

# Community Notes

June 17, 2022

Note: June 7th some residents and local business people met with Lynda Hopkins to discuss issues and needs in the community and possible funding available. There are plans to continue the dialogue.

*Bodega Land Trust's* last newsletter had an interesting story about historic grazing and controlled burning for improved fire safety and grassland. Go to [www.bodegalandtrust.org](http://www.bodegalandtrust.org) for news.

*Bohemian Corridor Business Association* merchants and residents have saved \$1120 so far for Public Restroom fund. The next flea market to raise funds is proposed for Saturday, July 30th from 8: am to 4: pm in the Community Center parking lot. Please support your local businesses. Check individual websites for details. Call Leslie at 760-914-1989 to reserve a space.

*Fire-safe Occidental's Protection Committee* continues its research regarding best practices for protection from wildfire damage. Official evacuation zones are now posted on their website. Road safety issues are being discussed with the County. <http://firesafeoccidental.org>

*Harmony Union School District* reports that insurance for the School District to take over operations of the Community Center are proceeding in meetings with the County regarding updating bathrooms. Coordinating with the Farmer's Market continues. [www.harmonyusd.org](http://www.harmonyusd.org)

*KOWS 's* local news host Laura Goldman welcomes interviews on the air regarding local issues and updates. Her program is broadcast every Friday evening at 5 p.m. Tune in at 92.5 FM Their new website domain is <http://kowsfm.com> where programming and app links are posted.

*Occidental Arts and Ecology Center* will continue to be opened Saturdays and Sundays 10: a.m. to 5: p.m. for plant sales. In person Tours of the Garden are now at 1: to 2:30 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are now being served lunch. On site retreats are reopening. Sign up online at [Occidental Arts and Ecology Center](http://OccidentalArtsandEcologyCenter)

*Occidental Center for the Art's* gallery show features the incredible Pointless Sister's Annual Quilt Exhibit. A 67"X52.5" quilt by C.L.Tree is being raffled as a fundraiser for the Art Center at \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100). Visit the gallery Saturdays and Sundays from 12-4 and during events to see the raffle quilt and all the art quilts. Musical events continue afternoons in the amphitheater throughout the summer and in the auditorium. Check programming at [www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org](http://www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org).

*Occidental Community Choir* is busy writing next winter's program called "Starry, Starry Night." They received a \$18,000 grant for the California Arts Council. Interested singers and song writers may contact the Music Direct by going to [Occidental Community Choir](http://OccidentalCommunityChoir). Posted

there is also a video of this past Spring's concert "Somewhere To Begin".

*Occidental Community Council* meets on third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. outside the Community Center. Approved minutes are posted on the Council Bulletin Board near Occidental Market. It made a donation to help support the local Farmers' Market.  
[Occidental Community Council](#).

*Occidental Community Farmers Market* will continue each Friday 4: pm to 8: pm until October 28. Vendors and community organizations may apply for spaces at.  
[Vendors – Occidental Community Farmers' Market](#)

*Occidental Community Service District* meets each second Tuesday of the month at 7: pm in person at the fire hall or via zoom. To receive a zoom invite contact Tiffany at [occidentalcscd@gmail.com](mailto:occidentalcscd@gmail.com) or <https://occidentalfire.com/board-meetings.html> check past agendas. The Fireman's Annual Bar-B-Q has been postponed until summer 2023.

*Occidental Library Station* is open again in Occidental on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10: a.m. 2: p.m. and from 1: to 5: p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. It also offers online book holds and loans. [sonomalibrary.org/locations/occidental-library](http://sonomalibrary.org/locations/occidental-library) e-cards are free.

*Occidental's West County Health Center* requests that all visits are preceded by an appointment and a phone call to ensure COVID precautions are followed. Call 874-2444. The new Russian River Health Center is nearly complete. Online local Dashboard is available also.  
[www.wchealth.org](http://www.wchealth.org)

*Redwood Arts Council* is planning its 43rd Season to begin in September. See the fine performers lined up at their website [www.redwoodarts.org](http://www.redwoodarts.org)

*Salmon Creek Watershed Council* meets monthly by zoom the fourth Tuesday at 10: a.m. To receive an invitation to zoom, contact [<dshatkin@sonic.net>](mailto:dshatkin@sonic.net). For watershed information and resources go to [www.salmoncreekwatershed.org](http://www.salmoncreekwatershed.org). Members attend workshops to keep up to date with the most recent stewardship information.