

# **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 ioin 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 Vice-President: Curt Busk Secretary: Open

**Treasurer:** Lane Stewart Director: Kevin Ham Director:

Maryanne Bienkowski

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Want to help and get involved with our neighborhood? Please email Jane Marshall ocna101@gmail.com

# GENERAL MTG - ST MARY'S SCHOOL - APR 23 515 Wisconsin Ave – 6PM to 7PM

Visit Us: www.OCNA101.org

Join us for information that affects our neighborhood!

## **NEW DEVELOPMENTS – TRANSIT CENTER & BUILDING ON 2 REMAINING PARKING LOTS**

0 Join us for an update on these major developments in downtown: The 7 story Transit Center project with 547 mixed income residential apartments, 165 luxury hotel rooms, and commercial/retail, and the new Ryan developments on the two open parking lots on Mission and Myers (east of the Mission Pacific and Wyndham Hotels by RR tracks).

Representatives will let us know the progress and conceptual designs for these massive changes coming to our downtown neighborhoods!

#### **SEASIDE NATIVE PLANT TOUR APR 21 at 2PM**

Come see over 20 Native Plant Gardens in the Historic Seaside Neighborhood of Downtown Oceanside with a FREE TOUR! Plant experts and neighborhood locals will lead a 1.5 mile walking tour to see these wonderful front yard gardens.



Meet at 2pm, Sunday, April 21st in the St. Mary School parking lot at 515 Wisconsin Ave. Cookies will be sold as a fundraiser! Sponsored by OCNA (Oceanside Coastal Neighborhood Association) and Buena Vista Audubon Society for 20 years!

### **BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE MONTH:**



403 Wisconson Ave ~ Mon thru Fri 9AM to 5PM

# Support OCNA and be part of our historic neighborhood OCNA101.org

# DID YOU KNOW . . April is Earth Month!



Did you know, there are no local or foreign markets for mixed plastics that we recycle!

Originally, Western countries carefully sorted their plastics and paper by using separate bins and collections. China, desperate for raw materials, began taking all the recycling the world could send it.

In 2018 China declared a stop to this polluting practice refusing to take material with >.5% contamination.

This mandate ended the shipping of recycling materials from the US and Europe, and "Recyclables" are piled up and are sent to landfills or burned for energy.

Only <u>clean</u> cardboard, paper and a few plastics are recycled into new products.

Products with the numbers 1-6 are easy to melt down and remake, i.e. beverage bottles, milk jugs and laundry detergent bottles are the best. Most plastics can only be restructured 3 times before they lose their strength and flexibility.

Moral of this story: Use as little plastic and buy things in glass or metal when possible!

Refill all kinds of products at **Oceanside's Sonora Refillery** on

## **MAINSTREET 0'SIDE TASTE OF SPRING!**

Saturday, April 20 2-5 p.m. | Downtown Oceanside

Taste of Spring reminisces on the flavors of Taste of Oceanside in October but with a refreshing springtime twist.



This sweet and savory event featuring Downtown Oceanside restaurants and shops, as well as Oceanside breweries, wineries, and artisan sweet makers, will take place in the Downtown.

Bring the whole family to our returning spring tasting event with discounted family tickets! Online tickets sales start March 1 thru Sat Apr 20 until 3PM. Check in at 1PM at Civic Center Plaza. Info: www.mainstreetoceanside/taste-of-spring.

#### TRANSIT CENTER DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

OCNA Board has been working to make sure the Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) Redevelopment efforts address community concerns, and the development is held to the highest development standards as one of the largest developments in Oceanside. This plan proposes seven stories for 547 rental units and other site improvements.

Of particular concern to the OCNA Board is moving the bus bays or stalls to the southern portion of the site, and a new exit for most southbound bus routes that will exit on to Missouri Ave. Additional concerns include new bus routes on Michigan Ave. and the lack of NCTD & Toll Brothers public outreach and participation process.

The OCNA Board believes the plan, as proposed, will impact safety and walkability, take away limited street parking for our businesses and visitors, additional congested traffic, and increase noise pollution. The Board has been involved in the process, however we have asked one of our Board Members, Kevin Ham, to lead this specific effort.

If you have specific input or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to him at kevinjham@gmail.com.

#### **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. NOTE: Annual resident membership is only \$40/yr and Business membership is \$50/yr

Payment is easy! Scan our easy QR Code → or visit www.OCNA101.org TODAY!

Resident Membership is \$40/year – about \$3/month! Business Membership is \$50/year – about \$4/month!!



\*For membership information call Lane Stewart (760) 214-3984

OCNA is seeking Neighbor Volunteers - Please email <a href="https://ocna.com.nc.nlm.neighbor-volunteers">OCNA 101@gmail.com</a> to help!