

# OAKMONT NEWS

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## Two Oakmont Volunteers Honored by OVA Board

■News Staff

Joanne Phillips and Lesli Lee were honored with service awards at the OVA Board Meeting on June 16. Phillips, a member of the Finance and Golf Course committees and the Nine and Dine golf group, and host of trivia events at OAK Restaurant and Oakmont Community Foundation (OCF) fundraising events, was named Volunteer of the Year by the board. Phillips was also awarded the Susan Millar Award by the Oakmont Community



Joanne Phillips.



Lesli Lee.

Foundation, which includes a \$1,000 grant to an eligible Oakmont club or group selected by the recipient. Lee was named Community Service Volunteer of the Year for her work leading the Oakmont Environmental Stewardship Task Force, which has brought new green compost bins to OVA facilities, coordinated waste ambassadors for events, and helped organize an Eco-Friendly Garden and Firewise Home Tour.

## Unexpected Guest



Resident Betty Larson spied this unexpected visitor enjoying quiet time in her backyard near the 9th tee on the Sugarloaf golf course on Memorial Day.

## Grandparents Week Is Coming!

■Leslie Brockman, Grandparents' Club

Grandparents Week is coming! Dates this year are July 26–31—make sure to get your grandchildren registered.

Sponsored by Oakmont's Grandparents' Club, this year's events begin on Sunday afternoon, July 26, with the Welcome Carnival from 2–4 p.m. at the Berger Plaza. So much fun for all—including games, prizes, music by the Ukesters, a balloon artist, face painter, temporary tattoos, and carnival concessions: fresh-popped popcorn, sno-cones, and cotton candy.

Then, on Monday morning, July 27, five days of classes will begin, including Sports (special thanks to all the Oakmont clubs whose members teach the grandchildren), Nature (fishing at the pond is back this year, along with a nature walk and exploring the Community Gardens), Arts and Crafts, Drama, and the always-popular Wii Bowling, Slot Car Racing, Family Bingo, and Afternoon Tea, among many others. Classes are offered



to toddlers through teens, but advance registration is mandatory and classes fill up quickly.

How do you register? Go to our website: [OakmontGrandparentsClub.org](http://OakmontGrandparentsClub.org). Join the club for just \$20 per year per family to receive discounted prices on most offerings, then browse the list of classes and events and register your grandchildren. You can also register without becoming a club member. Registration opens July 1 for GPC members and July 8 for non-members, and closes July 20.

There will be a Family Picnic on Tuesday, July 28, from 5–7:30 p.m. at the Berger Plaza, with delicious hot dogs and burgers available for purchase, prepared by our talented Chef Pete Hardy. The evening will include outdoor games, indoor family dances, music by the Mello-Tones, and bounce houses.

On Friday, July 31, look forward to a concert by the talented Quercus

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## President's Message: Keeping You Informed

■Steve Spanier, OVA Board President



In a recent town hall meeting, our board gave community members the latest information on the Berger Center project. We reviewed the Berger's current needs, the options for handling those needs and the approximate cost of each option. We mentioned that we're negotiating contractual issues with ESG, the company we hope will do the Berger work for us. We described our efforts to accommodate Oakmont groups during an extended Berger closure.

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## Board Delays Vote on Berger, Waits on Bylaws

■Jackie Ryan

In a six to one vote, the OVA Board of Directors tabled a motion to move forward on a Berger contract with a design-build firm, citing yet unresolved questions around cost, scope and contract negotiations. Director Neill Ray, who introduced the resolution for action at the June 16 meeting, cast the only dissenting vote on holding off for now.

Steve Spanier, board president, said in the coming weeks the board will continue meeting with Energy Systems Group (ESG) to refine terms and costs before making a decision. All directors shared their current perspectives on the three-tiered proposal, ranging from the urgent need to replace HVAC systems to expanding the facility by some 1,000 square feet to improve functionality, largely agreeing that more time is needed ahead of any decision.

"We're just not there yet," said Director Terrie Mui, expressing the majority opinion. "The board has been having a lot of in-depth discussions. It's been a very good discussion of different points of view."

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Grandparents' Club has organized a week of fun for grandparents and their grandchildren in our community, July 26–31. (Photos by Julie Kiil, Maureen McGettigan, and Kathy Sowers)



### Aging with Dignity: The Conversations That Matter Most

By Zoe Coles, MSN, RN  
Owner, Placement Options

Most people spend decades preparing for retirement. We carefully plan our finances, investments, homes, and travel. Yet many families never prepare for one of the most important transitions of all: the realities of aging.

As a Registered Nurse and owner of Placement Options, I have spent years helping older adults and their families navigate healthcare, housing decisions, care needs, and life transitions. One thing I see repeatedly is that the families who fare best are not necessarily the ones with the most resources. They are the ones who have had the conversations before a crisis occurs.

*Aging is not about losing independence. In many ways, it is about preserving it. The question is not whether life will change. The question is whether we will be prepared when it does.*

- Have you discussed your wishes if you could no longer drive?
- Have you talked about where you would want to live if staying at home became difficult?
- Does your family know your preferences regarding medical care, finances, and quality of life?

These conversations can feel uncomfortable. Many families avoid them because they fear upsetting one another. Unfortunately, waiting until there is a hospitalization, fall, dementia diagnosis, or other emergency often leaves families making major decisions under stress and with limited options.

I encourage older adults to think about aging the same way they think about estate planning. Your legacy is not simply the assets you leave behind. It is also the guidance, clarity, and peace of mind you provide to the people who love you. Preparing ahead allows families to remain focused on what matters most: relationships, dignity, and quality of life.

Many people are surprised to learn that support exists long before someone needs assisted living or memory care. Sometimes what is needed is simply an experienced advocate to help coordinate medical care, attend appointments, organize resources, facilitate family conversations, or develop a plan for the future.

*At Placement Options, we help older adults and families navigate these decisions every day:*

- Exploring future possibilities?
- Need guidance after a hospital stay?
- Require assistance finding the right assisted living, memory care, or board-and-care home?

Don't wait for a crisis to start planning. The best time to have these conversations is when everyone is healthy enough to participate in them. Your future self—and your family—will thank you.

*About the Author: Zoe Coles, MSN, RN, is a Registered Nurse, former Director of Nursing, and owner of Placement Options, a Sonoma County-based senior placement and concierge nurse case management service. She helps older adults and their families navigate aging, healthcare decisions, care coordination, and housing transitions throughout Sonoma, Marin, and the Greater Bay Area.*



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We also described other projects. These include the reworking of the lease with the company that manages the golf courses for us, the potential purchase of the OVA office building and maintenance operations in the West and Central pool areas. We stated we will not make Berger decisions without a better understanding of the financial obligations that come along with these other projects.

This is our board's promise to you:

- We promise to not only tell you everything that's happening but also to provide the why behind our thinking.
- We promise to share the logic (or, you're welcome to conclude, the lack of logic!) behind our decisions.
- We promise not to shrink from your curiosity.
- We promise significant opportunities for open, two-way discussions.
- We promise to build community engagement into all our thinking.
- We promise to do our best to make the tough calls based on the best interests of the association rather than our own personal interests or the interests of our friends and neighbors. We know this is what the law asks of us.

We understand that bringing the community along with us as we tackle Oakmont's issues takes time, energy and money. Responding to those with questions and concerns requires great care because we know what we say and do might be interpreted inappropriately and shared widely. Nonetheless, we understand that community support and engagement are critical to any board's success.

Oakmont information comes from a variety of sources. Our official communication channels are the Oakmont News, Inside Oakmont, the oakmontvillage.com website, town halls, board meetings and other communications that come directly from our staff and board of directors.

Information from other sources is not vetted by our staff or board and often reflects individual perspectives rather than verified facts. While diverse viewpoints enrich our community dialogue, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of unofficial information.

It's easier to get things done in a civil, engaged community. Collaboration increases productivity and makes Oakmont a happier place to live.

**Letter to the Editor**

I want to thank our board of directors for declining to seek a court order to impose a bylaw amendment on Oakmont members. At the Feb. 19 town hall meeting on this subject our attorney in discussing alternatives should the amendments fail said a court petition to lower the threshold was possible but expensive and not likely.

In any case, that should not be the first response to any election defeat. Measure 2, to lower the number of votes needed, lost for two reasons. The existing requirement is difficult, but also a factor was the proposed fix went too far. An examination of last month's election results makes this clear. Measure 2 received 80% yes votes. Why lower the requirement to 55%? It's not needed. Amending our bylaws should be made possible, not easy. Thanks for reading.  
Lyndon Cramer

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Quire from 11 a.m. to noon at the Berger, followed by the always-popular Treasures and Treats: coin tosses at the Central Pool—for the wee ones on the steps through to the older kids at the far end. Lots of money to be made at this fun event ... dinner out, anyone? Note: The Central Pool will be closed to all others from noon to 4 p.m. that afternoon.

We also need volunteers to help the week run smoothly, so even if you don't have grandchildren, we'd love to have you involved—especially at the Carnival and Family Picnic. Contact me by text at (949) 683-7725 or email oakmont.grandparents@gmail.com to sign up, ask questions, or get more information.

Important Dates:

- Registration for Grandparents Club members opens July 1.
- Registration for non-members opens July 8.
- Registration closes July 20.

Advance registration for all classes and events is mandatory. Not computer-savvy? Contact me for paper copies of class and event descriptions.

Grandparents Week is open to Oakmont grandparents and their grandchildren only.

**Fire Safety of Wood Mulches**

■Dave Watts

**FIREWISE TASK FORCE**

Fire safety of wood mulches is an important issue because of wildfire risks to our community. Wood mulch has many positive benefits, such as water conservation, weed control, and soil enhancement, but its fire risks must be understood. Scientific studies by the University of California and the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority shed light on the fire risks of wood mulches.

Studies stress that any type of wood mulch can ignite and carry a flame and produce embers if conditions are favorable, such as high winds. The OVA's Firewise Landscape Policy's requirement to keep all wood mulches five feet away from homes and attached decks is fully supported by science. Science also supports keeping wood mulches five feet away from other structures on the property, such as sheds or fence bottoms.

Wood mulches should not be applied in a widespread or continuous manner. Install mulches into approximately 100 square foot areas separated by noncombustible materials, such as gravel or pavers. Apply wood mulches only 2-3 inches deep to lessen fuel loads.

Studies support the Firewise Landscape Policy's prohibition of using shredded redwood or cedar bark mulches, known as gorilla hair, or rubber mulches anywhere on an Oakmont property. Also supported is the City of Santa Rosa's prohibition on the use of dyed wood mulches.

Studies conclude that the most fire safe wood mulch to use is screened organic compost because it resists ignition, burns slowly and has low flame lengths. It can smolder and carry a hidden fire risk so the guidelines above should be followed.

Screened organic compost is meant to be used as a soil amendment and is expensive. There are many locally available products such as "Sonny's Organic Compost" sold at Sequoia Landscape Materials or "Clean Green Compost" sold at Grab N'Grow.

The second most fire safe mulch to use according to studies is composted wood mulch which has gone through a composting cycle of up to five turnings reaching 131 degrees at each cycle.

Local suppliers may not have an exact product so ask a supplier for a wood mulch that has gone through their longest composting cycle. A two-month composting cycle is best.

It is an OVA requirement to contact the Architectural Committee office at (707) 539-1611 ext. 105 before changing or adding any wood mulch to your landscape.

**Rock and Roll Piano Virtuoso Coming to the Berger Center**

■Oakmont Village Association



Oakmont's Berger Center will host an evening of classic rock and roll when performer Jared Freiburg brings his show "Kings of the Keys" to the stage on Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the OVA office.

Freiburg's high-energy show pays tribute to music's most iconic piano legends, including Ray Charles, Fats Domino, Billy Joel, Elton John, Nat King Cole, Little Richard, and Jerry Lee Lewis, taking audiences on a nostalgic ride through the golden era of rock and roll.

Freiburg is perhaps best known for portraying Jerry Lee Lewis in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Million Dollar Quartet*, a role he performed for five years while touring the world on land and sea. His connection to Lewis runs deep. Growing up in Des Moines, Iowa, Freiburg was introduced

to Lewis's style as a young teenager and developed what he describes as a serious obsession with both Lewis's music and the 1950s era as a whole. While his peers listened to contemporary pop, Freiburg was immersing himself in the artists and sounds of the 50s and 60s, spending hours at the piano each day.

He went on to study Jazz Performance in Southern California, where he landed his first opportunity to portray Lewis professionally in the touring production of *Million Dollar Quartet*. In 2021, when the show's originating creative team developed a sequel—*Million Dollar Quartet Christmas*—they called on Freiburg once again to reprise the role for its world debut tour. He is featured on the production's 2022 cast recording.

Since his run with *Million Dollar Quartet*, Freiburg has been traveling the world in his own show, performing in theaters, concert venues, and performing arts centers. "Kings of the Keys" promises an evening filled with piano mastery and a parade of beloved golden oldies. They are the kind of songs, as Freiburg puts it, that live on through generations.

**Current Events Discussion Group**



■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. Come in person if you can; join on Zoom if you can't. If you come in person, a donation of \$2 is requested.

Issues discussed range from local to national to international. All sides of issues are encouraged. 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 or call (707) 758-9739.

Please note that we do not meet on Friday, July 3.



## Tennis Club



■Diane Curtis

### CAPTAIN, OH CAPTAIN

When Pete Hogan wanted to play tennis after a rain, he headed to the east courts and grabbed a squeegee. When non-expert players realized they'd feel more comfortable away from the heavy competition on the west courts, Pete took names and emails and made sure everyone of all levels knew they'd be welcome at rotating play on the east courts.

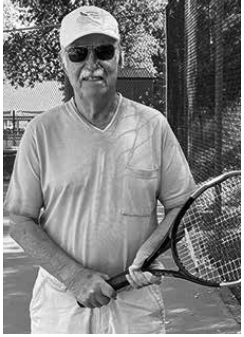


Photo by Diane Curtis.

When pickleball players started making noise about wanting not just the lower east courts, but the upper ones too, Pete made sure the east courts were as full as possible through the week, and he hand-delivered flyers to nearby residents who then organized their own, ultimately successful, protest.

In other words, Pete doesn't wait around for someone else to solve a problem. He tackles it himself and thus he has become Cap'n Pete, the unofficial czar of the east tennis courts.

He's the person players look to to decide if the number of players on the courts require "ad" or no ad" games, and his booming, "No ad" admonition is willingly and gratefully obeyed. He emails players about court conditions for the next day and organizes monthly lunch birthday parties at China Village or Su Casa. All the while, the court atmosphere retains a hail fellow, well met vibe with a lot of friendly teasing.

Pete was born in Germany and came to the U.S. when he was eight years old. Clarabell the Clown on The Howdy Doody Show was a first English teacher. He raised two daughters as a single father and was in law enforcement for a variety of state agencies, including the Sonoma and Agnews Developmental Centers, where his investigations ultimately removed a few bad actors.

Pete and his lovely partner of 34 years, Joanne Bender, have lived in Oakmont for 17 years.

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"This is a very important project," said Spanier. "We're potentially going to spend more money on this project than I believe we have for any other project in the history of our community. We would feel a lot more comfortable voting on anything with regard to the ESG Berger proposal if we understood the other moving parts in the community right now."

At the May meeting, General Manager Christel Antone revealed ongoing work that factors in the complex relocation of Berger (and communitywide) activities during construction, pending golf lease renegotiations and potential purchase of the building where OVA rents administrative offices.

Noting advantages to design-build models, the board is expected to complete redlining the contract and then send to ESG for its review.

On other items, the board also took no action on a proposal from Director Ray to seek court relief on the recently failed community vote to change the bylaws voting threshold. Directors voted six to one, with Ray voting against, to postpone indefinitely any decisions on bylaws revision based on advice from OVA attorneys.

Director Jess Marzak urged the board to hold off for now. "We've been advised that the best way to go to the court is not with the bylaw amendment by itself, but by rewriting (restating) both the bylaws and the CCNRs at the same time. Put that up for a vote, and then if that fails at that point, we have a much stronger case to go before a judge."

A video of the July board meeting is available online at oakmontvillage.com/videos.

## Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont



■Marilyn Noah

### HEAR FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AT THE JULY DINNER

The Cal Alumni Club of Oakmont's next dinner is on Thursday, July 16 at 5 p.m. at the Wild Oak Saddle Club. Cost is \$62 per person.

We plan to have at least one of our past scholarship winners speak in July about what happened after receiving their award: The education pursued, the career embarked upon, and any community activities.

The reservation deadline is July 10. Dinners often sell out so if interested in attending, don't delay! Club members may register and pay for dinner on the club website, [www.caloakmont.org](http://www.caloakmont.org). Guests are welcome at our dinners. Contact [oakmontcalalums@gmail.com](mailto:oakmontcalalums@gmail.com) for details on registering as a non-member guest.

The Cal Alumni Club fundraises to support scholarships for UC Berkeley students including scholarships for Santa Rosa Junior College students transferring to Cal. We meet for dinner at the Wild Oak Saddle Club every month except June, November and December. Our annual fundraiser is a popular wine tasting in June, and we coordinate a Big Game party every year with Stanford alums. Cal graduates and friends of Cal are welcome to join the Alumni Club.

## Jazz Club Live Music and Workshop



■Michael James

### CELEBRATE JULY WITH SONG AND DANCE

The Jazz Club's Wednesday, July 1 meeting will feature Louise Bettner's "Jazz Buddies" at the East Recreation Center, which includes Louise, an Oakmont resident, Dr. Lynne Morrow and Dr. Suketu Sanghvi. They will be entertaining us with popular jazz standards on piano, vocals and bass guitar, and their quality of music is second to none!

The "Jazz Buddies" met in jazz music classes at Santa Rosa Junior College, are retired professionals and enjoy performing together. The performance will be from 2-3 p.m. followed by a workshop from 3-4 p.m. Bring your own instrument to the workshop. A donation of \$10 is gratefully accepted.

Louise Bettner is a psychologist and musician and is interested in the benefits of music with emphasis on physical and mental health for people in their later years. Dr. Lynne Morrow is a specialist in American music and is a retired professor of music and choral director. She strives for a powerful connection to music reaching the widest possible audiences. Dr. Suketu Sanghvi is an ophthalmologist and has had a lifelong interest in music. In retirement, he enjoys devoting time to his love of music and performance on bass guitar.

On Friday, July 17, the Jazz Club will feature The New Horizons 20-piece Swing Band for your music and dance pleasure at the Berger Center. A free dance lesson will be provided by Terry Whitten at 6 p.m. with the band starting at 7 p.m. for your enjoyment. Bring your favorite food and drink and sit with your friends and neighbors at tables of eight.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. Pay with cash or check, payable to Michael James Music, at the OVA office where there will be further directions on the green Jazz Club file.

For further information contact me at (559) 707-2750 or [mjamesblue71147@gmail.com](mailto:mjamesblue71147@gmail.com).

## Hikers



■Colleen Keegan

We welcome you to join us on a hike whether you are a member yet or not. All members: To assist your hike leader, it is important to RSVP in advance at [www.oakmonthikingclub.org](http://www.oakmonthikingclub.org) for each hike. Your reservation can be canceled if your plans change.

Bring water, lunch, hat, layers, sunscreen, and poles if you use them. Go to our website to join, get hike details, see photos, register for a hike and more. The annual membership is only \$15. Check our website for the latest updates.

### JULY 2: LONG HIKE POMO CANYON RED HILL LOOP

We will ascend through cool cypress trees and patches of redwood, down into a forest and back up to Red Hill with views of the Russian River and the coastline. 8 miles, 1600 feet elevation gain. Leave Berger at 8 a.m. Leader is Peggy Clark, (650) 274-4137.



Pomo Canyon.

### JULY 2: INTERMEDIATE PLUS HIKE HEARTS DESIRE TO SHELL BEACH

Starting at Heart's Desire Beach near Inverness, we will take trails to Shell Beach, where we will have lunch. Lovely forest path between beaches through patches of huckleberries with great views of Tomales Bay. 8.5 miles, 1200 feet elevation gain. Leave Berger 8:30 a.m. Leader is Florentia Scott, (707) 591-1929.

### JULY 9: LONG HIKE ESTERO AMERICANO

This new park near Bodega Bay was opened at the beginning of 2026. It has an excellent variety of views and terrain of only about 5 miles, but well worth it. We will park at Doran Beach Regional Park, walk along the beach, under a low arched rock and up Pinnacle Gulch to reach the park. A total of 8 to 10 miles and 1000 feet elevation. Meet at the Berger at 8:30 a.m. Leader is Martin Johns, (330) 815-5167.

### JULY 9: INTERMEDIATE HIKE HUNTERS CAMP TO CREEKSIDE CONNECTOR

Wide, lush and gorgeous loop in a beautiful forest with remnants of old growth redwoods. 5.8-miles, 892 feet elevation gain. Depart Berger at 8:30 a.m. Leader is Gary Andersen, (360) 778-9604.



Hunters Camp.

### AUGUST 13: OHC ANNUAL PICNIC AT THE WEST REC. CENTER

Hike first, then enjoy the free lunch provided for members. It's mandatory to RSVP on the website.

Save the dates for the Fall Tri-Nighter in Sonora: September 28-October 1.



## OAK at the VOM Golf Club

■Khiana Schmuhl, General Manager, Valley of the Moon Club

To subscribe to receive all Valley of the Moon email communication, visit [www.playvom.com/contact/newsletter-signup](http://www.playvom.com/contact/newsletter-signup).

### GOLF SPECIALS AND EVENTS

**July 3: \$5 Friday.** Celebrate the Fourth of July weekend with \$5 deals all day on Friday, July 3. Small range buckets, Coors and Modelo beers, and hot dog and chip combos—all just \$5.

**July 27–30: Grandparents' Week Golf Camp.** The annual golf camp returns July 27–29 from 9–11 a.m., open to junior golfers. The week wraps up with the annual putting contest and "Golf with Grandparents" event on Thursday, July 30. For more information, contact: [oakmont.grandparents@gmail.com](mailto:oakmont.grandparents@gmail.com).

**VOM Thursday Spark League:** Spark is a 9-hole social league—casual, fun, and just competitive enough. Play every Thursday evening from March 12 through September 3, joining as many or as few rounds as you like. Fees per round: \$24 green fee, \$14 cart fee, \$9 league fee. League membership is free. Rounds are purchased separately. Sign up at: Golf Leagues at Valley of the Moon Golf Club/Spark Golf.

**Friday, July 17: Range Card Sale.** Purchase a Driving Range Card for \$100 (regular price \$150), good for 12 large buckets—two buckets free. Available for one day only.

**Twilight Membership**—the best deal in the valley: pay \$39 per month and play for just \$23 per round (green fee, shared cart, and a small bucket of range balls included) after 1 p.m. any day of the week. Download the application at: [playvom.com/membership/twilight-membership](http://playvom.com/membership/twilight-membership).

**Annual Membership:** Annual memberships are available year-round. Contact General Manager Khiana Schmuhl at [kschmuhl@playvom.com](mailto:kschmuhl@playvom.com) or visit [playvom.com/membership/annual-membership](http://playvom.com/membership/annual-membership).

**Golf Instruction:** The club offers lessons with experienced instructors. Learn more at: [playvom.com/golf/instruction](http://playvom.com/golf/instruction).

**Tournaments and Leagues:** Host your next corporate outing, golf tournament, or private league at Valley of the Moon. Call (707) 539-0415 or submit a request at [playvom.com/tournaments](http://playvom.com/tournaments).

### OAK RESTAURANT SPECIALS

**Knife Sharpening at OAK:** Last Wednesday of each month, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. OAK banquet parking lot (look for the yellow van). \$8 per knife, \$14 per garden tool.

### Thursday Night Specials:

July 2: Beef & Bacon Burger Sliders with cheddar, pickles, and fries, \$20.

July 9: 805 Beer BBQ Pork Baby Back Ribs with coleslaw and fries, \$24.

July 16: Chili Cheese Hot Dog with red onion, cheddar, and fries, \$17.

July 23: BBQ Chicken, coleslaw, chili, and sweet potato fries, \$24.

July 30: Poke Salad, \$23.

July 13–19: National Hot Dog Day. Celebrate National Hot Dog Day with limited-time specials: The Classic Street Dog—\$14, The Hawaiian Dog—\$14, Mini Corn Dog Bundle—\$14.

Friday, July 24: Grill and Chill. 5–7 p.m. Enjoy smashburgers and sides (mac salad and chips) from Chef Fred on the patio terrace for \$20.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES

**Music Monday:** Live music on select Mondays throughout the summer:

July 6: Highway 12 Band

July 13: Fargo Brothers Band

July 20: Coffey Park Band

August 3: Relish Band

August 17: Fargo Brothers Band

August 31: Coffey Park Band

**July Paint Night:** Join us for a guided paint night with a friendly instructor leading every step of the way. Dinner, appetizers, and wine are available for purchase throughout the evening. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. All art supplies included. Tickets do not include food or wine. Register at [paintedcellarsoco.com/events/barn-sweet-barn-7-10-26](http://paintedcellarsoco.com/events/barn-sweet-barn-7-10-26).

**Weddings and Events at Fairview Valley of the Moon:** Fairview Valley of the Moon offers customizable wedding and social event packages for every budget. Choose from Elite, Essential, or day-of coordination service packages. Indoor and outdoor options available, with Hood Mountain providing a stunning natural backdrop. Customize your meal, drinks, linens, layout, entertainment, and more. Contact Vanessa Jade, (707) 312-2242, Email [vjade@fairviewevents.com](mailto:vjade@fairviewevents.com). Website: [fairviewevents.com/valley-of-the-moon](http://fairviewevents.com/valley-of-the-moon).

### CLUB REMINDERS

No fishing is permitted on any golf course ponds due to safety concerns.

Walking hours on the golf course are posted on the club website. Please review and follow the posted schedule: [playvom.com/the-club/walking-policies](http://playvom.com/the-club/walking-policies).



## Bocce Club

■Deb Ponts

### SUMMER FUN

Our June Battle of the Sexes tournament had excellent, full-member participation.

The next tournament is July 18, please join us by 9:15 a.m. to form teams and get in on the 50/50 raffle. Following the tournament our annual summer picnic will be at the West picnic area beginning at 11:30 a.m. The club will provide chicken as the main, a sign-up sheet for sides will be posted soon. This a member-only event.

Member Rob Warren has created an Oakmont Bocce Logo—name badge, visors, coffee mugs and carry bags are available for purchase. Interested in becoming a member? Annual dues are \$25. Applications to join are at the OVA office, in the Bocce folder. Cash is preferred, but checks are accepted made payable to Treasurer, Tony Saran.

Beginner lessons are offered on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Courts are reserved for member play Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Oakmont residents can reserve one court by contacting Bob Swift, (707) 548-6409.



Photos by Maureen McGettegan.



■Greg Fauss

### ICE CREAM SUNDAY AT THE BERGER CENTER

Since we're meeting in the Berger Center this summer, we thought we'd add an Ice Cream Social at 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on June 28 to our regular potluck following our service.

Among those claiming to introduce the ice cream sundae, a state monument in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, claims that the owner of a soda fountain there was asked in 1881, to "top a dish of ice cream with chocolate sauce, hitherto used only for ice cream sodas. The concoction cost a nickel and soon became very popular. It was sold only on Sundays. One day a 10-year-old girl insisted she have a dish of ice cream "with that stuff on top," saying they could "pretend it was Sunday."

After that the confection was sold every day in many flavors. It lost its Sunday association, to be called an Ice Cream Sundae when a glassware salesman placed an order with his company for the long canoe-shaped dishes in which it was served as sundae dishes."

Well, whatever may be true or not about such claims, we will be serving Sundaes on Sunday. Please feel free to join us for our worship service beforehand or just come to the ice cream social.

As your local unaffiliated Christian church in Oakmont, we'd love to have you join us on your faith journey, or at least see if we might be a good fit for you. We strive to be open to all and like a family to one another. Our Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. in the Berger Center.

For information about our Wednesday Morning Bible Study, occasional meetings in Oakmont Gardens, Saturday Prayer, and other gatherings go to [www.occsantarosa.org](http://www.occsantarosa.org), write us at [occsantarosa@gmail.com](mailto:occsantarosa@gmail.com) or call us at (707) 595-0166.



Renee Comet, 1994.

## Valley of the Moon Rotary Club

■Star Power

### COMING SOON!

Just to remind everyone, Valley of the Moon Rotary will soon be moving to a new day and time. This is huge, as the meetings have always been in the early morning hours, so those that work could still enjoy a meeting then head off to work (or the golf course or the Pickleball courts). After much debate, it has been decided to, not only have afternoon meetings, but only two meetings a month, the second and third Mondays. Starting on Monday, August 10, meetings will be held at the West Recreation Center in the upstairs room.

Everyone is invited to join us for our "Happy Hour" meetings at 3:30 p.m. for a bit of socialization and then the actual meeting will be from 4–5 p.m.

For readers who may not be familiar with Rotary International, the Rotary Club is a global network of over 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and business leaders dedicated to humanitarian service, advancing peace, and solving community issues. Members, known as Rotarians, operate in over 45,000 local clubs worldwide to support causes like education, clean water, and disease prevention.

Service clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist, and Soroptimist are very important organizations that facilitate the wellness of our world. As you no doubt know, our world is in great need of healing, so the health of our service clubs is of great importance toward that goal.

Think about it.

## 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 playoffs.

2 p.m. League: 8 teams, 4 bowlers per team. Each bowler bowls 3 games and has his/her own handicap (80%) and average. See <http://www.oakmontlanes.com> for Club information, bowling dates, week results and team schedules to bring cookies and help setup at 1 p.m. and tear down equipment at 3:30 p.m.

Bowling dates for June: June 30 (week #7, July Fourth Challenge).

Bowling dates for July: July 7 (week #8), 14 (week #9), 21 (week #10, Final Summer League). No bowling July 28 (fourth Tuesday).

Bowling dates for August: Aug. 4 (Playoffs—Summer League, 2 p.m.), 11 (week #1—Fall League starts), 18 (week #2). No bowling Aug. 25 (fourth Tuesday).

### RESULTS AS OF JUNE 16 (WEEK #6 SUMMER LEAGUE):

Results are: first place, 4 Tops; second place tie, Alley Oops and On Strike; forth place tie, Wii Four and High Rollers; sixth place, Pocket Hits; seventh place, Strikers; eighth place, King Pins.

Men's High Games: Don Shelhart, 279; Glenn Hewitt, 268; Charlie Ensley, 258; Terry Leuthner, 213; Richard Adamczyk, 211; Scott Harris, 207.

Women's High Games: Joanne Abrams, 300; Sandy Osheroff, 289; Pat Scott, 255; Carol Garneau, 246; Carolita Carr, 237; Robin Schudel, 237; Valerie Hulsey, 230; Peggy Ensley, 212; Vickie Jackanich, 209; Donnarose Ilecki, 203; Shirley Jamison, 202.

If you're thinking of joining us, we started our Summer 2026 League on April 14, 2026. Most of us have all bowled on a bowling league some time in our lives and here's your chance to do it again without the weight of a heavy bowling ball. Come see us in action and join in on all the fun.

## Spirituality Collaborative

■Geoff Canham

### JOIN THE DISCUSSION

The Spirituality Collaborative welcomes visitors to all our meetings who are interested in discussing the spiritual life. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. in the Birch Room of the CAC.

We begin with a short meditation to bring our focus into the circle. At most meetings, our discussion is related to a topic that had previously been selected by the group. We often share resources, experiences or ideas and inspirations, and we value the sharing, diversity of viewpoints, and the collaboration of understanding and appreciation.

If you value shared reflective conversations, please join us at one of our upcoming meetings. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14. We invite you to join our discussion.

For more information, contact Sue Aiken at [slaiken5440@gmail.com](mailto:slaiken5440@gmail.com) or me at [gcanham@cs.com](mailto:gcanham@cs.com).

## Oakmont Pétanque Club

■Don McPherson

### ANNUAL BASTILLE DAY FÊTE SATURDAY, JULY 11

The Oakmont Pétanque Club celebrates Bastille Day (La Fête Nationale or Quatorze Juillet) as well as the club's 30th anniversary with its annual Fête on Saturday, July 11.

Registration for the Bastille Day Tournament is at 9:30 a.m. at the Oakmont Pétanque Courts between Berger and the OVA offices. The bleu, blanc, et rouge French tricolor will decorate the court, and players are encouraged to wear blue, white, and red.

The tournament will be played in m $\acute{e}$ lée format with randomly assigned teams as drawn and organized by Tournament Director Jean-Michel Poulnot. Play begins as soon as teams are drawn at 9:45 a.m. Winners will be announced and photos taken at the conclusion.

At approximately 11:45 a.m., Poulnot will lead in the traditional singing of "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem. Following the singing, a group photo will be taken with the club banner. All club members are invited to the celebration and encouraged to be in the annual group photo.



2025 Bastille Day Tourney Winners (L to R) second place—Max Hinchman, Judy Dumm and Fred Martin; first place—Ellean Huff, Tom Bonomi and Denali Ruder. Foreground: Fanny du Jardin.

A potluck pique-nique lunch, featuring a 30th anniversary cake for dessert, will begin at approximately 12 noon, contingent on the conclusion of tournament play. All club members, whether or not they play in the tournament, and their significant others are invited. Bring a lunch dish to share (dessert is provided) and your own beverage, cup, and table service.

### PÉTANQUE IN OAKMONT: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY

French in origin, Pétanque (pay-tonk), also known as Boules, has been played in Oakmont since the 1980s. The club, founded 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.

■Carolita Carr

### SAVE THE DATE: SUN KINGS—A BEATLES TRIBUTE AS NATURE INTENDED

WHEN: Saturday, August 22

WHERE: Berger Center

Registration will open about four to five weeks before the event—stay tuned for our announcement.

Our website, [oakmontboomers.org](http://oakmontboomers.org), has all the events planned for the year under Upcoming Events. If you click on an event, you will get all the available details.

## Oakmont Movers and Groovers



■Denise Lindsey

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY FEATURING EDDIE AND THE FOG



Eddie and The Fog.

Eddie and the Fog may have the word "fog" in their name, but their soulful and upbeat tunes bring nothing but sunshine! Perfect for parties, winery events, and festivals, this band loves getting the audience on the dance floor to boogie the night (or day) away.

Based in Sonoma County, they play classic rock, rhythm and blues, funk, disco, and country hits from the 1960s through the early 2000s, covering artists such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Santana, Kool & the Gang, the Temptations, Wild Cherry, Tommy Castro, Bruno Mars, the Rascals, Shania Twain, the Rolling Stones, and more!

Join OMG on July 25 for an unforgettable night of live music, dancing, and fun. Bring your own snacks and beverages.

We are going to do a Toys for Tots Drive in partnership with local firefighters. Bring one unwrapped gift for a boy or a girl to donate.

WHEN: Sat., July 25. Doors open 5:30 p.m., music starts 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Berger Center, 6633 Oakmont Drive  
TICKETS: Members \$25, non-members \$30. Members may bring one guest at the member price. Pay cash or a check payable to OMG.

Table reservation for 8: provide all the names and full payment for your party on the reservation form in the OMG folder at the OVA office. Each ticket allows for one guest at the same ticket price.

You may still join to save the cost of other events this year. Membership for the calendar year 2026 is \$10.

Questions: Email me at [omgclub2025@gmail.com](mailto:omgclub2025@gmail.com) or text at (530) 444-0734.

## Boomers



■Carolita Carr

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We are pleased to announce that we are upgrading our website. New features will be renewal notices via email when your membership expires, and more reliable emails regarding confirmations and password resets. So, no more guesswork about membership! Just keep it current, and you should have no problems registering for events.

Not a member? Sign up at [oakmontboomers.org](http://oakmontboomers.org) at \$15 per person per year.

## Silver Guys of Oakmont



■David Levasseur

### SUMMER POTLUCK

Silver Guys of Oakmont and guests will stage our Welcome to Summer potluck on Sunday, July 12 from 2-5 p.m. It will be held at the Patio of the Central Activity Center. Please bring food and beverage

to share.

Silver Guys of Oakmont provides an opportunity for Oakmont Gay men and their friends to enjoy social and educational activities. All men in Oakmont are invited to attend.



## Branch #92

■Liz O'Connell

### LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER ALL ABOUT THE PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** At the Berger

**COST:** Catered Luncheon, \$35

**SPEAKER:** Gary Greenough

All men and women are welcome.

Nicknamed the "Shark in the Park" is a F-8U Crusader, one of 34 airplanes at the Pacific Coast Museum. Gary Greenough, a public information officer for the museum, will tell us all about the "Shark" and other interesting facts about its collection and Sonoma County.



F-8U Crusader, aka Shark in the Park.

Gary, a 54-year resident of Sonoma County, has consistently delivered presentations peppered with local knowledge. Gary, the first ranger for Mt. Hood in 1974, has also served as a firefighter and investigator of Rincon Vally Fire District, a docent aboard the USS Hornet in Alameda, and a living history guide at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. He is known for his engaging and education presentations.

Contact Sherry Maggers smagers9@gmail.com for luncheon menu and reservations.



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## Oakmont Singles Social Club



■Bailey Penzotti

### JULY MIXER: SOLO TRAVELING

**WHEN:** Friday, July 17, 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** East Rec. Center

Age is no barrier to adventure—in fact, it might just be your greatest asset. As a senior solo traveler, you bring a lifetime of wisdom, patience, and perspective that makes every journey richer. With more time and the freedom to travel on your own schedule, the world is yours to explore like never before.

Whether it's a slow river cruise through Europe, a cultural immersion trip to Japan, or a scenic coastal road trip, solo senior travel is about savoring every experience at a pace that feels right for you. Today's travel landscape is more senior-friendly than ever, with accessible accommodations, dedicated tour options, and welcoming communities of like-minded travelers around every corner.



Bailey in Barcelona at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família.

With senior solo traveling, there are some dangers unique to us. For this reason, a travel advisor will be here to talk about how to caution and avoid negative incidents during your next great chapter is out there.

RSVP via our website, [www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org](http://www.oakmontsinglesocialclub.org) by July 15 at 12 noon. If no computer or ability to register using your smart phone, feel free to email me at [bailey.osc1@gmail.com](mailto:bailey.osc1@gmail.com) no later than June 15 at 12 noon.

### JULY BON APPETIT (OSSC MEMBERS ONLY)

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 2 at 5:15 p.m.

**RESTAURANT:** Valley Swim Club, 18709 Arnold Dr., Sonoma

"No swimming allowed" (because there's no pool at Valley Swim Club). Swim Club is a California roadhouse shaped by the sea. The name is historically grounded by the healing pools underneath Sonoma, the sacred mineral waters integral to the lives of local Native Americans—as well as the enterprising colonizers that founded the area around Swim Club known as the Springs. Through culinary and design choices, Swim Club gives visibility to this important hidden history, while simultaneously advancing the culture by creating space for new social milieus.

Our reservation is for maximum of 20 members. Registration is and open until June 29 at 5 p.m. or

when the 20 slots are filled, whichever comes first. If there are 20 members confirmed before this date, you will be placed on a waitlist.

Bring cash because the restaurant will not provide separate checks. Meet at Berger Center parking lot by 5:15 p.m. to carpool to the restaurant. RSVP on our website or email Simone Smith at [ssmith8151@aol.com](mailto:ssmith8151@aol.com).

### 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).

## Oakmont Pétanque Player Brings Home Gold



Jean-Michel Poulnot.

OVA resident Jean-Michel Poulnot competed at the international tournament Pétanque Fest in Varna, Bulgaria last month in an event that drew 180 players from 25 countries. Partnering with Didier Bernhard from Strasbourg, he earned a bronze medal in Doublette, and he claimed gold in Triplette with his Turkish partners Berkay and Hüseyin. He then teamed up again with Didier Bernhard to finish third in the Swiss System competition, defeating the champions of both Spain and France.

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## Oakmont Birders

■Barbara Kendrick

### BIRDS WORTH WATCHING: BLUEBIRDS AT YOUR FEEDER!

Lovely Western Bluebirds, with their sapphire bodies, rust-colored breasts and shoulders, and white underparts, are common here. You can watch them



Posing for a portrait. (Photo by Tom Grey)

searching for insects on the golf course and in other open spaces around Oakmont. If, like me, you can't get enough of their deep-blue beauty, you've probably wished you could entice them into your own yard.

It's received wisdom that the only ways to lure Bluebirds is either to put up a nesting box or to offer them mealworms, preferably live. But mounting a nesting box correctly can be a challenge. And the idea of dealing with live mealworms is unappetizing.

I just discovered, however, that Bluebirds will come to an ordinary feeder if it offers hulled and cracked sunflower seeds, known as sunflower chips. Earlier this month I loaded up my tube feeder with

these chips to attempt to encourage Black-headed Grosbeaks to visit. Several days later there were not only Grosbeaks but also—surprise!—a gorgeous pair of Western Bluebirds, eating heartily. Now they come every day. They have a nest in a cavity in a neighbor's oak tree and seem happy to augment their usual diet of insects while they raise their young.




Bluebird pair, with brighter male. (Photo by Tom Grey)

Sunflower chips can be found at Swede's Feeds and Wild Birds Unlimited, among other places. They're expensive as bird seed goes but worth every cent. Plus, you don't have to worry about hulls or unwanted flora sprouting under your feeder. And who knows what kinds of birds you may attract!

If you have a bird question or would like a "Birds Seen in Oakmont" checklist, send email to bkendrick@jps.net.

## Passages



**John C Hamilton**, June 4, 1945–June 5, 2026. John lived in Oakmont for 9 years. He was active in the Oakie Folkies, the PC Users Club, Just for Fun Games, Cafe Mortel, Oakmont Squares, and Oakmont Men's Group. There will be a memorial on Friday July 3 at 11 a.m. Call Marie Kay for details: (707) 871-3628.

Please contact OVA Communications Director Crissi Langwell by e-mail at [crissi@oakmontvillage.com](mailto:crissi@oakmontvillage.com), to publish the name and date of death of your loved one in the *Oakmont News*.

## 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.

### JUNE 28: FACKHAM HALL

Spoof of *Downton Abbey*. A new porter forms an odd bond with the youngest daughter of a well-known UK family, as the Davenport family, headed by Lord and Lady Davenport, deals with the epic disaster of the wedding of their eldest daughter to her caddish cousin. 2025, R, 1:36.



### JULY 5: PROJECT HAIL MARY

A science teacher wakes up alone on a spaceship. As his memory returns, he uncovers a mission to stop a mysterious substance killing Earth's sun, and realizes that an unexpected friendship may be the key. 2026, R, 2:36.



### JULY 12: THE USUAL SUSPECTS

The sole survivor of a pier shoot-out tells the story of how a notorious criminal influenced the events that began with five criminals meeting in a seemingly random police lineup. 1995, R, 1:46.



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## Pickleball Corner



■Peter Copen

### THE PICKLEBALL BARGAIN

It wasn't long ago that pickleball was viewed not just as a fun sport, but also one that was quite inexpensive. You would show up to your local park that had a makeshift net which was placed on top of a tennis court. All you really needed was a few balls and a paddle, which in 2015 went for between \$50-\$100 at the very high end (I remember buying Joan Selega's used \$100 aluminum paddle, the best on the market at the time, for \$50).



Cartoon by Peter Copen.

Fast-forward to today, and there are not just outdoor courts, but indoor pickleball clubs with memberships, tournaments that cost \$100 each, and high-end paddles that now go for upwards of \$330!

So, has pickleball gotten too expensive? Let's look at the numbers. According to its website, the Missouri Pickleball Club offers memberships starting at just \$30 a month, plus some additional court fees. While in Sarasota, Florida, the Pickleball Club at Lakewood Ranch offers monthly memberships for \$215 a month—and they offer an executive membership for a monthly fee of \$595!

When it's all said and done, if you want a pickleball membership, you're probably looking at around a \$100-\$150 monthly fee. If you include 5-10 tournaments a year at \$100 each, some clinics or lessons, two paddles at \$200 each, and some shoes and apparel, it will most likely cost you between

\$2,500 and \$5,000 a year.

Good news: Pickleball at Oakmont costs \$0!

Keep on picklin'!

Pickleball at Oakmont is for Oakmont residents

and their guests only! New Player Orientation: 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Contact Victoria Dettman, (707) 230-2958. Call Jim Howard at (209) 761-8517 for demo loaner. Visit our website: oakmontpickleballclub.com.

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## Lawn Bowling



■Mary C Blake

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO BOWL?

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### OUR ANNIVERSARY EVENING AND EVENING GAMES

We celebrated our 61st anniversary with an evening game, followed by root beer floats. The game was well attended and the weather, after a very warm day, was perfect.

Winners of the Anniversary Tournament were: first place—Kevin Johnson and Pam Dempsey; second place—Jim (JB) Brewer and Michelle Macintosh; third place—Steve Pickell and Chris Williams.

Thanks to Gerry Macintosh and Bruce Rolland for putting in a lot of effort to gather and organize bowlers to make this tournament possible. And thanks to Barbara Serafin and Kay Lambert for organizing the root beer floats.

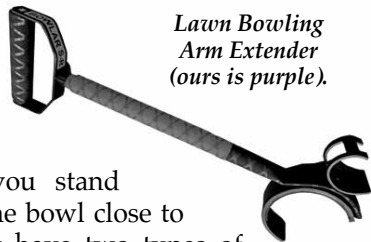
At their June meeting, the board decided to offer evening games whenever forecasts predict particularly hot days.

### COMING EVENTS

- Friday, July 3: Independence Day Tournament
- Thursday, July 9: After 5 Potluck
- Monday, July 13: Women's Triples Tournament
- Friday, July 24: Open Triples Tournament

### ARM EXTENDER

Lawn bowling goes best when you're able to get the bowl close to the ground before rolling. The arm extender lets you stand tall while releasing the bowl close to the ground. We now have two types of extenders. The older one requires squeezing the grip until it's time to release the bowl. JB has experimented with both. Both save wear and tear on your back. The newer version, using centrifugal force to release, requires getting used to but isn't as hard on your bowling hand. They're both available for all members to use.



Lawn Bowling Arm Extender (ours is purple).

Thanks to the Oakmont Community Foundation for making this new piece of equipment possible.

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

## Strategies for Independence

■Carol Smith

### ASSISTED LIVING PRESENTATION

We have Jen Passinissi from Cogir at Sonoma Plaza joining us for Strategies for Independence on Monday, June 29 at 3 p.m. at the East Rec. Center.

Jen will discuss the options available at Cogir, which include Assisted Living and Memory Care. Jen will explain some terms and how pricing works, along with the features Cogir offers. Jen will also be bringing an offering from the chef at Cogir—an amuse bouche, if you will. Family members are encouraged to attend, and we will have time for questions after the presentation.

Please RSVP to me at (707) 480-1068 to ensure we have adequate supplies.

## Let's Dance—Together!

■Terry Whitten, Instructor

### HOW ABOUT WALTZING THROUGH JULY?

**WHAT:** Beginning Country Waltz partner dance classes

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 4–5:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lower West Rec. Center

**COST:** \$12 pp for single class; \$10 pp if 2 or more classes are purchased at the same time

**RSVP:** Please contact me to register in advance at twhitten@pacbell.net or call (415) 265-7590.



Country dancing is very popular in Sonoma County and Country Waltz is a favorite dance. In addition to a wide variety of Country Waltz songs, many of the steps can also be danced to a lot of standard Ballroom Waltz music. The most basic beginning steps of Country Waltz will be taught for five sessions in July. No experience is needed. All classes will build on the material taught each week so it is always best to start with the first class.

No partners are required as we will rotate partners during the classes. However, rotation of partners will be optional. Also, any ladies that want to lead and any men that want to follow are very welcome.

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 or call (415) 265-7590.

## Conservatives Club



■Jane Gyorgy

### IT IS SUMMER BREAK TIME WE RECONVENE IN SEPTEMBER

This week our nation marks 250 years. The questions of 1776 are the questions of 2026.

Our founders articulated high ideals. John Winthrop, aboard the *Arbella* in 1630, called the American project “a city upon a hill,” watched by the world. Millions still are. To this day, more people than can ever be admitted apply each year to come to the United States, drawn by our stated ideals, our principles, our freedoms, and our opportunities. That is what is meant by American exceptionalism—not that we are better, but that we have always held ourselves to something higher and invited the world to hold us to it.

We have not always lived up to those ideals. Yet, it is in the crafting of the Preamble to our Constitution that we are reminded of those ideals.

The founders acknowledged the work as ongoing—they established the republic “in order to form a more perfect union.” Even when asked what the Constitutional Convention had produced, Benjamin Franklin's response was, “A Republic, if you can keep it.”

Two hundred fifty years on, that is still the question. It is not the work of government. It is the work of citizens. It is our work to this day. It is the work that nudges America, one generation at a time, toward a better, more peaceful path.

Recommitment begins with words as simple as I Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

E Pluribus Unum—out of many, one. Whether born here or naturalized, we are Americans. “United we stand, divided we fall” is as old as the Republic and as fresh as this morning's news. One people, one flag, one Republic.

Have a safe and reflective Independence Day. We reconvene in September same fourth Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m., in the Berger Center. All are welcome and so are food and beverages.

To connect with us, email: TheNewOakmontCC@gmail.com.

*Editor's Note: The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the club and do not reflect the official policy or position of the Oakmont Village Association.*



■Larry Souza

### 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 4, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Music starts at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** At the Berger Center

**TICKETS:** \$25 per person

Bring snacks and BYOB. Entertainment will be provided by the Coffey Park Band, specializing in

classic rock from the 1960s through the 1980s.

To reserve your seat, make checks payable to Sha Boom Events Club. Please include the names of those you'd like to be seated with. Tables are arranged in groups of 8. Place your envelope in the Sha Boom folder at the OVA office.

Questions? Contact me at (707) 327-7208.

It's going to be a fun-filled evening—get your tickets early before they sell out!

## Oakmont Health Initiative Free Fitness Classes

■Charlene Bunas

### THE BEAT GOES ON

What happens to organizations when an integral part is absent? What happens to the beat? Momentum may fade, flounder and finally fail.

What happens to Oakmont Health Initiative when leader JoRene undergoes shoulder surgery? Plenty. As soon as JoRene heard "operation is necessary" she and colleague Nicole sought perfect substitutes. They made sure the beat at OHI would go on.

John Ross, Monday fill-in, came with his contagious dance beat: samba, rumba, fox-trot. OHI members cheered. "He's so much fun," oozes Cathie. "He plays the songs my parents danced to." Rosemarie adds, "I cannot believe this man's stamina; he just does not stop!"

John's schedule wouldn't allow complete coverage for JoRene. Hiccup in the beat? No problem. Nicole introduced perfect fit, newcomer to Oakmont but well tenured exercise instructor, Deborah.

Deborah was celebrated even before she began Wednesday warm-ups. During class she exclaimed her amazement with the fitness level of OHI participants. Afterward she said, "I'll try to be here next week, but because of my schedule, I can't guarantee."

No worries about this beat. The following Wednesday Deborah was early, class began and students worked out to her non-stop eclectic play-list and fun Zumba twists to aerobics. Cynthia liked that "she reminded us to drink water."



Deborah and Ross carry the beat.  
(Photos by Charlene Bunas)

OHI Friday class instructor Nicole continues adding yet another variety to the physical fitness routines. She advises, "the best form of exercise is the one you like, the one most likely you'll do."

Good leadership is having a B, as in Plan B. OHI is a superior organization of extraordinary instructors and unwavering students. OHI exemplifies the truth to Sonny and Cher's song, "The Beat Goes On." B is also for Beat. La de da de de...la de da de da.

Zoom: 850 1489 7161/998608.

## Strength and Balance Class

■Valerie Hulsey

### FRIDAY MORNING FUN

Mary returned to teaching the Strength and Balance Class on May 29, so if you haven't returned to class yet now is the time to do so.

We have lots of fun working on our balance skills and the laughter in the room is always contagious. Everyone is welcome to join the class. There is a \$10 drop-in fee and don't forget to bring your TheraBand for strengthening. If you don't have one you can purchase one for \$5 when you arrive.

Don't forget to bring your water.



## Oakmont Volunteer Helpers

■Matt Zwerling

### COORDINATORS NEEDED

For Oakmont residents, doctor's appointments in Santa Rosa are a near-daily occurrence. Most residents have reliable transportation to meet those needs, but not all. When a ride to a physician's office, laboratory, or surgery center is needed and no other option is available, what happens then?

This is where Oakmont Volunteer Helpers (OVH) can help. OVH volunteer drivers provide free, enthusiastic, and dependable transportation, handling both drop-off and pick-up at no cost to the resident. To arrange a ride, simply contact the OVH Coordinator, whose name and phone number are listed in the shaded box near the back of each edition of the *Oakmont News*.

OVH is actively seeking new Coordinators. If you are comfortable with basic computer use, can offer 15-30 minutes a day during a two-week shift, and are looking for a meaningful way to contribute to a well-regarded Oakmont organization, the Coordinator role may be a strong fit. The position involves two straightforward tasks: contacting a resident who needs a ride (typically a phone call or two) and identifying an available driver (a quick email to the driver roster). OVH averages approximately 21 rides per month, meaning a two-week shift typically involves arranging 10 to 12 rides. No background check, fingerprinting, or other screening is required to volunteer.

If you are interested, or require more information, contact Bev Leve at (707) 480-1384 or Matt Zwerling at (707) 539-8996.

## Water Fitness



■Valerie Hulsey

The West pool is expected to re-open at the end of June, so be sure to watch your emails for notice that it really has reopened. In the meantime, Water Fitness is at the Central Pool. Mary is teaching at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and Julie's class is on Fridays at 10:10 a.m.

As you know the weather has been great and the pool is usually toasty warm, so if you want to have fun when you exercise, join us in the water.

## Meditation

■Joanne Davey

### MEDITATING TOGETHER

#### WEEKLY MEDITATION SESSIONS AT CAC

"Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate."—Carl G. Jung

Our meditation circle is growing! 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, Birch Room: 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. Beginning and experienced meditators are welcome.

We approach meditation as a non-denominational practice.

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



## Canine Club



■Steven Huntley

### AND THE DOG SHOW COMPETITION WINNERS ARE...!

The 2026 Oakmott Doggy Day Dog Show held Saturday, June 6 on the Berger lawn was a huge success! Good turnout, happy pups. Here are the winners: The foursome pirate doggies, Charlotte, Loki, Mookey and Sula won Best Costume, Odyssey won Fastest Large Dog, Bellatrix won Fastest Small Dog, Sweetie Pie won Best Senior Dog, Niko won Best Trick, and Rose won Happiest Dog with the Waggiest Tail.



Cozette.

Today, Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.–Noon, at the Happy Tails Dog Park is the Golden Retriever Play Date. The next special play date at the dog park is the Doodle Dog Play Date on Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.–Noon. All Doodles are welcome, from Mini Doodles to Maxi Doodles.

Hot summer days are now upon us. They can be hot and dangerous for dogs. Some of the greatest dangers to dogs during the hot summer are dehydrations, heat stroke, hot cars, and hot pavement. Tips: easy access to cool, clean water and plenty of shade. Walk your dog on the white sidewalks not the black asphalt pavement. Never leave your dog unattended or locked in the car on a hot day.

Still not a member of the Oakmont Canine Club? You can join anytime but now is even better! Annual membership dues are only \$12 for individuals and \$20 for households. Go to [www.oakmontcanineclub.org](http://www.oakmontcanineclub.org) for more information on how to join this exciting club! Benefits include a weekly newsletter, an annual club picnic, annual Members' Appreciation Party at the Wild Oak Saddle Club, and various other social events throughout the year.

Finally, if you would like to be a Happy Tails Dog Park volunteer, just shoot Peri Olinger an email at [periolinger@yahoo.com](mailto:periolinger@yahoo.com). We would love to have more.



Callie.

## Oakmont Democratic Club



■Ida Egli

### UPCOMING DEMOCRATIC CLUB HAPPENINGS

A good crowd is expected at the West Rec. picnic area on Monday, August 10 at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy the annual Progressives picnic, and to celebrate America's 250th birthday. It will be a day of sharing and delicious potluck food that will be served on red-white-and-blue plates as reminder of the progressive ideals we strive toward for our American families. Optimism and camaraderie will rule the day. Join us.

Our September speaker, David D. Schmidt will enlighten us on what is happening with the California Fair Election Act—which will be on our November ballot. This ballot measure would open the way for public financing of state and local candidates who are funded only by small donors. David, who is the author of *Citizen Lawmakers: The Ballot Initiative Revolution*, will also speak on the multiple state ballot measures that would tax billionaires—or nullify the Billionaire Tax Initiative, if it passes—and who's behind them.

Add September 14 to your calendar, 6:30 p.m. for snacks and social time, presentation to begin at 7. Bring wine if you would like, and small-plate foods.

Monthly Social Night is every fourth Thursday at East Rec., at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more detail on calendar events, articles, and announcements, go to [OakmontDemocraticAlliance.org](http://OakmontDemocraticAlliance.org).

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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.

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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.

## BE ON OVA E-MAIL LIST

Know what's going on in Oakmont. You'll receive the weekly "Inside Oakmont" newsletter, Board Meeting notices and agendas, special notices and meeting announcements. To join the OVA's e-mail list, visit [oakmontvillage.com/inside](http://oakmontvillage.com/inside) and enter your information to subscribe.

## Quilting Bees

■Linda O'Connor

The Oakmont Quilting Bees recently gathered for an afternoon filled with laughter, friendship, inspiration, and plenty of show-and-tell. Members shared their latest creations, treasured finds, and quilting adventures, making for a lively and enjoyable meeting.



Photos by Cherie Gooler and Liz McDonnell.

The meeting began on a high note as Cherie announced exciting news about her art quilt, Sad Liberty. Out of 82 international entries accepted into the June exhibition at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Cherie's piece was not only selected for the show but also chosen as the featured image for the event's promotional materials. Cherie described herself as stunned by the honor. Inspired by the work of Judith de Leeuw, Sad Liberty conveys "disappointment,

disbelief, and sorrow." Its recognition is another encouraging sign that art quilting continues to gain appreciation as a respected art form.

Creativity was on full display throughout the afternoon. Susan shared a large holiday-themed quilt created using Moda layer cakes and one of the company's suggested patterns. Our ever-prolific quilter, Julia, presented two newly completed quilts bursting with color. Julia generously donates all of her quilts, and one of these beautiful creations was immediately suggested as a raffle prize for the Oakmont Art Association's 2027 Art Show.

Kar displayed heart-shaped pillow covers that are donated through the Santa Rosa Quilt Guild and given to women recovering from breast surgery. She also shared several interesting fabrics and patterns collected during recent travels to Hawaii. Janet, whose latest projects are always eagerly anticipated, brought a festive holiday quilt made from her collection of jelly rolls. Kathy and her husband Larry, one of our two male quilters, displayed a Hawaiian quilt created from quilt blocks purchased during a trip to Hawaii. Liz rounded out the parade of projects with a charming four-block appliqué quilt featuring fruit motifs and checkerboard accents.

Members also shared ideas and inspiration for this year's annual challenge project, which celebrates the United States semi quincennial. Although challenge entries are not due until December, several Bees showcased patriotic projects from previous years. Sandi shared a wall hanging made from a kit, while Paula presented two pieces: a machine-embroidered panel and a full-size quilt created from pre-cut fabrics. Joan's moving Home—Remembrance of 9/11, quilted in 2001, provided a particularly meaningful moment of reflection.

The meeting concluded with a virtual shopping

spree courtesy of Bonnie, who recently participated in the Pacific Northwest Quilt Shop Hop. Bonnie visited an impressive 36 quilt shops and returned with enough fabric, panels, patterns, and quilting treasures to fill two large shopping bags and an entire plastic tote. While she was unable to visit all 126 participating shops, her haul was more than enough to make the rest of us a little green with envy.

As always, the Quilting Bees left inspired, motivated, and eager to return to their sewing rooms.

All newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact Liz McDonnell at (707) 538-2523.



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■Heidi Klyn

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