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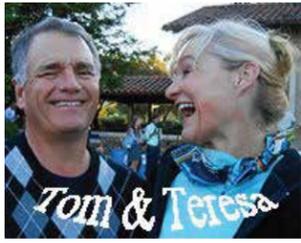
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Woodrums Bid Farewell to Oakmont

■Jackie Reinhardt

When Oakmont returns to its new normal socially, a prominent couple will be missing. Tom and Teresa Woodrum have put their home up for sale and moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to care for his 90-year-old mother.

The pair, who discovered Oakmont in 2007 when Teresa was a traveling nurse at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, left their imprint on the community in myriad ways. "The departure of



Tom and Teresa Woodrum from Oakmont leaves a hole in our community and in the lives of many of us personally," said OVA President Steve Spanier.

"From projects as impactful as the Oakmont Health Initiative, to less-well-known contributions like Thursday bread runs, few have done as much to make our community a comfortable, friendly and fit place to live. I will miss my friends very much and wish them the best, always," he said.

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Your Dogs Must Be On Leash

■Ashlea Thomas

As the community grapples with the shelter-in-place order, dog walking has become a favored way to pass time during the COVID-19 emergency.

But leash laws are not optional.

OVA General Manager Kevin Hubred had by late May sent more than 20 compliance letters to residents reported to be ignoring strict city and OVA leash regulations. Hubred said the violations include walking dogs off leash and in some cases letting dogs run free at night. The compliance letters are the first step in a process that can lead to stiff fines.

Sonoma County leash law Article says "no person shall cause, permit or allow any dog to be upon any public street or other public place unless such dog is restrained by a substantial leash." Rules specific to Oakmont require that dogs must be on a leash no more than 6-feet-long when not on the pet owner's Oakmont property.

All residents must comply with both the county and Oakmont leash laws when walking their pets. The concern over unleashed dogs is not solely associated with potential attacks, but also with the neighborhood nuisance unleashed dogs pose.

For further information or to report dogs off leash, contact the OVA office at 539-1611 or askova@oakmontvillage.com.

Golfers Teeing Up Now

Despite several days of unseasonable rain, golf at Oakmont's Valley of the Moon course got off to a strong start with 85 players teeing up on May 14 and another 150 scheduled for the next day. Golfers can reserve a tee time only via email to Greg Anderson at ValleyoftheMoonClub.com or greg@advancegolfpartners.com. Social distancing and mask wearing protocols are in place on the course and driving range.

Hours for walking on paths are unrestricted on the east course called Sugarloaf until its anticipated opening in early June when new hours will be established. Walking is allowed on the Valley of the Moon course from 6-7:45 a.m. and from 8:30-9:40 p.m. Dogs are allowed but must be on leash at all times. No bikes are allowed on the paths.



Martin Johns is a 5-year resident of Oakmont who enjoys golfing on both Oakmont courses. Here he is hitting May 10 on the first tee of the Valley of the Moon Club course. (Photo by Julie Kiil)



Masks are required on the VOM putting greens. (Photo by Julie Kiil)

Visit from a Curious Fawn



A spring visitor peers through the patio door at Cathy Rapp's Oakmont home. Cathy's phone/camera was close at hand to capture this shot.

President's Report

■Steve Spanier, OVA Board President

This report was presented at the May 19 Board meeting.

A TIME FOR CRITICAL DECISIONS

Today, I'd like to continue to address the COVID crisis and its physical and psychological effects on Oakmont and its residents. I'll also comment on two important projects that will receive attention during today's meeting.



Physically, we've now heard about three COVID cases in Oakmont. We still believe there are additional active but undiagnosed cases here, and that other residents have had the virus and recovered. Outside Oakmont, testing and tracing are ramping up, as is pressure and plans to open facilities. The latter seems to have created the latest partisan divide.

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OVA Opens Outdoor Facilities Despite Concerns

■Al Haggerty

After much discussion regarding liability and enforcement, the Oakmont Village Association board voted unanimously to open facilities for tennis, pickleball, petanque, bocce, shuffleboard, horseshoes, lawn bowling and the community garden at its May 19 meeting. Indoor facilities remained closed.

The staff was working to get the venues ready by Friday or Saturday, May 22-23.

The action lifting the closure, which took effect March 17, is subject to the usage guidelines in the Sonoma County health officer's May 12 order C19-11 "allowing limited socially distanced access to some parks for outdoor recreational activities." It is also subject to any "subsequent county orders."

On advice of OVA's attorney, the board voted to require that the posting of the county guidelines include a notice that users waive liability. A motion to require those using the facilities to sign a hold harmless agreement regarding liability was defeated 7-0.

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Psychologically, I remain amazed at the diversity of opinion about how Oakmont should respond to this crisis. Some Oakmonters believe OVA should open everything now and let individuals decide what they are comfortable doing. Others believe OVA's opening patterns should be more restrictive than those of the county, since our population is more vulnerable than the average county resident.

I've been in frequent contact with people representing both camps. In some cases, I've heard frustration and outright anger.

Today, the board will begin the re-opening conversation. I know our board will carefully consider all available information in order to make decisions worthy of our community and its residents.

Also today, we'll discuss fire regulations and the central area project. I'd like to share ideas about both projects.

We're just beginning to create and refine our fire regulations. During the recent review period, we received comments from many. Thank you very much for these; they've moved us to give this matter additional thought.

It's difficult to establish fire regulations in a community like Oakmont, but it's especially tough now. Drawing a line in the sand requires balancing community-wide fire safety with individual privacy and financial impacts. To do this at a time when many across our nation are decrying governmental overreach is particularly challenging.

Our goal is to produce reasonable fire regulations that protect our community. That's OVA's job. At the same time, we must recognize and appreciate that

our residents have financial and privacy concerns. It's not surprising that, as with making decisions to open facilities, setting fire regulations is evoking emotion and diversity of opinion. We'll do our best to make our way through this with care, thoughtfulness, and your help.

Regarding the central area project, we've said before and we'll continue to say that now is a time for planning, not digging. Phase 2 of our five-phase project management process uses divergent thinking to develop options and set criteria to use to converge on ideas that can realistically deliver significant benefits. That's the task at hand. Much work needs to be done before we're ready to choose a plan. There will be plenty of time for everyone to gain useful information, ask questions and express concerns prior to the board deciding on a plan.

One final point. In recent years, Oakmont has experienced fire, evacuations, extended power outages, pickleball and golf club policy controversies, and the establishment of a homeless shelter across the highway. Adding a global pandemic to that mix has, in my view, put many Oakmonters over the edge. We can definitely make useful progress during this period, but while doing so, we must not lose sight of two things.

First, we're coming off a year where we responded to one crisis by assuming significant debt and associated dues burden. We must carefully consider taking on additional debt during these uncertain times.

Second, no one can accurately predict how things will look on the far side of this virus. There are many things we don't yet know, including whether and to what extent exposure grants immunity, how many of us have contracted and will yet contract the virus, what is the virus' actual mortality rate, what effect opening facilities will have on virus spread, when will we have an effective vaccine, how will local, state and federal governments react to changing virus circumstances, and more. The answers to these questions will affect real estate values and nest eggs because they will affect markets, interest rates and investment patterns.

I strongly believe in this board, and its ability to consider all relevant information prior to making appropriate decisions. Now, more than ever before, we must call on all our intellect, common sense and compassion to do our best for our community. Let's rise to the challenge.

CETC Announces Available Openings for New Members

■ Jackie Ryan

The Communication Education and Transparency Committee is looking for new members. For information or if you are interested in joining this important committee, please use AskOVA@oakmontvillage.com, attention Marianne Neufeld, CETC Board liaison.

The committee's purpose is to provide recommendations to the board regarding various educational opportunities in order that the board may conduct community business and enhance member knowledge about concepts and opinions important to our community with the objective of promoting greater civility, respect and trust.

Sheep Returning to Oakmont

■ Staff Report

You know it's mid-year when the herd of sheep appears to graze down tall grass in open areas around Oakmont.

The sheep are due to start work the first week of June in the area around the north end of the Community Garden off Stone Bridge Road and then move on to their fire prevention duty on other areas to the east.

OVA Facilities Manager Rick Aubert says Oakmont has contracted with Living Systems Land Management to provide the sheep and shepherd to watch over them.

Time to Update PG&E Personal Info

■ Staff Report

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customers are urged to update their personal contact information on file with the utility. For those living in high fire-threat areas like Oakmont, PG&E will "contact you multiple times before we initiate a Public Safety Power Shutoff due to hot temperatures, high winds and dry vegetation that foretell elevated wildfire conditions," Deanna Contreras, spokesperson for PG&E, said in a news release.

Contreras said customers who have a new cell phone number, a new preferred email address or just haven't checked with in with the utility should make sure their personal contact information is correct and current. Customers can check at www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts or by calling the PG&E contact center at (866) 743-6589. Customers are encouraged to list multiple methods for contact including home phone numbers, mobile phone numbers, and email addresses.

In early May, PG&E sent follow-up postcards to more than 57,000 customers with missing or incomplete information who did not respond to a March mailing to update information. Contreras said the updates are especially critical for medical baseline customers.

In addition to notifying customers directly, PG&E also will provide outage updates and information through channels such as social media, local news, radio and www.pge.com. Customers who are not the account holder can still get alerts for specific zip code. Sign up at www.pge.com/pspszipcodealerts.

"PG&E's goal, dependent on weather and other factors, is to send customer alerts through automated calls, texts and emails two days ahead, again one day ahead, and again just prior to shutting off power," said Contreras.

Passages



Dorothy Tracy, 30-year Oakmont resident, passed away May 1.

Please contact OVA resident Bev Schilpp by phone, 538-4293 or E-mail wallyschilpp1@peoplepc.com, to publish the name and date of death of your loved one in the *Oakmont News*.



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New: Online Gaming at Oakmont

■George McKinney

It looks like indoor person-to-person games won't be coming back soon. Social distancing rules and limits on handling cards and game pieces make indoor group games one of the last activities that can be resumed safely.

Not to worry—there is a group of Oakmont residents who want to play games online with other residents. It's surprisingly easy and will give you a chance to get back into the game world while we wait to play person-to-person.

If you'd like to join us, we'll give you instructions. Typically, what you do is sign onto a web program or app with a created user name and an easy to remember password. Others can then invite you to join them in a game! Most of these programs are free.

Several groups are being formed: Duplicate Bridge, Contract Bridge, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Cribbage and Hearts. Other games are led by the Just for Fun Games group (see below).

If you'd like to become involved, email gamesatoakmont@gmail.com and indicate what games you are interested in playing. If you have friends who might want to join, please suggest they sign up as well or send us their email address. And if you have another game you'd like to organize, we can help set it up.

We've even formed a new club—the Oakmont Online Gaming Club.

Just for Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY?

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games like: Rummikub, Hand and Foot, Pan, Settlers of Catan, Parcheesi, Spades, Splendor, Ticket to Ride, Uno, Mah Jongg and so much more! We meet in the Card and Game Room at the CAC (Central Activities Center) every Saturday at 1 p.m., and on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. There are multiple games being played at the same time and you will always be able to choose what game you want to play. We are not too serious—because we play games Just for Fun! Currently, we have about 20 people playing games at each meeting.

We have a large collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. If you have any games that you would like to donate or lend to the club, please let us know.

Come check us out even if you are not good at games, we enjoy the extra company. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. Come and have fun with us!

For more information contact me at 843-3053 or send an email to goldguyphil@gmail.com.

COVID-19

During this time of shelter in place we are not meeting at all. However, it is still possible to play games. People can play games at home with those who are there, or you can play games online with other real people, or against the computer. Or how about set up a Zoom time to play a real board game with others using the video part of Apps like Zoom.

I use Zoom to communicate with the gamers and play on the website "Board Game Arena." We will begin playing the games they offer at our usual time on Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Let's play!



At-a-Glance Summary of May 19 OVA Board Actions

■Harriet Palk

COMMITTEES

Los Guilicos Committee: Accepted Carolyn Bettencourt's resignation and appointed Mark Randol effective immediately.

Oakmont Emergency Preparedness: Many normal activities have been suspended, but the committee is working with Wild Oak Villages on mutual issues, the amateur radio hams continue to check in monthly and Map Your Neighborhood was adopted by the committee. Volunteers are needed.

Dog Park: The only permit awaiting approval is for the ADA parking space. Once all the permits are in place, the Trione family will write a check for \$25,000 to help fund the park. Work is expected to begin June 15 with the contractor first putting in the pilings and deck, then fencing and path to the park with the parking space being last. Construction should take two months during which the Volunteer Trail will be closed for safety. During construction, equipment such as tables, benches and umbrellas will be purchased.

Bylaws: The committee met March 11 and made approximately 100 minor changes to the original document that incorporated suggestions from our attorney template and changes in the law. There will be plenty of opportunity for community input.

Los Guilicos Shelter: The shelter will remain in place until August. Residents are sheltering in place but are allowed to exercise in the surrounding area. The Santa Rosa Police Department patrols regularly, and there is always a security guard on site. Fire mitigation plans are being developed.

Defensible Space Inspections and Fire Control Policy: Postponed approval until June to enable OVA members to offer recommendations and express concerns and for the board and management to strategically plan and revise the inspection process.

Aid to Sub-Association Committee Disposition: The committee, having completed and delivered a report on the state and needs of Oakmont's sub-associations, was officially dissolved.

Post-COVID Facility Reopening Ad Hoc

Committee: Established to create a plan for interpreting county orders and re-opening OVA facilities in a manner that conforms to county requirements while balancing safety with the benefits of physical and mental health. Committee members are Noel Lyons (chair), Heidi Klyn, Elihu Smith, Valerie Hulsey, Leslie Brockman, Maggie Smith, Marilyn Garland, Al Haggerty, Jeff Neuman and Burt Schraga.

Re-opening Outdoor Facilities According to County Order: Lifted subject to county-required rules the closure of OVA facilities for tennis, pickleball, petanque, bocce, shuffleboard, horseshoes, lawn bowling and the community garden. After discussion, it was decided that Oakmont's criteria for opening would not be stricter than those of the County. Signs will be posted at every facility advising of the rules in place and advising that using the facilities is at one's own risk.

Oakmont Community Development Committee Egress Recommendation: Adopted an OCDC study as a policy and program of OVA for the development of additional emergency egress routes. Board directed OCDC and OVA staff to explore and develop all routes recommended in the study subject to continuing oversight by and approval of the board.

Architectural Guidelines and Standards: Approved revisions that make the document easier to read and include new laws to be included in the *Oakmont News* and on the Berger bulletin board as soon as practicable to allow for a 28-day review before approval by the board.

Central Complex: Established a "Phase 2" team to develop high-level, credible information on potential alternatives for the central Oakmont complex. This committee will include members of the Long-Range Planning, Oakmont Community Development and Building Construction committees as well as outside professionals, OVA staff and board members.



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Spanier, describing himself as “more cautious than others,” also questioned how the guidelines would be enforced. He suggested that a newly-approved Post-COVID Facility Reopening Committee could enforce the rules, but no action was taken on that suggestion.

In his president’s report, Spanier said: “We’ve now heard about three COVID cases in Oakmont. We still believe there are additional active but undiagnosed cases here and that other residents have had the virus and recovered.”

The county order specifies that open facilities “may be used by individuals alone or in a group comprised solely of individuals from the same household.” In addition, every user must conduct a self-assessment of their health and shall not enter if they have any of the symptoms consistent with COVID-19. These include a fever of 100.0 degrees or greater, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, unusual headaches, severe fatigue, chills, gastro-intestinal symptoms such as diarrhea or stomach cramps or loss of smell or taste.

The county order adds further requirements for community gardens, which can be operated as agricultural operations providing food for participants subject to social-distancing and hygiene protocols. These include the availability of soap and running water, wearing masks, cleaning all tools with a CDC-recommended disinfectant after each use and not sharing tools with other gardeners. Also, gardeners must use their own gloves, signage listing the rules must be posted at all entrances and benches and other communal spaces must be marked off-limits for the duration of the order.

FIRE INSPECTIONS DELAYED

The board unanimously approved a resolution postponing “until further notice” approval of the Fire Safety and Control Policy, which calls for defensible space fire inspections of Oakmont properties. The resolution cited member concerns about the timing of beginning a fire inspection process during the COVID-19 shelter in place order and “ambiguities” regarding defensible space. It also said that the board and management “have recognized they may have been premature in beginning the inspection process”.

OVA General Manager Kevin Hubred, noting that creating a fire safe community is “a long process,” said one community of 200 homes took three years to achieve the goal.

Spanier, citing the difficulties in establishing fire regulations in a community like Oakmont, said “it’s especially tough now. Drawing a line in the sand requires balancing community-wide fire safety with individual privacy and financial impacts. To do this at a time when many across our nation are decrying governmental overreach is particularly challenging.”

He said OVA’s goal “is to produce reasonable fire regulations that protect our community. At the same time, we must recognize and appreciate that our residents have financial and privacy concerns. It’s not surprising, as with making decisions to open facilities, setting fire regulations is evoking emotion and diversity of opinion. We’ll do our best to make our way through this with care, thoughtfulness and your help.”

The resolution allows for community outreach and education on defensible space and enables members to offer their recommendations and to express their concerns how fire inspection measures will affect them. It also directs the board and management to revise the policy “and strategically plan the inspection process beginning in the most egregious fire hazard areas in Oakmont.”

One change in proposed revisions which loosen the policy concerns the limbing of trees. Rather than requiring the limbing of all trees to a minimum of 6 feet from the ground, not to exceed 1/3 of the tree height, it refers to trees “that are considered a potential fire hazard” and that they “should” rather than “will” be limbed “and will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.”

CENTRAL COMPLEX

Turning its attention to OVA’s central complex, which includes Berger Center and the Central Activities Center, the board established a Project Team Ad-Hoc Committee to manage exploration of potential options for the complex. The team’s goal is “to develop high-level, credible information on potential alternatives.”

The board adopted a study by the Oakmont Community Development Committee on developing additional emergency egress routes from Oakmont and directed the OCDC and OVA staff to explore and develop egress routes recommended in the study. These include egress from Oak Leaf Drive to Highway 12 through property owned by OVA, from Meadowstone Drive to Highway 12 through an existing private road, Channel Drive with access away from Highway 12 through state-owned land and through Elnoka with access away from Highway 12 through a future residential development.

Hubred said five automated external defibrillators (AEDs), purchased following approval by the board March 17, have been installed at the CAC, Berger, East and West Recreation centers and the OVA office. OVA will be coordinating AED and CPR classes as soon as time permits. He said the AEDs will be ready when OVA buildings reopen.

“Map Your Neighborhood” is Here

■Staff Report

During these times when Oakmonters have more time and may be starting to look for more important things to do, you can take advantage of the situation and get involved in Map Your Neighborhood (MYN).

Map Your Neighborhood is a nationally-recognized program that guides neighbors through simple steps to help enhance preparedness for an emergency when sheltering in place is required. The steps are designed to help quickly and safely and to minimize damage and protect lives. MYN is designed to improve disaster readiness at the neighborhood level, 15 to 20 homes, or a defined area that can be canvassed in one hour.

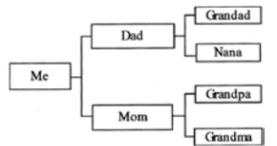
MYN teaches neighbors to rely on each other during the hours or days before first responders arrive.

Oakmont’s rollout of Map Your Neighborhood Oakmont has been designed so that you can read about it, learn how to successfully introduce it to your neighbors, and do most of the pre-meeting preparation. Some creativity may be needed, but it’s a perfect time to engage with neighbors via email or phone or Zoom.

At the end of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, if every neighborhood can be prepared to hold an in-person meeting, Oakmont will be much better prepared for any future disaster.

Go to this web site to begin learning about Oakmont Map Your Neighborhood: <https://oakmontvillage.com/myn>.

Genealogy Club



■Melinda Price

George McKinney is continuing to hold video conferences for us on “Famous American Women before Suffrage,” so tune in each week on Fridays at 11 a.m.

The two for early June may seem a little obscure, but they are both interesting subjects.

June 5: Deborah Sampson (1760–1827). She served as a man in the Continental Army during the Revolution, and was eventually recognized for her service.

June 12: Elizabeth Blackwell (1821–1910). She was the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States, and served as a physician during the Civil War before moving to Britain in 1868 to become the first woman recognized as a physician in Britain.

These presentations will continue for the next few weeks. If you’d like to participate but are uncomfortable with video conferencing or don’t know if you have the right equipment, email George (see below), and we’ll try to get you started. Please sign up on our e-mail list to get more info.

Stay posted here, on NextDoor and the Friday E-Blasts for the date and time of the next meeting of the Oakmont Genealogy Club.

The Oakmont Genealogy Club regularly meets upstairs in the West Rec. Center at 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, except July and December (or wildfires and pandemics!). There are no club dues, and everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, both newbies and experienced researchers.

For information about genealogy research or club activities please visit our website at: www.oakgenclub.org. Past programs are posted there as well as tips and links. If you have research questions or would like to receive our e-newsletter, email: oakmontancestry@aol.com.

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There Could Be a Problem Out Front

■Staff Report

IS THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME CLEAR?

Some Oakmont sidewalks are not, causing problems and posing dangers—especially for people using walkers or wheelchairs and canes.

Obstruction of walkways by garbage cans or overgrown shrubs magnify the problems caused for pedestrians and wheeled travelers by light poles, sign posts, mailboxes and fire hydrants.

If the obstruction is near a driveway apron, it throws a wheelchair user off balance, perhaps causing an upset and possibly an injury. A car parked onto the apron can cause the same problem.

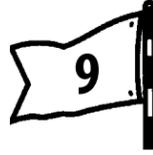
Recology, provider of garbage service here, instructs customers to put their cans in the street, off the curb, instructions that leave the sidewalk clear. Many customers put their garbage cans on the sidewalk, presenting an obstacle course like the one in the accompanying photo.

Keeping shrubbery pruned off sidewalks is the responsibility of homeowners and their gardeners.

Free Windows PC and Smartphone Help

Do you have a smartphone or PC computer with which you need assistance? Howard Neckel or Carl Appellof may be able to lend a hand. If you would like to see if one of them can help, call Howard at 282-9030 or Carl at 291-5278. For the near future, we will not be making in-person visits, but may be able to help you over the phone.

We are always looking for additional people to help our Oakmont neighbors with their PC problems. If you'd like to volunteer, please call Carl at 291-5278. Thanks.



9-Hole Monday Men's Club

■Stan Augustine

Oakmont is again the location of two of the most beautiful 18-hole golf courses in the northern California. The agreement between Oakmont Village Association (OVA) and Advanced Golf Partners (AGP) made it possible for a good, clean, outdoor recreation activity to continue in our area.

The former OGC Monday Men's Niners golf section will be re-forming as AGP Monday Men's Niners,

playing on the Sugarloaf (former East) Course. The Niners are looking for members and if you want to join or re-join, email: stanaugustine@icloud.com or dwlevin25@gmail.com. A registration form will be emailed to you.

You must have or agree to obtain an NCGA handicap and pay the annual \$20 to sign up. Lots of fun with some really good guys.

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The Woodrums became the nucleus in 2011 for what became Oakmont's largest club—the Boomers. Tom and Teresa were both board members and he was a past president and the club's current treasurer. "We called him the mayor of Oakmont because he was so cordial and knew everybody," said Heide Klyn, Boomer organizer and an OVA board member.

Tom also served on the Oakmont Finance Committee for six years. Treasurer Elke Strunka said she will miss Tom's sense of humor and his work on budgets.

"It's hard to leave my friends in Oakmont, but we're putting family first," Tom wrote Elke in an email. "No one wanted to put mom in a nursing home."

The Oakmont Health Initiative (OHI) which the Woodrums initiated draws more than 60 participants to exercise, balance and dance sessions that met three

times a week at the Berger Center. Since Oakmont's facilities have been closed, YWCA instructor Jo Rene Woodworth has moved the classes online. The couple also spearheaded concerts and other fundraising events with the OHI Board so Oakmonters could continue to have access to free and affordable ways to socialize.

OHI Board Member Marilyn Pugliese said no change is anticipated since the program was really well organized by the Woodrums and is a huge part of people's lives in Oakmont.

When told the Woodrums were moving permanently, one of the class participants, Kathleen Schultz, responded, "I'm so bummed. They are such enthusiastic people and know everybody's name. They are a big reason why I go."

Other activities in which the socially active couple participated included the Oakmont Table Tennis Club and the Hiking Club.



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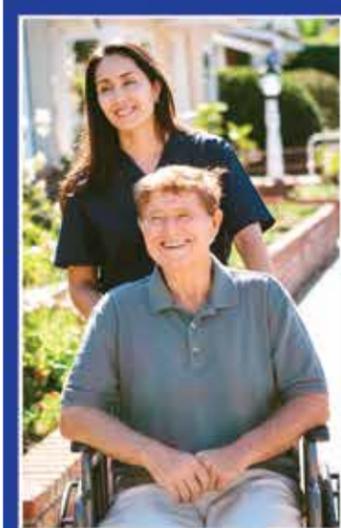
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Bocce Club



■ Linda and Don McPherson

STILL PATIENTLY WAITING...

Bocce Club members eagerly await information this month about when and under what Public Health Order restrictions bocce play can resume. Once OVA

has re-opened its recreational facilities, conditions for regular daily and tournament play will depend upon any applicable limits and requirements placed on recreational gatherings.

Bocce Club members will be advised promptly by e-mail when and under what circumstances daily play can resume and also will be notified when the next scheduled tournament will be played as well as whether any planned summer socials can go forward.

Tuesday Evening Bocce League Commissioner Jim Tosio has begun announcing "Who Would Have Won" and "Who Would Have Been Most Valuable Players" in the Tuesday evening league games, which were to have begun on May 12 prior to cancellation of the season. Many amusing email exchanges have resulted, helping members to keep in touch and keep their senses of humor sharp.

BOCCE VERSE

In her recent blog article "The Power of Poetry in a Pandemic," Anna Delamerced quotes Academy of American Poets Executive Director Jennifer Benka's statement that "poetry bears the power to bring us together." "This is why poetry is so important," Delamerced writes, "As we all stay at home under lockdown, words have taken on new meaning and importance. Poetry accepts ambiguity. Poems have multiple meanings. There is no one, right way to interpret a poet's words. Whether haiku or sonnet, free-form or rhyme, there are as many ways to write a poem as there are to read one."

So, Bocce Club members have begun trying their hands at Bocce limericks and other verse. Herewith, the initial contributions:

*Boldly he tossed the pallino
with dreams of shouting "Casino!"
But too hard he threw,
TWO backwall miscues!
Dismay: his team's hopes torpedoed.
Don McPherson*

*We all long for that day
When we gather to play
To again challenge our skills
To complain about hills
And remember whose turn it is anyway.
Linda McPherson*

*Boldly she threw the ball
Which rapidly hit the back wall
Oh No! she said
Our hopes are dead
My aim is our downfall.
Maurine MacHugh*

*We tried to decide who was first
We even held it rehearsed
But we could not say
Who was next to play
Three on a team is the worst.
Maurine MacHugh*



Daily play start time changed to 9:30 a.m. on May 1. (Who knew?)



Intro to Bocce—a highlight of Grandparents' Summer Week, canceled 2020.



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Revised Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Use Restrictions Set for Final Approval June 16

Oakmont residents have until June 16 to review and comment on the OVA vote to revise the architectural guidelines, standards, and use restrictions.

OVA directors voted unanimously for the change at the May board meeting. Under California Civil Code, members of Oakmont Village Association are given at least 28 days to review and comment on proposed rule changes and must provide the text of the rule and its purpose and effect as follows:

Proposed Rule Change: The proposed architectural guidelines, standard, and use restrictions were revised with minor changes and provide clarity to existing rules.

Purpose and Effect: The amended architectural policy complies with the Davis-Stirling ACT, better organizes the policy, and allows for stand-alone rules to be revised without having to change the entire policy. The policy is also amended to provide clarity.

The Board of Directors will be discussing the proposed rule change at its June 16 meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. to be held virtually by live-streaming. Members who desire to do so will have an opportunity to make comments on the proposed changes, by email, before adoption by the board (according to California Civil Code 4360 and 4040, respectively). If adopted, the new rules will become effective immediately.

Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Use Restrictions for Residential Property

I. GENERAL

The Architectural Committee (AC) seeks to enable Oakmont Village Association (OVA) property owners and the Homeowner Associations and to comply with the Oakmont Protective Restrictions (CC&Rs) and these Guidelines & Standards to maintain the beauty of Oakmont. An HOA shall refer to a sub-association composed of owners of properties located within an individual project (as defined in the sub-associations governing documents, including HOA CC&Rs) and subject to the Oakmont Village Association CC&Rs and these Guidelines and Standards. The AC understands that many architectural issues may be considered a matter of opinion; however, the AC's responsibility is to apply these Guidelines and Standards, and any other architectural requirements then in effect, equally, fairly and consistently to all 'owners' associations and property owners.

The Architectural Committee's primary responsibility is to assure continuity of design of Oakmont residential properties and preserve the open space, which will maintain or improve the appearance and enhance the overall value of every residential property in Oakmont. The AC also seeks to ensure that each residential property is adequately maintained and that each building, structure, and associated landscaping is kept in good condition, appropriately painted, and not permitted to fall into disrepair so that it does not detract from said residential property or its neighbors. The AC further ensures that all landscaping, modification of structures, materials, and painting colors are compatible with the aesthetic character of Oakmont.

The AC through the use of Oakmont Architectural Guidelines and Standards is also responsible for ensuring fair, equal and consistent treatment of all

property owners and Homeowners associations applications and complaints; Except where these Guidelines & Standards refer to a sub-HOA's Board of governors, all capitalized references to the "Architectural Committee" or the "Board of Directors" in these Guidelines and Standards shall refer to the Oakmont AC or Oakmont Board of Directors.

Written approval from the Architectural Committee is required before the start of work on additions or modifications to any Oakmont residential property. This includes but is not limited to:

- All exterior structures attached or detached and roofing: additions, changes, repairs, replacements, and painting.
- All mechanical equipment, such as air conditioners, external electrical generators, spa/pool equipment.
- All fences, gates, and screens include plantings that serve as a fence or screen.
- All landscaping projects. Including front, back and side yards, driveways, and sidewalks.
- Anything that alters the exterior appearance of a residence (e.g., window/door replacement, painting, color staining, etc.).

The AC acts only upon written applications for approvals of proposed architectural applications. In all cases, statements and material lists provided in writing with the application and with accompanying documents, plans, contractor bids, etc., will be the only basis for acceptability and approval of an application. No assumptions will be made. No verbal requests or comments will be considered. Only those items specifically labeled and defined on a drawing, plan, or similar document will be reviewed by the AC for approval. Failure to obtain the necessary permission before performing a modification of an Oakmont residential property constitutes a violation of the CC&Rs and these Guidelines and Standards and may require modification or removal of the unauthorized work at the sole expense of the homeowner and may result in any disciplinary action available to the Board of Directors of Oakmont.

Also, property owners should be aware that construction permits or other similar approvals may be required to be obtained from the City of Santa Rosa Building Division, Public Works, and other governmental agencies. The obligation to obtain such permits or regulatory approvals is the sole responsibility of the property owner, and the approval of any application may be revoked or rescinded if it is determined that the proper permits or governmental approvals were not obtained by the property owner. Notwithstanding the obligation, as applicable, to obtain building permits or regulatory approvals, getting such building permit(s) or governmental approvals does not mean that the AC approves of the same.

The AC has the responsibility to develop changes in policies and changes to the Guidelines and Standards. All changes are subject to review and affirmation by the Board of Directors of Oakmont following the operating rule requirements outlined in applicable California law. AC is aware that future regulations may change. The AC may establish reasonable

restrictions necessary to protect the substantial interest of the Association while complying with all laws.

State Law requires that contractors performing work totaling \$500 or more (including materials and labor) must be licensed by the Contractors State License Board to work in California. For further information, contact the Contractors State License Board at www.cslb.ca.gov or 1-800-321-2752.

Please read these guidelines and standards carefully before making any architectural or landscaping changes.

II. APPROVAL PROCEDURE

Only property owners and the HOA Board of Governors are allowed to submit applications and must comply with these Guidelines & Standards when submitting applications for approval and should contact the AC for any additional questions or issues.

The AC uses three colored forms to process applications. These forms are available at the Architectural Committee's office and on the Oakmont Village Association website at www.oakmontvillage.com. All forms and accompanying documents submitted to the AC are considered confidential and shall remain so unless an owner violates the CC&Rs and these Guidelines and Standards. Changes to the color of any of the herein referenced forms shall not constitute changes to these Guidelines and Standards requiring homeowner comment before enforcement. The forms are additionally set forth and described in further detail in the Forms Appendix enclosed with these Guidelines & Standards. Upon receiving a completed application form, the AC may proceed with the following procedures.

A. Neighbors: The AC may contact neighbors of the applicant if the AC believes the proposed project may impact 'neighbors' property. If the AC finds a neighbor awareness letter is warranted, letters will be issued to the appropriate property owners with a copy sent to the applicant. Input from neighbors may be considered; however, all decisions are made following the Guidelines & Standards, and any neighbor awareness letter will not be deemed to be a request for consent or approval from such neighbor(s).

B. Right of Inspection: Upon reasonable notice by the AC, the AC or may inspect any portion of an 'Owner's' property and the exterior of the buildings and improvements thereon to ascertain compliance with the CC&Rs and these Guidelines and Standards. No AC member shall be deemed guilty or liable for trespass or any other tort because of any inspection according to this provision.

C. Standards For Approval and Disapproval: Approval of any project by the AC does not waive the requirement to obtain a required City or county permit. Conversely, obtaining City or County permits does not constitute AC approval. The AC will disapprove an application submitted if any or all of the following are applicable:

1. The application does not comply with all of the provisions of the CC&Rs and these Guidelines &

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2. The proposal is not in harmony or esthetically pleasing with the general surroundings and open space or with adjacent buildings or structures.

3. The application or attached plans and specifications are incomplete.

D. Review Procedure For Approval And Disapproval:

• **Receipt of Applications:** The Architectural Administrator will receive, and date stamp each application submitted by an Oakmont property owner or sub-HOA's Board of governors. The Architectural Administrator will review the application for the use of the correct form(s), completeness of required information, usage of pre-approved materials (roofing, fence design, etc.), and accuracy/consistency of the request as compared to the contents of the property owner's property file. If the application is **incomplete**, the applicant will be contacted by telephone or notified by mail (or email if consented to by the property owner or HOA) as soon as possible.

• **Approval Process:** The standard procedure for processing an application begins with a thorough review of the request to determine compliance with the CC&Rs and these Guidelines and Standards. To clarify questions, it may be necessary for the Architectural Committee to make a site visit or discuss the proposed project with the applicant(s). Complex projects (i.e., extensive remodeling/landscaping) may require the involvement of experts. Determination by the AC will be made within thirty (30) business days of receipt of a complete architectural application from the applicant; provided, however, if no approval is given within such thirty (30) day period, the application will be deemed disapproved.

Any decision of the AC shall be in writing and shall include both an explanation of why the proposed change was disapproved, if applicable, and a description of the procedure for reconsideration by the AC and the Oakmont Board of Directors.

With such a variety of developed areas in Oakmont, it is improbable that all regulations herein can be reasonably applied to every application. The AC reserves the right to use their best judgment when unusual circumstances warrant.

E. Construction Drawings: Any application requiring drawings to explain the details of the proposed project shall be drawn to a standard scale as "1 inch = 10 ft, 1/8 inch = 1ft, 1/4 inch = 1ft". If the project requires further approval by the City of Santa Rosa or other public authorities, the applicant should check for their requirements. Most projects will require drawings showing the subdivision lot with property lines, the house and other structures on the lot. Street frontage yard projects should show the entire street frontage yard even if only part of the street frontage yard is the project.

Plans/drawings must be prepared following applicable building codes and with clarity and completeness. Work involving additions requiring variances or other jurisdictional permits may be submitted at the preliminary drawing stage for initial comment by the Architectural Committee. Final approval will only be given based upon complete and numbered plans/drawings, including all dimensions, applicable labels, and evidence of other required permits.

F. Verbal Statements: The AC will take action based only on written submissions by the applicant. Oral statements or requests will not be considered. Verbal statements made by an AC member are not binding on the AC or Board of Directors of Oakmont. Property Owners may only rely on the Architectural Committee's written approval or disapproval of an architectural application.

G. Hearings: If the AC denies an application or states that the AC will approve upon certain conditions, and an applicant does not agree with the AC's decision,

the applicant may request, in writing within fourteen (14) days of the written decision notice, an AC Work Review Meeting. The Work Review Meeting will be scheduled for the next available AC meeting date. The procedure is available in the AC Office.

H. Appeals: Following the AC Work Review Meeting, the applicant, if not satisfied with the AC's final decision, may request, in writing within thirty (30) days of the AC's final decision, an appeal to Oakmont's Board of Directors for reconsideration. The appeal procedure is available in the AC Office and online at Oakmont's website. The appeal will be heard in a closed meeting by the Oakmont Board of Directors at its next regularly Executive Session Board meeting. The appeal/reconsideration decision by the Oakmont Board of Directors shall be final and binding.

III. COMPLAINTS

Oakmont property owners or residents may file a complaint with the Administrative Office of suspected violations of these Guidelines & Standards by filing a written complaint. To submit a complaint, use the green form available at the Architectural Office or online at the Oakmont Village Association website. If an owner has previously agreed in writing to communicate with Oakmont using email communications, complaints set forth via email will be accepted as writing. Verbal complaints will not be considered.

Complainant's names will remain confidential unless a demand, based on due process rights, is lodged by the allegedly violating Oakmont homeowners/residents. After receiving a complaint as described above, the Administrative Office will investigate and research to determine if the complaint is a violation. Complaints concerning the property in HOA-maintained areas must be submitted in writing to the Board of governors of that HOA. If not satisfied with the Board of 'governors' response (or lack thereof within thirty (30) days) of the submission date, or if the complaint is against the Board of governors itself, a complainant may submit the complaint with all supporting documentation to the Administrative Office, stating the reason for the referral. Such complaints that are handled by the office against the Board of governors of a 'homeowner's Association will be investigated and will be reported back to the Homeowners association if any violation exists or not.

Nothing in this section shall prevent or be construed to limit Oakmont, including without limitation its AC or Board of Directors, from investigating or commencing the disciplinary process against a property owner or 'homeowner's Association without the submission of a complaint described herein.

• **Architectural Committee's Procedure:** When the Administrative Office receives a complaint or conducts its investigation, the AC will make a preliminary determination of whether an architectural or related violation exists and will notify the applicable property owner or HOA's in writing of the violation. If the violation is not corrected with evidence of the same provided to the AC within the amount of time required by the Architectural Committee, the matter will be referred to the Oakmont Board of Directors for handling.

• **OVA Board of Director's Procedure:** When the Oakmont Village Association Office refers a violation to the Oakmont Board of Directors for enforcement, the Owner or Board of governors of the applicable Owner's Association will be notified in writing, following Oakmont's Hearing Procedure, Enforcement, and Fine Policy, of their right to attend a hearing at which they will be provided with an opportunity to be heard before Oakmont's Board of Directors. Please refer to Oakmont's Hearing Procedure, Enforcement, and Fine Policy for all procedures relating to the Board's disciplinary hearings.

IV. STANDARDS

The following list of standards is not exhaustive but includes several of the requirements and general approaches to comply with the Oakmont CC&Rs

applicable for a sub-HOA. The AC will evaluate all requests for upgrades, modifications, and changes to residential properties in a fair, equitable, and consistent manner that meets the requirements and the intent of any applicable CC&Rs.

A property owner must verify and present, to the AC, any documentation required by the City of Santa Rosa to the AC before construction commences, which includes, without limitation, demolition.

A. Set-Backs: Setbacks of all buildings/structures from property lot lines must be following the CC&Rs and City of Santa Rosa Zoning Code, as follows:

1. Front Lot Line:
No building nearer than 15 feet.
No building set back further than 30 feet.
No accessory structure nearer than 20 feet.
No garage door nearer than 20 feet from a front lot line or rear of the public sidewalk, whichever is greater.

2. Exterior (Street) Side Lot Line: No building/structure nearer than 15 feet. (Per City of Santa Rosa Zoning Code. Should such Code change regarding the 15 feet requirement, such change will be deemed to be changed in these Guidelines and Standards without requiring homeowner comment before enforcement. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the City of Santa Rosa reduces its minimum requirement to less than 15 feet, Oakmont's current 15-foot requirement shall remain in effect.

3. Interior Side Lot Line: No building/structure nearer than 5 feet (Per City of Santa Rosa Zoning Code, specific by parcel. Should such Code change regarding the five (5) feet requirement, such change will be deemed to be changed in these Guidelines and Standards without requiring homeowner comment before enforcement) Notwithstanding the preceding, if the City of Santa Rosa reduces its minimum requirement to less than 5 feet, Oakmont's current 5-foot requirement shall remain in effect.

4. Rear Lot Line:
No building nearer than 15 feet.
No detached accessory structure closer than 5 feet.

5. Specific Rule For A Lot Abutting A Golf Course: No structure, wall, deck, balcony, fence (or landscaping used as a fence) nearer than 25 feet from the golf course property line, if applicable, will be considered without the specific, written approval of the AC for a variance of same.

The AC recognizes that many homeowners on the golf course have plantings equivalent to fences at their lot lines abutting a golf course, and these may be allowed to remain provided they are well maintained and approved in writing by the Architectural Committee.

Notwithstanding the preceding, patios at ground level are permitted within the 25-foot setback.

For purposes of determining a set-back, eaves, steps, and open porches are not part of a building. Distance is measured from the wall of the building at ground level. In measuring for front yard setbacks (and side yard setbacks on corner lots), measurements should be taken from the inside of the sidewalk (the side away from the street). If there is no sidewalk, measurements are taken from the curb lines.

B. Vision Triangle: Refer to The Vision Triangle

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Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

C. Maintenance of Property: All Oakmont residential property shall not fall into disrepair. The property must always be kept in good condition and adequately painted. All residential Oakmont property shall always be maintained in good condition, painted and free of trash and debris.

All work contemplated on the exterior of a structure in a sub-HOA -maintained area must have the approval of that sub 'HOA'S Board of governors as well as the approval of the Oakmont AC, and the when required.

D. Work Hours: Contractors, landscapers, and gardeners may not commence before 8:00 AM, and all work, including cleanup, must be completed by 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No work is permitted on Sundays or federal holidays.

E. Worksite:

1. Trash dumpsters, if used, shall be placed on the property, preferably in the driveway and removed upon completion of work.

2. If dumpsters must be placed in the street, they must comply with the City of Santa Rosa regulations.

3. Portable toilets must be placed on the property and out of sight to the extent possible.

4. All vehicles must be parked on paved driveways or streets.

5. The work site must be maintained to reduce dust or odors to neighbor properties.

6. Worksite (and sidewalk/street) must be cleared of rubbish and building materials each evening. No temporary structures can remain overnight without the specific advance written approval of the Architectural Committee.

7. Construction noise must be minimized.

8. No advertising signs are permitted on the property.

9. Construction workers may not bring pets on to Oakmont property.

10. Oakmont's "Project Construction Conditions" (which is available in the Architectural Office and included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards) are required to be signed and returned to the Architectural Office by the applying property owner before the commencement of any project.

11. It is the Property Owners' responsibility to ensure that contractors are made aware of and follow the rules in the Project Construction Policy.

F. Additions and Alterations: All additions, modifications, or alterations to a property owner's landscape, residence, or placement of a structure on the property owner's lot that will change or impact the exterior of the residence in any way, requires prior written approval from the AC. Without any limitation to the preceding, such restriction also includes the demolition of an existing structure or landscape on the property owner's lot.

Without limitation of any items described herein, such approval also applies to solar tubes, skylights, air turbines, weathervanes, mailboxes, and flagpoles. Solar panels and antennas are unique and are considered in greater detail in Section IV. F. herein. Property owners are required to submit a complete application to the Architectural Office.

All additions and exterior alterations should be compatible, architecturally and aesthetically, with other homes in the respective subdivision and with the consideration of preserving Oakmont's ongoing commitment to open space. To that end, and without limitation, rooflines, outside wall heights, and other external features must be compatible with the respective subdivision neighborhood. (See Section IV. A. Setbacks) The following structures or items represent a non-exhaustive list of specific architectural standards applicable:

1. Awnings: Awning materials must complement the existing architecture, aesthetics, and color scheme of the dwelling.

The materials selected must be maintained in an attractive, clean, and un-faded condition.

Notwithstanding the obligation to obtain prior written AC approval, acceptable awning materials include wood, pre-finished aluminum, and appropriate fabric and colors; provided, however, that aluminum window awnings in the front of a dwelling/residence shall not be permitted nor approved by the Architectural Committee.

Notwithstanding the obligation to obtain AC approval, roll-up awnings are permitted.

2. Patios: A patio is defined as an at grade recreational area adjacent to a dwelling and is usually paved.

All patio covers require AC approval and may require a City of Santa Rosa Permit/s.

Notwithstanding the obligation to obtain AC approval, patio, sunshade, arbor, trellis, and structural gazebo members must be made of wood or comparable manmade materials (e.g., Nexwood, Trex, etc.), except for vertical supports which may be made of metal or masonry and painted to match or be compatible with the adjoining applicants dwelling.

Redwood may remain in its natural state.

3. Balconies: A balcony is defined as a platform that projects from the wall of a building and should be enclosed by a railing. Balconies are generally of wood construction. However, new manmade materials (e.g., Nexwood, Trex, etc.) are becoming available and may be requested. Colors must be the same as, or compatible with, the dwelling to which the balcony is attached.

4. Decks: A deck is defined as a flat-floored, roofless area either attached or adjacent to a dwelling. Decks are generally of wood construction. The foundation of decks, if applicable, must be screened with lattice-type construction. New manmade materials (e.g., Nexwood, Trex, etc.) are becoming available and may be requested. Unpainted redwood is acceptable. If painted or stained, the color should closely match and be compatible with the color of the dwelling.

5. Trellises, Arbors, And Gazebos: All trellises, arbors, gazebos, and similar structures require AC approval. Freestanding trellises and arbors follow the general rules for external structures. The height of these structures may be restricted to be architecturally and aesthetically consistent with their surroundings.

6. Exterior Equipment: Exterior equipment such as air conditioners, power ventilators, spas, pools, landscape ponds with pumps for circulating water, electrical generators, etc. require written AC approval before installation.

Window air conditioners are not permitted.

Complete plans with dimensions, showing the location of the equipment along with the method and type of screening and appropriate noise reduction, should be submitted along with the Application for Approval.

Placement of motors, blowers, etc. should be as far as possible from neighboring properties.

Special consideration will be given to keeping "noisy" equipment away from neighbors' bedrooms.

7. Antennas and Satellite Dishes: The installation of radio and television antennas (exclusive of satellite dishes) requires an approved application from the Architectural Committee.

Satellite dishes which are or are less than thirty-six (36) inches in diameter or diagonal measurement which are designed to receive video programming services via multipoint distribution services, including multichannel multipoint distribution services, instructional television, fixed services, and local multipoint distribution services may be erected, placed or installed on a lot, provided that:

(a) any such permitted device is placed in the least conspicuous location on the residence at which an acceptable quality signal can be received and is either not visible from neighboring property or is reasonably screened from view from streets of any neighboring lot or common area; and

(b) reasonable restrictions which do not significantly

increase the cost of installation of an approved device or significantly decrease its efficiency or performance, including, without limitation, screening material, location or complementary color painting of the device, maybe imposed as a part of these Guidelines and Standards.

Oakmont or the AC may impose a pre-installation design review process, on a case by case basis, to determine the location, angle, and visibility of a permitted device.

Inoperable satellite dishes or satellite dishes otherwise in violation of these Guidelines and Standards or applicable law must be removed.

8. Solar Energy: Refer to the Solar Policy, included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards. Copies also available in the AC office and the Oakmont Village Association Website.

9. Excavation, Drainage and Fill: No grading, cuts, fill or excavation may be performed, changed or altered, and no change may be made in the grade of any property without the prior written consent of the AC and shall be consistent with the following requirements:

The original course of surface water flow must not be altered to create the potential for adversely affecting the neighboring property.

All downspouts must be connected to the street or designated drainage area.

Homeowners should notify the Santa Rosa Department of Public Works directly of water problems within a residential property or on Oakmont streets.

10. Fences, Hedges, And Boundary Plants: For purposes of these Guidelines & Standards, a "fence" will include a hedge or line of shrubs, or any material used to indicate enclosure of residential property. It does not include trees or golf screens.

On lots that border a golf course, (also see Section IV.A. Set-Backs), fencing of four (4) feet in height, in an open design such as, without limitation Fence Type 11 or any other open-plan as outlined in the Fence Designs policy, may extend beyond the rear of the dwelling only upon the prior written approval of the AC.

Enclosure fencing may not be placed beyond the most forward portion of the dwelling.

Further, all fencing must conform to the then-current design, material, and colors established by the AC. Approved specifications and designs may be obtained from the AC Office. Electrified fences, which do not include electronic pet-containment fences, will not be accepted under any circumstances and are prohibited. Electric pet-containment fences require prior written AC approval.

The standard height of fences in Oakmont is six (6) feet. Any fence above six (6) feet in height requires both AC approval and a City of Santa Rosa Building Permit. In all circumstances, the portion of the fence above 6 feet must be lattice fencing only.

Height measurements will be made from the lowest natural grade, which may be the bottom of a retaining wall on which the fence is built. Subject to the prior written approval from the Board of governors of the 'Owner's sub-association and the Oakmont Architectural Committee, the following requirements shall be applicable

Fencing or gates extending from the dwelling to the side yard shall be of wood or another type of approved enclosed fencing material to eliminate any visibility of items that may be stored in rear or side yards.

Refer to the Enclosed Fence Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

11. Association-Maintained Areas: Fencing may be allowed when a recorded Exclusive Use Common Area agreement is provided and must comply with all other fence requirements in the recorded Exclusive Use of Common Area, CC&R's, and Architectural Guidelines and Standards.

12. Owner-Maintained Areas: Lots with side or rear street frontage, a fence shall not exceed 3ft. In

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Jazz Club

■Dolora DeGeer Hurst

By the time this newspaper is delivered we may be free people again! I certainly hope so, although there will probably be some restrictions that must still be followed. Many thanks to our Governor for the way he handled this incredibly serious situation.

I am hoping that we will be able to hold a July 1 Jazz Club meeting. I am counting on it, and will be very happy to see everyone again. We will meet in

our regular room in the East Recreation Building, 2 p.m. It is a large room if we should still need to allow space between persons.

I do not know about the program at this time. Also, I can't wait to share information about planned jazz programs. I am hoping that we will have a program about Andrea Motis, the fabulous Spanish jazz artist who I wrote about in a previous news article. She,

and her husband, have a wonderful jazz group and are making quite a name for themselves. She is only 25 years old!

I also have news about possible Berger Center jazz programs, that we can sponsor, if we so choose to do them. Great artists.

Please stay well, and look forward to better days in the future. See you in July?

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Featured Homes



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386 Riven Rock Court — \$649,000

This delightful, sunny 1,552 sq.ft. 2 bed/2 bath Bennett Mountain home has been updated and impeccably maintained. It features a central kitchen with quartz-like counters, stainless appliances and gorgeous flooring throughout. The sizable living/dining room has a gas fireplace, cathedral ceiling with recessed lighting. The comfortable patio has mountain and protected golf course views and the front has views of Annadel Park. Come see for yourself this tranquil setting.



122 Valley Lakes Drive — \$667,750

Desirable 3 bed/2 bath, 1,870 sq.ft. Juniper floor plan on a quiet interior street. This home's warm interior has been freshly painted and new carpet installed throughout. New roof and gutters March 2020. Nicely landscaped front and rear yards, and a fenced rear and side yard. Refrigerator, washer/dryer and freezer included in this sale. Stop by for a peek at this gem.



6343 Pine Valley Drive — \$949,900

This stunning 2,319 sq.ft. 3 bed/3 bath open floor plan in The Meadows features beautiful hardwood flooring, high ceilings and custom window coverings. The spacious kitchen offers ample granite counters, 5-burner gas cooktop, stainless GE appliances and a large island, giving the chef in you a special place to entertain. Don't miss the two master suites, both with walk-in closets. You'll love making this beautiful home your own.



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Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Tricia Shindledecker, President

Oakmont loves the Redwood Empire Food Bank. In a one-week collection spree, Oakmont residents collected over 45 bags of food and more than \$3,600 for the Redwood Empire Food Bank. The food collection drive was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Oakmont in response to its members' frustration that there seemed to be so little anyone could do during the COVID shelter-in-place limitations.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank sponsors a "Ding Dong Donate" program designed specifically for these unprecedented times. Members delivered paper bags to their neighbors' doorsteps with instructions to fill the

bag or make a donation, along with the date when the club members would return to collect the donations. One week later, on the designated date, two large vehicles were needed to transport all the collected items to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. In addition, many residents responded with cash donations, allowing the Food Bank to purchase additional supplies during this time of unprecedented need.

This was an incredibly satisfying service project, knowing there are so many in the community in dire need at this time.

The Kiwanis Club's next project is a community-wide Shred-a-Thon scheduled for July 17, at the Berger Center parking lot. The club meets by teleconference on Thursday mornings.



Pickleball Corner

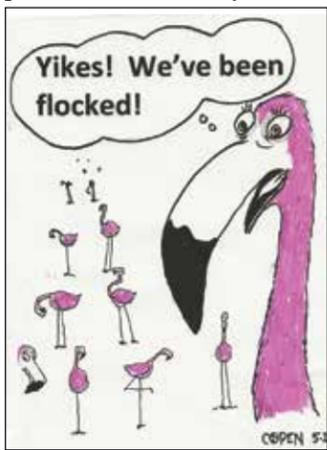


■Doc Savarese

FLOCKED

During these trying times of isolation, it has come to my attention that Oakmont Pickleball members are being flocked (not to be confused with any other word which may sound familiar). Flock is an old English noun which means to gather or move in a large number. It appears that the people who were flocked actually deserve it due to their excessive flocking habits. Flocking consists of anonymously placing a group of plastic flamingos (known for their flocking behavior and defying social distancing) in a designated yard of an Oakmont Pickleball member. Instructions are included to pay it forward by selecting a pickleball member who also needs a good flocking and placing the flock in their yard.

Yes, with the release of the Corona Virus restrictions which have been placed upon us, our flocking instincts have been renewed. A rationale can be made in favor of the herd immunity concept which simply states that individuals are protected from contagious diseases as a result of living in a community where a critical number of people are vaccinated. They are thereby protected even if they are unable to be vaccinated.



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

Pertaining to the Oakmont Pickleball Club, it is my assertion that the members have a high need for flocking. Pickleball is their major flocking activity, where gathering in movement and numbers is very essential and desirable. In fact, there are some individuals outside the pickleball community who are critical of the excessive noise and laughter which is the result of their flocking activities.

Can you imagine what it will be like for the members when the isolation is lifted? It is anticipated that large numbers will gather at the courts of the East Rec. Center. Hugging and elbow bumping will be observed even with some not wearing masks. Social eating habits will probably resume and I wouldn't be surprised if a dessert potluck (Snap) will be one of the first activities.

Flocking habits might have to be refined confining players to smaller numbers and distancing. How that evolves will be up to considerable deliberation and discussion. Outsider flocks will probably be more restrictive. If enough of the flock gets tested, perhaps herd immunity will prevail and protect the majority of the flock.

In any case, it is going to be very difficult adjustment for the flock, but we will prevail which is what good flocks do.

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■Pastor Brinda

Hello Beloved Community,

I hope you all have stayed healthy and strong during this "Stay at Home" order.

I have been getting reports of several people falling. I am really concerned that many of you are not getting the exercise you need to keep your bodies active. Let me encourage you to hold on to a chair and do some balance exercises and leg lifts to build your walking muscles.

I also encourage you to go outside and breathe fresh air, at the very least, open up all your windows and let your house air out. The sunlight is so healthy for us. Sunlight helps to alleviate depression.

Remember at this time to wear a mask when going around other people. By the way, if you need a nice cloth mask, I have been making masks for our members and I would be happy to make you one as well. The masks are pleated, three-layers that have elastic loops for your ears, and pipe cleaner inside to pinch over your nose. Please call if you would like one.

We are all waiting patiently to once again worship in person. Currently for those of you who have the internet, we have continued meet every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship via live streaming on YouTube. You can find us easily on our webpage.

Since many of the people in our congregation do not have access to the internet in their homes, we started

a low frequency radio service on FM 88.7. As we live stream our service at 10:30 a.m., you will be able to listen in to the worship service. Sadly, it is not a perfect solution. The downside to low frequency is that it is low-powered which means it only reaches about a half-mile, and you need a good radio with a strong antenna to hear the station. However, if you have a car you can drive towards the Manse, when the signal comes in just park anywhere along the road. For now, this is the best we can do. I pray that our religious rights will be restored in the very near future.

I do hope that you all are praying, but not just about the end of this virus or for your own safety, but for what is happening during this shut down experiment. There are many people suffering. They are out of work, suicides, abuse, alcohol use, and anxiety are all on the rise, as well as, other evils. People's health is going unchecked and many are lonely and fearful about the future. People need hope. They need peace, and as we are aware, we can find this in Jesus. Our future is in God's hands. He loves you and you are never alone. Stay safe.

Oakmont Community Church is a non-denomination Bible-based church. How can we serve you? Need Prayer or communion? Call me at 595-0166. The Church Office is at the Manse: 6687 Oakmont Dr. Website: occsantarosa.org.

Tennis Club



■Joanne Phillips

WHAT ARE OTC MEMBERS DOING INSTEAD OF TENNIS?

There's a saying circulating around social media these days that people will emerge after the shelter-in-place mandate is lifted as a hunk, a chunk, or a drunk. Let's hope OTC members keep their shape with daily exercise at home or in our lovely neighborhood and nearby parks.

In addition to our physical conditioning, we want keep our tennis skills in top form while the courts are closed. Here are a couple of tennis drills that can be done off court so that your game will not go Ker plunk:

Shadow Swing: stand in front of a mirror and practice your stroke form. Be sure you are far enough away from lamps, pets, and full wine glasses.

Practice Your Ball Toss: Serving is one of the most important parts of your game, and it is the only stroke in tennis that is completely within your control. The toss can be practiced in your living room, if your ceilings are high, or in the driveway or patio. Again, be careful to keep breakables and spillables out of the way. Be mindful too of any nearby dogs who might steal your tennis ball midair.



Kathleen Tindle takes a moment to practice her topspin follow-through while biking in Annadel.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU CAN'T PLAY TENNIS? EAT!

While the tennis courts are closed, we will feature great recipes from our OTC members to keep us occupied as we shelter in place. This installment is courtesy of yours truly in an effort to fill you with essential vitamins and polyphenols adequate to keep cooties at bay. This easy recipe was the signature salad of the Redwood Grill in Houston, Texas and will earn you rave reviews with minimal effort. Add the protein of your choice to make it a main dish. My favorite is grilled salmon.

Nantucket Bleu Spinach Salad:

Blueberry Vinaigrette: 1 shallot, minced; 1 tsp. salt; 1/3 c. raspberry vinegar; 1/2 pt. fresh blueberries; 3 tbsp. sugar; 1 c. vegetable oil. Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

Salad: 1 bag ready to eat baby spinach; 1 pt. of fresh blueberries; 2/3 c. blue cheese, crumbled; 1/2 c. toasted pecans, chopped.

In a large bowl, combine spinach, blueberries, cheese and pecans, then toss with generous amount of vinaigrette.

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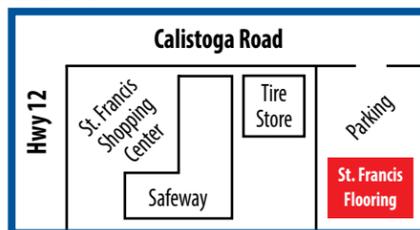
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Women of Faith Bible Study

■Cynthia DiBenedetto, Leader/Contact

DAVID: SEEKING A HEART LIKE HIS BY BETH MOORE

We have a journey before us as we begin this story through Scripture. King David is a multi-faceted personality and one of the most well-known figures in history. Getting prepared for the study of David requires being ready for the onset of a natural disaster. The theme is backwards, an example of the opposite: man in relationship to God. David's life calls forth many responses, but boredom is not one of them.

This in-depth 11th session Bible Study begins with David in *The Book of Samuel* (before Christ comes to this earth, when Saul is Israel's first king). This is the introduction to that particular man of God.

1 Samuel 13:1-14, the study of character development: getting involved in the story of a

shepherd king. 1 Samuel 13:5-14, touches on the Phillistines, and Saul's forfeited throne through disobedience and lack of intimacy with God. Saul's refusal of trust in God cost him the Lord's blessings and rewards.

The lives of Samuel and Saul were intertwined through time by two words: "asked for." Go to 1 Samuel Ch. 1 for the backstory of Hannah, who brings her grief before The Lord. Hannah's son called Samuel, and the name Saul have corresponding meanings in the ancient Hebrew language. Saul is specifically the word that means exactly: "asked for." The name Samuel sounds like the word asked for, but means "the one who God has spoken over."

1 Samuel 8:1-22, There was a King coming, though not the one God Himself chose. Be careful what you saul to God for, if you asked for it, God will redeem

it. 1 Samuel 10:20-24, from the tribe of Benjamin came Saul, the asked for king. 1 Samuel 12:12-15 (coming out of the period of Judges) Samuel gives a farewell to Israel and still makes appearances in this book. 1 Samuel 11:6-27 Saul had a heart to appease God instead of pleasing Him. Saul's position exceeded his passion. God wanted a man who valued a relationship with Him over a victory with the Ammonites.

God was looking for someone who would bring their whole heart into leadership and that would come on a field where a boy was keeping the sheep. God is telling us that He is looking for anybody that would bring his whole heart to Him. Every story that is written is the adventure that God is writing about His own glory.

When we are able to resume, please join us in this small informal study. Contact me at 538-4505.



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Pétanque Club

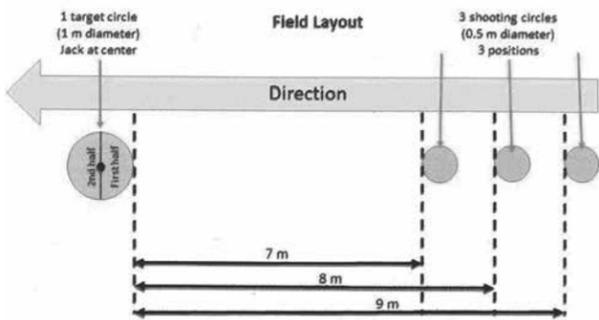


■Don McPherson

HOPING FOR RETURN TO PLAY

Like all others involved with Oakmont-sponsored sports, Pétanque Club members are hoping for the opening of the court with play permitted under some limits. Since pétanque is played with personal equipment, it is easy to maintain social distancing and to wear face covering. Only limited rule variations and restrictions on the number of players are necessary.

In the meantime, an excellent personal pointing practice routine, that can also be a format for solo "backyard" competitions is "Point 27." The cochonnet is placed in the middle of a circle one meter in diameter on a horizontal line that bisects the circle into a front half and a back half. Pointing throws are made from seven, eight, and nine meters consecutively with nine boules, three per round,



Schematic by Petaluma Valley Pétanque Club.

thrown from each distance (27 throws total).

If the cochonnet is moved by a throw it is replaced in the center; a boule stopping on the ring of the circle counts; a boule stopping outside the circle scores no points. Points are counted after each 3-boule round: 5 points if a boule stops touching the cochonnet; 3 points if a boule stops in the front half of the target circle, 1 point if a boule stops in the back half of the target circle. Points are then totaled.

Club members have been writing and sharing pétanque limericks and other verse, including these most recent contributions:



Cindi Clemence.

*When playing petanque with our boules
We all avoid looking like fools
From the circle we start
While six feet apart
We all must abide by the rules
Gordon Blumenfeld*

*A certain young man from Nantucket
Played pétanque at the drop of a ducat
When asked out to play
He'd always say "Yea!"
and when tossing his boule always "stuck it!"
Jim Knapp*

*Said the boule to the cochonnet,
"Shall I point or shoot on this play?"
But worry's for nought,
my focus is shot.
The truth is, it's "Merde!" either way.
Don McPherson*

Quarantine

*It was insouciance and happy games, now we are in a
sorrow quarantine
Pétanque no more and empty court, will someday our heart
stop to bleed
walks on the village, smile to little dogs, but when are we
living again
dream cochonnet, carreaux, shining balls, but when are we
playing again.
Jack Pernet*

One of these days...

*It's sad to see the weeks go by
With no one on the court
But one of these days
We'll point and we'll shoot
We'll follow the rules
Pick up our own boules
And have a great time to boot.
Nina Blake*

The club welcomes all Oakmont residents to enjoy the challenge and satisfaction of pétanque. Once the current facilities closure has been lifted, the club hopes to resume sponsorship of play consistent with applicable public health restrictions and OVA policies.



Gordon Blumenfeld.



Jeff Clemence.



Jim Tosio.

Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■John Brodey

INFODEMIC

It seems the less we know, the more desperately we want answers. This is especially true when the mystery affects everyone on the planet and has a rather serious downside.

We are now closing in on two months of uncertainty and the one constant is that everyone has an opinion, and that is just plain exhausting. It seems to make no difference that the subject matter is complex and that we can't hope to make up for the missing 20 years of epidemiological education and experience on our resumes. But, thanks to the internet there are plenty of people who may not have passed high school chemistry who are happy to tell us what we they think.

I didn't realize how much time could be spent watching videos, reading the news, online sites, FB and press conferences all in search of the truth. I really tried, but frankly, I have nothing to show for it. My brain is shutting down as the realities and future impacts of this crisis start to look like some bizarre four-dimensional species flow chart.

Ten weeks and I still haven't picked up even one of the dozen books on my bed stand that I sincerely hoped I would finally read. My mid-year resolution is to cut out all the middlemen/women.

I am not going to subject what remaining sanity I have to random suggestions and extended conversations about what's coming next.

I'm going to slow down, breathe more and switch my focus to things that aren't so stressful. I'll keep up with what discoveries the experts are making and what those in the trenches are observing. Not a head in the sand approach if you will, but a filtering process to separate substance from noise.

With all this new free time, I am going to concentrate more on what kinds of positive things people are doing to help one another through the this frighteningly difficult time. It is good to see the dramatic increase in the number of fundraising efforts by individuals. They seem to address a wide range of human needs during this time.

Then there are the well-established non-profits we already work with who are adding services to deal with the added burdens faced by the disadvantaged populations. The only caveat with those new "pop-up" fundraisers is to make sure you understand exactly what your donation will be used for, who is accountable and how you can learn more about their mission or even volunteer. The number of people I see stepping up to help distribute food and essentials is inspiring to say the least. Not everybody can do the

heavy lifting but there are other ways to help.

Here at Rotary, we will continue to do the work and are happy to invite you to get a better feel for this kind of service by joining in on our Friday morning meeting Zoomfests at 9 a.m. We continue to have an interesting slate of speakers each week. The upcoming calendar includes:

June 5: Oakmont Emergency Preparedness information and coordination.

June 12: We will have David Goodman, CEO of the Redwood Empire Food Bank, giving us his annual update. This one should be quite compelling as they are a first responder when it comes to feeding our community. He is a very charismatic and dynamic speaker.

June 19: We will hear from the Council on Aging with lots of information on the current crisis as it applies to those of us OACA (of a certain age).

This is the kind of information that makes sense to prioritize if we want to limit our input to things that we can control and use to create solutions. Without the burden of listening to everyone's expert opinion, it looks like I'm going to find myself with some real free time to do what I want to do. First up, tackling the biggest book on my stack: *War and Peace*. It almost sounds relaxing at this point.



ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

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height within the 15-foot setback. Also, such a fence shall not extend beyond the most forward portion of the dwelling in the front yard.

Enclosure fencing may not be placed beyond the most forward portion of the dwelling.

13. Non-Enclosure Front Yard Fences, Also Referred to As Decorative Fences: Refer to the Non-Enclosure Fence Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

14. Non-Enclosure Front Yard Refuse Container Fences: Refuse container fencing may not extend more than 5 feet forward from the front of the residence structure nor more than 12 feet horizontally.

The fence, depending on location, may be 4 feet to a maximum of 6 feet in height.

The fence must be compatible with the siding and painted to match the body paint color of the residence.

Applicants should request the current Non-Enclosure Front Yard Refuse Container Fence Policy along with their Application for Approval from the Architectural Committee.

All applications are subject to a site review.

15. Maintenance and Replacement: Fences should be adequately maintained and replaced if in poor condition. Applications for repair or replacement must be made to and approved in writing by the AC before the commencement of work, which includes, without limitation, demolition of the property owners' current fences.

16. Plant Enclosures: Refer to the Plants and Bushes Enclosure Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

17. Golf Screens: Refer to the Golf Screen Policy—included in the back pages of the Guidelines and Standards.

18. Landscaping: Refer to the Landscape Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

19. Artificial Turf: Refer to the Artificial Turf Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

20. Fire Safe 5ft. Defensible Space: Refer to the Fire Safe Defensible Space Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

21. Trees: Prior written approval must be obtained from the AC before any tree removal or tree planting of any residential property. Please consider its growth habits and mature size. Trees should not infringe on the house or street, or block driveway exits or the vision triangle on corner properties.

Lines of trees and trees that are not appropriate for the location will not be approved by the Architectural Committee. The AC will not accept eucalyptus, redwood, palm, or lines of cypress trees.

Lists of recommended trees are available in the AC Office, along with a hand-out on Tree Care and Selection.

Removal or altering of Heritage Trees requires written evidence of City of Santa Rosa approval and written AC approval. Written permission is also required for pruning or trimming Heritage Trees. Information concerning Heritage Trees in Santa Rosa is available in the AC Office.

There is no legal right in Oakmont to protect or ensure scenic views from or for any property.

22. Painting: Paint chip color shall be submitted as a part of the application and must be approved in writing before beginning without limitation; this includes preparing the area that will be painted once the proposed project is approved by the Architectural Committee. Unless one of the Architectural Committee's palette colors have been selected, the recommended paint color must very nearly match any AC paint colors and the paint manufacturer, its product number, and a sample must accompany the application. (An acceptable palette of body and trim colors are available in the AC office.

In HOA's-maintained areas, the Board of governors

of the applicable Owner's Association is responsible for selecting approved paint colors; provided, however, that each Board of Governors shall be required to obtain the prior written approval of the paint colors from the AC before the enforcement of the paint colors. All units of a duplex, triplex, or fourplex must be painted the same color at the same time.

A palette of colors specifically related to the painting, coloring, and staining of residence driveways is available at the AC Office.

Refer to the Painting Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards.

23. Parking and Storage: According to Article 3, Section 2 of the CC&Rs, the following rules relating to vehicle parking shall be in effect:

The use of carports and open garages shall be limited to the storage of vehicles, provided, however, that storage of other items will be permitted with an approved enclosed storage cabinet therein.

No trailer, boat, or commercial truck (or other similar commercial or recreational vehicle/equipment) shall be permitted to be parked on any lot, nor shall any structure of a temporary/permanent character be allowed on any lot, unless approved in writing in advance by the AC.

Oakmont may adopt rules relating to parking in or on any "community facilities" as that term is defined in the CC&Rs and may enforce such rules to the extent permitted by the CC&Rs and California Vehicle Code Section 22658.

To best maintain the aesthetic harmony and character of the community, it is encouraged that owners park the maximum number of vehicles possible within their garages at all times and do not park their cars or perform repairs to their cars on their driveways.

24. Use of Residential Properties: See Article 3, Section 2 of the CC&Rs.

25. Roofing: When submitting an Architectural Application to the AC for re-roofing or siding, homeowners are required to attach a copy of the contractor's proposal describing the materials, roof life, and color to be used. All roofing must be rated for at least a 30-year life. Roofing materials, including patio roofs, must be of the color of and material approved in advance and in writing by the Architectural Committee. Vents and other items, on/ or protruding through a roof, must be painted to match the owner's residence with flat paint to blend in with the roof. Exterior work on all units of a duplex, triplex, or fourplex must be done at the same time.

26. Signs: Refer to the Sign Policy, included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards. Contact the AC Office for a copy of the complete Sign Policy.

27. Mailbox Posts and Weathervanes: All mailbox posts, weathervanes, and similar structures require the prior written approval by the Architectural Committee. Paint colors of flagpoles, weathervanes, and rural-type mailboxes and posts also require prior written approval by the Architectural Committee.

28. Flagpoles, Mailbox Posts, Weathervanes: Refer to Flag Policy—included in the back pages of the Guidelines and Standards.

29. Trash, Grass, Weeds, Other Nuisances: Residents must keep their property "neat, clean, and well-kept." If a complaint is made to the Architectural Office, the AC will inspect the property and, if a violation is found, the CC&Rs will be enforced.

Containers for garbage and large containers for yard trimmings must be stored in the homeowner's garage or appropriate storage area out of public view, or in the back yard within the property line.

No container may be stored in the common area of an association-maintained area.

The use of leaf blowers in a resident's yard is permitted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. only, Monday through Saturday; no such work is allowed on Sundays or federal holidays. The AC strongly recommends that, for the consideration of all neighbors and residents, electric-powered leaf blowers be used. If a resident, landscaper or gardener

is unable to use an electric-powered leaf blower, the AC strongly advises that a four (4) stroke gas-powered leaf blower be used by all residents.

Without limiting the permitted hours of leaf blowing described above, please note that according to Santa Rosa City Code, it is unlawful for any person to operate any gas-powered leaf blower or lawn broom in a residential district between the hours of eight p.m. and eight a.m. Monday through Friday or between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Any violation of the preceding ordinance shall constitute an infraction with a maximum penalty of a fine not to exceed \$100, as enforced by the City of Santa Rosa; provided, however, that the Association shall apply the preceding rule against an owner following the Association's disciplinary notice and hearing procedures.

30. Sheds: Refer to Shed Policy—included in the back pages of these Guidelines and Standards

31. Holiday Lighting, Decorations and Displays: Holiday lighting, decorations, and displays (that are exterior or visible from the exterior) may not be permanent but may be set up from November 1 to January 15 each year.

G. Garage Sales: All residents must notify the AC in writing before any sale, stating the date, time, and address of the sale and the AC shall provide written approval for such sale conditional upon the owner's execution of a waiver and indemnity agreement in favor of Oakmont.

Any waiver and indemnity agreement shall only be applicable for one sale; any additional or future sale(s) shall require the execution of a new agreement.

Items sold are to be limited to personal and household items and shall not include items obtained for resale or which are commercial.

Household item sales (garage sales) are temporary and shall not exceed 72 hours in duration or occur more than 3 times each year at any residence.

Only one on-site sign, not to exceed 4 square feet in area, shall be located on the site to give notice of a household item sale (garage sale). Any off-site signs (if located within "Oakmont's premises), attached to poles or trees, shall be removed each evening and discarded by the Owner.

All items for sale shall be kept within the garage area.

H. Estate Sales: All residents and professional estate sales businesses must notify the AC in writing before any estate sale, stating the date, time and address of the sale and the AC shall provide written approval for such estate sale conditioned upon the owner's execution of a waiver and indemnity agreement in favor of Oakmont. Such waiver and indemnity shall ensure that if any third parties sue Oakmont as a result of the resident's estate sale, the responsible Owner shall indemnify and release Oakmont from and against any such legal actions. Any waiver and indemnity agreement shall only be applicable for one resident estate sale; any additional or future estate sale(s) shall require the execution of a new agreement.

Notify adjacent neighbors of the pending sale.

Enforce the parking, i.e., no blocking of streets or driveways.

Establish and maintain crowd control.

During the sale, collect any outside debris.

Remove signs each evening.

All items for sale shall be kept in enclosed areas

V. LIST OF POLICIES

At the time of this revision, separate written policies of the AC are listed below. Changes to or creation of new written policies and procedures shall not result in a rule change to these Guidelines and Standards but will be subject to these Oakmont Guidelines and Standards (Copies are available in the AC Office): Artificial Turf Policy, Enclosures for Plants and Bushes Policy, Enclosed Fence Policy, Fire 5ft Defensible Space, Flag & Flagpole Policy, Golf Screen Policy, Landscaping Policy, Lot File Information

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Policy, Minimum Landscape Maintenance Policy, Non-Enclosure Front Yard/Decorative Fence Policy, Painting Policy, Project Construction Policy, Shed Policy, Sign Policy, Solar Energy Policy, Vision Triangle Policy.

Forms Appendix: The following are the types of forms to be used for architectural applications:

• Application for Approval. The buff form is used by property owners in both association-maintained and owner-maintained areas for submitting a project for approval.

• Statement by Board of Governors To Approve Application by Homeowner. The orange form is used by the Board of governors of an HOA-maintained area (an owner's sub-association). It must accompany the homeowner's Application for Approval (buff) when delivered to the Architectural Committee.

• Application For Approval of HOA-Initiated Projects By Board of Governors. The pink form is submitted only by the Board of governors of a sub HOA's plans on behalf of the applicable Owner's Association.

When all necessary forms are compiled by the applicant, the applicant must proceed as follows:

• Homeowner Association Maintained Area: Use the buff Application for Approval form. Be specific; describe the project in detail; include a drawing with dimensions and all elements labeled, when applicable. Submit the application and documentation to your sub-HOA Board of governors. If that Board of governors approves the application, two (2) governors will sign the Statement by Board of governor's form and submit the package to the AC. If the HOA board disapproves of your application and you believe your application should have been approved, attach a separate page with your specific reason for your position and submit all of the documents to the AC for review and consideration.

• Owner-Maintained Area: Use the buff Application for Approval form. Be specific; describe the project in detail; include a drawing with dimensions and all elements labeled, when applicable. Submit the application and documentation directly to the Architectural Committee. If you are not confident whether your planned project will require AC approval, please contact the AC before proceeding.

Boomers



■Carolita Carr

Last time I reported that Tom, our Treasurer, and Teresa Woodrum were "happy to help out Tom's mom in South Carolina," during the stay at home order. Now we have to report that Oakmont is losing two significant citizens and its unofficial mayor. Yes, Tom and Teresa are permanently relocating to the east coast.



Teresa and Tom Woodrum.

I asked them for a bit of information regarding their lives in general and Oakmont in particular. Here's what Tom said:

"Teresa and I met while she was a nursing student in South Carolina, and working at a restaurant where I was an assistant manager. We married in 1977, spent the first 13 years together in Florida. Moved back to SC in 1990. I retired from the South Carolina legislature (I was an Assemblyman) and Teresa took a job as a traveling nurse.

"For seven years, we lived in corporate housing while she had jobs in Florida, Delaware, Colorado and Hawaii before she got a job at Santa Rosa Memorial. We loved the area, and when we went house hunting, we walked into our place and saw the view of the golf course and mountains beyond. We said, 'This is it.' That was in September 2007.

"In addition to founding the Oakmont Health Initiative, we are original Boomers, having attended the first, rainy night meeting. We also were officers in the Oakmont Table Tennis club. We delivered bread from the Sonoma bakeries to the Berger Center every Saturday night for two years; we are in the hiking club and I was the Saturday starter at the golf club for nine years. I also have been a member of the Oakmont Finance Committee for the past six years. Teresa put on shows to fund the instructor for the OHI; we had John Denver, Cher and Barbra Streisand, among others."

When I asked them why they were leaving us, this was the response:

"We are leaving to care for my 90-year-old mother, and to be closer to family. All four of my siblings, our daughter and grandchildren, our nieces and nephews are all on the East Coast. We bought a unit next to my mother's condo, so we can help daily with meals, etc. All my sibs still work, so we needed to step up. We can't abide the thought of her going to a nursing home."

When asked what they will miss most when they leave, their reply was:

"By far, we will miss the many, many friends we have in Oakmont."

We will miss you, too, Tom and Teresa!

With Tom's relocation, our club is in need of a treasurer. Tom is willing to train anyone willing to step into the position. If you are interested, please contact Connie Lachowicz, 888-1507 or connielz@hotmail.com.

We will send any updates (if we have any) regarding event scheduling to our email list and post information in our *Oakmont News* articles. Members can also check our website, oakmontboomers.org, if they wish.



The Future of Oakmont Smarter Living Today and Tomorrow



■Marilyn Pahr

WEEKLY VIDEO CONFERENCES

The Oakmont Futures Club is not holding group meetings while the OVA facilities are closed. We expect to return to our normal schedule (5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in East Rec.) once facilities reopen.

In the interim, we are holding short informational video conferences each week on Wednesday at 4 p.m. The topic for each will be posted on the E-Blast and emailed to everyone on our email list. These will also be recorded and a videotape will be available on our website: www.oakmontfuture.com.

As we continue to shelter in place or maintain social distancing, technology is playing an important part to help us adjust our ways of living. From tele-medicine visits with our doctors, to online meetings via Zoom, to Instacart to get our groceries delivered, streaming media to keep us entertained and online gaming options to replace face-to-face bridge, digital access to books, newspapers and magazines, technology can be

your friend. Tune in to presentations and discussions from the Oakmont Futures Club.

Recent presentations available on the website:

May 13: Presentation by members "GAMES! Online versions of your Favorites"

May 6: Presentation by Bob Stinston "Self-driving—Autonomous Vehicles"

April 22: Presentation by George McKinney "Websites and Apps for the 2020 Fire Season"

April 8: Presentation by George McKinney "10 Things to do NOW for Fire Season"

April 1: Presentation by Marilyn Pahr "Twitter: Getting Up-to-date Info"

March 25: Presentation by George McKinney "Staying Current on COVID 19"

February 12: Presentation by George McKinney "Internet Security"

To be informed of upcoming meetings and presentations, join our email list by sending an email to oakmontfuture@gmail.com.

Lawn Bowling



■Phil Bowman

No Sonoma Wine Country Games this year which were cancelled by Covid-19. So, the club has decided to hold its own senior games.

OAKMONT LAWN BOWLING CLUB GAMES

The board is discussing the format and will announce it when lawn bowling is opened up in Oakmont. The brackets are now filled.

There will be eight teams: No Bias—Jim Krause, Jeana Garcia and Denise Lenahan; Rock'n Rollers—Bonnie Johnston, Mark Johnston and Bob Stephens; Bowly Rollers—Francis Coryell, Steve Pickell and Mary Blake; Gladiators—Michael Harris, Jim Brewer and George Hasa; Rolling Thunder—Frank Gyorgy, Jim MacAlistaire, Jeff Vanderheyden and Jeannette Breglio; The Sleepers—Tom Ternullo, Bob Dodd, Linda Rubio and Phil Bowman; Three's Company—Jerry Garland, Marilyn Garland and Topher Gayle; The Leftovers—Jodi Darby, Ande Anderson and Ted DeJung.

Alas, neither this tournament nor our regular play will be able to get underway unless and until the Governor gives his okay.

The board has been considering measures necessary for play when it begins. It decided play would only be in pairs, and:

1. Everyone must wear masks.
2. The rinks will be set up to accommodate 6' distancing.
3. Teams will be set, not drawn.
4. One lead would set all the jacks.
5. Other lead would do all of the raking.
6. The skips will each keep a paper score sheet without sharing of pens or use of the scoreboards.

SANDY GRAVITCH

From Marilyn Garland: Sandy, one of our long-time members, passed away recently from issues with her heart. While she was a member of our club, she served with Joy Ryan as a trainer, and many of our "old-time" current members were trained by one or both of them.

Sandy was a fixture at our daily draws while she lived in Oakmont and was an excellent bowler. She won many of our club tournaments over the years. She also served as Historian for OLBC for years before we went digital.

On the lighter side, she typically would roll at least one wrong bias in every game, and it was a joke that she singlehandedly paid for the wine won in our monthly spiders.



Playreaders



■Norma Doyle

AREND FOLKENS
D.O.B. MAY 31, 1920

He was born only a few days after his parents (Pieter and Anna Fokkens) arrived in the U.S. from the Netherlands (Parrage, Friesland) to start a farm in Iowa. (Their passage on *S.S. Noordam* was delayed from February to May due to a dockworkers' strike in New York.)

His name, Arend, is a Frisian word meaning "eagle." The surname (as it was in the old world) means "breeder." It was established during the Napoleonic era and, we believe, assigned according to the work the head of the family did, in this case farming. It was changed to Folkens when his parents passed through Ellis Island. He was named after his Grandfather, Arend Fokkens as was the custom to name the first born after the paternal grandfather. He has no official middle name but was often called "Pete" after his father's nick name "Piet."

He has two younger sisters: Pearl Ann Hardersen (Pietje Anna) and Jeannette Dorothy Lilly (Jetske Dutje), both no longer with us.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard on the Tacoma-class patrol frigate *USS Long Beach* (PF-34) in the Southwest Pacific Theater, particularly in the Aitape (New Guinea) Invasion and Leyte Gulf.

He did not finish high school but was the only member of his family to attend college following World War II thanks to the GI Bill. He attended the University of Washington but could not complete the course work due to being called up to serve in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He served as a Petty Officer First Class radarman on the Sumner-class destroyer *USS John A. Bole* (DD-755) off the coast of North Korea. Following that conflict he completed his degree at UW in Seattle.

While working in the post-war aerospace industry in Southern California he married Pauline Schade. They moved to Bakersfield where he worked in finance as a loan officer. They had two sons, Pieter and Karl. He later worked for CalVet out of Sacramento as a property appraiser, moving to the Santa Rosa CalVet office as a loan officer and manager in the 1980s. That move landed them in Oakmont where he retired and has been there ever since.

While living in the Central Valley he was an active member of the Lions Club and Toastmasters International, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Transit Authority and the Salvation Army.

His hobbies have included his extensive music collection that spans from original 78s of John Philip Sousa marches to recent folk music and is particularly rich in music of the 20s, 30s and 40s. His favorite physical activity was playing tennis which goes back to his time in Southern California. He played in the Oakmont Tennis Club until turning 90.

His activities in Oakmont also include close to 20



Arend Folkens (far right) with his brother-in-law Leo Hardersen, and sisters Pear and Jeanette in WWII.



Arend Folkens (far right) with his mother, Anna, and sisters during the Great Depression in Iowa.



Patrol Frigate U.S.S. Long Beach in WWII.



Arend Folkens.



years in Oakmont Playreaders. With a life-long interest in theatrical productions, Pete has read and directed well over 85 plays with the group. The plays ranged from dramas (*Bus Stop* and *Come Back, Little Sheba*) to comedies (*Auntie Mame* and *Dead Man's Cell Phone*).

Pete has been a member of the Oakmont Domino Club for 10 years and continues to play weekly, rarely

missing a chance to show the "youngsters" how to play the game.

He belongs to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa.

In addition to his two sons, he has four grandchildren (Arend, Alysen, Anna, and Elizabeth) and one great grandson (Louis).



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■Marilyn Pahr

OAKMONT SUNDAY SYMPOSIUM BROADCAST SERIES

Due to the Corona Virus Shelter-in-Place protocols, speaker presentations are being pre-recorded and posted on our website, <http://oakmontsundaysymposium.org>. Join in for a live Q&A at 11 a.m. on the date of the speaker's talk. No password or specialized software is required to view.



JUNE 7: MEGHAN WALLA-MURPHY BEING WITH BEARS

As an educator, ecological consultant and writer Meghan strives to help people connect to their landscapes. As part of a team at the North Bay Bear Collaborative, she works to cultivate a bear culture by working with non-profit conservation groups, landowners and individuals committed to being

proactive liaisons between humans and bears. Their aim is to mitigate future challenges that may arise from the North Bay's increasing black bear population.

Come learn how we can share our lives with these beautiful creatures.



JUNE 14: IRIS HARRELL DEFENSIBLE SPACE: PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers Association are asking residents to take proactive measures now while there is more time at home to protect properties for the next several months during the height of a potentially hot and dry season. While the shelter-in-

place order may limit some preparedness activities, many things can still be done while staying within the mandates of the order and Iris will walk us through some of these steps.

She previously gave a talk on "Our Forever Homes" which dealt with aging in place issues and this is a logical next step in keeping us and our homes safe. Iris Harrell is the retired CEO and founder of Harrell Remodeling in Palo Alto.

We will have a live Zoom Q&A with Meghan on Sunday, June 7, and Iris on Sunday, June 14 both at 11 a.m. Check the website on Sundays for the connection information. You may also email your questions to: osscomments@gmail.com.

Stay tuned via the OVA E-blast and Nextdoor postings or join our email list for current info: <http://oakmontsundaysymposium.org/contact-us.html>.

Access these previous presentations on our website on the Previous Talks page:

May 17: Dr. Andy Merrifield, *2020 Election: Where is it Now?*

May 3: Chris Smith, Columnist, *Press Democrat*

April 26: Hollis Robbins, *How Do We Know? Genealogy to the Rescue!*

April 29: Dr. Mary Foley, Infectious Disease: From Florence Nightingale to Anthony Fauci

April 5: Jim Masters, *The U.S. Census: Why Is It Important?*

March 29: Mark Randol, *What We Can Learn From Pandemics in the Past*



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Oakmont Volunteer Helpers

■Matt Zwerling

You may know/realize that OVH had suspended all driving requests since early March due to the coronavirus pandemic. This put an obvious burden on a number of our Oakmont residents requiring medical visits. The OVH Board has been closely monitoring the county's ordinances and recommendations.

The OVH Board has decided to suggest/hope for a tentative date of July 1 to resume driving both for medical appointments and within Oakmont (we know a number of women would love to get to the beauty salon).

Driving will resume only if the county has eased the social distancing requirement. We will still require that riders sit in the back seat and wear a face mask. As a number of our drivers may decline to drive at that time our ability to provide rides may be adversely impacted.

Please check the e-Blast for updates on this policy or call the coordinator listed in the back of the *Oakmont News* for further information.

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■Shera Carlton

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QIGONG PRACTICE: Saturdays 9–10 a.m., West Rec. (when open)

INFO: Shera Carlton, 5organiqi@gmail.com

Forrest Yoga

■Carol King, RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher)

COST: \$60 for six classes. Payments to 9327 Oak Trail Circle or pay online at Venmo.com@carol-king-95

CHAIR STRETCH AND BALANCE CLASS RETURNS TO OAKMONT ON ZOOM

WHEN: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

It's time to feel better in your body. Move at the pace your body needs. Find your breath and gently stretch all of you. Strengthen and challenge your core.

Equipment: 1) yoga strap, 2) yoga block, 3) free weights (props can be ordered from Yogadirect.com, YogaOutlet.com, Gaiam.com, Amazon, Target and many other places).

New students: Please email me at carolking1234@yahoo.com prior to the day you want to join the class.

FORREST YOGA CLASSES ON ZOOM

WHEN: Tuesdays 12:30–1:30 p.m.; Thursdays 10–11 a.m.; Saturdays 9–10 a.m.

We need Yoga more now than ever! Let your yoga practice help ground you and calm your inside self. Feed your body nourishing breath and strengthening abdominal work. Move stuck or stagnant energy and boost your prana (life force).

Forrest Yoga does not require strength or flexibility; it only requires that you bring a willingness to learn how to feel authentically and respond honestly.

All levels welcome. People with injuries or conditions are encouraged to attend.

Equipment: yoga mat, blocks, yoga blanket (or use a rolled large beach towel)—see above for other substitutions and ordering info.

New students: Please email me at carolking1234@yahoo.com prior to the day you want to join the class.

Oakmont Singles

■Priscilla Roslyn



Even though there have been some activities relaxed in Sonoma County, Oakmont still remains closed and continues shelter-in-place mode. So there are no new activities to report. However, we are thinking of all of you and hoping that you are doing well, staying healthy, and safe.

If you feel a need to reach out, just to talk, don't hesitate to reach out to me at proslyn49@aol.com or call (215) 380-8096.

When we do have the opportunity to gather, we will still be holding elections, so keep that in mind and consider throwing your hat in the ring. Open positions are: Vice President, Bon Appetit Coordinator, and Communications Director.

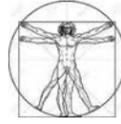
I want to share with you a few messages that a friend shared with me the other day, which I think is quite apropos:

"Until further notice, the days of the week are now called: Thisday, Thatday, Otherday, Someday, Yesterday, Today and Nextday."

"I just did a large load of laundry, washing my pajamas, so I would have clean clothes to wear for my work week."



Fitness Club



■John Phillips

IDEAS FOR HOME WORKOUTS

I hope that everyone is doing well. By the time this article hits the paper, we will have been in this situation for almost three months, with no idea of when the Fitness Center will re-open. By now you are probably getting a little stir crazy, which means that it is probably a good time to start taking a look at starting some new activities to keep you active and healthy. Do you really have anything better to do during this time? It has been proven over and over that the healthier you are the more chances you have to fight off illnesses.

In the previous article I suggested that you be as creative as possible. This week I would suggest that you take a look at what activities are difficult for you to perform on a daily basis. Once you have those items identified, think of ways to work to make them easier or harder to increase your ability to perform that activity. In some cases, it may be as simple as performing the activity over and over, splitting the activity into sets and reps, or performing them two or three times throughout the day.

Let's take walking for example. If you have trouble walking for long distances or you need assistance consider the following. Take a look at your home, plan a path or a track that is clear of obstacles but might have items that you can use to rest if needed. There are two mistakes that people make when it comes to working out. The first one is they make it too hard or complicated, the other is they make it too easy. The sweet spot is right in the middle. Think about it, what is so hard about walking, as long as you take small steps to achieve your goal.

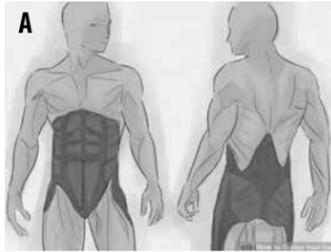
One area that most people have weakness is the core. Strengthening the core will help you perform daily activities.

Photo A shows the core muscle group that supports the body. The easiest way to work these muscles is simply by continuously tightening them, not sucking the gut in but tightening those muscles to create a hollow around the mid-section of the body. Photo B shows the easiest form of the plank exercise, which is one of the best exercises to work the core. To make it harder you may try to find ways of lowering the upper body down until you are hovering over the floor with the body straight in a line from head to heel.

Once again, I can't stress this enough, you need to want to make changes to reap the benefits. Be creative, but safe. There is no better time than the present to start a workout routine. When we get the Fitness Center back up and running, it will be an easy task of adapting it to the Fitness Center. If you need help with this or any other fitness questions, feel free to call or text me at 494-9086 or email me at wkuout2@aol.com.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from everyone in the near future. Also, if you want to join me and a small group on Zoom we are doing our interval training class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m. Text me and I'll tell you how to access it.

Thank you and stay safe.



Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

WHAT: Free classes by JoRene

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—temporarily postponed

So, how's the exercising at home going? How are your Zooming sessions with JoRene working out?

Yeah, me too. But we're doing the best we can, right? We're trying to tune into Zoom, we're adjusting the nonexistent volume, and we're mostly following JoRene's lead. In short, we are exercising. Or not.

If you're not quite motivated to jump and sweat in the privacy of your own living room, what about yoga? Take 15 minutes at the beginning of your day to stretch those muscles and loosen those joints.

If life within your four walls is inviting you to climb those walls, get outside. Take a walk. Make it early in the day and you can claim, "well, that's done." You'll be proud of yourself. Additionally, a sunset walk is a wonderful way to end the day. Purples, pinks, yellows color the evening sky. Fresh air clears the mind. A sunset walk is a perfect way end to end the day.

A day sandwiched with walks is a day worth savoring.



SRJC Older Adult Program

■Mary Hastings, Instructor

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 15

All of my fitness classes will be taught on the Zoom application which can be viewed on your computer, iPad or iPhone. In preparation for class, please go online and sign up for the zoom app.

I am in the process of attempting to learn how this will work, but if you get the zoom app you will be ready to start. Further details will be found in the *Oakmont News* on June 15.

The classes will include aerobics, strengthening, balance, stretching, seated fitness, as well as exercises targeting specific muscle groups and joints. As with all exercise classes, if you need to consult with your doctor about participating please do so before beginning an exercise program.

For those of you who have been missing your regular workouts since March, we'll start out at square one and everyone will progress at your own pace.

For all strengthening portions of these classes you will want a Theraband. If you need one for class, please call me at 282-9007 and I will arrange to get one to you (\$5).

Please go online to the SRJC website and register for your class day/time. All classes will be "Fitness" unless specified as "seated fitness." No water aerobics as there will be no pools for a while! Again, more details on the specific classes in the next newspaper.

There will be no paper registrations. If you were enrolled in the spring semester, the rosters will roll over (I hope) thereby making it easier to continue in the classes (day and time) as during the spring.

Please give it a try to go online and sign up for the Zoom app on one of your devices!



Oakmont Square Dancing Club



■ Susan McLean

FEELING ISOLATED?

Here's a bit of square dance lore that details what a cowboy had go through to get to a dance in the old west. It's excerpted from a 1923 article by J.R. Craddock, archived on squaredancehistory.org. Dances were few and far between, as were the folks who attended:

"A cowboy often put himself to a great deal of trouble to take his girl to a dance. Buggies were always scarce in the ranching country, and sometimes it was necessary for the 'puncher' who contemplated taking his 'lady friend' to a dance to hire a buggy from a livery stable at the nearest town. A typical case of the trouble a cowboy will put himself on an occasion like this is that of Bill, who had a girl living 12 miles from the ranch where he worked.

"To make arrangements with the girl, he rode 24 miles. To procure a buggy he rode 16 miles to town and drove the same distance coming back, making 32 miles. Then he drove to the girl's home, covering, the 12 miles, and thence to the dance, covering eight miles. After the dance Bill drove the eight miles back

to the girl's house, the 12 miles to the ranch, and made the 32-mile round trip to return the buggy. In all, Bill covered a distance of 128 miles, in order to take his 'best girl' to the dance...

"There was something about the cowboy dances that cast a spell over participants and onlookers alike. Those who were forbidden by the strict country church to dance came often to look upon the gaieties of their 'sinner friends' with envy and hunger in their eyes. At first, they might refuse stoutly the invitations to dance, but too often the tantalizing music of the fiddle, and the high nasal twang of the caller's voice caused even the most religious to join in the dance.

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"The dances usually lasted all night and into the next day. Some of the 'punchers' who had ridden 40

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"His return often arose from his desire to 'show off' his new 'chaps,' quirt, or other trapping. As he reluctantly rode away, he would sometimes give the cowboy's call. This call is weird and melancholy; it is the call that the cowboy uses as he rides around a herd at night to solace himself and to quiet the restless cattle. It comes from the depths of the cowboy's soul, mellowed by loneliness and inspired by the spell of the prairies."

Craddock had more to say that we'll share with you next time. And we will dance again!

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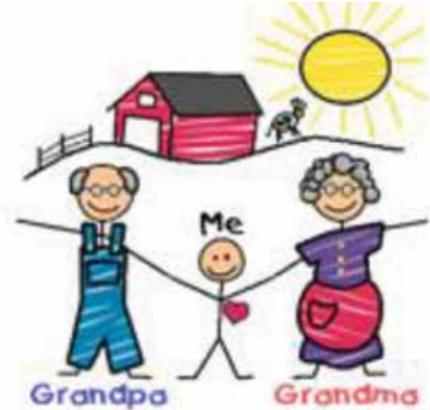
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Grandparents' Club Summer July Week Is Canceled

■Leslie Brockman, Grandparents' Club Chair

It was with sadness that we had to cancel the Grandparents' Club Easter Egg Hunt in April, and now it is necessary to cancel the 2020 July Grandparents' Week, previously scheduled for July 26-31.

This decision has not been made lightly, but is supported 100% by the GPC Advisory Board, due to situations associated with the coronavirus and our at-risk community.



For the safety and well-being of our Oakmont community and its grandchildren, this is the right decision for Grandparents' Club activities in 2020.

With that said, we look forward to a fresh start in 2021, with the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2021 and the Summer Week for July 25-30, 2021. Mark your calendars now, and we'll see you in 2021.

Hikers



■Tony Lachowicz

Please keep checking website for updates: www.oakmonthikingclub.com.

Good news, hikers! No sooner than we had our club board meeting on May 11, everything changed! Now it looks like pretty much all parks in Sonoma will be open to some sort of car parking in the next few days. Therefore, we see no reason why we cannot resume a hiking schedule for Thursdays.

It's going to take a while to get a full hike schedule up and running, and we won't be able to publish anything in the *Oakmont News* until June 15 at the earliest. Therefore, please bookmark our Hiking Club website and we'll post all confirmed hikes as soon as we can.

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In particular, Sonoma County Emergency officials caution hikers to follow these rules: "Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from persons who are not part of the same household or living unit; Carry facial coverings with them at all times, and wear them in all circumstances required by the Health Officer's Order No. C19-07, including specifically if or when unable to maintain a six-foot distance from others (such as when passing on a trail)."

Since we are an older group everyone should especially note section 15, and decide for themselves whether the perceived benefits outweigh the risks. Note the suggestion to wear masks as a matter of course in parking lots, entrances and first sections of trails.

Your Hiking Club board is monitoring the situation very carefully and we will keep you updated on the status of future hikes, social events like the summer picnic and future tri-nighters. Keep checking our website for updates.

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