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Understanding State and Local Fire Jurisdictions for Oakmont

■Christel Antone, OVA General Manager



I have received many inquiries lately regarding local ordinances and state legislation related to defensible space regulations and how they may affect the Oakmont community.

Here are some key points:

Oakmont's Classification:

Oakmont, which is located within the City of Santa Rosa, is classified as a

Local Responsibility Area (LRA). This classification means that the City of Santa Rosa Fire Department has the primary responsibility for fire protection and prevention within its jurisdiction, including enforcement for local ordinances. To clarify, Oakmont falls under the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Rosa. By contrast, State Responsibility Areas (SRA) are under the jurisdiction of CAL FIRE.

Mapping and Fire Severity Zones: I had the opportunity recently to talk with Paul Lowenthal, Santa Rosa Fire Department Fire Marshal. He updated me on the status of CAL FIRE's new mapping of the State Responsibility Areas and Local Responsibility Areas.

While the mapping is not complete, it's expected that the results could alter the classification of Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the City of Santa Rosa which includes Oakmont.

Potential SRA Fire Safe Regulations: All of Oakmont is—and will continue to be—in a Local Responsibility Area (LRA), but some areas that are within the City of Santa Rosa may still be subject to specific State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Safe regulations. These regulations will apply to LRA land that has been identified as a Very High Fire Severity Zone by CAL FIRE. The maps that will clarify this have yet to be released by the State. This project has been underway for roughly two years now.

Ready for Halloween

A large skeleton has been hanging out on the golf course lately. He's set up residence on the (wait for it) 13th hole and the word is the character will be staying for the month. (Photo by Maureen McGettigan)



Monitoring Bills: Both the City and OVA are actively monitoring state Senate and Assembly bills related to fire safety, defensible space and other regulations. How any of this might impact insurance stability is unknown. As additional information becomes available, I will ensure it is distributed to the community.

Communication with Fire Marshal: As in previous years, I continue to collaborate with the Fire Marshal

See **FIRE JURISDICTIONS** on page 5

Asian Pacific Heritage Club

■John Tan/Mill Valley Library

AMY TAN TO DISCUSS NEW BOOK AT OAKMONT EVENT

Best-selling author and screenwriter Amy Tan (*The Joy Luck Club*, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*) discusses her new illustrated birding book, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*. Over five

years, Tan filled nine journals and a dozen sketchbooks tracking the natural beauty and bird antics in her Sausalito backyard.

"The drawings and essays in this book do a lot more than just describe the birds. They carry a sense of discovery through observation and drawing, suggest the layers of patterns in the natural world, and emphasize a deep personal connection between the watcher and the watched. The birds that inhabit Amy Tan's backyard seem a lot like the characters in her novels."—David Allen Sibley, from the foreword

"Unexpected and spectacular"—Ann Patchett, best-selling author of *These Precious Days*

WHO: Oakmont Residents and their guests

DATE: Friday, November 15

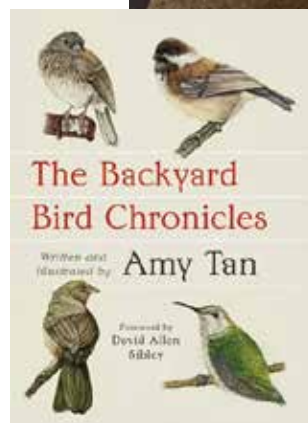
TIME: 2–5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Berger Center

Get tickets online on October 1st at our website: www.asianpacificheritagecultureclub.org.

There are two parts to this event: a reception and the main presentation. No reserved seating, except for the author's family. Check our website for more information. Tickets are limited.

Amy Tan.



Unexpected Visitors

Andy Frauenhofer shared these photos of visitors to his patio off Oak Island Drive—a friendly titmouse and two thirsty deer.



MYN: Equip Your Car's Emergency Kit Contents

■Katy Carrel and Matt Zwerling

Meet Your Neighbors wants to remind you to equip your car with an emergency kit that packs a few more extras than the typical first aid kit. Emergency preparedness kits for the car should contain a minimum of 24 hours' worth of emergency supplies.

Disaster can happen any time. Americans spend an average of 17,600 minutes driving each year. Most people are never too far from their car. Having a kit in your car makes sense.

Include the following in your Vehicle Preparedness Kit:

- Water: (3) 8 oz. boxes or pouches of water (5-year shelf life)
- Food: (3) Meal Size Energy Bars (5-year shelf life)
- Warmth/Shelter: (1) Emergency Blankets, (2) 12 hr. Body Warmers, (1) Emergency Poncho
- Medical Supplies: (1) First Aid/Medical Kit, (1) Medical Gloves Set
- Lighting: Flashlight with batteries, (6) Light sticks
- Support Supplies: Whistle, Work Gloves, Dust Mask, Pack Wet Wipes, 30 Gallon Plastic Bag, Waterproof Matches, Multifunction Tool
- Package: One Bag or Bucket with Handle

Note: Replace perishable items like water, food, medications, and batteries on a yearly basis.

Source: Sonoma County Emergency Preparedness: socoemergency.org/get-ready/build-a-kit/vehicle-preparedness-kits

MYN MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.

WHERE: CAC Room B

GUEST SPEAKER: Nancy Brown, SoCo Community Preparedness Program Manager



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Invitation to Participate in "Winter Wonderland on the Plaza"

■OVA Staff

During the winter holiday season, Oakmont Village Association is excited to announce the inaugural year of "Winter Wonderland on the Plaza," a festive new holiday display event. In the winter months, the OVA is transforming the plaza outside the Berger Auditorium into a Winter Wonderland Tree Grove, and the association would love for OVA clubs to be part of this special celebration.

The OVA is inviting clubs to sponsor a tree for \$75. Each sponsored tree will be an opportunity to showcase your club's creativity and holiday spirit, and even incorporate the theme of your club. There are 40 trees available, and they will be prominently displayed for all to enjoy throughout the season.

Each club that chooses to participate will be responsible for decorating the tree with LED lights and water-resistant decorations. To ensure the safety and durability of the display, the OVA asks that no

glass ornaments be used. OVA staff is here to support you with decorating ideas and to help make your tree a standout in the grove.

The Winter Wonderland Tree Grove will be a beautiful addition to the community, creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere for visitors and seasonal events. It is the hope of the OVA that this winter display event will become a cherished tradition in our community.

To reserve your tree, please email AskOVA@oakmontvillage.com, or stop by the office to fill out the sponsorship form. Deadline to sign up is October 15. Given the limited number of trees, the OVA encourages clubs to secure their spot early.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to the holiday cheer in our community. We look forward to seeing your club's unique and festive tree!



Tri-Tip Trolley Food Truck in Oakmont

■OVA Staff

Head to the Berger parking lot for a delicious meal on select days from Tri-Tip Trolley. Check out the menu here: triptrolley.com.

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m.: Tuesdays, October 15, 22 and 29.

Vaccine Clinic Coming to Oakmont

■OVA Staff

The last of the OVA's current series of Vaccine Clinic Days is coming up Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Berger Center.

This clinic is offering the following vaccines: FLU 2024-25 (Standard and High Dose for 65+ years old), COVID 2024-25, Prevnar 20 and RSV.

You can make an appointment at www.safeway.com/vaccinations/group-clinic/OakmontSR2024.

Please bring your medical and prescription

card to the clinic at the time of your appointment plus the printed version of the consent form you receive at the time of booking your appointment. There will also be consent forms at the clinic, or you can download it from the OVA website at oakmontvillage.com.

If you are not insured, please prepay with the Safeway pharmacy by calling (707) 766-9477. Safeway is unable to bill for Kaiser members.



OVA Employee Appreciation Fund

As the seasons change and the holidays approach, many of our members have asked, "What can we do to recognize the work of the OVA staff?" In 2016, the OVA Board approved the Employee Appreciation Fund to recognize the non-management team with a special thank-you in the form of a holiday bonus gift.

Donations will be distributed at year-end. Members who wish to donate may contribute via check by December 13 to the OVA Office at 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A.

Please make checks payable to OVA, and on the memo line, please write "EMP APP Fund" (OVA Employee Appreciation Fund).

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New Resident Reception on Oct. 24

■OVA Staff

New Oakmont residents and those who would like a refresher on our community are invited to an upcoming New Resident Reception at the Berger Center on Thursday, Oct. 24, 6–7 p.m. This event is designed to introduce you to our vibrant community and provide you with valuable information about Oakmont's unique lifestyle offerings.

Agenda:

- Informative discussion by Keynote Speaker Heidi Klyn on discovering Oakmont's special lifestyle offerings.
 - Key architectural information to help you settle in seamlessly.
 - Introduction to essential community resources.
 - Meet and greet with our enthusiastic Welcome Committee.
 - A chance to connect with fellow new residents and neighbors.
 - Q&A session for any queries you may have.
- Refreshments will be served.
- This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with your new neighbors, establish connections, and immerse yourself in the Oakmont community.

Wii Bowling Oakmont Lanes



■Terry Leuthner

Oakmont Lanes Bowling Club is a Bowling League consisting of four-person teams that utilize Nintendo Wii to simulate the experience of bowling without the weight of a bowling ball. Any resident who has the ability of holding a small remote control in their hand while swinging their arm as if they were rolling a bowling ball will be able to join.

Anyone interested in joining our club, either as a team bowler or substitute, please call me at (707) 291-3023 or stop by the East Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 2–3:30 p.m. (no bowling fourth Tuesdays) to see us in action. We charge \$25 for a 10-week tournament that includes the play-offs.

2 p.m. League: 10 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average. Bowler and team results are recorded each week.

See www.oakmontlanes.com for club information, bowling dates, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help set up at 1:15 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates: Oct. 15 (week #8), 29 (week #9, Halloween Challenge). No bowling Oct. 22 (fourth Tuesday).

RESULTS AS OF OCT. 1 (WEEK #6 FALL LEAGUE)

2 p.m. League: first place tie, Pin Pushers and Strikers; third place, 4 Tops; fourth place tie, High Rollers and Wii Four; sixth place, Pocket Hits; seventh place tie, Alley Oops and Phantom Strikers; ninth place, King Pins; tenth place, Ghosts.

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 269; Glenn Hewitt, 249; Scott Harris, 245; Rich Laden, 241; Terry Leuthner, 239; Charlie Ensley, 224; Mike Apicella, 221; Richard Adamczyk, 214; Gordon Freedman, 210.

Women's High Games: Vickie Jackanich, 256; Sandy Osheroff, 246; Felicia Laden, 237; Peggy Ensley, 235; Donnarose Ilecki, 225; Nicole Reed, 224; Valerie Hulsey, 223; Robin Schudel, 204; Karen Palmiotti, 202; Pat Scott, 201.



Rotary Will Help Replace Smoke Alarm Batteries

■News Staff

Oakmonters needing help with changing smoke alarm batteries (and more) are in luck on October 26 when a team of Rotarians from the Valley of the Moon Club (VOM) will be making home visits for free.

The Saturday morning event is a part of the service group's community outreach program to help neighbors who need assistance reaching smoke detectors that may be chirping or not operating because batteries are dead.

In addition to smoke alarms, the Rotarians will also help with adding an extension to garage door pull cords that can be difficult to reach for a lot of

seniors when electrical power is out, sometimes in an emergency. They will also change filters in air and furnace systems. Batteries and pull cords will be supplied by the Rotary. Homeowners needing filter changes are asked to have the proper-fitting filter available when the Rotary team arrives.

The two-person teams will be working on Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To request assistance during those hours, send an email to David Beach at d.beach@utoronto.ca or call (707) 919-6525. Please provide your contact information, and specify what items need replacing.



Valley of the Moon Rotary Club

■John Brodey

FALL FORWARD

Yes, before we know it, darkness will fall around 5 o'clock once we switch back to standard time. It seems that despite a plan to remain on daylight savings time, the US is not ready for prime time.

Well, the only good thing from a VOM Rotary standpoint is that the status quo will allow us to drive to our weekly breakfast meetings in daylight. Members start rolling in from 7:30 a.m., meetings start at 8. We share their talks, for good reason.

At a recent meeting, we heard from two Lieutenants of the SRPD. They gave us an inside breakdown of not just the structure of police coverage, but they illuminated issues that can impact each district somewhat differently. There is no doubt that the inResponse program has proven very effective in dealing with calls that normally would have been directed to the police. The 911 operators now grade

the urgency of the call: 1 is a top priority, 2 can handle a slightly longer response time 12–20 minutes, 3 can be okay with a one hour or more wait.

Not surprisingly, the breakdown of which specific issues that are more prevalent in a certain location allow the police to deploy their units accordingly.

Here in Oakmont the majority of 911 calls are of a medical nature with very little criminal activity reported. Downtown with its concentration of shops and commercial activity are not surprisingly more likely to have calls related to theft and assault. They unveiled a new gang intervention program to deal with rise in recruitment of 10-13-year-olds. Former gang members will focus on their vulnerability.

You too can come hear some exciting developments in our community and get a free breakfast too. Join us at the East Rec. on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

Oakmont Rainbow Women (ORW)

■Iris Harrel

ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK PICNIC FOR ALL OAKMONT LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Oakmont Rainbow Women have had past traditions that got lost during Covid crisis. In the distant past, Rainbow Women and Oakmont gay men (now called Silver Guys) would enjoy an outdoor potluck picnic together at the West Rec.

Many of us as Oakmont Rainbow Women know some terrific fellows who live in Oakmont, some who have moved in rather recently. Let's bring

this tradition back and get to know our LGBTQ community in Oakmont!

Join in the fun by coming to the ORW-Silver Guys-LGBTQ 2024 fall picnic at West Rec. picnic area for our last outdoor event of the year. Invite your favorite peeps!

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 17, 5–7 p.m.

BRING: One dish to share and own table settings.

Drinks—BYOB

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on any new updates and information pertinent to the Oakmont Community. In the future, as more information becomes available, we can arrange town halls with City representatives to help clarify these regulations and their potential applicability to the Oakmont Community.

Fencing Policy: According to Oakmont’s Firewise/fencing policy, all new installations in the 0-5 zone must be constructed from non-flammable materials. Additionally, like any exterior modifications, an application must be submitted to and approved by Oakmont’s Architectural Committee Office before installation. Oakmont’s fencing policy also aligns to the City of Santa Rosa ordinances and local amendments to the Fire and Building Codes for the Ignition Free Zone (0-5 feet).

Based on current discussions, many fire safety regulations and bills generally concentrate on new installations rather than applying retroactively to existing structures. However, it’s crucial to stay updated on any developments, as legislation can change. I will maintain contact with local officials and continue to check on the specific bills in question to provide the most accurate information.

Importance of Accurate Information: It is important to us that accurate information is distributed, whether it pertains to FireWise guidelines, Local and State Regulations or other relevant fire safety measures. Information posted on social media may be inaccurate, and I urge you to use official sources for Oakmont information: *Inside Oakmont*, Oakmont website, *Oakmont News*.

For reliable updates on city and state fire safety policies and regulations, please refer to:

The City of Santa Rosa Fire Department’s Official Website: www.srcity.org/Fire or SRCity.org/WildfireReady

Cal Fire: www.fire.ca.gov

FireSafe Sonoma: www.firesafesonoma.org

I understand that some information can be challenging to interpret, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions. I’m here to help direct you to the appropriate sources to ensure you receive the most up-to-date and accurate information.



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Conservatives Club



■Jane Gyorgy

ELECTION INTEGRITY—THE FOCUS OF SEPTEMBER’S MEETING

Our September speaker, Deb LeBoy, Vice Chair of Sonoma County GOP, provided a comprehensive overview of their findings based on the past three primary elections. A lively Q&A followed. Topics covered included best practices of what to do if you receive multiple ballots, never received a ballot, found a ballot, or received a ballot for someone not residing at your address. The following are some of their key recommendations:

- You can vote early and track your ballot to allow time for your vote and signature to be validated so that the Registrar of Voters (ROV) office can contact you in time to correct your signature if necessary.
- Vote centers are busy on election day, which can result in long lines and printer mishaps.
- Voting early provides voters with confidence that the ballot was received and verified. Observers are at the ROV and Vote Centers observing the handling of ballots.
- Voting early prevents ballot processing delays, such as equipment malfunctions, internet issues, or 8 p.m. deadlines.
- Voting early provides peace of mind: Your ballot is in, and you didn’t wait until election day to find a Vote Center or Ballot Drop Box.
- Delivering your mail-in ballot to the ROV office eliminates any delay if the U.S. Postal Service delays handling the ballots.

New members who would like to attend the monthly meetings are welcome to email TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com and provide the full name(s) of you and your guest(s) so we can provide printed name tags and have enough tables and chairs. The next meeting of the Oakmont Conservative Club will be held on Tuesday, October 22, from 4–6 p.m. at the Berger Center.



Branch #92

■Bern Lefson

PORCH TO PLATE

The Redwood Empire Food Bank (ERFB) has selected Oakmont in partnership with SIR 92 as a pilot program for this new food drive. If we make this a successful program, it will be expanded throughout Sonoma County. The program is called Porch to Plate and here is how it works.

- A holiday food drive will be held on November 4.
- Drivers will go to homes in their immediate neighborhood and ask them to participate and leave a food bag with instructions.

We need volunteer drivers and food donators. This process makes it easy for residents to make much-needed food donations. Porch to Plate will kick off with a party on November 4, where food bags will be handed out. The collected food bags will be exchanged for new empty bags with the full ones returned on November 8 to the Berger Center. The Redwood Empire Food Bank will then take over.

Please volunteer at: <https://refb.org/porch-to-plate.html>.

Help stop hunger this holiday!

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**OAK at the VOM
Golf Club**



■Khiana Schmuhl,
Valley of the Moon Club General Manager

HAPPENING AT OAK AND VOM GOLF CLUB

Keep up to date with OAK restaurant and Valley of the Moon Club at playvom.com.

Mark your calendars for these special events happening at OAK Restaurant and Valley of the Moon Golf Club over the next month.

FLASH 1 DAY RANGE CARD SALE

Golf for less by taking advantage of VOM’s Flash One Day Sale where you can get 12 large buckets for \$100. Our upcoming sale day is Sunday, October 20.

MUSIC MONDAYS

Get your dancing shoes on for Oakmont’s band favorites headlining Music Mondays from 5–7 p.m. Cover charge is \$8 at the door. Here’s a list of who’s playing:

- Oct. 14: The Magic Band
- Oct. 21: Showcase Band
- Oct. 28: Blues Burners

BOOGIE BASH COSTUME AND DANCE PARTY

You won’t want to miss this spirited celebration at OAK! Happening Tuesday, Oct. 29, 5–8 p.m., enjoy spooky cocktails, delish eats, and dancing the night away! Costumes encouraged for this boo-tastic bash! \$30/person. Tickets are now on sale at OAK and VOM.

TACO TUESDAYS EVERY TUESDAY AT OAK
\$3 tacos with drink purchase.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 17: Short Ribs, herb polenta, baby carrots, 29
- Oct. 24: Chicken Parmesan, penne pasta, alfredo, basil, 23
- Oct. 31: Korean Style Short Ribs, sauteed cabbage, white rice, 27

No additional discounts may be applied to restaurant specials.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE AT VOM

VOM Golf Club is collecting food and funds for Redwood Empire Food Bank. The most needed food items are canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, rice, pasta, oats, dry beans and low sugar cereal. Barrels will be placed in both golf shops and OAK restaurant from October 1–31. No glass items, please.

KNIFE SHARPENING ON OCTOBER 30

Every month, on the last Wednesday of the month, stop by the parking lot of OAK for knife and garden tool sharpening. This month, knife sharpening is on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain cancels.

The fees: \$7 per knife any size including serrated, \$7 for scissors, \$12 for most garden tools, trimmers, loppers, and choppers.

Finally, we’d like to extend a friendly reminder to refrain from fishing on any of the golf course ponds due to safety concerns. We’d also like to remind everyone to follow the golf course walking hours located on our website at playvom.com.

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Canine Club



■Jean Nattkemper



TRICKS AND TREATS

Celebrate Halloween by giving your dog treats for tricks. Teaching tricks to your dog provides mental stimulation, reduces anxiety, boredom, and stress, and offers low-level exercise.

- “Touch” is taught by having your dog sit facing you. Hold your palm out. When your dog’s nose touches your palm, praise him, and with the other hand, give him a tasty treat. Repeat a few times before introducing the word “touch.”
- Teach “spin” by having your dog sit by your side. With a treat in your fist, swing your arm in an arc and lead your dog back to your side. Praise and reward. Repeat a few times, then introduce the word “spin.”
- For “Shake,” place a tasty treat in your fist and have your dog sit facing you. Wait until he lifts his paw toward your hand. Praise and reward. Repeat. Extend your palm until the dog’s paw touches it. Praise, reward, and introduce the word “shake.”

YAPPY HOUR DOG WALKS

These dog walks are self-paced walks of about 1 to 2 miles.

Linda’s Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Monday, October 14, 10 a.m. Meet at the corner of Oak Leaf and Valley Oak. Note time change.

PJ’s Yappy Hour Dog Walk: Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. Meet at the Berger lawn in front of the bulletin board. Note time change.

PLAY DATE

AT HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK


The Dog Park is reserved for Dachshunds and Maltese on October 26 from 9–11 a.m.

RESOURCES FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Visit the club website for a variety of resources (<http://www.oakmontcanineclub.org/>). To include your dog in the Photo Gallery, e-mail Steve Huntley with a photo, dog’s name, and the words “Photo” and “Photo Gallery” in the subject line. Mail to shuntley@huntleyenvironmental.com.



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Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

OKTOBERFEST TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 19

The Oakmont Pétanque Club holds its 2024 Oktoberfest Tournament and Potluck Picnic Lunch, the last tournament of the season, on Saturday, October 19. As with all tournaments, the French tricolor will decorate the court. Players are encouraged to wear fall colors. Spectators are welcome!

The festivities will kick off at 9:30 a.m. at the Pétanque Courts with registration for the tournament. Play will begin as soon as the teams are drawn. Winners will be announced and their photos taken at the conclusion of play.



Oktoberfest Tourney 2023 Winners (L to R): Ernest Culver and Linda McPherson (2nd place), Barbara Newton and Don McPherson (1st place).

The tournament will be played in m el e format with randomly assigned teams organized by Club Chair Steven Payette, with the club’s “Fanny” looking on. “The Goddess of P etanque,” Fanny is the focal point of a traditional ritual should any team suffer a 13-0 shutout loss.

A potluck picnic lunch will begin at approximately 12 noon, pending completion of the tournament. All club members, whether playing or not, and their significant others are invited. Please bring your own beverage, cups, plates, tableware, and a lunch dish to share.

P ETANQUE IN OAKMONT MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

French in origin, P etanque (pay-tonk), also known in the United Kingdom as Boules, has been a feature of organized play in Oakmont since the 1980s. The Club, founded as an OVA organization in 1996, encourages all Oakmonters who may be interested in playing or learning to play to come to the courts between Berger and the OVA offices at 9:45 a.m. on the Club Play days of Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Club Play days are casual friendly games with teams randomly chosen. The club has boules to lend while you’re learning, and you’ll be playing right away.



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WHERE: Berger Center

SCREENING DAY AND TIME: Sundays

HOSTS: Mike McInnis, Deborah Davidson, Jeff Neuman and Barbara Marquardt.

NOTE: All films are shown with English subtitles, when possible, free of charge—compliments of the OVA.



OCTOBER 13 AT 2 PM BANDIT

After escaping prison, a charming criminal assumes a new identity and goes on to rob 59 banks and jewelry stores. Based on the story of The Flying Bandit. 2022, R, 2:06.



OCTOBER 20 AT 2 PM FAIR PLAY

An unexpected promotion at a cutthroat hedge fund pushes a young couple's relationship to the brink, threatening to unravel far more than their recent engagement. 2023, R, 1:53.



OCTOBER 27 AT 2 PM INSIDE OUT 2

Riley is entering puberty and experiencing brand new, more complex emotions. As she tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced. 2024, PG, 1:36.

InvestOAK



Joe Pundyk

OCTOBER MEETING: INVESTING WITH AN EYE ON RETURNS

The subject of the next meeting of InvestOAK will be a discussion about choosing stocks when the stock market is at historic highs.

Industry leaders such as Warren Buffett suggest that investors don't need to risk choosing individual stocks. The approach of investing in ETFs comprised of the NASDAQ, S&P 500, Dow Jones indices, among others, will be investigated and compared to choosing individual equities.

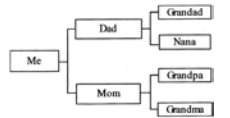
The key U.S. market indices have increased over 30% in the past 12 months demonstrating perhaps better results than investing in individual stocks. There is also the possibility of investing in equities that provide long term dividends. One class of equities that produce high dividend yield are termed "Dividend Aristocrats." Our discussion will include a review of this class of stocks.

After the discussion there will be a Stock Market Review covering results for the last few months including a comparison of the U.S. and foreign stock market performances.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, October 18 from 10–11.30 a.m. at the Central Activity Center, Room B. It's recommended to arrive early to assure a seat.

The content discussed in the InvestOAK meeting is only for informational purposes. One should not construe in the meeting discussions or presentations advice or endorsement for investing. One should consult with a qualified fiduciary that will give you the required advice.

Genealogy Club



George McKinney

USING THE AMERICAN CENSUS TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FAMILY

The next meeting of the Oakmont Genealogy Club is October 28 at 1 p.m. in East and on Zoom (Zoom info below).

We're going to talk about the Federal Census. After an initial look at the census, it's history, and some specific years (1850, 1880, 1910, and 1940), we'll look at:

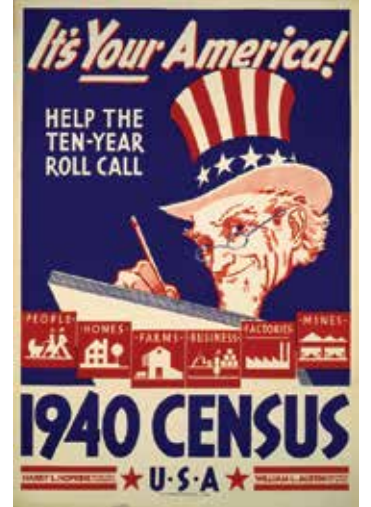
- How to deal with problems finding your family in the census.
- What the census tells you about women's maiden names and marriages.
- Where people lived (down to the street address).
- What you can learn about immigration and naturalization.

Even if you're not interested in genealogy, this can be a fascinating way to learn more about your family and to remember them. Bring your questions for a robust question session.

Zoom info: Meeting ID 862 2760 9536, Passcode 030213.

Website: Oakmontgenclub.org.

Email: oakmontancestry@gmail.com.



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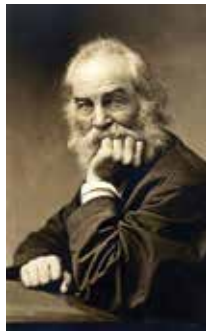
www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org

■Harriet Palk

Coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale in Berger from 9:45–10:15 a.m. before the presentation begins.

OCTOBER 13: DAVID AND SHARON BECKMAN, JEFF SAVAGE WALT WHITMAN: THE MAN AND HIS POETRY

Walt Whitman was one of the most influential poets in American literature. David, Sharon and Jeff will present a reading dramatizing Whitman's start as an obscure New York newspaper man to single-handedly changing American poetry. And—yes—establishing love of democracy as a vital theme in our literature.



OCTOBER 20: DAVID MCCUAN, PH.D. ELECTION FORECAST



Don't you wish you had a crystal ball to see who will win the November 2024 election? Well, the person with the best crystal ball around is Professor David McCuan. His expertise as a key member of the SSU faculty for 22 years in state and local politics, campaigns, elections and political behavior makes him in high demand by mainstream media on international politics, security and terrorism.

Dr. McCuan was a Fulbright Teaching Scholar and is the author of *Initiative Centered Politics: The New Politics of Direct Democracy*.

OCTOBER 27: IRIS HARRELL HOME INSURANCE: SHOULD YOU WORRY?

Thousands of homeowners in our area may lose their homeowner's insurance. If your insurance was canceled—or even if it wasn't yet—now is the time for you to figure out what your best options are.



Iris will walk us through her experience of how the process works. She'll cover her personal thoughts on how to tell the viability of different insurance companies, what criteria they use and what you should and should not do. Bring your notepad.





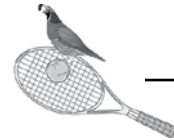
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Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

HELP FROM THE PICKLEBALL CLUB

It wasn't exactly the detentes of detentes, not even close, but it was a nice scene anyway at the West Tennis Courts on a warm Friday afternoon in mid-September.

There was Ed Russell, chairman of the Pickleball Club's Maintenance Committee, holding a class 101 in how to operate the super court dryer, the VAPTR, to a hard-core group of Tennis Clubbers, some of whom may even sneak away to play pickleball.

The Pickleball Club, much to the envy and maybe annoyance of the Tennis Club, has had a VAPTR for some time, so Ed was nice enough to take the time to offer his expertise to Tennis Clubbers, who have only recently acquired one.

It doesn't exactly take rocket science to operate the roller but there are tricks to know, for instance don't back up, keep the wheels off the ground and let the roller roll, and stay far enough from the net to avoid trouble.

Two who were paying close attention were Arnie Herskovic and Peter Hogan. Arnie is the chairman of the Tennis Club's Maintenance Committee, and made the arrangements for the meeting with Ed, and Peter



Ed Russell instructs on how to handle the VAPTR. That's Peter Hogan with hand on tennis post and Arnie Herskovic in the blue shirt. (Photo by Jack Breibart)

is the Administrator of the Tuesday and Thursday mornings tennis play at the East Courts.

Peter is delighted that the Tennis Club now has a VAPTR (which will be kept on the West Courts) but he will still have to mop up the East Courts with squeegees and rags or whatever. At this writing, he was also awaiting new squeegees.

Oakmont Vets Club



■Paul Gowins

IN REVIEW: WHAT'S DONE AND WHAT'S AHEAD US TO DO

The last of 2024 is underway and there are things to review, and things to look forward to. What a productive year it has been for our club to raise funds and gather donated goods for both of our partners.

We have contributed thousands of dollars to the Honor Flights efforts. There will be announcements coming soon regarding new fundraisers for the Flights, as well as some big news about our own community members that we will nominate to send on the flights out of Luther Burbank next April.

Also, we have had a steady stream of bags of items donated to the Sonoma Outreach that help clothe, shelter and feed our homeless compatriots. They need the help urgently, now that we are in the onset of winter. As it gets colder on the streets, we must be mindful to keep up our pace of donating the coats,

sleeping bags and supplies that will help our fellow vets through the year.

Let's all keep up the outpouring of needed generosity on both fronts. Our efforts to contribute to the causes of our partners is greatly appreciated. Contact John DeGroot at (707) 974-8898, or Pat Hendricks at (707) 321-2369 to donate.

On some final notes, we remind all our members that we need you to bring in pictures and bios to the OVA office soon! Our team assembling the Hall of Honor only have a few pics to work with, and we need more to come in. We plan to have the display up in the CAC by mid-October.

We also need some volunteers for the Veterans Day event! Just call one of the numbers above.

Also, watch for the launch of our website, and come to our non-hosted Beer Call October 24 at 4 p.m. at The Bird on Highway 12.

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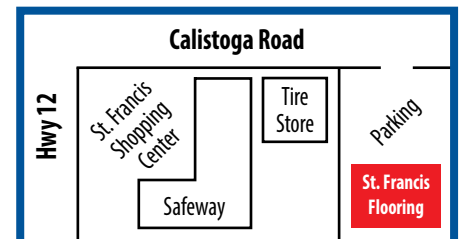
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CHARITY

I'm fascinated by how the meaning of a word can change over time. Today we mostly use the word "charity" to refer to some non-profit that distributes aid to the needy. An older definition of "charity" is "love." One of three Greek words for love, "agape," has been translated as both love and charity. The later translation signified the highest form of love—one that gives of self with an attitude of kindness, grace and mercy.



The side of a building in Wittenberg, Germany.

Charity is a love that is patient, kind, not envious, boastful, proud, dishonoring, self-seeking, easily angered, nor keeping a record of wrongs. On the contrary it protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. I wonder if resurrecting the full meaning of this word and dwelling on it might be helpful now. In these days of heightened tensions we are trying to do just that in our community, but it's not easy.

If you're interested in growing in charity with us, please consider visiting our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the East Rec. Center. For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Saturday Prayer, monthly potlucks and other gatherings go to www.occsantarosa.org, write us at occsantarosa@gmail.com or call at (707) 595-0166.

Pickleball Corner

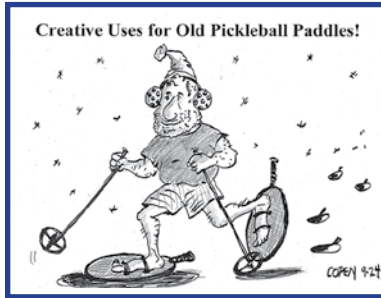


■Peter Copen

THE EVOLUTION OF OLD PICKLEBALL PADDLES

You first start with a beginner paddle, which is fine for about two hours until you realize that a flimsy piece of something like cardboard isn't going to cut it. So, you go out and buy an intermediate or advanced paddle.

That helps for a month until your friend lets you hit with their paddle and you see what you've been missing this whole time. A few months later you're in a funk and you need something with more pop so you get a poppier paddle. Then you realize it has too much pop so you need one with more touch.



Graphic by Peter Copen.

Before you know it, while you've only been playing for a year, you already have at least five or six paddles. What do you do with all of them? Don't worry. Here are some ideas:

Snow Shoes: Wrap the paddle to the bottom of your shoe with some masking tape, and you'll be ready to go.

Holiday Accessories: They could make nice Christmas tree ornaments. Celebrate Hanukkah instead? Then drill 8 holes for candles in the paddle, one in the handle for the lighting candle, and boom, you have yourself a menorah.

Small Table: Glue four paddles together at the edges such that the handles act as the four legs of a table. Then cut the handle off a fifth paddle to glue on top, and you've got yourself a little table, albeit a short one.

Anger Paddle: If you're the raging type who just needs to smash paddles, then keep your older ones in your bag and smash those instead. (Feel better now?)

New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Arrangements can be made by contacting Victoria Dettman at (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. Mentoring, contact Barbara Ricossa at ricossa@ymail.com.

Oakmont Cat Care Coop



■Mary Ellen King

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Lifelong Learning



■Marlena Tremont

NEW CLASSES START NEXT WEEK AND MORE JOY IS BACK!



CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC POLICY INSTRUCTOR: JON HAVEMAN

Mondays, Oct. 14–Nov. 4, 3–5 p.m., Berger Center, 4-week session. Cost: \$65.

Explore three pressing policy issues—immigration, the federal debt, and healthcare—by looking at their origin, the underlying data and evidence, and what policy levers are available to deal with them.



DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR: DENNIS DRAYNA

Thursdays, Oct. 17–Nov. 7, East Rec., 4-week session. Cost: \$65.

An easy-to-understand exploration of the discovery and development of pharmaceuticals including new treatments and approaches including gene therapy, gene editing, stem cells, brain implants and precision medicine.

CONCERTS

MORE JOY—WE ARE STILL HERE

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

TICKETS: \$25. Theater seating.

More Joy is a deep and delightful quartet of artists performing folk, country, and blues. A crowd favorite in Oakmont, our hometown gals present We're Still Here, a celebration of community, and the restorative power of shared music. But don't let the hometown label fool you. Each group member comes to Oakmont with a world of geographic and musical experience.

To register for classes and concerts go to OakmontLL.org, leave a check in the OLL folder at the OVA office or pay at the door.



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■Charlene Bunas

ADVICE FROM GRANDCHILDREN

Grandparents, be wise, listen to your teenage grandchildren. Read their wisdom in an article published in popular online magazine, theteenmagazine.com.

"8 Benefits of Doing Yoga for Teens," written by teenager Anya Chauhan, motivates a readership that reaches beyond teens and beyond those who stick strictly to yoga. In this article, Chauhan motivates any procrastinator. She also supports any Oakmont Health Initiative student who believes in the power, benefits and wisdom of overall exercise routines, albeit under the direction of two highly qualified instructors who have been specifically trained for older adults.



Warm-up before aerobics. (Photo by Charlene Bunas)

The benefits of exercise start in the head. With their minds made up, newcomers to Oakmont Bill and MaryAnn decided to venture into a recent OHI class. They arrived on Wednesday, returned on Friday, committed to Monday. They liked it.

Exercise, done correctly, addresses the entire body. Mental gymnastics is not unusual for OHI. During the games, JoRene asked students to spell "Olympics backward" as exercise went from lifting left arm, right leg, to "pony," and finally to "fall off the log" variations.

Both JoRene and Nicole offer complex and constantly changing routines. MaryAnn commented: "I thought we were going to the left and when I did, almost ran into the others who were going right. Whoops." Then she chuckled, "I had to concentrate."

At OHI, correct form is emphasized more than speed, repetitions, or duration. Straight backs, strong core, shoulder positioning and deep breathing are musts.

Consistency is the hidden ingredient. With a commitment to exercise, individuals discover better sleep, improved ability to handle stress, positive body image, posture, confidence in new and different situations.


The magazine, theteenmagazine.com offers good advice. Exercise is for everyone: children and teens; adults; and yes, even grandparents.

OHI welcomes you.

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Berger Center

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Fitness Club



■Janice Weekes

SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, GOODBYE

We cannot believe it has been 37 years since the Oakmont Fitness Club began. In 1987, the Fitness Club was created to build support for a dedicated Fitness Center. The club was the brainchild of Ken Stueben and a group of people interested in staying fit in their later years. This group became the Oakmont Fitness Club and their main goal was to raise funds to buy equipment for the center.

All these years later, the Oakmont Village Association has taken over the role of purchasing and maintaining the equipment. It is no longer necessary for the Fitness Club to raise funds for the center. Considering that fact, the current Fitness Club Board of Directors has decided to retire and dissolve the Fitness Club.

If you are a current Fitness Club member, fear not! The Fitness Center will still be open and ready to help you keep fit. John Phillips, the resident fitness trainer, is now a full-time employee of Oakmont Village Association and will continue to manage the Fitness Center, conduct seminars and be available to provide personal training for Oakmont residents.

We will still have our Holiday Party on December 4. Look for a poster about the party after November 1 in the Fitness Center. Pick up a registration form and turn the form in with a check to reserve your spot at our final holiday party.

Finally, we would be remiss not to acknowledge the dynamic leadership the club has enjoyed under our President, Joy Bellomo. Joy has devoted many hours to the recent CAC discussion and will continue to act as a subject matter expert regarding the needs of the Fitness Center. Madame president, we are most grateful!

New to Oakmont?

Meet with a volunteer from the New Resident Welcome Committee to learn about everything Oakmont—from governing rules, important phone numbers, activities, services, facilities and emergency prep.

Contact us at welcome@oakmontvillage.com. The Welcome Packet is available at oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet.

Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

The weather is still good and the water even better, so please join us at the West pool for 50 minutes of exercise and fun.

There is a drop-in fee of \$8 and classes are held Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Newcomers are encouraged to join one or both of these smaller classes. We look forward to seeing you soon.

CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

Julie's water exercise class continues at the West Pool every Friday at 10:10 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$8 per class.

Or you can exercise to a recording for free on Friday at 8:50 a.m. (no instructor).

Balance and Strength Class

■Valerie Hulsey

MARY'S FITNESS CLASS

You're invited to join us at the Balance and Strength class every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec. Center. There is a drop-in fee of \$5.

Don't forget to bring your TheraBand for strengthening, if you do not have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

Bring water and come and have some fun and improve your balance at the same time.

Meditation

■Joanne Davey

MEDITATING TOGETHER


WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome. We invite you to join one or both of our weekly drop-in meditation sessions which have been taking place for many years.

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in the CAC Building, Room B: This is a 35-min. meditation. This session frequently begins with a short 15-20-minute talk about various aspects of meditation.

Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in the CAC Building, Art Room: A 30-min. meditation. We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.


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Soroptimist International Oakmont Wine Country



■Cynthia Goodwin

AUTHORS SIGHTING AHEAD: AUTHORS BOOK FAIRE!

Soroptimist International of Oakmont Wine Country (SIOWC) is excited to announce their Third Annual Authors Book Faire on November 9, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Berger Center located at 6633 Oakmont Dr. Santa Rosa.

Entrance is free to the public, and all are welcome! Authors, who have published works, will be available to sign and sell their books.

This venue has been very well received over the years with 41 talented authors participating in November! This year interest has been high, with a wide variety of genres being offered, including first-time writers to authors with an extensive bibliography. In the past two years hundreds of people attended and purchased books at this enjoyable and lively event. In addition, this year Soroptimist will host a cork craft table, as well as Hamilton Family Wine and Dino's Greek Food will be serving wine and food.

Authors look forward to the opportunity to

personally meet you, while supporting this fundraiser! Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Participating Authors:

Top Row Standing, L to R: Joshua Goodwin and Henry, Karin Fitz Sanford, Wanda Smith, Jaime Zukowski, Dale Brandon, Marie O'Neill, Rebecca Rosenberg, Mara Johnstone, Jane Futcher, Pamela Heck, Gino Medeiros, Richard Boyd and Les Gee.

Bottom Row Seated, L to R: Cynthia Goodwin, Christina Goodwin, Don Franceschi, Yvonne Horn, Julie Bennett, Jenny Watts, Marcy Fox, Tony Navarra, Will Chubb, Diana Morgan Dean, Astrid Harper, Benita Mattioli, Kimberly Hubenette and Liz Quiroz.

Not pictured: Crissi Langwell, Linda Dodwell, Chrisine Banihashemi, Anne E. Belden, Paul Gullixson, Nadine Condon, Mark Tate, Thonie Hevron, Joanne Phillips, Kim Korte, Elisa Stancil Levine, Nancy Martin, Eric Goodman, CK Gallagher



Photo by Mindy Breslin Photography.

Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti



Members learning how to hula from our very own Steph Brucker and fellow dancers. (Photo by Bailey Penzotti)

OCTOBER MIXER: LET'S HEAR ABOUT AND ENJOY THE STATE PARKS!

WHEN: Friday, October 18, 6 p.m.

WHERE: East Rec. Center

Dave Duplantier, an interpretive specialist and community outreach for the California State Parks, will once again speak to us about many of the programs and activities that the park system has to offer right in our own backyard. He will highlight interesting hiking travels at all levels, monthly campfire programs, movie nights, etc.

Bring your questions as he is a wealth of knowledge and is very entertaining. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and your beverage of choice.

RSVP through our new website oakmontsinglessocialclub.org. If no computer, RSVP to proslyn49@aol.com by Monday, October 14. Please remember to wear your name badge.

OCTOBER BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

WHEN: Thursday, November 7 meet at 5:30 p.m. to carpool from the Berger Center

RESTAURANT: Kirin Restaurant, 2700 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa: kirinsr.com

There are secrets to mastering sweet and sour soup, and Kirin has mastered them. At this Bon Appetit outing, there will be a pre-ordered meal to share with plenty of different platters. We will share the cost equally (except for individual drinks) which should be around \$25 per person.

Reservation is for 20. Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks!

Reservation cutoff is November 4. RSVP at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org or email Simone Smith, ssmith8151@aol.com.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

We are transitioning to full benefits of using our website for RSVPs and reservations to events. It's important that you sign up your membership on our website especially to confirm your participation at the monthly Mixers, Bon Appetit and Singles Club at the Boomers events. It's easy to do but, if you need assistance, hit the contact button on the website and Alan, Bonnie and/or Bailey will get back to you. Don't be shy and feel confident that our website is secure.

DO YOU LIVE IN OAKMONT? ARE YOU SINGLE?

If so, join our club to mix and mingle with other Singles. Oakmont Singles Club offers the opportunity to network with other singles who may have your same interests. For more Oakmont Singles Social Club membership visit our website at www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org.



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Oakmont Democratic Club



■Susan Bercu

IMPACT THE BIG DEM WIN

The meeting on Sept. 23 featured important ballot measures and our District 3 Council member Dianna MacDonald, and our guest speakers detailed the measures vital to our community.

Pat yourself on the back for these recent wonderful volunteer efforts:

Canvass In Modesto—Oct. 5. Thank you, Representative Mike Thompson who provided the bus to Modesto to canvass for Adam Gray and those of you who knocked on doors.

Canvass In Oakmont—Oct. 8. Thank you to all who teamed up to meet and talk to our Democrat neighbors.

Phone Bank to Battlegrounds—Oct. 5. Thanks to all of you who phoned Democratic voters in key battleground states!

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 5 ELECTION NIGHT PARTY AT THE BERGER

Details to come. We had a great response when suggested at our Sept. 26 meeting.

Find future events and sign up to volunteer! Information at: www.oakmontdemocraticalliance.org.

Let your elected officials know your stand on issues. Contact information on Democratic Club website: www.oakmontdemclub.org/resources.

Oakmont Spiritual Collaborative

■Sue Aiken

JOIN OTHERS IN EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

You are always welcome to join our regularly scheduled meetings in Room B in the CAC on second and fourth Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.

We begin each session with a 5-minute guided meditation to center ourselves to be present with all in the room. In some cases, we have a reading to open our discussion. Or we may have an individual check-in from which a topic emerges. When we close our circle each week, we put forth an idea or suggestion for the topic for the next session.

Our discussions are meant to be inclusive, nonjudgmental, with individuals both sharing and in support of one another. It is an opportunity to explore spirituality both through sharing personal experiences and often with sharing of expertise whether through a video or perhaps reading of a book or other reading material.

Questions? Please contact me at slaiken5440@gmail.com or Geoffrey Canham at gcanham@cs.com.

Jewish Interest Club



■Howard Sidorsky

PRESENTATION: "A LAND FOR ALL: TWO STATES ONE HOMELAND"

On October 20, at 2 p.m. in the East Rec. Center we will present "A Land for All: Two States One Homeland," a program that filled me with hope when it was shown at Congregation Shomrei Torah on September 22. The media is currently filled with war, death and destruction on a daily basis, so much that I am almost afraid to turn on the news. But this video and the ideas presented opened my view to a possible future for Israel/Palestine. For me it was an eye opener and a breath of fresh air on a thread of an idea that could possibly bring peace to a land torn by violence.

Since I left the presentation at CSTR with a positive feeling about what the future could hold, I thought one of the best things we could do would be to show the presentation to our Jewish Interest Group and discuss it further.

Here is their vision:

"Our vision is based on recognizing that both people belong to this homeland and the understanding that only partnership and personal and collective equality will bring a safer and better life for all."

It will be interesting to discuss what the presentation shows and get your reaction to it.

The program will start at 2 p.m. at the East Rec. Center on October 20. Please bring snacks, nibbles and other items to share as well as drinks. We welcome help to set up at 1:30.

Just For Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

ABOUT THE JUST FOR FUN GAMES CLUB:

The Just for Fun Games Club is a great place to make friends and play all sorts of old and new games including board games, card games, tile games and dice games! We meet every Saturday at 1 p.m. in the CAC Card and Game Room. There are multiple games being played at the same time, so you will always be able to choose what game you want to play. It's never too serious—because we play games Just for Fun!

The club has a good collection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. Some of our favorite games are: Wingspan, Catan, Ticket to Ride, Splendor, Cubirds, Rummykub, Saint Petersburg, Carcassonne Hand and Foot. There are so many games out there to play... something for everyone. What would you like to play? We'll teach you how to play or you can teach us how to play your game!

Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. Just show up. It's that easy! For more information or to get on the email list contact us at Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net or me at (707) 843-3053.

Domino Club



■Brian Huckins

MIX THOSE DOMINOS

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■Terry Whitten, Instructor

INTRODUCTION TO WEST COAST SWING
WHAT: Beginning West Coast Swing Partner Dance Classes



WHEN: Wednesdays
 November 6, 13 and 20
TIME: 4–5:15 p.m.
WHERE: Lower West Rec.
COST: \$10 pp for single class;
 \$8 pp for two or more classes
 purchased at same time

West Coast Swing (WCS) is the official state dance of California and is a popular partner dance in Sonoma County as well as throughout the US and internationally. WCS was started in California in the 1940's and is a smooth Swing dance that is usually danced to slower music than Jitterbug Swing. It is a fun and versatile dance that can be danced to a wide range of music including Rhythm and Blues, Country, Disco, Rock and contemporary Pop tunes.

These classes will be geared towards those who have never done WCS before or those who want a review of the most basic 4-5 steps. The sessions are intended as an introduction to WCS. As before, no partners or experience are required. We will rotate partners during the classes. Also, any ladies that want to lead and any men that want to follow are very welcome.

Aside from being fun and a great way to get exercise, a number of studies have shown that partner dancing on a regular basis may reduce the possibility of cognitive decline and may actually increase mental acuity. Some even say that "dancing makes you smarter!" It can also help improve balance and our spirits.

To register and for any questions, please contact me at twhitten@pacbell.net or call (415) 265-7590.

Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

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DAILY DRAW

Our Daily Draw is Monday through Saturday. Due to a heat wave in early October, we delayed shifting to afternoons. With cooler weather settling in, bowling is at 12:30 p.m. Show up at 12:15 to bowl at 12:30.

RECENT NEWS

As I write this, we don't have the results from our last "serious" tournament, the Novice Singles Tournament. I'll share those in our next article.

On August 30, Bonnie proved herself the best woman bowler in our club, defeating Marilyn Garland.

On Labor Day, it was a sea of white! We had 24 bowlers and that was a beautiful sight.

In a hard-fought game, Jim Krause defeated



Bruce and Wilma Rolland faced each other in the Novice Tournament.

Richard Goodwin in the Open Singles Tournament. Our last After 5 Social was a BBQ. It was a beautiful evening, and the BBQ was a treat.

Our Open House on September 16 was fun. The day was cooler than we'd hoped for, but the evening turned out to be a pleasant time for bowling. Thanks to the many volunteers who made this possible.

Kevin Johnson designed new club shirts and Jim Krause ordered them. He ordered extras so let him know if you'd like one.

COMING UP

The Halloween Fun Tournament is Wednesday, October 30. Bowling will be at 4 p.m. (\$3) and dinner about 5 p.m. (\$12). RSVP!

Our next election will be at the member meeting November 11. Let the Nominating Committee know now if you'd like to be on the ballot.

Our club is participating in OVA's "Christmas on the Plaza." We'll have a tree with lawn bowling themed ornaments. If you'd like to help, let Pam or Janet know.

Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com.
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Playreaders



■D. Hall

AWARD-WINNING PLAY COMING MONDAY

The audience had such a good time last week as Oakmont Playreaders presented the farcical *Slow Food*, by Wendy MacLeod. Producer and actor Sandy White, along with John Dolan and Steven Levin, played out this comedy about a long-married couple and their hapless s-l-o-w waiter at an anniversary dinner.

On Monday, Oct.14, Osha Hayden and D. Hall will

bring smiles and tears as they present A.R. Gurney's award-winning *Love Letters*. It's a story of two people who, for no apparent reason, write to each other frequently during their lives of mirth, sadness, and reconciliation. More live theater readings are set for November.

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Current Events Discussion Group



■Tina Lewis

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giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

Note that there will be no meeting on Friday, Nov. 1.

On Friday, November 8 there will be no regular meeting. The annual Current Events luncheon will be held on that day at 1 p.m. at the East Rec. Reservations required.

There will be no meeting the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29.

If you have questions, email tinaleswis31@comcast.net or call (707) 758-9739.

Oakmont Craft Guild

■Carolita Carr

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIRE NEXT SATURDAY

WHAT: Pre-Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire

WHERE: CAC Parking Lot

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pottery, fused glass, plants, wreaths, jewelry, birdhouses, plush animals, quilted and hand sewn items, jams, fudge, cards, candles, bath and body care items... Get the idea? Tons of one of a kind, handmade articles, all from local artists and craftspeople. This is the place to pick up gifts for the coming holidays.

The Oakmont Craft Guild will be hosting another outdoor Oakmont Arts and Crafts Faire on Saturday, October 19. Be sure to take in this fun event. There will be something for everyone. A Mexican food stand will be available if you want to buy lunch.

Oakmont residents: please do not plan on parking under or near the solar panels at the Central Activities Center on October 19. There will be lots of pedestrian activity, and driving your car among pedestrians is dangerous!



■Carolita Carr

A GHOSTLY NIGHT IN OAKMONT

WHAT: Halloween Dance **WHERE:** Berger Center

WHEN: Saturday, October 12

TIME: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Music begins at 6:30

COST: \$25 per person, each member may bring one non-member guest

BRING: The beverage of your choice and snacks to share

Oakmont loves Halloween, and so do we on the Boomer Board. So, we are pulling out all the stops to make this a night none of us will forget. Even better, we are delighted to announce that we are bringing you one of your favorite bands, Decades.

Everyone (well, almost everyone-costumes are not required) will be in costume, so we will have our annual costume contest. Prizes will go to the most original, the best couple, and the spookiest. Judges will come from the audience.

Our dances have been selling out, so register now at oakmontboomers.org. Don't get left out; it promises to be a truly ghostly night!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any Oakmont resident and is \$15 per person, per year, payable on our website, oakmontboomers.org.

Hikers



■Scott Finn

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For a complete description of each hike and to register, please keep checking our website for updates.



OCTOBER 24 INTERMEDIATE HIKE TAYLOR MOUNTAIN

We will drive to the parking lot on Petaluma Hill Rd. Take the Red Tail Trail to the top of Taylor Mountain, and come back on Sky Lupine Trail. There will be very little shade so take plenty of water, snacks or lunch. Distance, 5.8 miles, with 1305 feet elevation gain.

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