

Seashore News



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FROM THE HELM

Resident Round Table

October 13 marked the final Resident Round Table for 2021. Thanks to all who attended and offered ideas on a variety of topics. The primary topic of discussion was various rule changes being considered for approval by the Board of Directors in November, and Board members listened closely to the opinions presented. All homeowners should have already received the packet with proposed rule changes via e-mail (if on the e-mail list) or by USPS mail.

Comments from homeowners will be reviewed by the Board and the rule changes will be considered for approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors at the November 17, 2021 General Session Board Meeting.

In Appreciation of Volunteers

Thank you to all the Committee volunteers who contributed

to the Resident Round Table quarterly process. Volunteering and working for a homeowner's association is extremely important for the success of a community, though it is not always a fun job. Sometimes a few voices may encompass the

"The things which are most important don't always scream the loudest"

— Bob Hawke, 23rd Australian Prime Minister

focus of a meeting or discussion and may lead to a groupthink mentality that could be based on incorrect or misleading premises where basic facts and informa-

tion are needed for a complete picture. This can unfortunately take some of the fun out of community service. However, I want to give a big thank you to all of our volunteers, committee members, and staff members and send a reminder that what they do is very much appreciated. While opinions may differ on certain matters, we all agree that Niguel Shores is a special place because of our volunteers and their dedication to the best interests of our community.

—Bob Russell



CHRISTMAS MARKET

November 6



GIVE THANKS
November 27



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GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

FAQs and Answers

In hopes we can all be better informed about our Community, I'm continuing with my 2021 theme of answering questions Niguel Shores residents often ask.

Can I park my car on the street overnight?

Resident vehicles are not allowed to park on the street between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 a.m. unless the vehicle has a temporary waiver pass or a waiver barcode. This waiver may be obtained from the office.

What if I'm going on vacation and I have to park my car on the street while I'm gone?

If you are leaving for more than 72 hours (3 days) you need to contact the NSCA office to safelist your vehicle or obtain a pass to put in the vehicle for this period of time.

Where should I park my bicycle at the Community Center?

As of last year, four (4) circular bike racks are located at the entrance to the Community Center near the office and for your convenience. In addition, there is one (1) circular bike rack located near the Community Center entrance closest to the spa.

What kinds of activities are allowed at the beach bluff?

The beach bluff is considered a passive park area. This means that activities which present a danger to others, could potentially cause damage to people or property, or disrupt the right of others to enjoy the area are not permitted. Games are allowed but group sports, bicycling and skateboarding are not. Dogs must be on a leash and under the control of a competent person at all times. The beach bluff rules are posted in the park area next to the beach gate.

Is there a lost and found in Niguel Shores? What is the policy for finding a lost item?

There are two areas where your lost item may be found. Items are sometimes found and turned into the NSCA Office. There is also a Lost and Found bin at the Community Center next to the ping pong table.

Tennis Reservations—Everyone loves to play tennis! Sometimes plans change, it happens to everyone. As a courtesy to your fellow residents and tennis players, please be sure to cancel your reservation if something comes up at the last minute. All you have to do is click the Cancel Reservation link in your confirmation e-mail. This will allow others to use the slot and keep everyone playing tennis and happy!

Holiday Office Closures—The management office will be closed Thursday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day, and November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving. No construction is allowed on November 11 or November 25. Construction will be allowed on Friday, November 26. Thank you for your understanding and we will be happy to help you during regular business hours on your next trip to the office.



—Marla Miller

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

Traffic Backup at the Mariner Gate—More and more of our neighbors are having construction projects done on their residences. This brings a heavy flow of service providers to the Mariner Gate at about 7:30 each morning. All of them are eager to be screened and allowed to enter our community to start the day's work on their various projects.

One negative is that for a brief period the congestion backs up all the way to Niguel Road and impacts the flow of traffic on that heavily traveled street.

Several people have suggested that residents returning from morning school car pools or other duties can help reduce the backup by using an alternate gate during this brief period. This simple idea has merit, and our committee

requests that we use the alternative gate concept until the end of the year and we will reevaluate it then. To make the best assessment on this, we need everyone's cooperation.

Who Do You Call in an Emergency?—Our gate attendants and patrol personnel are well-meaning and very capable, but they are not trained or authorized to handle most emergency situations. We are blessed to have a handful of residents with sufficient training to capably perform CPR and could, if available, assist if an emergency should arise along that specific line. However, my point here is that in an emergency, don't phone the gate hoping to get someone to perform CPR or handle a disturbance. Phone 911 for the quickest response with fully-trained emergency responders.

—God Bless . . . Tim Murphy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Happy Holidays to all from your Recreation Committee!
Upcoming Events:

Christmas Market—Saturday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit and be amazed by all the crafts and ideas for sale at the Market. Event will be located at Niguel Shores Community Center Park.

Holiday Tree Lighting—Sunday, December 5, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with your family and friends while Santa Claus reads to the children under the tree.

Holiday Lights & Golf Cart Contest—Judging for homes is 12/15–12/17. Judging for golf carts is 12/17.

Start decorating the day after Thanksgiving on November 26.

New Year’s Eve Party—Friday, December 31, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Join the festivities at our annual New Year’s Eve Party! Bring your own beverages and dancing shoes to enjoy great music and ring in the New Year.

—*Recreation Committee*

NIGUELSHORES.ORG

Make a habit of checking our **Niguel Shores Website** niguelshores.org for the latest news about our Community. On the Website, you will find all kinds of information:

- Niguel Shores Community Association (NSCA) Updates
- NSCA Board Actions and Meeting Information
- NSCA Rules and Regulations
- Details on Community Events and Activities
- Photos Galleries of Community Events and Activities
- Pickleball and Tennis Hours and Information
- Homeowner Service Request Forms
- Payment of Homeowner Association Bills Online
- Guest/Gate Login through *DwellingLive.com*
- Niguel Shores History
- Dana Point City Link and Updates
- Dana Hills High School Link
- Dana Point Library Information
- Dana Point Harbor Link
- Dana Point Police Services Link
- OC Register Link
- Seashore News Issues (1973-present)
- Post a Web Comment



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RECREATION AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Update—At the October Board Meeting, a proposal was approved to move forward with a recreation amenities firm to work on potential new amenities, including costing and enhancements or upgrading of current amenities in Niguel Shores. This work will also include preliminary costings and computer-assisted drawings (CAD) for placement, size, and visual review by the Community.

The Committee will keep residents updated on the progress and will look forward to Community feedback through surveys and future Association meetings.

—*Jeannie Sticher*

MAINTENANCE

Pool Maintenance—As we slip into fall and winter months, the Maintenance Team’s focus shifts to annual and on-going projects. One such project is the troublesome appearance of black algae in our pool. While this is not a cause for alarm, it is important to recognize and treat its existence.

First of all, swimmers will not be harmed by the presence of black algae. It is present in the environment and usually is transferred from natural bodies of water like oceans, ponds, and lakes by clinging onto swimwear. If the ocean, lake, or pond water hasn’t been rinsed off before using a swimming pool, the algae can be transferred into the pool. The algae is a nuisance, but will not, by itself, cause illness. Plus, in our pool we are not dealing with a full bloom that would produce visible black or bluish-green spots that would most certainly be an eyesore. The algae was only discovered during a closure in 2019 when maintenance noticed a few black spots in one area on the pool wall and the grout line.

After a great deal of research, we were directed to an expert pool chemist who developed a treatment protocol to eradicate black algae. We continue to see recurrences, but they are smaller and, with continued treatments during bi-annual maintenance closure, the results have been almost complete eradication of the algae. These treatments do necessitate extending the closures but the results are worth it!

You Can Help—As always, if you see an area that might need attention, please submit a homeowner’s request either by email, or by using the “Online Service Request Form” or “Homeowner Request Form” available on the Niguel Shores website, or stopping by the office. Your request will be reviewed by the Maintenance Committee and addressed at our next meeting. That way YOU TOO can be involved in keeping Niguel Shores the “extremely well-maintained community” it is.

—*Geoff Dunlevie*

ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY

Calling Teens!

The Library invites you to become a volunteer.
Email ocpl.danapoint@occr.ocgov.com

These groups are meeting in person at the Library:

Coloring for Adults—Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime—Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime—Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Mixed Minds Teen Book Club * (Grades 7-9)—November 9 at 4:00 p.m. *Code Talker*, Joseph Burchac—or—*The Demon King*, Cinda W. Chima

Gentle Reads*—November 10 at 10:30 a.m. *Separation Anxiety*, Laura Zigman

Dinosaurs!—November 16 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Drop in to the Mesozoic Era, play Jurassic golf, go on a Prehistoric scavenger hunt

Young Readers Book Club* (Ages 5-7)—November 17 at 3:00 p.m. *A Pig, A Fox, and a Fox*, Jonathan Fenske

Seaside Readers*—November 22 at 10:30 a.m. *Orphan's Tale*, Pam Jenoff

* Books are available at the Library Service Desk.

—Dan DeNeve

PAGE TURNERS

This month finds the three groups of **Page Turners Book Club** reading and discussing the latest Kristin Hannah novel, *The Four Winds*. The novel deals with “the miseries of the Depression and Dust Bowl years ... that ... shape the destiny of a Texas family.”



Kristin Hannah is the author of about 20 novels but is probably best known for her highly successful two recent releases *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone*, both very different in content to this month's selection.

In one interview concerning *The Four Winds*, Hannah says, “I wanted to tell a quintessentially American story.

The Dust Bowl was the greatest ecological disaster in American history and that, combined with the partisan divide of the Great Depression, really spoke to me.” Another critic says this book is “for devoted Hannah fans in search of a good cry.” Should generate some good discussions!

The Monday afternoon group meets on the fourth Monday of the month, and the two Thursday afternoon groups meet on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you

are thinking of joining a book club, you would be most welcome to come and visit any of the groups. For information about the Thursday groups, please contact **Steve** and **Ann Morris** at samwrsi@cox.net and for the Monday afternoon group contact me, **Frances**, at fzimec@cox.net.

—Frances Ozimec

SEMI-SERIOUS BOOK CLUB

Why I Attend the Semi-Serious Book Club Meeting

- It introduces me to read books I would otherwise miss.
- It lets me hear interesting “other” opinions.
- It gives me a chance to spout off with my own opinions.

If you decide to join us (this **IS** an invitation) we meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Read our next book *America Compromised* by Lawrence Lessig and come to the **November 23** meeting to fully appreciate the proceedings.

—Norton Schwartz



BRIDGE



There's no age limit for a good game of Bridge. Dorothy (99) and Elizabeth (92) are two of our sharp players!



Betty and Bob French (center) head the Bridge Club. They are shown here with Bridge regulars Frieda Baskin and Chet Ciochon.



A few more of our members.

CLUBS

WOMEN'S CLUB

Semper Fidelis

The U.S. Marine Corps motto “Semper Fidelis—Always Faithful” represents the Marines’ collective commitment to each other, to our country, and to strength in whatever challenges lie ahead. How great if we all could use this motto as American citizens to commit to the success of our community, the progress of our nation, and to loyalty toward our fellow Americans.

Support for Our Marines

Each year, the Niguel Shores Women’s Club chooses a deserving cause for Community Outreach, and this year we focused on aid for the Marines returning from Afghanistan. These men and women from 2/1 Golf Company departed the Middle East and arrived at Camp Pendleton late at night with no basic supplies for their immediate needs. To welcome them back, the **Marine Corps League, South Coast Detachment 022** put together “Barracks Booty Bags” containing towels, soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, and other toiletries for their immediate use. The Women’s Club purchased dozens of bath towels to be placed in the bags for each returning Marine. (See the photos on Page 10 of this issue.)

Luncheon News

Since the Veterans Day holiday falls on our regular meeting date, we will meet instead on the third Thursday this month, **November 18**. We will honor our military and hear from **Pete Hammer, Commandant of the Marine Corps League**, who will give us a behind-the-scenes synopsis of the League’s commitment to supporting Camp Pendleton Marines and their families, as well as their involvement with South Orange County organizations assisting Pendleton’s active service members, widows, orphans, and honorably wounded discharged Marines.



New Member Chairs Adrienne Rubin and Janice Stauffer host a Wine and Cheese Reception for ladies who recently joined the Women’s Club.

Thank you to **John Yocca**, our October speaker, for his wonderful presentation on cyber security and defending our technology from online attacks like identity and data theft. We love electronic communication but need to protect our private and valuable information.

Holiday Party

Please put **December 9** on your calendars for our traditional **Holiday Party** from **5 to 8 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. Instead of a luncheon in December, we invite you to bring your spouses or significant others to an evening filled with joyful music, hearty appetizers, and wine and beer for all. There is no charge, but we ask you to bring your favorite appetizer to share. The Clubhouse will be decorated for the season with a beautiful tree, garlands of greenery, festive plaid accents, and warm twinkling lights. Along with the Men’s Club, we will be collecting donated toys for the Marine children at this holiday event.

Membership

Any Niguel Shores ladies interested in joining our gregarious group, please contact **Judy Palladino** twopalls@yahoo.com or **Jennifer Paige** jenopaige@gmail.com for an application. We would love you to visit in November. Give us advance notice so we know you will be attending.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving filled with plates of love and gratitude. God bless America!

—Terry Link

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Littleworth

Homeowner on Hobart Bay since 1972

Prominent attorney, author, and expert on water resources and water law.

In 2020, the City of Riverside honored Littleworth with the documentary *A Good Life* proclaiming him its “citizen of the century.” Littleworth helped Riverside public schools become the first to integrate in the nation without a court order; worked to save the iconic Mission Inn, the largest mission revival style building in the U.S.; authored *California Water*, a definitive resource on the topic; and advocated for laws to ensure quality regional drinking water.

Women's Club Outside Activity

EVENT: Enjoy the **Sherman Gardens and Library**, and then have lunch on the patio of the onsite restaurant, **Café Jardin**, featuring garden-to-table cuisine.

DATE: **Friday, November 12**

TIME: Meet in the Clubhouse Parking Lot at **10:00 a.m.** to carpool.

RSVP: Call **Sandi Stauffer** at (253) 290-0471 no later than November 5, as we need to make restaurant reservations.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: Sherman Gardens is located at **2647 East Coast Highway in Corona del Mar**. Free parking in the lot behind the gardens, or at lots on Dahlia at Coast Highway or Dahlia at Third Avenue. Admission is **\$5 per person**.

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MEN'S CLUB

The Niguel Shores Men's Club had busy (and fun!) months in September and October, and we look forward to our breakfast meetings in November.

On September 21, we hosted **Brian Maryott**, 49th Congressional District Candidate, who discussed the results of the Gavin Newsom recall attempt and gave a glimpse into the hot issues for his upcoming congressional campaign. On October 5, **Alan Hess**, architect, author, and historian, delighted the membership with pictures of modern homes of the stars and shared background stories behind the designs. All seats were filled for both meetings, and the speakers received excellent reviews. Our October 19 gathering featured **Dr. Dwight Stirling**, CEO of the Center for Law and Military Policy, speaking on the topic "Why Do We Continue to Treat Service Members as Second Class Citizens?"

Men's Club members **Eric Eckes** and **Tim Williams** will speak at our **November 2** meeting. Both men are accomplished scuba divers with thousands of dives around the world. Eric and Tim will share underwater photos and the stories surrounding their adventures.

On **November 16**, we will hear from another Men's Club member, **Dennis Erdman**. Dennis has served on the South Coast Water District Board of Directors and now serves on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board. Dennis and other guests will update the membership on the current drought and a glimpse into the future.

The Men's Club hosted its **Oktoberfest Celebration** on October 9 in our Clubhouse. (See photos of the event on page 11 of this issue.) The sellout crowd enjoyed bratwursts, sauerkraut, potato salad, apple pie, German beer, and wine. Linda Herman and her accordion were there to entertain the guests. **Eric** and **Margi Eckes** did a fantastic job putting on this event for the Club and the community. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank them both. I'd also like to thank all of the members who helped Eric and Margi. Great job everyone! Next year's Oktoberfest is scheduled for **Saturday, October 8, 2022**. Please put it in your calendars because it will sell out fast.

Not yet a member of our Club? Please join us **as our guest**. Our meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m. (but please arrive by 7:45.). You will be treated to breakfast, excellent conversation with members of our community, and an entertaining and informative speaker. We do hope you decide to join our Club. Annual dues are just \$25, and breakfasts are only \$5.

If you have any questions regarding the Men's Club, please contact me at john@johnyocca.com. God Bless you all and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

—John Yocca

GARDEN CLUB

Our Garden Club Community Service Project will take place on **November 15 at 11 a.m.** in the Clubhouse, in the form of the **Forget-Me-Not Workshop**, named after the forget-me-not flower



"The beauty of the natural world lies in the details."

—Natalie Angier

symbolizing friendship and remembrance. The dainty sky-blue flowers are sure to bring smiles while they bloom from spring to summer. They can also be found in pale purple, pink, or white blooms.

During the workshop we will make holiday ornaments using Tillandsia (air plants) and other materials such as pine cones, seashells, and Spanish moss. Creating the ornaments was a very successful project last year in the park under the trees. For members attending the workshop: Please bring a pen or thin marker, and a tray or empty shoebox.

"If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere."

—Vincent van Gogh

We will extend our friendship and holiday remembrance by donating the completed ornaments to those in the **Senior Meal Program at Dana Point Community Center**.

A field trip to **Weidner's Poinsettia Greenhouse** in Encinitas is also in the offing during November. An announcement with details will be sent to members via email.

You may be curious about the appearance of "mysterious shoots" coming from the tall plants on Niguel Shores Drive, opposite the tennis courts. These focal points in the landscape, with their dramatic architectural forms, are yuccas. They spontaneously form new



plants from

offsets or "pups"—new shoots that develop from underground rhizomes. Some form suckers at the base of stems. Have a closer look at these "pups" the next time you pass them by.

—Ann Strauss

SEMPER FI AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE South Coast Detachment 022



On Veterans Day, when you are honoring our U.S. Military, also be sure to wish the Marines a **Happy 246th Birthday!**

According to the Marine Corps website, in 1775 the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines to provide security and support for the Continental Navy. Then, in 1798, the U.S. Congress ordered the establishment of a Marine Corps under direction of the Secretary of the Navy. From that day until the present, Marines have served with bravery and distinction worldwide.

For the past 100 years, beginning in 1921, Marines have celebrated the Birthday of the Corps in November with parades, special dinners, fancy dress balls, cake-cuttings, and heartfelt tributes.

For the **Marines of the Second Battalion, First Regiment (the 2/1)** who recently returned from **Afghanistan** to their home base at **Camp Pendleton**, this month's Marine Corps Birthday will be a time of thanks for their return coupled with sadness for those who were lost. These Marines of the 2/1 were providing security at the Kabul Airport in Afghanistan on August 26 during the U.S. evacuation when a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the air facility, killing thirteen U.S. Service Members – including nine members of their own Battalion as well as a Pendleton Navy Corpsman.

To support Marines of the 2/1 and their families, the **Marine Corps League/South Coast Detachment 022** has been meeting them at the Pendleton Parade Deck upon their return to Base and providing food, drinks, and “Barracks Booty Bags” filled with essential supplies for their first days back at quarters. When Niguel Shores resident **Tina Fornadley** suggested that our community might want to

help the Marine League with this project, the **Niguel Shores Women's Club** purchased dozens of new bath towels to be included in the gift bags for those returning in September and October.

Sonia Torres, Outreach Coordinator for Marine Corps League/South Coast Detachment 022, explained why the Barracks Booty Bags are so important. “Unfortunately, supplies like toilet paper, a nice towel, and basic hygiene items like soap and toothpaste are not military-issued gear. The Marines arrive home to an empty barracks and must shop

for their own supplies. Our team of volunteers clean the barracks and wipe down the bathrooms. When our Heroes arrive from Afghanistan late at night after hours of travel, they are exhausted. We don't want our Heroes having to do late-night shopping, so we show our support with the



Barracks Booty Bags. This allows them to avoid going to the store for a few days while they acclimate back into barracks life. There is so much more our Heroes deserve but we do what we can. Thank you for supporting them.”

Commandant Pete Hammer, who will speak at the Women's Club on November 18, described some ways the Marine Corps League/South Coast Detachment 022 provides assistance to the men and women of the 2/1 stationed at Camp Pendleton, and also to their families. “There are over 1000 Infantry in the 2/1, with about 30 to 40% married and the rest single. When our Marines deploy, we are onsite with food, beverages, and “Goodie Bags” to sustain them during their long journey overseas. While they are in-country, we regularly send them Care Packages with snacks, socks, toiletries, books, magazines, etc. We also provide gift cards

to the single Marines for daily needs, bring dessert pies to 2/1 families at Thanksgiving, and collect new unwrapped toys for their children at Christmas. We help with care for the wounded and ill of the 2/1, as well as for their widows and orphans. For example, after the Afghanistan evacuation we were among those aiding fallen Lance Corporal Rylee McCollum's wife, who gave birth to his baby daughter at Camp Pendleton less than a month after his death. In addition, we support the Ninth Communication Battalion (part of the 1 Marine Expeditionary Force protecting information networks), and we sponsor the Saddleback Young Marines Program for boys and girls 8 to 18."



The Marine Corps League welcomes Marines of the 2/1 returning from Afghanistan to Camp Pendleton.

Commandant Hammer praised Marine League members. "We take an oath to uphold the same standards, virtues, and principals as the Marine Corps and honorably conduct ourselves as we participate in our Detachment's affairs. Our members contribute and make a real difference for those we serve, including active-duty Marines and their families plus our Detachment members and those Veterans that live in our surrounding communities."

The Marine Corps League/South Coast Detachment 022 will celebrate the **Corps' 246th Birthday** at a special event dedicated to the **2/1 Heroes on Saturday, November 13** at **Bella Collina** in **San Clemente**. The evening includes a multi-course dinner, silent auction, the reading of General Lejeune's 1921 Birthday Message, a Toast to the Corps, the playing of the Marine Hymn, and the traditional Cutting of the Birthday Cake with the oldest and youngest Marine present. As their guests, the League hosts families of Fallen and Wounded Marines, plus the Active Duty Heroes from the 2/1 and other Battalions they support.

Seashore News readers are welcome to attend the Birthday Dinner and/or sponsor a Marine to attend this important event for a donation of \$75. To learn more, visit the website MarineCorpsLeagueSouthCoast.org or email SupportRMarines@cox.net or call (949) 378-7984.

—Sandy Homicz



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

November 11, 2021

Dana Point Veterans Memorial
34201 Selva Road
Dana Point, CA 92629

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9934 and the City of Dana Point will present a Veterans Day program on Saturday, November 11, at the Dana Point Veterans Memorial starting at 10:00 a.m. The Memorial is located at 34201 Selva Road, at Strand Beach parking area, just off Pacific Coast Highway.

In addition to military honors and tributes, the program will include an unveiling of updated memorial plaques listing names of those who died during the past year who were members of VFW Post 9934. You can reach VFW Post 9934 at (949) 248-1419.



MARINES AND GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

Women's Club Community Outreach

Tina Fornadley and Terry Link provide Marine Corps League Commandant Pete Hammer with donations from the Women's Club for Marines returning to Camp Pendleton from deployment in Afghanistan.



Garden Club Events

The Garden Club will create **Forget-Me-Not** ornaments for the **DP Senior Center** this month, and members are also planning a field trip to **Weidner's Poinsettia Greenhouse** in Encinitas. Shown here are October's trip to **Roger's Gardens** and a session with floral designer, **Shannon Sparkhul** with lucky winners of Shannon's flower arrangements.



OKTOBERFEST

Men's Club Oktoberfest

Cheers for this year's Oktoberfest with great food, music, fun and fellowship for all! Special recognition to **Erik Eckes** and his team for organizing the event, and to guest **Tom McNicholas**, one of the original founders of the Men's Club.



Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Shores families enjoyed the Recreation Committee's Spooky Scavenger Hunt on October 24.





LEPTOSPIROSIS IN DOGS

The bacterial disease *Leptospirosis* has become an emerging problem in dogs. When we vaccinated dogs for distemper and parvovirus 30 to 40 years ago, we routinely included a *leptospirosis* component in the vaccine. However, the *lepto* part fell out of favor because the disease was uncommon and the former vaccine sometimes caused allergic reactions.

Well, leptospirosis is back. Los Angeles County Public Health Department recently published a report about its re-emergence in the dog population. (*See publichealth.lacounty.gov.*) As a result of this re-emergence, we now recommend that dogs receive vaccinations for *leptospirosis*, to protect both the pet and pet owner.

- **What is leptospirosis?** It is a disease caused by bacteria, and can infect many species, including people, dogs, rats, mice, raccoons, skunks, and opossums. Symptoms range from none to liver and kidney damage. If untreated, *lepto* can cause serious harm, and in the worst cases, even death of your pet.
- **How do animals get lepto?** Bacteria is spread through the urine of infected animals into water or soil, where it can reside for months. The bacteria can infect the animal through cuts in the skin, or can be acquired by inhalation, or from touching the eyes, nose, or mouth, or from the drinking water. Anywhere there is wildlife, there is the potential for *leptospirosis*, although cats seem to be resistant to infection.
- **Zoonotic disease:** *Leptospirosis* is a “zoonotic” disease, which means it can be transmitted by an infected pet to humans. People get *lepto* the same way dogs do, from contaminated urine, water or soil. Anyone who works or recreates in the outdoors is at increased risk of contracting *leptospirosis*.

- **What are the signs of lepto?** Symptoms in dogs are variable and may be those associated with kidney failure such as fever, lethargy, low appetite, vomiting, increased or decreased urination and thirst. Diarrhea and yellow mucus gums can be seen indicating liver damage. Some pets have no symptoms.
- **Is lepto treatable in dogs?** Yes, *leptospirosis* is very treatable with antibiotics. If caught early, the pet can be cured. In later stages, hospitalization and fluids or even dialysis may be required.
- **How prevalent is lepto in our area:** In July 2021, Los Angeles County reported a large increase in confirmed and suspected *leptospirosis* cases. Many were traced to a boarding kennel, but others may have been the result of exposure at dog parks or beaches. The current strain is mostly found in dogs and not wildlife, so the most common avenue of transmission appears to be from dog to dog in group settings.
- **How do I protect my pet and myself from lepto?** We now have very effective vaccines that generally do not cause side effects. The vaccines protect against up to four strains of *lepto*. A dog receives two doses, three to four weeks apart, and then is boosted yearly. We should all get our dogs vaccinated, keep the dogs away from wildlife, and not attract wildlife to our yards by leaving food or water bowls outside. Remember to clean food and water bowls regularly, and do not let your dog drink from or enter contaminated bodies of water.

—Susan Davis, DVM



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Dog Licenses

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Celebrating Our 400th Thanksgiving 1621 to 2021

Did you know this year commemorates the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony? As we learned in our history books, the Pilgrims arrived on the shores of what is now Massachusetts in 1620 and experienced a very challenging first year. To celebrate a bountiful harvest the



next year, they declared a time to give thanks. Chief Massasoit and about ninety Wampanoag People joined the English for three days of feasting and entertainment. From this beginning in 1621 as a demonstration of gratefulness for sustenance and survival, Thanksgiving grew into the national holiday we now celebrate on the fourth Thursday in November. There are twenty-five places in America named Plymouth, in reference to the original Plymouth Colony of Massachusetts. Even the Plymouth automobile (produced by Chrysler from 1928 to 2001) was named after the durable Plymouth binder twine produced at a cordage plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Tourists visit the historic town of Plymouth to see artifacts and replicas of the original Plymouth Colony, which was named after Plymouth in England. Plymouth Rock, the legendary spot upon which William Bradford and the Mayflower Pilgrims disembarked in December, 1620, rests beneath a portico on the Plymouth shore in Pilgrim Memorial State Park next to Cole's Hill, which was the Pilgrims' first cemetery. Docked nearby is the Mayflower II, a full-scale reproduction of the original Mayflower.

Of special significance to visitors are the Plimoth-Patuxet Living Museums. Their spelling of "Plimoth" comes from the seventeenth century when writers spelled phonetically with different variations occurring in the same document for the same word. The Plimoth-Patuxet Living Museums use the "Plimoth" spelling found in a historic document written by Governor William Bradford. In 2020, the name of the living museum complex was changed to Plimoth-Patuxet to be more inclusive of the area's Native American history and indigenous people, who were the Patuxent band of the Wampanoag tribe in the area.

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This summer, when I visited Plimoth-Patuxet, it was amazing to see the austerity of the small farming and maritime community built by the Pilgrims. Compared to Colonial Williamsburg, which celebrates authentic eighteenth century life with over eighty-eight original restored buildings, Plimoth-Patuxet is much smaller, replicating the humble cabins and daily tasks of early colonial life. It is, nonetheless, historically representative of the Pilgrims' simple ways and their purpose in coming to America. There are living history programs and demonstrations with re-enactors in authentic costumes telling their ways of living and surviving.

Visitors will see large "wetus," which are framed, circular homes built by the Wampanoag as multi-family dwellings. Visitors walk through a re-creation of the seventeenth



century village complete with replicas of Pilgrim houses on the shore of Plymouth Harbor, gardens for growing essential herbs and vegetables, and a grist mill for grinding corn and grain. At the Craft Center visitors learn about handcrafts and herbal remedies of the time. Of course, there is a gift shop and there are various dining options tailored to the season.

Can you imagine spending Thanksgiving Day at Plimoth-Patuxet and participating in experiences such as "The Story of Thanksgiving Dinner" complete with Pilgrim role players and Native interpreters. This year, on November 20, there will be a grand celebration of the 400th Thanksgiving Day complete with floats, marching bands, and patriotic songs.

Check the website www.plimoth.org. If you haven't already visited the area you might want to put it on your bucket list!

While we Californians may not be celebrating the 400th Thanksgiving in quite the same way as they do at Plimoth-Patuxet, most of us will be expressing thanks for our blessings as we gather together in small or large groups with family and friends on November 25. Wishing you all a grateful spirit and a happy Thanksgiving!

—Michelle Ralph

TENNIS



Reservations

It's great that so many are using the online tennis reservation system at niguelshores.org, but we have had some complaints that courts are being reserved but not used. This is particularly frustrating for those who aren't able to reserve because the courts are already taken and then find that the court wasn't actually used. We have lost our walk-on court so we are even more dependent on the reservation system than we were in the past.

Please be considerate of your fellow players and cancel your reservation ASAP if you find that your plans have changed and you are no longer planning to use the court so that others can reserve and play.

Contact List

Our updated shared contact list went out at the end of October for all players who chose to be listed. We also maintain a list of players who just want to be contacted for changes in court use or events. If you aren't already on one of the two lists, please contact **Jennifer Rose** at 4OceanBreeze@gmail.com to be added. A revised list will go out again in the spring when we will also be resuming our Tennis Happy Hour!

—Jennifer Rose

PICKLEBALL

Hours:

Pickleball hours will change this month when we return to Standard Time. The new hours are as follows:

DROP-IN PLAY

- **Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday:** 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Sunday:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ORGANIZED PLAY

- **Monday through Saturday:** 8 to 9 a.m.
- **Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday:** 11 a.m. to Dusk
- **Tuesday/Thursday:** 8 a.m. to Dusk
- **Sunday:** 1 to 3 p.m.

Reminder:

- During Organized Play, please be courteous and rotate courts if others are waiting.
- Guests must be accompanied by a resident per the Niguel Shores rules.
- Court shoes required.
- Courts are CLOSED the second and fourth Thursday of each month until 2 p.m. for cleaning.

—JoAnne Webb



Players mop the courts after an October rain shower. Rain or shine, we are ready to play.






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CERT TRAINING

James Shadle, Director of General Services for the City of Dana Point, has announced the city's intention to provide a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to educate volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area. Training consists of basic disaster response skills, such as fire

safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. The training is scheduled for **January 21-23, 2022**. See <https://www.ready.gov/cert>.

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WINTER RECREATION SIGNUPS BEGIN

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REPORT GRAFFITI

From the City's website danapoint.org: "The City of Dana Point is actively engaged in the removal of graffiti... With the cooperation and assistance of our residents, our City will continue to be a safe and desirable place to live and work." If you see graffiti, call the Graffiti Hotline at (949) 248-3573, or the City of Dana Point at (949) 248-3500.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS — AAREN AND DENISE DAVIS

“I’m going to *run* to San Clemente, back in an hour or so.” This comment is taken literally in the Davis household.

Meet **Aaren** and **Denise Davis**, who moved into their Villas home in Niguel Shores in 2019. Both are original Orange County natives and share a passion for an athletic lifestyle.

Denise grew up in Fullerton and graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a major in Speech Communication. She earned both her teaching credential and Master’s degree at Cal State Fullerton and taught elementary school in the Corona/Norco School District for 13 years.

She later became certified as a Studio Teacher and Child Welfare worker, working on location with children in the entertainment industry. She also taught a year when she and Aaren later lived in Boise, Idaho. Much to her surprise, she discovered that her mentor and principal in the Corona/Norco District lives here in the Shores, leading to many shared times.

Denise’s passion is running—she currently runs 40 to 60 miles a week. Her first marathon was in 2000 in Los Angeles, and she has since run in over 40 marathons in 15 states. Her lifetime goal is to enter a marathon in all 50 states. She has run the Boston Marathon nine times, most recently last month on October 11, running the 26 miles in 3 hours, 46 minutes! Congratulations, Denise!

Aaren grew up in Fullerton and Cypress. From an early age he became obsessed with speed, beginning with BMX bike racing. While a pre-teen, his future as an entrepreneur was evident when he had a paper route before school to pay for his racing. The bike racing hobby migrated into his next racing passion, motocross (dirt bike) racing. A few years later, he landed a job working for PJS, the number one jet ski manufacturer in the United States.

Starting at the ground level led to his next racing passion, jet ski racing. He became a professional racer for PJC/Kawasaki, racing all over the United States and in European competitions. Prior to his retirement he



was ranked as fourth in the world. In 1990, Aaren founded his own company, ADR, manufacturing engine parts for the power sports industry. Then, continuing with his entrepreneurial skills, he and Denise became involved in the commercial real estate market and relocated to Boise, Idaho.

By 2019, they had decided that although Boise was a great area for commercial real estate, they needed to return to their roots in Southern California. They searched for a new home up and down the Orange County coast—and then Aaren spotted an area of green belts around Dana Point, a place called Niguel Shores. They soon bought their Villas home, flying down just ahead of the moving van’s arrival, with air mattresses in their suitcases. Along with them came two other family members, their pedigreed cats Purrina and Winston, who approved of their new home, and now enjoy frequent walks through the neighborhood (on leashes).

Today, as Denise trains for her next marathon, Aaren has traded in his passion for speed and enjoys sailing, calling Niguel Shores, “The best place I’ve ever lived.”

—Susan Courtney

BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

OCTOBER 13, 2021 BOARD MEETING: (GENERAL SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Unaudited August 2021 Financial Reports
- General Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- General Session Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2021
- October 2021 Expense and Transfer (Actual)
 - Updated Litigation Disclosure
- Resignation of Jeannie Sticher from View Preservation Committee
- Ratify Approval of Transfer of \$200,000 from Comerica Money Market Operating to Pacific Western Operating
 - Finance Committee Recommendation to Purchase \$50,000 CD through Comerica Reserve Account with Funds from Morgan Stanley – Breaker’s Isle
 - Ad Hoc Recreation Committee Recommendation
- Harvest Landscape Proposal #91382 Tree Removal Tasman Bay
- Employee Health, Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage
 - General Liability, Property, D&O, and Umbrella Insurance Coverage Renewal
 - Workman’s Comprehensive Coverage Renewal
- Harvest Landscape Proposal #91803 Tree Removal PCH-Sidney Bay
- Harvest Landscape Proposal #91800 Tree Removal PCH-Tampico Bay
- Harvest Landscape Proposal #91799 Tree Removal PCH-Colima Bay
 - Community Center Drinking Fountain Installation

- Ratify Approval Gatehouse Guest Pass Printer Purchase
 - Concrete Repairs – Villas
- Request for Damage Reimbursement

PRESENTATION:

- Steve Schinhofen (Harvest Landscape) – Trees and Slopes

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Check Register, General Ledger and Delinquency Report (August)
 - Correspondence to the Board
 - Manager’s Report

BOARD MEETING: (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ACCEPTED AND FILED:

- Executive Session Committee Minutes

APPROVED:

- Executive Session Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2021

HEARINGS:

- Three (3) Hearings for Violation of Rules– Overnight Parking
 - One (1) Hearing for Violation of CC&Rs – Article IX, Section 22 – Damage to Common Area
- One (1) Hearing for Violation of CC&Rs and Rules – Article IX, Section 12 and CC&Rs Article IX, Section 14 – Visible Debris

REVIEWED/DISCUSSED:

- Legal Update
- IDR Tree Trimming Update
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Analysis (August)
- Delinquency Report (August)

NOTE: The last approved General Session Minutes are posted on the **Bulletin Board** across from the NSCA Office entrance and on the **website**. In addition, the General Session and Executive Session agendas for the next Board Meeting will also be posted on the Friday prior to the next meeting.

REMINDERS: THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER CLUBHOUSE ON THE **3rd WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**



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