



OCEANSIDE COASTAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

CONNECTING AND INFORMING NEIGHBORS

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WHO ARE WE?

OCNA is your neighborhood association. We are your neighbors down the street and around the corner who are getting involved in our community and strengthening ties to one another.

By sharing information and working together, we can make our great neighborhood even better. Our boundaries are Mission Avenue to the North, Oceanside Blvd to the South, I-5 to the East and the Pacific Ocean to the West. Learn how to join in at our website www.OCNA101.org

MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure a vital, sustainable neighborhood that protects the quality of life for all citizens in the Oceanside Coastal area by promoting and conducting community events, participating in city planning processes, holding city government accountable, and supporting cultural, civic and local business endeavors.

CONTACT US!

President: Jane Marshall
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Want to help and get involved with our neighborhood? Please email Jane Marshall
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GENERAL MTG – ST MARY'S SCHOOL – MAR 31

515 Wisconsin Ave – 6PM to 7PM

Join us for information that affects our neighborhood!

UPDATE ON NCTD OCEANSIDE DEPOT DEVELOPMENT

We are pleased to have Jonathan Borrego, Deputy City Manager, speak on the recent approval of the NCTD development award and what it may mean for Oceanside. The NCTD plan includes 101 affordable housing units and 547 market-rate apartments, along with mixed use on the bottom floor in the 10.2 acre transit-center site.

Jonathan will also update us on the Council directed ordinance prohibiting short term rentals (STR's) with any development applying for density bonus and low income units. See you all there!



SEASIDE NATIVE PLANT TOUR:

18th Annual California Native Plant Garden Tour
Sunday March 27th at 2pm

Come see over 18 Native Plant Gardens in the Historic Seaside Neighborhood of Downtown Oceanside.

Plant experts and neighborhood locals will lead a 1.5 mile walking tour to see these wonderful front yard gardens. The guided walk is free. Kids will be selling lemonade and cookies along the route.

****Meet at 2pm, Sun, Mar 29th in the St. Mary School parking lot**
515 Wisconsin Ave – 1 block east of 101 Café on Coast Hwy**

Sponsors are OCNA and Buena Vista Audubon Society
760-439-2473 BVAudubon.org or OCNA101.org



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DID YOU KNOW....

the origin of the names of many streets we use every day? Some are named for early settlers, some for places from which they came and some for no apparent reason at all.

Horne St was named for Col. Daniel H. Horne who came to Oceanside in 1886, 2 years before the city incorporated. As the city's first mayor, he came from Topeka, KS, hence we have **Topeka St**.

Some state-named streets, **Michigan** and **Washington**, have unknown origins, but, **Wisconsin St** replaced the street name **Couts St**, named after Cave Couts Jr. who surveyed and laid out the lots for what is now downtown area. No record exists of why the name was changed diminishing a City founder.

Freeman St was named after Alfred and Amelia Freeman who came from Texas with their seven children in 1870. Alfred was a blacksmith, an essential trade in the early days. The Freeman sons married many Native Americans and produced large families of their own. The Freeman family is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in the valley across the street from the Mission.

Myers St is named after Andrew Jackson Myers, a city founder who had a substantial house where the current downtown library stands. A.J. Myers also built a bath house at the current site of the Beach Community Center. Even then, Oceanside was a beach town!

Leonard and Alberta Sts are named after the children of the developer of Plumosa Heights, a development of large lots and concrete streets and ocean views. Plumosa is the name of the hardy queen palms planted there.

But why was **Coast Hwy - 101** originally called **Hill St**? There is not a hill on its entire length! Well, sometimes a little mystery in our history is a good thing!

NEW - KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR COLUMN:

Over the years, many of you have worked tirelessly to make this one of the best small beach towns in Southern California.

Jeff Simmons and Allison Schuster moved here 20 years ago, and took matters into their own hands to make a difference.

Allison and Jeff were first captivated by the Oceanside beach while Jeff (architect) was working on a large project in Carlsbad. After working for many large commercial and real estate companies in N. California, Jeff saw Oceanside as a great place to settle after raising their kids as "the best Dad ever". Allison's own illustrious career was in the retail industry and she opened a boutique shop on PCH that was later sold.

Their favorite part about our community is being able to, "get up, get on a bike, and go to the beach." They like the idea of taking public transport and getting groceries without the use of a car. "We did witness a large metamorphosis," referencing the changing environment of residential living downtown. They really enjoy the colorful urban vibe that is less homogenous than suburban living.

Allison and Jeff worked with the Oceanside police and city council to help improve downtown over the years. "Sometimes people only see what affects them directly," Jeff said as he went on to explain the multiple letters he wrote and public hearings they attended to make sure we were on the right track. Thanks Allison and Jeff for helping to make Oceanside downtown a great place to live!

Take Action & Email City Council to Protect Us!

As many of you know, Council passed the large Seagaze Tower (8 story) development last month. In summary, due to new state-wide housing rules, developers can ask for taller and denser developments if they build a few low income housing units. The flood gates are open! The Breeze development on Ditmar is also up for vote soon.

We can change this by EMAIL COUNCIL@OCEANSIDECA.ORG reduce the density allowance and curb the building explosion downtown!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!

OCNA has been your 18 yr neighborhood source for information and is *the only downtown neighborhood advocate*. We provide updates from the City and speak out on matters affecting our neighborhood. Your support on only \$36/ year for residents, \$50/year for businesses will help us continue to make Seaside the best part of downtown Oceanside!

**** Pay via Paypal at our website www.OCNA101.org ****

Resident Membership is \$36/year – only \$3/month!

Business Membership is \$50/year – about \$4/month

***For membership information call Lane Stewart (760) 214-3984 or send checks to OCNA c/o Lane Stewart 425 S.Tremont, Oside**

OCNA is seeking Neighbor Volunteers – Please email OCNA101@gmail.com to help!