

# OAKMONT NEWS

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## Snow from Tahoe



Martin and Bonnie Braren (left) brought a truck load of snow from Tahoe to their Oak Vista Court home and enjoyed some snowy fun with neighbors. (Photo by Larry Rodgers)

## 2025 Dues Increase

Starting in January, dues will increase to \$128.50 per resident.

## 2024 Holiday Facility Hours and Closures

■OVA Staff

The OVA Staff would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Please refer to the list below for holiday hours for the OVA office and facilities:

**Office Holiday Closures:** Dec. 31 and Jan 1, Tuesday and Wednesday of New Year's week—closed

**Facility Holiday Hours and Closures:** Jan. 1, Wednesday—New Years Day—all facilities closed

## Holiday Message from the General Manager

■Christel Antone, General Manager



As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday! I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for another wonderful year of serving as your General Manager.

Looking ahead to the new year, I'd like to share a few budgetary updates. Starting January 1, 2025, the OVA dues will increase from \$125 to \$128.50 per month per person. I am pleased to share that this modest increase represents less than 3%—below the current rate of inflation—helping to keep our community affordable while supporting our continued growth and services. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Their efforts have been instrumental in managing costs and ensuring that the increase remains as modest as possible, and I am extremely grateful for their contributions.

Additionally, I want to remind everyone that there are various payment options available for your dues. You were recently informed that some based on some bank chargers, payment methods may carry small additional, and we encourage you to consider these options when making your payment. For those who prefer to avoid fees, we strongly encourage you to consider Auto-Draft (ACH) payments, which remain a free service. Alternatively, mailing a check directly to CFM is another great way to bypass the processing fee entirely.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another successful year ahead!

## At-a-Glance Summary—December 17 OVA Board Meeting

■Harriet Palk

**Consent Calendar:** Approved NIA Movement Club—a fusion of dance, martial arts and mindfulness practices.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Long Range Planning:** On hold regarding the Central Complex pending further direction from the OVA Board. A subcommittee is exploring the 2020 census to provide a demographic summary of Oakmont and to compare to the 2010 census with report to be completed in early 2025.

**Meet Your Neighbors:** Katy Carrell and staff member Dani Hannigan have completed the digital version of the MYN coverage map. The 2025 Fire Safe Fair is set for April 24, 1–5 p.m.

### GOVERNING DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Board approved charter up to 7 members, 5 members have been approved by committee and will be voted on at January board meeting. Any amendments to the governing documents have been tabled and will be addressed at the January meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD SECRETARY POSITION

Jess Marzak accepted position of Board Secretary.

### 2025 INSURANCE RENEWALS

Approved the Cline Insurance Agency insurance proposals in the amount not to exceed \$290,000 with funds allocated from the operating account.

### ELECTION RULES

Approved the revised OVA 2025 Election Rules (in

concept) as recommended by the Board of Directors, to be posted on the Berger bulletin board, on the Oakmont Village website ([www.oakmontvillage.com](http://www.oakmontvillage.com)) and available in the OVA office as soon as practicable to allow 28-day review by members of the Association.

### BERGER PROJECTOR REPLACEMENT

Approved purchase of a new projector and having the existing projector repaired and used as a backup with a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

### COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Director Steve Spillman suggested that board liaisons for committees should not unduly influence committee actions unless they deviate from board policies or violate the law. He also questioned the need for alternate liaisons as they are rarely needed. Director Olga Ydrogo offered that it is helpful to have another individual prepared to step in if necessary.

### CENTRAL COMPLEX UPDATE

General Manager Christel Antone said that a meeting with ALX was postponed until January, and there will be more information after that meeting, as nothing has changed since the last update.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 9 is the last day nominations will be accepted for the incoming board.

Jan. 20, 10 a.m. in the East Rec is an informational session for people interested in serving on the OVA board or the sub-HOA boards

The OVA board election will be held on April 7.



## Oakmont's Route 16 has New Vehicle

■News Staff Report

Santa Rosa City Bus Route 16, Oakmont's exclusive community shuttle, has a new vehicle making rounds. The 2023 Cutaway Ford E450 mirrors a previous vehicle that served Oakmont, with features that include a zero-stair entry, 20 folding seats, and four wheelchair spaces. There are also eight cameras recording inside and outside movement.

The Oakmont Shuttle runs from 8:15 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., Monday through Friday, with stops at all facilities. The shuttle also offers scheduled shopping trips each day of the week to locations like the Bennett Valley Center on Mondays, Montgomery Village on Tuesdays, St. Francis Center and Montecito Olivers on Wednesdays, Farmers Lane CVS and the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Safeway on Thursdays, and the St. Francis Center again on Fridays.

The City of Santa Rosa is considering routing changes for Route 16, partially due to a decrease in ridership, and is inviting Oakmont's engagement to identify possible changes. Call (707) 543-3333 for questions and comments, or visit [SRCityBus.org](http://SRCityBus.org).





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## Letter from the OVA Staff

Dear Residents,

We are immensely grateful for the collective generosity displayed in supporting staff appreciation efforts. You have made a meaningful difference in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the OVA staff.

A heartfelt thank-you to each resident for being an essential part of appreciating the staff and for fostering a spirit of appreciation within our HOA community. Your kindness is truly appreciated.  
Warm regards,  
Your OVA Staff

## Prospective OVA and Sub-Association Board Members Invited to Information Session

■ Jerry Gladstone, OVA Board

Are you interested in serving on the Oakmont Village Board of Directors or your sub-HOA Board? How do you run for a board seat, what being on the board entails, what you need to know, how much time needs to be devoted to board work? We have planned an introductory Prospective OVA and Sub-Association Board Director seminar to answer these and other questions.

The planned session includes personal preparation, how to run for a board seat, time commitment, OVA and sub-HOA governing documents, understanding

legal aspects, as well as financial and insurance matters. As meetings are conducted formally, an introduction to Roberts Rules will be presented.

This introductory session will provide time for questions and answers. If there is interest, in-depth follow-up sessions on specific topics may be scheduled.

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 20, 10 a.m. to noon in the East Rec. Center for this event.

For additional information please contact askova@oakmontvillage.com. Please leave your name and contact information as it will help us plan.

## Nominations Now Open for 2025 Board Election

■ News Staff Report

Nominations are now open for four positions on the OVA Board to be filled in the 2025 OVA Board of Directors election. The last day to submit nominations is Thursday, Jan. 9.

The four directors whose seats are up are Steve Spillman, Mark Randol, Olga Ydrogo, and Jess Marzak, who was voted in by the board in November to take the seat of David Dearden.

Oakmont members who are in good standing can declare their candidacy by letter, which must be postmarked or delivered by Jan. 9. Letters may also be dropped off by the same date at the OVA office, 6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite A, or emailed to Dawn McFarland (Dawn@oakmontvillage.com).

Candidates must also send a candidate's statement of up to 300 words, and a photo, by Thursday, Feb. 6. The profiles and photos will be published in the

*Oakmont News.*

Those seeking seats on the board will take part in Candidates' Night on Wednesday, Feb. 19, starting at 6 p.m. in the Berger Center. Members will have an opportunity to submit questions. Other candidate's forums will be announced as they are scheduled.

If there are the same number or fewer qualified candidates than the four open positions, the board of directors may vote to seat the qualified candidates by acclamation without member balloting.

Ballots for the election will be mailed to members by early March. Results of the election will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting on April 7. Voting is by mail. Ballots may also be turned in at the Annual Meeting at the Berger Center prior to the start of ballot counting at 10 a.m.

## Fire Safety in the Home

■ Kemplen Robbins, Assistant Fire Marshal/  
CUPA Program Manager, SR Fire Department

*Editor's Note: Katy Carrel, co-chair of MYN in Oakmont, has been collaborating with SR fire officials to bring periodic columns of interest and safety for Oakmont members.*

Fire safety is a top priority, particularly in a community where many residents may face mobility or health challenges. Ensuring that everyone understands, and practices fire safety can greatly reduce the risk of accidents and save lives. Here are some important tips to help keep the members of Oakmont safe from fire hazards.

Smoke alarms are vital in saving lives because they provide early warnings of fire in the home. That early detection allows people ample time to escape before the fire and smoke become too intense. It is important to put smoke alarms in every level of your home, specifically inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas, and test them monthly using the test button. If you cannot hear the smoke alarm when you sleep, buy an alarm with special aid devices like a bright light or bed shaker.

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires. In fact, the crew of Santa Rosa Fire Department Station 7 responded to almost a dozen cooking-related fires in the Oakmont community in 2023. These fires can be prevented by always staying in the kitchen when you are cooking, and turning the pot handles toward the back of the stove so they can't be knocked off the burner. If a fire does start, attempt to put it out with a fire extinguisher if you are comfortable and stay calm and get out. Call 911 and have a meeting place a safe distance where first responders can see you.

Everyone should have a plan in case of a fire or other emergency in their home, including knowing two ways out of the home and clearing all clutter that may block your escape route or create a trip hazard. Practice this escape plan at least twice a year.



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## Pickleball Corner

■Peter Copen



### PLAYER PROFILE: LARRY BURNS

Not only is Larry Burns an OPC member, he's also a father, a bon vivant traveler, a loyal Giants fan, an accomplished biker, and a gifted mixologist.

Roadburns, a nickname Larry earned after surviving a near-tragic bicycle accident, grew up in Yuba City. Larry met his wife, Jill, also from Yuba City, at SFSU. After graduation, Larry biked through Europe, returned home and married Jill. He got a job at Enterprise Rent-a-Car, a position that was rather short-lived after he wrecked three cars in one move—not exactly career advancement.

Jill had Larry's back. Two years Larry's senior and a practicing nurse, Jill had a hospital patient on a morphine drip. She was German and worked in international freight forwarding. Upon hearing this, immediately talked up her unemployed husband, who had majored in international business. This led Larry to a job at Korea Shipping, and launched his career in container shipping.



Larry Burns.

That career involved climbing the corporate ladder with ocean carriers NOL/APL, Hanjin and Hyundai Shipping, and moving the family to Houston, Dallas, New Jersey and back to Dallas. It also required Larry to travel throughout the world.

In 2021 Larry and Jill moved back to California, purchasing their Oakmont home. Here, Larry set his sights on becoming a competitive pickler. And we all know he's excelled in achieving that goal, but along the way, he never lost sight of just being a nice guy—a real mensch. That menschiness is evidenced in everything Larry does, including being an essential member and contributor to OPC. We are fortunate to know Larry and to call him friend.

See you on the courts, LB.

**New Player Orientation:** 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Contact Victoria Dettman, (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. Mentoring: Barbara Ricossa ricossa@ymail.com. Visit our website: <https://oakmontpickleballclub.com>.

## Oakmont Sunday Symposium



Berger Center, 7902 Oakmont Dr.  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon, \$3 donation  
[www.oakmontsundaysymposium.org](http://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.

### JANUARY 5: DR. MINNA SCHMIDT, BUCK INSTITUTE EXERCISE, TUMMY ACHES AND PARKINSON'S



Did you know that Parkinson's is often preceded by digestive problems? Could Parkinson's begin in the GI tract and spread from the gut to the brain? Can exercise and diet help, mitigate or even reverse the disease?

Dr. Schmidt's current focus involves the study of exercise mechanisms in effecting changes to alpha-synuclein protein aggregation, a neuropathological hallmark of Parkinson's Disease.

### JANUARY 12: DENNIS DRAYNA OZEMPIC

Ozempic is a blockbuster drug originally created for diabetes. Turns out, it has a bigger effect on weight loss, reliably reducing weight by up to 25%. It may also have an effect in reducing opioid addiction. Ozempic is currently one of the world's most successful drugs in terms of sales, and 6% of the U.S. population is now taking it.



Dr. Drayna established the first genetic map of a human chromosome and at NIH applied genetic methods to study human communication disorders. He holds 19 US patents, is the recipient of numerous scientific awards and has a strong commitment to communicating important scientific information to public audiences in ways that are clear, engaging, and entertaining.

finished the qualifying rounds in 25th place, missing the World Cup by one place, and lost to Norway 4-13 in its first Nations Cup match.

A companion competition, Precision Shooting, is held in conjunction with the Men's Triples competition. Madagascar's shooter, Jean-François Rakotondrainibé, won the 17th Men's World Precision Shooting championship. The 2024 World Cup began in controversy when the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal disqualified the Thai national team, the defending champions, because of misconduct allegations against the Thai federation president.

## 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](mailto:welcome@oakmontvillage.com). The Welcome Packet is available at [oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet](http://oakmontvillage.com/article/new-resident-welcome-packet).

## Star of the Valley Bingo is Back

■Peter Hardy

Star of the Valley will host its monthly bingo on January 14 at 4 p.m. We ask that everyone arrive about 30 minutes early in order to pay for their dinner and/or bingo cards. This month will feature Tortellini Meatball Soup, and Garlic Bread with Brownies for dessert. Cost of dinner is \$10 and Bingo Cards are \$2 each.

If you don't play bingo, you are welcome for dinner which begins at approximately 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.



## Oakmont Vets Club

■Paul Gowins

### LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS TO THE SWING DANCE FUNDRAISER EVENT!

In case you haven't heard yet, next year our Veterans Club is planning to send some of Oakmont's own deserving vets on the premiere Honor Flight to Washington D.C. This trip will be a no-cost honor for veterans to be hosted for a visit to their Memorials.

We have been announcing here for the last few issues our first ever big fundraiser event which will be held at the Berger Center on January 4. We will be opening our event with a festive social mixer and swing dance class (BYOB, and an appetizer dish to share) starting at 5 p.m. There will be some brief presentations you will really want to see and hear following the dance class. Then there will be a great concert and dance starting at 7 p.m. featuring a renowned 40's and 50's Swing Band called Death and Taxes. This show is not to be missed!



Death and Taxes Swing Band.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. You can just leave us a check at the OVA office at 6637 Oakmont Dr, Suite A, which will be put into our club folder. Also, if you email us at [pngowins@yahoo.com](mailto:pngowins@yahoo.com), or [jdegroot@sonic.net](mailto:jdegroot@sonic.net) we will reserve your tickets for you at the \$25 price which you can collect at the door. Include all the names in your party. Of course, we will be happy to sell you tickets at the door if there are any left.

If you're curious about the band simply go to our "Events and Calendar" page at our website ([www.oakmontvetsclub.org](http://www.oakmontvetsclub.org)) where you will find a YouTube link to one of the band's performances.

We will announce soon the names of our vets selected to go on the flight, so watch these articles. We wish you all a happy New Year.

## Oakmont Cat Care Coop

■Mary Ellen King

### NEED CARE FOR KITTY WHILE YOU ARE AWAY?



Join the Oakmont Cat Care Coop and share the care! For Oakmont residents only. Active participation for over 15 years.

For information and to get on the list contact me at (707) 849-1581.

## Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

### DIJON, FRANCE:

#### 2024 MEN'S TRIPLES WORLD CUP

In a thrilling final lasting more than two hours, Italy beat Madagascar 13-11 to win the 51st Men's Triples World Championship earlier this month in Dijon, France. Italy last won the World Cup in 1979. A video of the Italy-Madagascar final match can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHYGkb7NRI>.

In the initial five-match qualifying round, only Italy and France won all five matches. For the World Cup, each then advanced in its own bracket toward the finals, but France lost to Madagascar 13-3 in the semi-finals. Ironically, Madagascar won four of its five qualifying matches, losing only to Italy 4-13.

Forty-eight national teams competed. The World Cup, held every two years, begins with five qualifying matches using the "Swiss System" of scoring. The Swiss System pits winners against winners and losers against losers in the successive games with all teams then ranked according to their number of wins at the end of the qualifying round.

The top 24 teams begin single elimination competition for the World Cup, while the next 24 teams begin single elimination competition for the Nations Cup (consolante). The top 16 teams in each division, divided into two brackets, then compete in single elimination for the final four rounds. Mauritius beat Tahiti 13-7 to win the Nations Cup. The US

## OakMUG

### Oakmont Macintosh Users Group

■Peggy Clark

#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GETTING AN APPLE WATCH

Have you been thinking about getting an Apple watch, or wondering if it's time to replace your existing one? John will talk about all the ways that this smartwatch can help your daily life with an emphasis on the ever-expanding health and wellness capabilities it has.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, January 18, at the East Rec. Center. Meeting starts at 2 p.m. and lasts one hour. Please arrive early (1:30) for social time and

to get a good seat.

It is time to renew your dues for the year. If you are not a member and are interested in joining, please stop by and sign up at the door. Membership is \$10 per person per year. This included six presentations relating to everything apple

OakMUG has streamlined check-in. All members will receive a name tag that they will bring to each meeting. No need to check in, just show your name tag.

If you have any questions, please email us at: oakmontmacusersgroup@gmail.com.

## OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■Khiana Schmuhl, Valley of the Moon Club General Manager

Here is what you can look forward to at OAK restaurant and Valley of the Moon Golf Club.

#### GOLF INSTRUCTION

Give the Gift of Golf this Holiday season and purchase a lesson package with one of our certified golf professionals: 30–45-minute Golf Lesson Package for \$200 (\$70 Savings). Promotion will be valid through January 15. All lessons must be redeemed by March 31, 2025.

To take advantage of this great promotion please email or call one of our instructors below: James Perkins, PGA, jperkins@playvom.com, (707) 539-0415 extension 3; Khiana Schmuhl, LPGA, kschmuhl@playvom.com, (707) 539-0415 extension 4.

#### TOURNAMENTS

Book your next corporate or company golf outing today by calling (707) 539-0415 ext. 3 or emailing jperkins@playvom.com.

#### 2025 GOLF MEMBERSHIPS

Membership pricing is available for 2025. Please visit our website at [www.playvom.com](http://www.playvom.com) for pricing and membership information or swing by the golf shop to sign up for annual memberships.

#### EVENTS

Book your next event or celebration with us! We are an all-inclusive venue and can accommodate groups both big and small.

For more information, call us at (707) 312-2242.

#### NEW YEARS DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 1, 2025, FROM 3–6 PM

3–4 p.m.: Welcome reception and champagne toast  
4–6 p.m.: Live Music by Coffey Park Band  
\$35 per person includes entry, one drink ticket, heavy apps. Reservations can be made by calling (707) 539-0415 ext. 5.

#### FAMILY STYLE DINNERS

For \$48 plus tax you receive: choice of 2 pizzas (Pepperoni/Sausage, Chicken BBQ, Cheese, or Margherita), Large Caesar Salad, Large Creamy Alfredo Pasta, Garlic Bread (feeds up to 4 people).

Family Style To-Go Orders will be Fridays–Sundays. Call (707) 539-0415 ext. 5 to place your to-go order.

#### MODIFIED WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

**Oak Dining Room Hours:** Monday–Sunday 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Snack Bar Hours:** Snack Bar Hours are subject to change and are dependent on weather conditions.

**Valley of the Moon Golf Shop:** Monday–Sunday 6:45 a.m.–4 p.m. Last tee time booked is 3:30 p.m.

**The Club at Sugarloaf:** The Sugarloaf Clubhouse will be closed until the foreseeable future. Check in for all Sugarloaf tee times will be through the Valley of the Moon Golf Shop as we will start all play off of hole #4.

#### 2025 KNIFE SHARPENING SCHEDULE

**WHERE:** In the OAK parking lot, 7025 Oakmont Dr.  
**DATE:** Last Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.  
**COST:** \$8 per knife/\$14 per garden tool

#### VALENTINES DAY DINNER

\$65 per person and reservations can be made between 5–7 p.m. on Friday, February 14.

##### Menu:

First course: Lobster and Shrimp Bisque; or Pomegranate Salad with sliced red onions, blood oranges, fresh goat cheese with balsamic vinaigrette.

Second course: Pan Seared Sea Bass topped with lump crab, butter and herbs, grilled broccolini, garlic whipped potatoes; or Filet Mignon with grilled asparagus, garlic whipped potatoes, blackberry gastrique.

Third course: House made Chocolate Pecan Cookie with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream; or NY Cheesecake with seasonal berries and raspberry sauce.

Reservations can be made by calling (707) 539-0415 ext. 5.

#### LIVE MUSIC MONDAYS

Jan. 6: No music  
Jan. 13: Highway 12 Band  
Jan. 20: Jami Jamison  
Jan. 27: Second St. Band

#### JANUARY THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

Jan. 9: Grilled New York Steak Strip—10 oz. steak, shallot demi confit, grilled broccolini, loaded baked potato, \$37.

Jan. 16: Cilantro Pesto Chicken Thigh—Creamy Polenta, Roasted Peal Onions, Bell Pepper Succotash, BBQ Sauce, \$25.

Jan. 23: Chicken or Steak Fajitas—Marinated chicken or flank steak, sauteed peppers and onions, Spanish rice, pinto beans, queso fresco, \$23.

Jan. 30: Shrimp and Grits—Sauteed shrimp, corn succotash, Caggiano andouille sausage, cheese grits, \$24.

#### HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY ON SUNDAYS

Happy Hour Bites: Wings—Buffalo or BBQ, buttermilk ranch, \$8; Quesadilla—Mozzarella blend cheese, \$8 (add chicken \$2, pork \$6, shrimp \$8); Bruschetta—Crostini, burrata cheese, balsamic reduction, \$10; French Fries, \$4; Carnitas Taco—Beer based pork, avocado salsa verde, queso fresco, cilantro, corn tortilla, \$4; Crispy Polenta Sticks—served with BBQ sauce, \$9; Sweet Potato Fries—chipotle ranch, \$5.

Happy Hour Drinks: Draft Beer—\$1 off, Draft Pitcher—\$6 off, any Wine Glass—\$1 off, Line 39 Wine Bottle—50% off.

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](http://playvom.com).

## Oakmont Boomers

■Carolita Carr

Happy Holidays from the Boomer Board: Heidi Klyn, Connie Lachowicz, Cindi Clemence, Virginia Fuentes, Carolita Carr, Annette Daniele and Susan Wurtzel! We hope every one of you is experiencing a happy, healthy holiday season. May 2025 be filled with joy for you and yours.

#### CALENDAR FOR 2025

We have finalized our calendar for the coming year, and it is full of great events. The bands we have chosen are sure to keep you dancing.

Add these dates to your calendars:

January 18: Karaoke with DJ Bill Hillendahl

February 22: Mardi Gras with the Fargo Brothers

April 26: Neil Diamond Tribute Concert with Jack Wright

June 21: Nathan Owens and the Legends of Motown

August 9: Decades band

October 25: Halloween with the Magic Band

December 12: Members Appreciation Holiday Party

#### MEMBERSHIP

It will soon be time for most of our members to renew. Renewal is easy and can be done by visiting our website, [oakmontboomers.org](http://oakmontboomers.org). For those who have joined us recently, you will renew a year from when you joined.

## Just For Fun Games Club

■Phillip Herzog

#### WE PLAY GAMES AND IT'S SO FUN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution that you can succeed with? Resolve to take a break from life now and then and play games! Resolve to make new friends. Resolve to learn new games. Well, for that matter, don't resolve anything and come join us anyway!

This year we will again be having our annual NYE Party. It will be at CAC Room B. It will begin with a social potluck at 6 p.m. followed by games, and at 9 p.m. we will welcome in the new year. Please plan to bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Bring your own beverage, plates and service; or paper and plastic will be available.

To RSVP or for questions, send an email to: [terrylynparker@gmail.com](mailto:terrylynparker@gmail.com).

#### 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 Card and Game Room in the CAC. However, sometimes we also play online, to do so we use Zoom for communication and the website Board Game Arena for the games. Please call or email ahead to confirm the schedule.

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 selection of games on hand and players often bring new and different games as well. Everyone is welcome to come and have a good time at the Just for Fun Games Club. For more information contact me at [Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net](mailto:Just4FunGamesClub@earthlink.net) or (707) 843-3053.





## Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti



### NEW YEAR, NEW DAY AND NEW FRIENDS 2025 JANUARY OAKMONT SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB MIXER

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, January 17, 6 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** East Rec Center

Let's bring in the 2025 New Year by gathering to share holiday travels and tales and exchanging little known facts of each other. We'll offer help with our new website and ask you to check the existing roster so that we have your up-to-date information. Finally, we'll discuss what you would like to do in and for your club in 2025.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and as always... your beverage of choice. Lemon water will be provided. Please wear your name badges.

RSVP by Monday, January 13 via website, [www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org) or to Priscilla, [proslyn49@aol.com](mailto:proslyn49@aol.com).

Keep in mind that elections are in March, and there will be a couple of open positions including Treasurer, Communications and Co-Activity Director. The nominating committee will be working hard to reach out to members to join the board. Please give consideration, it takes a village.

### JANUARY 2025 BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

Due to the continued holidays, there will be no plans for a Bon Appetit outing this month. We will resume exploring our local eateries in February 2025. Everyone, have a safe and Happy New Year! Remember, buzz driving is drunk driving.

### 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 as you. For more Oakmont Singles Social Club membership visit our website at [www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglessocialclub.org).

## Movies At Oakmont



**WHERE:** Berger Center

**SCREENING DAY AND TIME:** Sundays at 2 p.m.

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

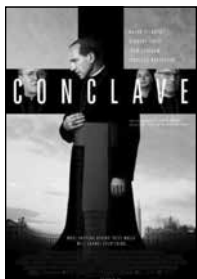
**NOTE:** All films are shown with English subtitles, when possible, free of charge—compliments of OVA.



### DECEMBER 29—NO MOVIE

#### JANUARY 5: SING SING

Divine G, imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit, finds purpose by acting in a theatre group alongside other incarcerated men in this story of resilience, humanity, and the transformative power of art. 2023, R, 1:47 /



#### JANUARY 12: CONCLAVE

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. 2024, PG, 2:00.

## Café Mortel



■Linda Suhr

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT POLST AND MORE

Medical advancements have significantly increased our ability to save lives compared to 50 years ago. With longer life spans, many people are now questioning quality of life versus extending their years. Whatever you decide, there are options available to document your wishes.

Have you ever wondered why and when you might need a POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) and an Advance Health Care Directive? And what is the purpose of the "Five Wishes" document?

Come to Café Mortel on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 3–4:15 p.m. in the East Rec Center to hear about the roles of and differences between these three important documents. We will review the POLST form, explain each option, and discuss how to effectively communicate our wishes with our physician, family and others who need to know.

Café Mortel is pleased to have Sharon Ziff, RN, as guest speaker. Sharon retired from hospice care and is now conducting end-of-life community education in Sonoma County. During her years at Memorial Hospice, she witnessed the anxiety that arises when individuals and their families are unaware of what to expect at the end of life and how preparation can help.

This meeting will also be available on Zoom (ID: 864 6915 1257, Passcode: 908288). All are welcome! Join us!



Sharon Ziff.

## Conservatives Club



■Jane Gyorgy

### BEST WISHES AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

From all of us at the Conservatives Club of Oakmont to all of you here in Oakmont, have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a very happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you next year in our permanent home, The Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Dr., on the fourth Tuesday of every month between 4 and 6 p.m. You are welcome to bring refreshments for yourself or to share.

About our club: We have no dues at this time.

Who can join? All are welcome.

Who attends meetings? A majority are registered Republicans, yet conservatives of all stripes attend.

What do we do? We engage speakers, encourage discourse and debate. We keep up to date on and encourage participation in local, state, and federal politics be it through city council meetings, the SRRWF (Santa Rosa Republican Women's Federated, the Sonoma County GOP, and wherever you are drawn.

How can you join? Send an email to [TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com](mailto:TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com).

Will you be bombarded with emails? No. We recap prior meetings and announce upcoming meetings, speakers, and their topics.

We have a SignUp Genius account to allow users to RSVP and/or volunteer for events.

We have an upcoming special event on January 20, 2025. We will hold an Inaugural Ball on the Upper floor of the West Rec. Center, 6470 Meadowridge Lane, from 6:30–9:30 p.m. It is BYOB, and you bring your own food and utensils, so there is no charge. We will be streaming the Inaugural Ball in Washington D.C. Although appropriate and welcome, formal attire is not required.

The following week, Tuesday, January 28, the fourth Tuesday of the month will be our first meeting of 2025.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

## Oakmont Garden Club



■Patty McHugh

### HOW TO GROW AND MANAGE A HEALTHY HOME AND GARDEN BY SUZANNE BONTEMPO, OUR WATER OUR WORLD AND PLANT HARMONY

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 8

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. Social, 10–11 a.m. Program, Q&A follows

**WHERE:** East Rec. Center, 7902 Oakmont Drive

We are excited to bring you this program early in the new year to get you thinking of the upcoming gardening season and re-thinking your garden habits.

Suzanne is an educator, speaker, activist, and coach, bringing over 25 years of gardening experience to the table. She is a sought-after consultant to gardeners, clubs, agencies and private companies. She conducts in-depth, in-person and virtual programs on a variety of garden topics and speaks about many of those topics in her blog and newsletter.

She is the program coordinator of "Our Water our World," a public education program, which focuses on promoting clean water by reducing our use of harmful pesticides around our homes and in our gardens. She will educate us on how to achieve a healthy garden starting from the soil up and without the use of pesticides. She will give us water-wise tips for managing your garden through heat waves and drought.

Suzanne is passionate about a healthy environment in our gardens and homes. We can all contribute - one garden at a time. You will leave energized. We hope to see you there.

It's time to renew your membership for 2025. The club dues are \$15 annually per household, please pay by March 1, 2025. You may pay at a club meeting or leave your check payable to Oakmont Garden Club in the club folder at the OVA. One-time guests are always welcome.

## Let's Dance—Together

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

### LEARN TO DANCE NIGHTCLUB 2-STEP IN 2025

**WHAT:** Beginning Nightclub 2-Step partner dance classes

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 from 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

Nightclub 2-Step (NC2S) is one of the most popular partner dances in Sonoma County and is danced to a large variety of slower ballad type music. Examples of songs that NC2S can be danced to are: "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, "Because You Loved Me" by Celine Dion, "All of Me" by John Legend, and "Let It Be" by The Beatles. No partners are required for the classes as we will rotate partners. However, rotation of partners will be optional. Also, any ladies that want to lead and any men that want to follow are very welcome.

Because of the popularity of this dance, it will be taught over the course of two months rather than just one month. The most basic beginning steps will be taught in January and we will continue with more intermediate steps in February. All classes will build on the material taught each week. No experience is needed for starting in January but the February classes will require knowing most of the material taught in January.

Join us for a fun way to get exercise and meet great people. A number of studies also indicate that partner dancing may actually increase mental acuity and reduce the possibility of cognitive decline. Some even say that dancing makes you smarter! It is definitely good for our muscles, balance, brains and spirit!

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





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Happy New Year!*



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# Lifelong Learning

■Marlena Tremont

## CLASSES AND CONCERTS

### WINTER CLASSES START NEXT MONTH

To hear the instructors talk about their classes, go to [OakmontLL.org](http://OakmontLL.org) and click on the recording of the Winter Class Preview.

### ETTA JAMES AND RAY CHARLES: LIVES, TIMES AND MUSIC

Instructor: Pamela Rose  
Mondays, Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 3 (no class on Jan. 20), 3-5 p.m., Berger  
3-week session. Cost: \$50



### THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION



Instructor: Mark Jordan  
Wednesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, (no class Feb. 19), 3-5 p.m., Berger  
6-week session: Cost: \$95



### FOUR DAVIDS, FOUR GREAT SCULPTURES

Instructor: Lynn Ostling  
Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, and 23, 3-5 p.m., East Rec  
3-week session. Cost: \$50

### FLEMISH, DUTCH AND BRITISH ART

Instructor: Christian Quintin  
Thursdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 3-4:30 p.m. (shorter class time), East Rec  
5-week session. Cost: \$60

### THE FASCINATING WORLD OF MICROORGANISMS

Instructor: Andrew Rogerson  
Mondays, Feb. 10, 17, 24 and Mar. 3, 3-5 p.m., Berger  
4-week session. Cost: \$65

### UPCOMING CONCERTS

February 14: Pianist Frederick Hodges, 7 p.m., table seating  
March 14: Blues concert with Pamela Rose, 7 p.m., table seating  
To register for concerts and classes, go to [OakmontLL.org](http://OakmontLL.org), fill out a form in the OLL folder in the OVA office or pay at the door.

## Current Events

■Tina Lewis

This is a very important time to discuss current events! Please join us every Friday from 1-2:30 p.m. at the East Rec. to hear all sides of issues from local to international. Come in person if you can, on Zoom if you can't.

Following the meeting join us at OAK for Happy Hour. This has become very popular, giving everyone a chance to socialize, unwind, and have something to eat and drink.

If you want to be put on the mailing list, including Zoom, email [tinalewis31@comcast.net](mailto:tinalewis31@comcast.net) or call (707) 758-9739.

## Oakmont HEARS Hearing Education, Advocacy, Research, Support



■Richard Osborne

### FIRST 2025 HEARS MEETING

Our next meeting is Friday, January 10, 2-3 p.m. in the CAC. We invite you to join us at this, our first 2025 quarterly meeting.

To join our mailing list, please send an email to [oakmontheears@gmail.com](mailto:oakmontheears@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

While hearing loss is regarded as just another aging problem, there are strategies to help manage this condition. The Oakmont HEARS Club is comprised of people, like you, who have decided to fight back against this debilitating condition. They employ many coping strategies and are happy to share them with you.

In a world filled with heartwarming conversations and the symphony of life, hearing loss can make us miss out or turn down the volume on our experiences. You do not have to relegate yourself to living with these problems. Expect to rediscover the joy of engaging with others, albeit with difficulty.

## OVA Presents Tribute to Dionne Warwick with Jackie Gage

■OVA Staff

The OVA is happy to welcome Jackie Gage to the Berger Center on Thursday, January 30 when the Bay Area singer performs the music of Dionne Warwick. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. show. Tickets are \$30 and available at the OVA office.



Jackie Gage.

Hailing from San Francisco, Jackie Gage cut her musical teeth in the New York music scene, performing with luminary jazz artists like Theo Croker, Marc Cary, Kim Nalley, and many others.

For this performance, Jackie Gage will sing the top hits from Dionne's catalog, including favorites like "Alfie," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" and "That's What Friends Are For," as well as some hidden gems you know and love.

Join us as we welcome Jackie Gage and celebrate Dionne Warwick's enduring legacy.



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## Asian Pacific Heritage and Culture Club

■ Anne Marie Siu Yuan

### DOCUMENTARY RESISTANCE AT TULE LAKE WITH Q&A WITH HENRY KAKU

DATE: Wednesday, January 8 TIME: 2-4 p.m.  
PLACE: Berger Center COST: Free

This documentary tells the long-suppressed story of incarcerated Japanese Americans who defied the government by refusing to swear unconditional loyalty to the U.S.



Henry Kaku is a Judo instructor in Petaluma—he holds a 6th degree black belt. He is also an Origami instructor and was here at last year's AAPI Heritage month celebration to teach us the art of Origami.

Henry was born in Japan. The rest of his family were American citizens who were forcibly relocated and incarcerated in American internment camps in California during World War II. At the end of the War, Henry's family was deported to Japan and their citizenship was revoked. Henry shared his family's story at the Japanese History and Culture event last September.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you have an interest in Asian and Pacific Islander heritage and culture, please consider joining the club. You can join online at [www.asianpacificheritagecultureclub.org](http://www.asianpacificheritagecultureclub.org).

Vicky and Avtar Kumar and the Dancing Divas. (Photo by Gary Andersen)

Membership is \$15 a year. Club members meet monthly on the fourth Wednesdays at local Asian restaurants for fun and fellowship, and we also have several members-only field trips and social and cultural events planned throughout the year.



Henry Kaku.

In November, we held our first club social celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights—presented by club members Vicky and Avtar Kumar—with spicy vegetarian samosas and sweet and delicious burfi, Bollywood music, and a performance by the Oakmont Dancing Divas to Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire.

Check out the club website for details about other upcoming events.

## Valley of the Moon Women Niners

■ Debra Kiddoo

### FAREWELL 2024 AND WELCOME 2025!

Once again, the VOM Women Niners capped off a stellar year with a Holiday Luncheon at the Salt and Stone arranged by Colleen Casey, Event Organizer. In addition to a delicious meal, party favors and a fun game, awards were presented to our Club Champions, Kathy Camp (low gross) and Vicki Eschelbach (low net) and Most Improved Golfer, Tammy Siela.

We play on Thursday mornings at the Sugarloaf Pro Shop with tee times from 9-10 a.m. Our purpose is to promote the game of golf for recreation and fellowship and to play the game in accordance with the rules of USGA. Golfers of all skill levels are

welcomed.

If you are interested in playing as a guest or joining the VOM Women Niners, please contact Kathy Camp at (707) 318-1121 or [kreate4u@yahoo.com](mailto:kreate4u@yahoo.com). We would love to see you in our 2025 Holiday picture!

Club Champions.



Holiday luncheon at Salt and Stone.

## Valley of the Moon Rotary Club



■ Star Power

### THE END IS NEAR

The end of 2024 is all I mean. Doesn't it sound almost like a Sci-Fi thing to say 2025? I'm having a hard time with this, especially when I sit down to change my datebook, etc. I'm sure we'll all get used to it soon.

VOM Rotary had its last meeting of 2024 and will resume again on January 2 featuring a wonderful speaker, Julie Ann Sternberg of Forget Me Not Farms, Children's Services, a therapeutic haven for traumatized children and animals. It promises to be an informative talk.

Maybe you'd like to drop in for that meeting at the East Rec. The meeting starts at 8 a.m., but it pays to come 15 or 20 minutes early to have some coffee, donuts and chit chat with our members.

Also, coming up for VOM Rotary is our Crab Feed Fundraiser on February 15. Tickets will be available very soon and sell out fast, as it's a fun evening. This is the only fundraiser VOM Rotary has each year to support its charitable causes, many right here in Oakmont and Santa Rosa. The price this year is still \$75 each. Besides the incredible delicious locally-caught crab and side dishes, but also a live auction with a great auctioneer, on-line auction and raffle.

If you're interested, check with our local Rotarians or e-mail Val Hulsey at [valerie.hulsey@yahoo.com](mailto:valerie.hulsey@yahoo.com).

Oh, and VOM Rotary had a grand Christmas tree at Berger Center for the recent contest which featured trees decorated by many of the Oakmont clubs.



Photo by Marcel Coder.

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## Jazz Club



■Delora Hurst

### NICOLAS BEARDE IN CONCERT

On March 8, one of the most revered singers in the country will again grace our stage in the Berger Auditorium. When Nicolas Bearde last performed in Oakmont, he received an immediate standing ovation, and then minutes of the thrilled audience shouting "Encore, Encore." He is absolutely mesmerizing when performing. His ability to capture the feeling of the lyrics he is singing is phenomenal.

He has worked in movies, the stage, and was featured in a staged radio play starring Danny Glover. He also became part of Bobby McFerrin's groundbreaking acappella "Voicestra" and spent 10 plus years on the road. He then became featured vocalist and narrator for Vincent Herring's "Story of Jazz Orchestra" highlighting the 100-year history of



recorded jazz music.

Mr. Bearde will be accompanied by the Grammy awarded pianist Larry Dunlap and his quartet of extraordinary musicians, including the beautiful guitar of Kai Lyons. It is seldom that we are exposed to such an incredible group of exceptional musicians playing together—you will not want to miss this concert!

**WHEN:** March 8, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Berger Auditorium, 6683 Oakmont Drive

**TICKETS:** \$40. Bring or mail check to the OVA office and leave in the Jazz Club folder.

Cabernet seating. Drinks and snacks permitted. Tables for eight people may be reserved. For information, call (707) 537-7720.

## Lawn Bowling



■Mary Blake

### INTERESTED IN LAWN BOWLING?

Email us at oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com, we'll teach you how.

#### DAILY DRAW

Our Daily Draw is Monday through Saturday. The daily draw is at 12:30 p.m. Show up at 12:15 to bowl at 12:30.

#### ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Our Annual Member Meeting was Monday, November 11. Since our incumbents ran unopposed, we approved the slate with a show of hands. We had a quorum (at least 15% of our members) and there were no "no" votes. We also unanimously approved the changes to our bylaws.

#### HOLIDAY PARTY AND AWARDS GALA

Our holiday party was Friday, December 6. It began with wrapping the gifts we'd purchased for foster children. As always, our club was incredibly generous and the social worker who received the packages asked that her excitement, happiness and thanks be passed on to the club. So, please know that you did good!



Linda Pickell is named Volunteer of the Year.

The tree almost disappears among the gifts for foster children!

The tables were beautifully decorated (though having cupcakes sitting there before dinner was very tempting) and the food (even the brussels sprouts) was very good.

Our president Janet Johnson thanked those who kept our club running smoothly for the last year. Jim Krause announced that the Green will be closed for maintenance for the month of February. Then trophies were distributed. Linda Pickell was named 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Check out the photos on our website for the rest of the winners!

#### 2025

It's time to renew your membership!

Email: oakmontlawnbowling@gmail.com. Website: www.oakmontlawnbowling.com.

## Kiwanis Club of Oakmont



■Richard Osborne

### WE HAVE TURNED 40

We have turned 40! While you might wish you could be 40 again, it is quite a remarkable achievement for us. Your Kiwanis Club of Oakmont is celebrating its 40th year as an Oakmont Club.

As you might know, Kiwanis is a national organization that serves kids all over the world, but the Kiwanis Club of Oakmont is your local Oakmont Club where you can have fun, meet others while helping support kids in the Sonoma County area. This is a wealthy area, but the needs are great even though you might think not.

We meet every Thursday in the Berger at 8 a.m. for a delicious hot breakfast followed by working on a service project. At our last meeting, we prepared and delivered Christmas stockings filled with goodies for the Chemo patients at Kaiser Hospital. Then, we helped the Salvation Army with their Christmas drive, kettle.



Next up, we will be serving the community with our popular Shred-A-Thon on February 13 in the Berger parking lot.

Although many Oakmont clubs go away after a few years, we are still here. Want to be a part of this fun and worthwhile experience? Come to a meeting. We are on the web at kiwanisclubofoakmont.org or reach us at kiwanisclubofoakmont@gmail.com.

## Playreaders



■D. Hall

### 2025 BEGINS WITH A BARK

Fresh off their delightful holiday offering, Keeping Christmas Well by Julio Martinez, Oakmont Playreaders begin 2025 with the wacky favorite, Sylvia by A.R. Gurney. When an apartment-living couple adopt a dog, little do they know that the dog talks as well as barks. And the things a talking dog will say!

The play will be staged in two acts, the first on January 6 and the second on January 13. Yvonne Horn, producer this comedy, plays Sylvia, the dog. She is supported by cast members: Michael Erwin, Lisa Erwin, Jonathan Hayden, Leslie Tuche, and Cathryn Ross.

Join us the first two Mondays of every month at 2 p.m. in Room B of the Central Activities Center. Come early for a seat.



Keeping Christmas Well by Julio Martinez. Readers: Top row: Marcel Coder, John Dolan, Dennis Hall, Star Power, Wes Doerr, Peter Krohn. Seated: Steven Levin, Blanche Kaiser, Jim Preston, Margaret Applegate. (Photo by Esther Dolan)



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■Greg Fauss



### HAPPY END OF 2024!

2024 has been quite a year and 2025 promises to be full of change.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus apparently said that "The only constant in life is change." In 2006 Allan Deutschman wrote a book that impacted the world of business: Change or Die. I've also heard it said that change is inevitable; our reaction to it is what matters. And, of course, Jesus was all about change for the better, especially from the inside out.

Much has been written about change dynamics and managing change, but one thing for certain is that we also need a degree of stability, some anchoring to be able to handle the waves of change. We can find stability in a relationship with God and in a loving Christian community. It's like a pot of good soil, that provides a safe environment for change and growth.

So, if you're looking for a place to respond to change well, consider visiting us this Sunday or anytime in the coming year!

Our regular Sunday Worship Service is 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.occantarosa.org, write us at occantarosa@gmail.com or call at (707) 595-0166.



## Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

### “OUTTA MY WAY, THIS CAN’T STAY”

By the end of December, holiday partying is cooling down. This last week offers your final chance for shedding 2024.

By the end of December, holiday parties may have become added weight. Literally. See today for composting party food and holiday temptations. Dump them, along with candle stubs, wilted poinsettias and crumpled gift paper.

Start with the obvious: tell someone in OHI class what you will throw out, recycle or use up during the last week of this last month. Make yourself accountable.

Next, create a list of what falls off shelves, prevents drawer closings, clogs positive attitudes, drains or arteries.

Set timer for ten minutes and tackle one geography at a time: pantry, dresser, garage.

As you eliminate excess, you’ll claim success. You are in control—the conqueror. You chant: “outta my way, this can’t stay!”

Lastly, at the end of ten minutes, take stock. Take credit. Take a bow.

When you report your accomplishments to your OHI buddy, you’ll glow with well-deserved self-satisfaction.

Congratulations, now you can move to OHI front rows. In 2025, you are indeed the one to follow.

Meeting ID: 832 5893 6515. Passcode: 053432.

## Somatic Movement Club

■Silas King, Instructor

### CHANGING TIMES

The Somatics Movement class on Wednesday mornings is changing to the first Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

There have been requests to do a longer format, which allows us to go deeper into the changes this class offers. In moving to a longer format, we will also be working on the floor so mats and blankets will be important to bring. The class uses gentle movements and body awareness based on the Feldenkrais Method to improve the quality of life.

This class can help relieve stress, anxiety, poor sleep, and assist in recovery from injuries. You will learn more about your body-mind connection, and how simple physical movements and awareness practice can significantly improve your life.

I am a long-time practitioner of movement, meditation, and martial arts. I have helped people with Parkinson’s, injuries, poor sleep, and anxiety disorder.

Classes will be held in the Lower West Rec Center, on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information contact me at (707) 734-0780 or silaskingonline@gmail.com.

## Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

### MARY’S FITNESS CLASS

Looking forward to seeing you all when we resume Balance and Fitness classes on Friday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the East Rec.

There is a \$5 drop-in fee for classes and 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.

## Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

Water Aerobic Classes will continue on the Winter Schedule and will resume on January 6, 2025. There will only be one class a day Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the West pool. We meet rain or shine, so don’t hesitate to come!

The water is still toasty warm at 86 degrees so grab your winter swim robe and join us for fun as we exercise.

There is a drop-in fee of \$8 and we look forward to seeing you soon.



■Marie Haverson

### SHA-BOOM! PRESENTS HAPPY NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

**WHEN:** December 31 **WHERE:** Berger Center  
**TIME:** Doors open at 4 p.m.; appetizers 4:30–5:30 p.m.; Buffett dinner 6–7 p.m.; music by “Glory Dayz” Band, 7–10 p.m.

**COST:** \$125 per person

Buffet dinner is by Charlie’s catering. We will have linen tablecloths and napkins, hats and party favors. Please BYOB.

Menu is as follows: Appetizers—meat, cheese and fruit trays; Buffet Dinner—Grilled Chicken, Prime Tri-tip, Penne Pasta, Tossed Green Salad, dinner rolls and butter; Dessert—brownies, lemon bars, cookies.



Welcome 2025 to Oakmont with “Glory Dayz,” a dynamic group of seasoned fun-loving professional musicians, featuring Frankie Adel, former lead singer of “Sha Na Na.” With their infectious energy and exceptional talent, they’re guaranteed to ignite our event. From timeless classics of the 50s and 60s to today’s chart toppers, their diverse repertoire ensures there’s something for everyone. With electrifying performances and a seamless blend of genres, “Glory Dayz” will create an unforgettable atmosphere, keeping everyone at Oakmont dancing all night long. Their undeniable presence makes them the perfect choice for our NYE celebration!

We will bring in the New Year at 9 p.m. East Coast time.

For best seating, please get your reservations early, as it will sell out fast.

Please make checks payable to Sha-Boom Events Club, include a note with the names at your table so that you’re all seated together, and place in our folder in the OVA office. You may also mail them to Marie Haverson at 7111 Oakleaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409, or drop them in the mail slot (right side of garage door). Any questions, feel free to call me at (707) 539-6666.

Please remember, no refunds.

I can’t wait to celebrate with you!

## Slot-Car Club

■Ray Wells

### SLOT-CAR RACING EVENT IN JANUARY

The next Oakmont Slot-Car Club Race Meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2–9 p.m. in the West Rec. Center.



Photo by Ray Wells.

The track will be medium difficulty with two lanes and a lap of around 10 seconds, several lane changers and our signature dual lane pit stop for refueling. Our first event ran a team race for one hour which was continually hectic. This time we will alternate every half hour between open practice and a team race for the second half of each hour. We hope to have 6 teams with driver changes at refueling stops. Even if you have not signed-up, you are guaranteed to get on a team to improve your driving skills and sense of humility.

Our objective is to have fun driving 1/32-scale model cars that are evenly matched and maybe tune them up with new tires, pick-up braids and oil. We run Carrera GTD cars but other makes can be digitally chipped if you want to bring your own. There are lots of YouTube videos of Carrera slot-cars but nothing beats actually racing.

This is a new club which needs 20 members to become sanctioned. Please contact me at Raywingit@comcast.net to join the club.

## Canine Club



■Randi Hulce

### EARLY BIRD BENEFIT

All current members may take advantage of your “Early Bird” renewal benefit by renewing 2025 membership in December.

Cost \$10 individual and \$16 household. After December 31 dues are \$12 and \$20. Make check payable to Oakmont Canine Club and drop it in

the club folder at OVA office by December 31.

New members always welcome. New Member Application form is also available in the Canine Club folder. If you are not a current member, please enclose that form with your \$12 or \$20 check.

### AT THE DOG PARK

• The park is reserved 3–4 p.m., every Sunday and Wednesday, for dogs less than 25lbs. Thanks to all for respecting safety concerns of small dog owners by observing these hourly windows each week.

• Reminders: Please do not bring dog treats, food, or drink of any kind (except water) into the Dog Park. Also, watch your dog; be ready to use waste bags and receptacles located throughout the park.

Happy Tails Dog Park, located at 6302 Stonebridge Rd., behind the Community Garden, Open sunrise to sunset and available to all Oakmont residents.





## SIR Branch #92

■Mike O'Callaghan

### NEW NAME FOR SIR

The SIR (Sons in Retirement) Club of Oakmont has been retitled to SENIORS in Retirement and is now open to both women and "sons" membership.

Good friends, good food, good fun, good speakers! Our luncheon speakers for January to June 2025 are: January: Santa Rosa Councilwoman, Diana McDonald

February: Pets Life Line, Oliva Kristiansen  
March: SR Symphony Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong

April: Iris Harrell, Insurance  
May: Eric Johnson, CEO, Press Democrat  
June: VOM Alliance

All seniors: Interested in good times? Call Mike, (707) 888-6583; Marianne, (707) 953-5302; or Jack, (707) 843-7408. Come check out the Seniors in Retirement of Oakmont. Enjoy!

Our monthly luncheon meeting is on the second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Berger. Reservations are mandatory to attend.



Photo by B. Lefson.

## Meditation

■Joanne Davey

### MEDITATING TOGETHER WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"To meet everything and everyone through stillness instead of mental noise is the greatest gift you can offer to the universe."—Eckhart Tolle

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.

If you have questions, please contact Trisha Mitchell, (650) 255-4026.

## Boomers' Dinner for Eight

■Denise Bickert

Do you enjoy good food, wine, and meeting new friends? Boomer's Dinner for Eight will be starting a new rotation in January, 2025. Dinner groups are made up of four couples and meet four times at a member's home over six months.

The host couple provide the main course, the others bring an appetizer, salad or dessert and a bottle of wine to share. Hosting rotates between the four couples. Each group sets their schedule and menus.

Boomers Club membership is only \$10 a year and you can sign up at oakmontboomers.org.

If you would like more information, or are interested in joining Dinner for Eight please contact TinaMarie Romo at tinamariero3@gmail.com.

## Be a Part of our Community Directory

■News Staff

Did you know Oakmont has an electronic directory on the OVA website? Located at oakmontvillage.com/directory, this member resource is a way for residents to locate contact information on neighbors and friends. The directory also allows new residents to be added and existing members to update their listings as needed, allowing contact information to be up to date.

To be listed, members need only log onto the OVA website at www.oakmontvillage.com and go to "Members" on the far right of the home page toolbar. Then click on Community Directory and follow the prompts to add your information. Members also may complete their entries on paper at the OVA office.

Besides being current, the directory is secure because it's only available with a member password.

If you are not in the directory, please visit oakmontvillage.com/directory and follow the steps to add your listing. If there have been changes to your contact information, please update your listing to include the correct information.

Please note, this directory is solely for personal use and is not to be used for solicitation.

## Parkinson's Support Group

■Christine Nota

### WE CONTINUE TO MEET TWICE A MONTH

The Oakmont Parkinson's Support Group meets the first and third Fridays of every month, 10–11:30 a.m. at West Recreation Upper Meeting Room. The group includes people with Parkinson's and their Care Partners who tend to be spouses or friends. All are welcome.

Group discussions include challenges and solutions for living well with Parkinson's. Many meetings include speakers who help us better understand the disease, learn adaptations and strategies of how to thrive

■Barb Marquardt

### ZAPPARELLI DOMINATES 12-PLAYER 8 BALL POOL TOURNAMENT

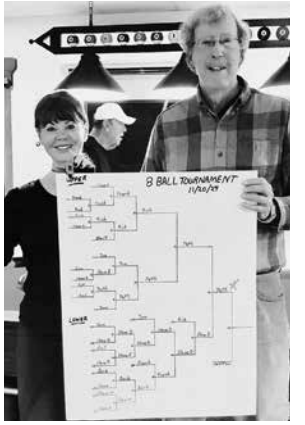
Twelve skilled competitors gathered at the Oakmont Billiards Club on Nov. 20 for an intense pool tournament that showcased high-level strategy and precision. The event featured a double-elimination format ensuring every player had a fair shot at climbing to the top.

Patti Zapparelli emerged as the undisputed champion demonstrating consistent skill and composure. Her dominance was on full display during the final match, where she clinched the title.

Steve Dieterle fought his way to a commendable second place finish. Despite an early loss, Steve staged an impressive comeback. Though unable to dethrone Patti, Steve's resilience and strategic play earned him well deserved recognition.

The tournament was a celebration of skill, sportsmanship and passion for the game.

Congratulations to all the players for a fun day!



Patti Zapparelli, winner, on left and Steve Dieterle.

## Great Decisions

■George McKinney

### JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS IN DISCUSSING GREAT DECISIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY

"Great Decisions" is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. It focuses on the most critical global issues facing America today. The program involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book and meeting in a discussion group with your Oakmont neighbors. There are 30-minute videos to supplement the Briefing Book.

Early 2025 will be an especially interesting and challenging time to discuss world affairs, in light of the upcoming U.S. election and the global search for resolutions of the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. These topics are included in the 2025 discussions.

You don't need to be an international affairs expert to participate. Each of us brings a fascinating personal perspective from a lifetime of learning, experiencing, and traveling. Occasionally we have a neighbor with particular knowledge of the part of the world being discussed, and we all benefit from that.

Meetings for 2025 are 10 a.m.–12 noon on Monday mornings every other week from February through mid-May in the East Rec. Center. The eight topics for 2025 are:

- 1: American Foreign Policy at the Crossroads
- 2: U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
- 3: U.S. China Relations
- 4: International Cooperation on Climate Change
- 5: The Future of NATO and European Security
- 6: AI and American National Security
- 7: India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
- 8: After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

The only cost to participate is \$30 for the Briefing Book. We purchase them in bulk and get a discount.

The videos are free online.

We look forward to having you with us discussing Great Decisions.

For more information and to join a Great Decisions discussion group, contact me at oakmontgd@gmail.com for instructions where to send the check if you wish to participate.



Great Decisions 2025 Briefing Book (Foreign Policy Association).





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Interior/exterior professional painting. Small jobs OK. Call Leo at (707) 579-2680.

## WANTED: GARAGE SPACE

Looking for a clean, safe, garage space to rent for winter storage of a 1966 Classic Lincoln Continental. If you have available garage space, please contact me at: Michael Webb, (707) 833-2167 (home), (707) 483-0083 (Cell). Email: [michael@ireko.com](mailto:michael@ireko.com).

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## DANA'S CLEANING

Light housework to deep clean sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, dusting, dishes, meal prep, laundry, windows inside home plus garage organization. Available weekends! Mother-Daughter team! \$60 an hour. Weekly/Biweekly/Monthly, 2-hour minimum. 25 years' experience, licensed. Call or text (707) 408-2844 for an appointment.

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We are a local plumbing company that can take care of all your plumbing needs from service and repair, to remodels and additions. Call today to schedule a free estimate. (707) 800-2043.

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Have your old kitchen look like a beautiful new modern kitchen. We are offering Oakmont residents our best prices ever on kitchen remodels in January and February 2025. Bayside Remodeling and Construction specializing in Oakmont since 1986. Call John Coyle, for your free consultation and estimate, (415) 879-1634.

## HELPER WANTED

Oakmont woman needed for light chores and meal preparation. Hours and days flexible. For details and wages call Mary, (707) 625-0153.

## WANTED: USED MULTI-DISC CD MUSIC PLAYER

Must work well and be reasonable. Oakmont resident, (775) 287-9535.



# Oakmont Village Association

## OAKMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Hours: M–F 9 AM–5 PM—Closed 12–1 PM  
Tel 707-539-1611

6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A

OVA E-mail: askova@oakmontvillage.com

Website: www.oakmontvillage.com

Book appointments with staff at: oakmontvillage.com/staff

## MAINTENANCE OFFICE

Hours: Daily 7 AM–10 PM

Tel 707-539-6720

Maintenance Building (next to Central Auditorium)

## CONDOMINIUM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (CFM)

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## OAKMONT NEWS

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6572 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A

(for Association Maintained Homes)

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## AVAILABLE IN OVA OFFICE

GAS SHUT-OFF WRENCH.....\$12

TENNIS COURT KEY.....\$2

RESIDENT ACCESS CARD.....\$30 EA

REPLACEMENTS.....\$30 EA

GUEST ACCESS CARD.....\$30 EA

## BULLETIN BOARDS

There are three OVA bulletin boards, one at each recreation center, where OVA events can be posted. Please bring in notices to the Events Coordinator at the OVA Office. Size is limited to 8.5"x5.5". Items "For Sale", "For Rent" or "Want to Buy" can be put on a 3"x5" card and left at the OVA Office.

## LOCKER RENTALS

Annual Locker Fee \$30 (January 1–December 31). If you wish to rent a locker, come to the OVA office and give us a check, your information and the number of the locker you want to rent. You provide the lock. We can prorate the annual fee. Daily use lockers are free. NOTICE: Weekly locker inspections are done by OVA Maintenance. Locks could be sawed off with no prior notice and locker contents removed on all unpaid lockers. Items will be held in OVA Maintenance office for 30 days. If you have any questions, please contact the OVA Office M-F 707-539-1611

## GUEST PASSES

The following are OVA Guest Pass types and duration: 1) Guest from outside Sonoma County—up to 90 days; 2) House sitters—up to 90 days (OVA host must present written request to OVA Office for approval prior to visit); 3) Guests living in Sonoma County—2 days per card, and no more than 3 cards per month. Guest cards are available during regular hours in the OVA Office for a \$30 non-refundable fee. Guests accompanied by their Oakmont host are not required to have a Guest Pass.

## STREET CLEANING

City streets in Oakmont are cleaned by the city early on the fourth Friday of each month. Residents who want their streets swept should avoid street parking overnight on those days.

## NEED A RIDE? GIVE A RIDE! OAKMONT VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We provide the following services to Oakmont Residents:

- Transportation to medical/dental appointments, including pet appointments, in Santa Rosa only
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### COORDINATOR Rides to Medical Appointments

December 16–31  
Bev Leve 707-539-2802

January 1–15  
Patresia Zwerling 707 539-8996

If you would like to be a volunteer, please call 707-539-8996. Donations to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers are appreciated and tax deductible. Mail your check payable to Oakmont Volunteer Helpers, 6637 Oakmont Dr., Ste. A, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Thank you.

Mon.–Fri. medical rides before 9 AM or after 4 PM are subject to limited volunteer driver availability. No service on weekends or holidays. Please call at least three full working days prior to appointment.  
**We regret that we are unable to provide either wheelchair or emergency service.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR WRITER GUIDELINES

The *Oakmont News* welcomes letters of up to 250 words from residents to express opinion, criticism or praise. They must include the writer's name and Oakmont address, although the address won't be published. See details on how to send them at <https://oakmontvillage.com/submit>. While letters to the editor may be edited for length and spelling, they are not edited for accuracy. Opinions are that of the writer and not necessarily the Oakmont Village Association.

## POOLS & JACUZZIS

Access to OVA pools is by magnetic card. Call OVA Office, 707-539-1611 if you need a permanent new member pool access card or to register for a temporary guest pool access card.  
WEST: 7 AM–9 PM  
(Closes 7 PM Wednesdays for cleaning)  
EAST: 6:30 AM–9 PM  
(Closes 7 PM Mondays for cleaning)  
CENTRAL: 5:45 AM–9 PM  
(Closes 7 PM Tuesdays for cleaning)  
JACUZZI HOURS: Same as facility. No one under 18 years in West and East pools and Jacuzzis.  
CENTRAL POOL HOURS FOR PEOPLE UNDER 18:  
Labor Day–Memorial Day: 11 AM–2 PM daily  
Memorial Day–Labor Day: 12–4 PM daily  
Children must be accompanied by an OVA member/resident or adult with a valid guest pool access card.  
NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AT ANY OVA POOL.  
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707-913-7326

## LIBRARY

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr.  
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## OAKMONT COMMUNITY GARDEN ON STONEBRIDGE

For more info on signing up, email [Oakmontcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:Oakmontcommunitygarden@gmail.com). Contact for current availability.

## HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK

6302 Stone Bridge Rd  
Open to residents of Oakmont Village Association from sunrise to sunset. Small Dog Hours are from 3–4 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays.

## FITNESS CENTER

Central Activity Center, 310 White Oak Dr.  
Daily 5:45 AM–9 PM. Closed at 7 PM on Tues. for cleaning. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

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## OVA BOARD MEETINGS

Townhalls 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of the month and board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 1 PM

*Always online via Zoom and in-person when possible. All residents are welcome. Information to join online is e-blasted out to the community for every meeting along with the in-person location when applicable. Sign up for e-blasts from OVA at [oakmontvillage.com/inside](http://oakmontvillage.com/inside).*

The Board of Directors of Oakmont Village Association reserves the right to select those articles submitted for publication that seem appropriate to the purpose of this association.

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS

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## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE IN OAKMONT

- CityBus #16 bus takes residents to 5 different shopping centers weekday mornings and around Oakmont afternoons.
- Sonoma County Transit #30 bus goes to Memorial and Kaiser Hospitals and downtown Santa Rosa. Returns via Oakmont to Sonoma.
- Schedules available at OVA office.

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## Art Association

■Elizabeth Kern



Legion of Honor at night.

### LEGION 100: INNOVATION AND INVENTION A TALK BY A DOCENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ART MUSEUMS

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Legion of Honor, home to one of the world's outstanding collections of Rodin sculpture and European art. The Legion of Honor owes its existence to the vision of enterprising San Franciscan Alma de Bretteville Spreckels, who set out to build a museum to showcase French art and dedicated to the California men who died in France during World War I.

This talk tells the fascinating story of how the museum was modeled after the Legion of Honor in Paris and

would come to be built on a hill with a breathtaking view of the San Francisco Bay. Featuring a treasure trove of historic images, the talk highlights some of the building's beautiful original architectural features as well as renovations undertaken over the past 100 years.

The Legion of Honor's moving inaugural ceremonies of 1924 and the art objects that were on display in the galleries on opening day will also be discussed in this exploration of an important chapter of San Francisco history.

The talk will be given by Docent Christina Crosby. Christina Crosby graduated in Art History from Pomona College. After attending Loyola Law School and a 30-year legal career focused on helping public agencies and non-profit organizations raise money for capital projects through the issuance of bonds, she returned to her first love of Art History by entering the Docent program at the Fine Arts Museums in 2011.

In addition to giving lectures throughout the Bay Area, Christina shares her love of art with museum visitors at both the de Young and Legion of Honor. She also loves to travel, with museums always a featured part of the itinerary.

**WHEN:** Friday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. (refreshments at 10 a.m.)

**WHERE:** Berger Center

## Hikers

■Scott Finn

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not and the annual membership is only \$15. Go to our website at [www.oakmonthikingclub.org](http://www.oakmonthikingclub.org) to join the club, get hike details, club information, photos and more.

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

### JANUARY 2: BUBBLY HIKE VARIOUS HIKES IN TRIONE-ANNADEL STATE PARK

Short, Medium, and Long Hikers will Assemble at the West Recreation Center parking lot by the picnic area at 9 a.m.. All groups will assemble at the Picnic Area and share in a toast to the New Year, and depart following routes identified by each group leader.

Bubbly to be provided by the Hiking Club. Bring lunch, water, poles as needed. Rain Cancels. Check the Hiking Club website for more details on hike leaders and trails.

### JANUARY 9: LONG HIKE LAGUNITAS, MADRONE, AND SHAVER GRADE TRAIL LOOP

Explore the varied landscapes of the Marin Watershed. We'll begin in Ross on Phoenix Lake, climb to Lake Lagunitas and then down to Bon Tempe Lake where we'll break for lunch. Lots of restrooms and picnic tables throughout the park. Then a short climb to the Madrone trailhead where we'll hike



Lake Lagunitas.

down a forest filled with madrone trees. Finally, a hike along the other side of Phoenix Lake and back to the parking lot.

According to Alltrails, 7.2 miles and 1256'. However, some commenters said it was closer to 9 miles. Bring the usual stuff. Hike leader is Jeff Zalles, [jeffzalles@gmail.com](mailto:jeffzalles@gmail.com), (415) 999-5333.

### JANUARY 11: OAKMONT HIKING CLUB 2025 POTLUCK DINNER AT THE BERGER CENTER

Join fellow Oakmont hikers for our annual potluck at the Berger Center on Saturday, January 11 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We will celebrate the many hikes our members took in 2024, including the Tri-Nighters in Chico and Half Moon Bay.

Our feature speaker will be Marilyn Pahr of the OHC Board of Directors presenting some fun history of Nevada County California. Grass Valley, in Nevada County, is the location of the Spring 2025 Tri-Nighter.

At the potluck we will acknowledge 2024 hike leaders, and award most miles hiked in the short, intermediate and long hike groups.



The Oakmont Hiking Club.

## Tennis Club



■Jack Breibart

### THEY'RE BACK

They will be back by popular demand, which means that everyone who attended the Tennis Winter Social last year demanded that the Second Street Band be back to play for the 2025 Social at the Wild Oak Saddle Club on January 9.



The Second Street Band L to R: Kent Don, keyboard and guitar; Jimmy (Chardonnay) Milone, guitar and lead vocal; Nigel Bates, drums; John Ray, bass.

And that's okay with Jimmy (Chardonnay) Milone, the lead vocal and guitar player who is in charge of things.

"We're really looking forward to the January event," says Jimmy. "We love playing for the Oakmont crowd. We pretty much stick with classic rock and blues. We might adjust our set list a bit so we're not so loud during dinner."

Jimmy who is a very prominent wine maker by trade, as were generations of his family before him, is semi-retired now and no longer an owner or partner in any Sonoma/Mendocino properties. He says he still oversees production for a couple of brands and does some consulting. Otherwise, he is playing music or golf.

Jimmy joined the band in 2020 while living in Napa prior to moving to Oakmont. Nigel Bates and John Ray have been with the group for 10 years or more. The new guy in town is Kent Don, keyboard, who at 61 is the youngster of the group. They all say their "shades" are individual and not part of a group buy.

Details for the Social are in emails you've received from Rex. You still have time to find your dancing shoes and sign up to attend at the OVA administrative office.

The Tennis Club has been saddened by the death of Jerry Smith, who a couple of weeks ago was serving his left-handed swerve with a winning smile to opponents on the East Courts. Our best thoughts to his family.

And a tip of the hat to Ulu McBride and Teri Hickey on the great work they did on putting up the tennis ball special Christmas tree in the Berger Plaza.



Tennis Balls Decorate the Tennis Club tree in Plaza.

## Official News Sources for Oakmont


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A lot is happening in Oakmont! To keep up to date with all things in our community, be sure to follow the official news and information sources for Oakmont Village Association. This would be this *Oakmont News* newspaper, our website at [oakmontvillage.com](http://oakmontvillage.com), and our e-blasts, including our weekly *Inside Oakmont* email newsletter.

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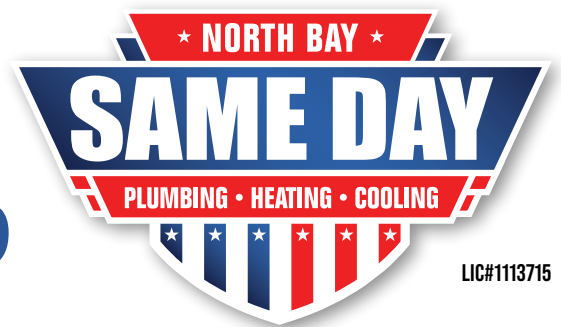


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