna Quindlen.

DANA POINT LIBRARY GENTLE READERS: Optimistic and Uplifting Stories. 2nd Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to Noon. *Small Blessings* by Martha Woodroof; *Still Life with Bread Crumbs*, Anna Quindlen; *The Feather Thief*, Kirk Johnson; *Lone Wolf*, Jodi Picoult; *Code Girls*, Liza Mundy; *Etta & Otto & Russell & James*, Emma Hooper; *The Clockmaker's Daughter*, Kate Morton; *My Girls: a lifetime with Carrie & Debbie*, Todd Fisher; *The Thirteenth Tale*, Diane Setterfield; *While My Sister Sleeps*, Barbara Delinsky; *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, Fannie Flagg; *Cleopatra: a Life*, Stacy Schiff.

DANA POINT LIBRARY SEASIDE BOOK CLUB: Bestselling and Popular Reading. 4th Monday, 10:30 a.m. to Noon. *Rocket Men*, Robert Kurson; *News of the World*, Paulette Jiles; *The Guest Room*, Chris Bohjalian; *Gifted Hands*, Ben Carson; *A Piece of the World*, Christina Kline; *Atomic City Girls*, Janet Beard; *Before We Were Yours*, Lisa Wingate; *Magpie Murders*, Anthony Horowitz; *Every Note Played*; Lisa Genova; *The Girl with Seven Names*, Hyeonseo Lee; *Educated: a Memoir*, Tara Westover; *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, Mark Sullivan.

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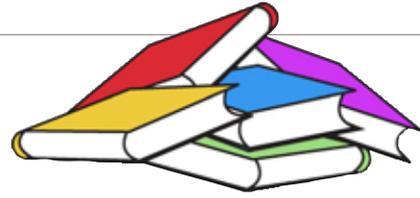
PAGE TURNERS

Page Turners resumes their monthly book discussion meetings this month. The September book, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, has been very popular for the past several months and I have heard from a number of members indicating they are really looking forward to the discussion. Lit Lovers describes the book as follows:

Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.”

The Monday group will meet at 1:00 p.m. September 23, and the Thursday group meets September 26. For information on the Thursday group contact Steve and Ann Morris at samwrsi@cox.net and for the Monday group contact Frances at fozimec@cox.net.

—Frances Ozimec



THE REALLY SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

The Really Serious Book Club met at the home of Norton Schwartz to discuss *1776* by Pulitzer Prize winning author David McCullough, which read like a high stakes drama about our fight for liberation from England. Despite incredible opening disadvantages and lost battles, lost enlistments, inadequate arms and supplies, and fighting against highly trained British and Hessians, we finally scored a small victory at Trenton that raised morale and enthusiasm to continue the battle for liberty.

If you want to join us for our next book discussion, call Norton at (949) 481-2459. There’s always room for one more.

—Norton Schwartz

Wellness... Health Literacy

Being able to read in your primary language is critical in this world. For those who have decent reading skills, navigating life is manageable with a certain amount of ease. For those who don’t, the sailing isn’t so smooth. Weak reading skills and poor comprehension can affect a person’s decisions and responses. Beyond this, when it comes to health literacy, the ability to read is only one of several skills needed to become knowledgeable about personal health.

The Department of Health and Human Services defines health literacy as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. Language and cultural values also play a role in understanding how certain behaviors and choices determine the quality of our health.

Examples of health literacy: Comprehending what a healthy lifestyle is, and how living by those principles leads to improved health. Feeling comfortable asking questions in the doctor’s office rather than feeling intimidated. Knowing when and how to seek medical care. Utilizing preventative care like mammograms, pap smears, and flu shots. These measures of one’s health literacy



To Your Health! Sharon Stewart RN, Health Coach, Sharon@SharonStewartRN.com

also require a certain level of understanding about how the healthcare delivery system works—which is a tall order. Generally, people with a low level of health literacy enter the healthcare system later and much sicker than those who have a grasp of the basics, such as how their bodies work and how daily choices can impact health.

Promoting health literacy: As a society, there is a huge need for education on this very important topic, but what can we do for starters? As individuals, we can talk to our healthcare providers without fear and ask for clarification when we don’t understand. (See <https://www.nih.gov/institutes-nih/nih-office-director/office-communications-public-liaison/clear-communication/talking-your-doctor>). We can also talk with a trusted friend or family member perceived as literate about health and ask for help. If we suspect loved ones are intimidated or uninformed about their own health journey, we can talk with them and help them. We can even write to Congresspersons to learn their positions on health literacy and give input as they develop policy based on constituents’ needs. Health literacy is built upon awareness, seeking help and answers, and practice. Healthcare must be accessible and understood by all. If you would like to discuss an issue related to yours or someone’s health literacy, send me an email and let’s visit. I’m happy to help.

PICKLEBALL

One of the best things about Pickleball is the social connections. Pickleballers recently gathered at the Bluff, munched on yummy appetizers, played corn hole, and celebrated **Al Glatt's 80th Birthday**. Not only has Pickleball come to Niguel Shores, we have also fostered a unique environment for neighbors to become friends!

When asked to share their thoughts on becoming Pickleballers, **Paula Wilhelm** said, "I was looking for a new sport that provided anaerobic exercise to help me meet my fitness goals. Joining Pickleball has also enhanced social connections with neighbors in the community I would have never met! It's easy to learn, fun, and play is with all levels and ages." **Grace Glatt** added, "The more experienced players have helped me by explaining

how the game is played and scoring—making it fun, not intimidating."

We welcome players of all levels during **Drop-In Play/Open Play** on Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday/ Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. All other times, the courts are open for **Organized Play**, meaning you can bring partners or come and practice. Please remember play does not start until 9:00 a.m. and ends at dusk. The hours are also posted on the gate to Court #1. As our Mission Statement says, "Beginners and veterans are treated equally."

The NSCA Board has approved resurfacing all the courts in the fall. Court #1 will be striped with permanent Pickleball-only lines. We are now over 85 members strong. Come join us!

—JoAnne Webb



August Pickleball gathering at the Bluff

Tennis/Pickleball Courts Closed for Resurfacing & Repairs from September 9 to September 18

CALLING ALL TENNIS PLAYERS!

Several of our residents are interested in forming an active tennis group at Niguel Shores with scheduled play, player matching, and possible social activities. If you are interested in participating, please send your name and email address to Jenny Rose at 4ocean-breeze@gmail.com. Also please advise if your contact information can be shared with other tennis players who sign up.

—Jennifer Rose



RESIDENT ROUNDTABLE –

OCTOBER 9, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

**COME MEET OUR NEW POLICE CHIEF,
LT. MONTELEONE!**

**Crime Prevention & Community Services
Units will also be there.**

Come for the Q&A and discussion



CUISINE CORNER

Two Capistrano “hole in the wall” Mexican cuisine establishments have been recognized by Brad Johnson, food critic for the *Orange County Register*—**El Coyotito #1** at 32341 Alipaz and **Taquero’s** at 31401 Camino Capistrano.

El Coyotito #1 has been around for 25+ years in the same location and, despite its name, there is no #2. Its menu offers regional dishes plus a good range of seafood. One critic aptly described El Coyotito as “the best Mexican restaurant you never heard of.” It is also hard to find, located in the Peartree Plaza strip mall on Alipaz off Del Obispo.

El Coyotito focuses on food, not frills. Smooth-topped tables, dark wooden chairs, and a seaside mural provide the decor. A wall-mounted television plays novellas for entertainment while you drink your beverage and nibble some of the best chips and salsa ever.

The shrimp soup (Caldo de Camarones) was just as good as we hoped. The deep-fried whole fish (Mojarra Frita) was tempting, but instead we tried the sopas, carne asada tacos, carnitas, and taquitos—all superior. The Chile Relleno truly stood out as extraordinary with the chile firm but tender, and the cheese stuffing melted yet retaining a smooth texture. The best I’ve tried.

El Coyotito makes a limited amount of outstanding flan that usually sells out early. However, on our last visit we were lucky. My wife got her flan and said it lived up to its reputation.

About **Taquero’s Mexican Restaurant**, Brad Johnson opined that they served the best crispy taco in Orange County. He wrote that there is a fine art to making a crispy taco because

the tortilla should be crispy yet possess a little chewiness. Johnson said nobody achieves this better than Taquero’s.

Taquero’s gives new meaning to “no frills.” There are seven or eight small tables with chairs. A radio plays Mexican music to create some ambience. Large juice and liquified fruit containers on the counter remind you of Oaxaca, where the owners originated.

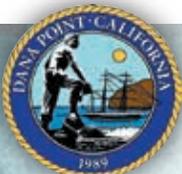
Taquero’s is one of the only two restaurants I know in the region that regularly operate a Trompo (vertical rotisserie) to cook Al Pastor meat. In my opinion, Taquero’s marinates their meat longer and pays more attention to proper spices, giving a lot more flavor than the Al Pastor from the other place. Consequently, the Al Pastor plate and tacos at Taquero’s are currently the best around.

With one woman doing most of the cooking, customers may have to wait a while for their order. From their menu, both the crispy and soft tacos are very good. On Tuesdays, they offer two tacos for the price of one.

My wife, who does not like spicy food, once ordered a spicy shrimp burrito by mistake and reported it was as good as it could be. Obviously, they don’t overdo hot spices. Our favorite is always the seafood or shrimp soups (caldos). Taquero’s does a good job of cleaning their shrimp and that attention is reflected in the overall good taste.

Both of these “hole in the wall” restaurants offer superior food. But if you want to sip an adult beverage with your meal you might want to select El Coyotito for the quieter, relaxed atmosphere.

—Tim Murphy



THIS MONTH IN DANA POINT

35TH ANNUAL OCEAN INSTITUTE TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL

Ocean Institute
24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive
Friday, Sept. 6 through Sunday, Sept. 8
ocean-institute.org/tall-ships-festival



Tall Ship Passing the Point by Gary Tinnes

SCIENCE NIGHT

Dana Point Community Center
34052 Del Obispo Street
Wednesday, Sept. 11 – 6:30 p.m.
DPnaturalresources@danapoint.org

ALZHEIMER’S OC BRAIN HEALTH WORKSHOP

Dana Point Community Center
34052 Del Obispo Street
Saturday, September 14 – 10:00 a.m.
learn@alzoc.org

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Dana Point Nature Interpretive Center
34558 Scenic Drive
Saturday, Sept. 21 – 9 a.m.
DPnaturalresources@danapoint.org

LANTERN DISTRICT

CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Del Prado –
Violet Lantern to Del Prado Archway
Sunday, Sept. 22 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
www.danapointchamber.com

OHANA FESTIVAL

Doheny State Beach
25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive
Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29
www.ohanafest.com

FREE NOTARY SERVICES FOR AGE 60+

Monday and Wednesday by appointment.
(949) 248-3536



Here are some places where you might choose a new dog or cat, and my feelings about each.

A Family Home: One of the best options. In a family with only a few animals, a dog, puppy, cat, or kitten will likely receive attention, be well adjusted and healthy. That said, you need to check out or, better yet, actually know this family and see for yourself what type of environment the animal has been living in. Is it chaotic and messy or calm and clean?

A Rescue Organization: An excellent way to save an animal's life. There are general organizations and ones limited to rescue of a specific breed. They find animals on the street, have animals relinquished to them by owners, take them from shelters, or even find them online. They are usually pre-screened by the rescue staff, animal behaviorists and veterinarians. A rescue pet may have some behavioral or medical issues, or may be completely healthy. If you choose one of these pets, have your vet check it immediately. Obtain consent from the rescue organization to return the pet if things don't work out.

A Shelter: Another way to save an animal. Shelter pets may be strays or "owner abandoned" or relinquished. Take the animal to your veterinarian ASAP and obtain the option from the shelter to

return it if there is a serious health or behavioral issue. Be prepared for the animal to have one or more of the common infectious diseases we see at shelters.

The Internet: A growing way to find a new dog or cat. Some Internet animals are being sold by breeders or supposed breeders (see below). Many are offered free on sites like Craig's List. Be wary and do your homework, as you have no idea where the animals are coming from. Have your vet check the pet right away. You will likely not get any warranty or have the right to return it if there is a problem.

A Breeder: For pure-bred dogs, this may be your option. Be suspicious of puppy mills, usually in the Midwest. If you are able, go to the breeding site and meet the parents of the dog you are choosing. See if the place is clean and well kept. Insist that the breeder give you papers documenting the dog's pure breed when you buy it. Do not rely on the breeder to send you any documents after you are gone.

Pet Stores: It is illegal in many places for pet stores to sell dogs. If you select a pet from a store, be prepared for health problems because these animals are often from puppy mills or other poor breeding situations. In addition, these animals can be expensive. Get a warranty and the option for a refund if necessary. —Susan Davis, DVM

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

AUGUST 14, 2019 BOARD MEETING: (General Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited June 2019 Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2019
- August 2019 Expense and Transfer (actual)
- Appointment of Roy Dohner as Rules Committee Chairman
- Appointment of Cliff Jarmie to View Preservation Committee
- Appointment of Suzanne Enis to Traffic & Safety Committee
- Finance Committee Recommendation for Breaker's Isle Separate Reserve Account with Interest Earned to Remain in Reserve Account
- Finance Committee Recommendation to Keep Interest Earned from Reserve Investment Remain in NSCA Reserve Account
- Proposal No. 71016 – Harvest Landscape – Remove Dead Tree and Replant New Tree on Sextant Drive
- Turn over Reimbursement for Vehicle Damage to Insurance Carrier
- Proposal No. 71757 – Harvest Landscape – Remove Dead Trees on Moonsail
 - Pickleball Instructor Agreement
 - Ad Hoc Master Recreation Amenities Committee
 - Men's Club Announcement Inclusion in Welcome Packet
- Painting Iron Work Entrance Atlantic and Shores Garden Homes
 - Breaker's Isle Vehicle Gate Painting
 - Various Fence and Gate Painting
 - Reimbursement of Fence

APPEALS:

- Appeal of View Preservation Committee Decision – Tree Trimming: Appeal granted
- Appeal of Architectural Committee Decision – Approval of Remodel at Verrazanno Bay: Appeal denied

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED

- Traffic & Safety and Recreation Committee Recommendation – No Vehicles Allowed in 4th of July Parade
- Recreation Committee Recommendation Garage Sale – Open to Public
 - Rules and Updates for Bounce House and Beach Bluff
 - Check Register, General Ledger and Delinquency Report
 - Correspondence to the Board
 - Manager's Report
 - Board Updates

TABLED:

- Recreation Committee Recommendation Garage Sale – Open to Public

AUGUST 14, 2019 BOARD MEETING: (Executive Session)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2019
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2019
- Appointment of two (2) Board Members to Mediate Remodel Violations
- Waive Late Fees and Interest for Delinquent Assessment Settlement Payment
- Appointment of two (2) Board Members for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules and CC&Rs Article IX, Section 18 – Pad Level Plantings, Planting Maintenance
- One (1) hearing held for Violation of CC&Rs Article IX, Section 2 – Nuisance, Illegal Activity
- Five (5) hearings held for Violation of Rules – Overnight Parking
 - One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Obstructing Fire Hydrant), Overnight Parking
- Two (2) hearings held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Obstructing Roadway/Curbside Parking), Beach Parking
 - Three (3) hearings held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Parked Opposing Traffic)
- Two (2) hearings held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Obstructing Sidewalk), Beach Parking
 - One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Parked Opposing Traffic), Overnight Parking
- One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Double Parked/Parked in Two Spaces, Parked Opposing Traffic), Overnight Parking
- One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules – Prohibited Parking (Obstructing Roadway/Curbside Parking), Overnight Parking
 - One (1) hearing held for Violation of Rules – Visible Pass/Decal Required, Beach Parking

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Update
- Geotechnical Evaluation Past Three (3) Reports
- Legal Analysis
- Delinquency Report
- Patrol Service Contracts

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REMINDERS: DUE TO THE SCHEDULED STREET PAVING PROJECT, THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

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