CHANNEL ISLANDS WATERFRONT HOMES NEWS

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Notice of Meeting Date Changes

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in the clubhouse Wednesday September 28 at 7:00 p.m. The Rules Meeting scheduled for September 12, 2011 is being postponed and will take place on another date once a meeting date has been decided.





Who (Will) Let the Dogs Out?

If you are having issues with barking dogs or animal nuisance the appropriate protocol is to call animal control and report the incident to manager Sarah Taylor saraht@goldcoastmgt.com or 805-499-7800. Documenting the incidents is the key to solving the problem. The CIWH rules state:

PETS - Section 7

7.1 No more than a combination of two (2) pets limited to dogs, cats, birds, and reasonable quantities of aquarium fish may be kept in each unit provided they are not kept, bred, or raised for commercial purposes.

7.2 All dogs and cats must be kept on a leash held by a responsible person while on the premises outside of owner's unit. 7.3 Owners must clean up after their pets.

7.4 No pets will be permitted which cause undue noise or disturbance of neighbors or are a nuisance.

The Oxnard City Code established the following policy for their Animal Control personnel when dealing with these nuisance issues. If two or more parties complain about a barking dog then Animal Control personnel proceed with the nuisance investigation and cause the dog owner to appear before a hearing officer. The dog owner is held accountable for taking steps to eliminate the disturbance or Animal Control will take intervention measures up to seizing the dog. If you continue to have your peace disturbed, please call the police and we will send officers to do what is possible at that time to address the issue. Please understand that we will do what we can to solve these issues in a reasonable time frame. If you have any questions related to the specific language in the City Code, please contact Senior Animal Control Officer Lisa Jenkins at 805-385-7640.

Often the reasons dogs bark is because they are bored and need more attention. The great news is that there are several dog parks and rare dog-friendly beaches all in our immediate neighborhood. Let your pet run off some energy at:

Oxnard: Hollywood Beach

Located at Harbor Blvd. in Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard, CA. Dogs on a leash are allowed on Hollywood Beach before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Oxnard: Oxnard Beach Park



Located at 1601 S. Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, CA. Dogs on a leash are allowed on the beach.

Oxnard: Silver Strand Beach

Located at End of Victoria Ave., Oxnard, CA. Dogs on a leash are allowed on Silver Strand Beach before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Oxnard Dog Park

Oxnard is the home of a new dog park; something that has been needed for a long time. The dog park itself is in Oxnard College Park, which is located next to Oxnard College and across from Channel Islands High School. The park is located at 3250 South Rose Avenue; if you are coming from Gonzales Rd. turn left at Raiders Way; make another left turn and then continue all the way down until you see the dog park on your left side.

Ventura has two areas where dogs are permitted to run free – Camino Real Park

Camino Real, located at Dean Drive and Varsity Street, has a fenced in area in the southwest corner of the park, thanks to generous donations from members of the local Dog Owners Group (D.O.G.). Hours of the dog park are dawn to dusk. Double gates allow both small and large dogs to enter and exit the area safely.

<u>Arroyo Verde Park</u> at Foothill and Day Road, has a designated off-leash area for use at specific times. Hours are Tuesday – Sunday from 6 – 9 AM excluding holidays and days reserved for special events.

Doga- Yoga For Dogs! Saturdays thru October 29 10:30 a.m. Man's best friend is joined with their owners for Doga held every month on the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn. A popular craze taught in Los Angeles and New York, the classes function similar to a regular yoga class and focus on gentle stretches, breathing and massage. The cost is \$5 per class.



On another dog note, management wants to thank everyone for "scooping the poop." Our property is looking great and it is due to residents being responsible for cleaning up after their pets. It is an ongoing vigil, so keep up the good work.

October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week

This is a good time to check your smoke detectors and install new batteries.

New Landlord Requirement

California homeowners are now required to install carbon monoxide detectors (which can cost less than \$30) in existing single-family homes that have a fossil-fuel burning appliance,



fireplace or attached garage. All other residential units, **such as our multi-family condominium complex** will have to have the detectors in place by Jan. 1, 2013. But why wait? The detectors simply plug in the wall so no installation is required.



PLANNING ON AN EXTENDED VACATION?

If you are planning to be gone from your unit for an extended period of time, please notify the HOA so they can act in the event of a plumbing or other emergency. Also, don't forget to cancel your newspaper, and if needed, have your mail held at the Post Office.

Please! Don't let foods and products that can clog the plumbing go down the drains! Purchase and use drain screens in your kitchen and baths. Owners are liable when cause can be determined.

VAN HOOK'S PICKS

The following is a monthly column in your newsletter composed by Resident, Steven R. Van Hook, PhD. Last month Steven offered suggestions on ways to get in



shape using our local resources. Here are some delightful places to get in touch with nature - close to home of course!

There's No Place Like Our Homes...



No doubt you find visitors especially happy to visit our harbor home during the mild temperatures of summer and the even warmer winter holiday months. Fortunately there are many enticing activities just beyond our welcoming doors.

Of course, our patios provide around-the-clock spectacular views. But also among my guests' favorite ocean-watching spots are the **Silverstrand Beach** benches at the ocean end of Victoria Avenue overlooking the harbor jetty just perfect for sunset vistas, and the hideaway **Hollywood Beach** benches tucked at the end of Sunset Lane. They especially get a kick out the patchwork variety of homes with a leisurely walk along Ocean Drive. My guests have elatedly enjoyed a kayak tour of the miles of Mandalay and Seabridge canals just beyond the bridge, with an easy stop at the Seabridge Marina boat ramp for some coffee, pizza, or a manicure. Remember two of our harbor neighbors (**Channel Islands Kayak Center** and **Hopper Boat Rentals**) offer kayak rental discounts to condo residents.

Another harbor neighbor, **Hook's Landing** (no relation) at 3550 S. Harbor provides charter fishing for visitors looking for some sea action; or bicycle, surrey, Segway, and dock fishing pole rentals for those more shore-minded. Hook's offers condo residents a \$5 discount coupon, a two-hour-for-cost-of-one bike rental rate, and other discounts for seniors, children, military and veterans.

For the more hearty liking to hike, a favorite retreat is the **Malibu Creek State Park**, just a quick drive down Pacific Coast Highway 1 then a left into the scenic hills up Malibu Canyon Road. Countless movies and TV programs were shot there for 20th Century Fox studios, and with a guidebook or docent directions, you can find location sites for M*A*S*H, Planet of the Apes (the original), Roots, Kung Fu, Tarzan ...

But more than any other activity, by far what keeps my visitors coming back is a boat ride in the **Santa Barbara Channel**, frequently encountering whales, dolphins, sea lions, and our jewel islands laced on the horizon. Chances are good someone you know in the area has access to a power vessel or sailboat. I've been a pretty easy touch for taking neighbors out on my club Hunter sailboat, if you bring along sandwiches and good humor.

Please drop me a note if you have other suggestions to share, especially as holiday guest plans start to fill our date books. (steven@wwmr.org)

"Boys & Girls Clubs' \$1 Million Raffle Can Make Dreams Come True" The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme has launched its Million Dollar Raffle fundraiser. Ticket holders can win the grand prize of \$1 million dollars cash! Other prizes include a 2012 BMW Mini Cooper, 2012 Chevrolet Corvette, trip to Paris, Harley-Davidson motorcycle and cash. For info visit www.BGCOP.org/WINAMIL or call 1-855-946-2645 Odds are 1 in 85 of winning a prize.



McGrath Farm Pumpkin Patch (closest to home) 5156 McGrath St. Ventura www.mcgrathstreetpumpkinpatch.com Faulkner Farm Pumpkin Patch Santa Paula (Weekends) \$3 p/p 1-888-522-1884 www.FaulknerFarmPumpkinPatch.com Pumpkin Liner Railroad, Fillmore & Western Railway, Santa Paula Call for schedule 524-2546 The Ghosts of City Hall Oct. 1 8-10 p.m. 501 Poli St., Ventura (805) 658-4726 \$20 Dinner At the Pumpkin Patch Oct. 6 5:30 p.m. \$90 p/p (805) 643-1131, To benefit Food Share 17th Annual Ghostwalk 2011 October 14-16, 21-23, 29th and 30th Evenings. This year's "ghostoric" location is at Santa Paula High School. It is about a one-hour walk by flashlight (please bring one). Tours are limited to 25 people - get your tickets as early as most tours sell-out.www.Ghostwalk.com 805-525-3073 Eastside Haunted Bus Tour Oct. 16 8-10:30pm Meet at Ventura City Hall front steps (805) 658-4726 Ghost Tales at the Olivas Adobe Oct. 23-31 Sunday, Monday, Friday (805) 648-2075 \$25 p/p Cemetery Park Ghost Tour Oct. 29 8-9:30pm, \$20 p/p Meet at parking lot off Poli Street at Crimea Street., 658-4726 Haunted Swamp at Naval Base Ventura County Oct. 29,30 Haunted Swamp Hotline (805) 982-6000 Day and night hours for various ages. www.cnic.navy.mil/Ventura/Recreation/SpecialEvents Annual Farmer's Market Pumpkin Fun Day Oct 30th Channel Islands Harbor

EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE HARBOR

Sept.22, Oct. 6 & 27 Sunset Food & Wine Tasting Cruise aboard Scarlette Belle 5:30pm – 7:30pm. \$40 per person

- Sept. 24 Day for Kids 11 a.m. 4 p.m. at our local Martin V. Smith Boys and Girls Clubhouse on 5th Street
- **Oct. 8-9** Ojai Studio Artists Tour (805) 646-8126
- Oct. 14-16 Harvest Art & Craft Festival Ventura Fairgrounds
- Oct 22 Kinetic Sculpture Race, Ventura Harbor
- Oct. 30 Annual Farmer's Market Pumpkin Fun Day
- Nov. 19 Boys & Girl's Club Auction, Residence Inn
- Dec.10 Holiday Balcony Decoration Contest
- Dec. 10 46th Annual Parade of Lights

Dec. 11 Santa to the Sea 1/2 Marathon, 2 Person Relay & 5K Fun Run <u>www.santatothesea.com</u>

Remember, as residents you are the eyes and ears of our community. If you see someone that you know doesn't belong here - call 911. When your tenant moves out, be sure to collect all common-area keys and rekey your door.

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