Community Notes  
October 17, 2020

Bodega Land Trust is pursuing an historic easement of 1.5 square miles on ranch land adjoining Estero Americano and park lands along the Russian River and the coast. To find ways you can assist or to sign up for their newsletter go to BodegaLandTrust.

Bohemian Corridor Business Alliance notes that Occidental has been named by “USA Today” as the 10th culturally best small town in the nation. Check the OC Council website and click on “What’s Open in Occidental?” to see a listings of open local businesses. Occidental Community Council

Fire-safe Occidental Protection Committee met with Fire Chief Lunardi during a virtual meeting to clarify issues concerning evacuation signage, road markings, siren signaling, chipping brush, cell phone coverage, and pull-outs on narrow roads. FireSafeOccidental Web Site

Harmony Union School District has nearly completed its first trimester with Distance Learning. Utilized are: Emails, Text Messaging, PhoneVoiceMessaging, Teleconference, and eLearning Online Portals. View curriculum at Harmony Union School District

KOWS Local news and programming proves exceptionally useful during current events. “Laura’s Living Room” featuring host Laura Goldman broadcasts every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM KOWS FM Radio

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center is offering Facilities Internships. Interns work 25 hours per week in exchange for a private cabin to live in and use of OAEC facilities. Deadline for application is November 1, 2020. Occidental Arts and Ecology Center

Occidental Center for the Arts is presenting the Fall Spectacular on November 7th at 8: p.m. on YouTube for free. Music and humor will dispel your blues. The Gallery currently is showing “Treasures From Home” through November 28th, Saturdays noon to 4: p.m. Occidental Center for the Arts

Occidental Community Center Advisory Council has sent a letter to supporters acknowledging the retirement of Steven Kay as President. The Advisory Council will remain dormant until health concerns are lifted to allow indoor activities once again. Meanwhile, the County is setting up a COVID testing station by appointment at the Community Center parking lot.

Occidental Community Choir Zooms for weekly rehearsals to prepare its online Winter Concert titled “Where to Begin”. It tabled at the Farmer’s Market this month with baked treats, and is selling program ads for its virtual show. Occidental Community Choir

Occidental Community Council is meeting virtually bimonthly. To participate contact occinfo@sonic.net

Occidental Community Farmers Market will continue until the end of this month. Occidental Farmer’s Market

Occidental Community Service District met October 13th to pay warrants and approve paying extra fire station coverage by firefighters. Also approved was the purchase of a SCADA water monitoring system that will log data concerning water flows, pressure, energy use, and remote control. Minutes are posted on the Occidental Fire Station, Board Meetings < Occidental Fire

Occidental Library Station is offering curbside pickup of book orders in Occidental. Check the Council website and click on their Library link for days and hours. It also offers online book holds and loans. eCards are free. Occidental Library Station

Occidental’s West County Health Center in collaboration with DHS will be providing a pop-up COVID testing station in the community center parking lot first Thursdays of the month from 8: a.m. to 12: noon. Next is scheduled November 5. Call for an appointment 874-2444.
Salmon Creek Watershed Council has completed its 2020 Wet/Dry mapping of its watershed creeks. Data will be entered for comparison to previous years. This information will be useful for future policy making and ecologic research. If you want to attend their next meeting October 27th at 7 p.m., contact David Shatkin <dshatkin@sonic.net>.