



# 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](http://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**  
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## GENERAL MTG - ST MARY'S SCHOOL – **May 21** 515 Wisconsin Ave – 6PM to 7PM

*Join us for information that affects our neighborhood!*

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & OCEANSIDE POLICE & PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PBID)

With OCNA's ongoing efforts to improve our seaside neighborhood, we bring you Neighborhood Watch representative Tom DeMooy and Ashley Sanchez Police Crime Prevention Officer to discuss how we can work together to reduce crime and improve safety.

Also, MainStreet CEO Gumaro Escarcega will discuss the downtown PBID a benefit district to provide improvements, maintenance, and special benefits to this downtown district, an approach used successfully in many cities to increase attraction to and property values of the district.

## UPDATE ON OUR ICONIC PIER:



### The City is committed to repairing, reopening, and rebuilding!

Thanks to the hard work and courage of our City Staff, especially our firefighters, on April 25 we were able to save 93% of the pier. The first 911 call was made at 3:02 PM and OFD was on scene by 3:07 PM. Water was being applied to the fire by 3:09 PM.

We are aiming to have 75% of the pier reopened within the next two weeks. As we move into debris removal and repair work there may still be days when the pier needs to be temporarily closed, but we realize how important the pier is to the community and we are excited to get people back on it in such a short time.

On May 1, the City Council ratified the declaration of a local emergency by the City Manager. This will aid us in seeking funding for both the response and repair of the pier and efforts are already underway.

The next steps will be a full assessment of the damaged portion of the pier to see what needs to be repaired and/or rebuilt, then plans will be drawn, and construction will commence. But because of the uniqueness of such a structure it will be quite some time (a couple of years) before we will see a full reopening. We are working with Seal Beach to learn from their experience. From Michael Gossman, Assistant City Manager

Support OCNA and be part of our historic neighborhood [OCNA101.org](http://OCNA101.org)

## DID YOU KNOW . . .



One of our local theatres "The Sunshine Brooks" got its name from a real person, Hattie Brooks? Her high school nickname was "Sunshine" and then she married William Brooks in 1929.

The following year, the Brooks family moved to San Diego where William became the proprietor of what is now the Embassy Hotel. William and Hattie made the hotel their residence.

Although the Brooks Theater was originally named the Rancho Santa Margarita Theatre, the name was quickly shortened to the Margo due to marquee space. It opened on November 20, 1936.

In 1944, the Brooks family purchased the Margo Theatre along with two other partners. But by 1955, the lease expired and its doors were closed for a time.

Erwin Sklar took over operations of the theatre, remodeled it and changed the name to the Towne Theater. The Towne played films, double and triple features through the 1980s. Erwin later became Mayor of Oceanside in 1957.

By 1990, the Towne Theater closed its doors again due to years of losing its audiences to multi-show theaters. The Oceanside Martial Arts Center took up residence in the theater space soon after.

In 1993, Hattie Hazel Brooks granted her share of the Towne to the City of Oceanside Community Development Commission (OCDC). The Procopio Family Trust sold its share of the theater to OCDC the following month for \$66,600.

Today, The Sunshine Brooks Theatre has local sponsors and great talent, and has re-emerged as a respected theater company offering full seasons of theatre, music concerts, and other activities to support and reflect our unique Oceanside community! Check out their productions at [Oceansidetheatre.org/events-shows](http://Oceansidetheatre.org/events-shows)

## NON-TOXIC WEED KILLER RECIPE:

Spring has sprung and so have all the weeds! Save money and the environment by using an effective home-made weed killer with products probably already in your kitchen!



**1 gal white vinegar + ½ cup salt + 2 Tbl Dawn type dish soap**  
Pour a little bit (1/2 cup) vinegar out of the bottle, add salt and dish soap, and swirl to combine. Pour into spray bottle and Voila!  
For \$3.50/gal vs. Roundup at \$20-\$25/gal, know you are helping the earth, our children, pets, little creatures, and butterflies too!  
**This will kill any plant so be careful where you spray!**

## BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

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## SUBLIME LIFE SOBRIETY FESTIVAL MAY 11

A day of celebration and inspiration at the Oceanside Civic Center Plaza downtown.



This **in-person event** is all about embracing a **sublime life** free from addiction. Immerse yourself in a supportive community and enjoy a variety of activities, including live music, insightful speakers, and interactive workshops. Discover new ways to find joy and fulfillment on your journey to sobriety. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with others who understand and support your goals. Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of empowerment and renewal!

## 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.

Annual resident membership is only \$40/yr; Business membership \$50/yr

**Payment is easy! Scan our easy QR Code → or visit [www.OCNA101.org](http://www.OCNA101.org) TODAY!**

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



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

OCNA is seeking Neighbor Volunteers – Please email [OCNA101@gmail.com](mailto:OCNA101@gmail.com) to help!