



# 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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**We need Volunteers! Please email**  
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### NEIGHBORHOOD ZOOM MEETING Sept 17<sup>th</sup>:

Forum for the Oceanside Mayoral Candidates

*Pre-recorded Sept 16 with the League of Women Voters*

**Submit questions any time but no later than Sep 15 at 6:00 pm**

[http://bit.ly/LWVNCSD\\_Forum\\_Questions](http://bit.ly/LWVNCSD_Forum_Questions)

**The recordings will then be posted on YouTube Channel link:**

[http://bit.ly/LWVNCSD\\_YouTube](http://bit.ly/LWVNCSD_YouTube)

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SEASIDE SCARECROW CONTEST:



**OCNA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest is a fun-filled neighborhood event to celebrate Fall 2020! The more creative the better to win recognition and PRIZES!**

#### Schedule of events:

- Oct 1- 19 Free Registration is at [OCNA101@gmail.com](mailto:OCNA101@gmail.com)
- Oct 15 Possible Workshop at a local organization
- Oct 20-27 Display Scarecrows proudly in yards
- Oct 28 Judging by MainStreet Oceanside
- Oct 29 Awards, photos and publicity
- OCT. 31 Halloween

**Search Google for scarecrow ideas and how to make a Scarecrow videos to help you participate & win!**

*OCNA Board of Directors wish all of our members and supporters well during this time!*

# Support OCNA and be part of our dynamic neighborhood!

## DID YOU KNOW...



That scarecrows, associated with Fall, have a long history? When the world was largely agriculture based, they were intended to protect either newly planted seeds or almost mature harvests from predatory birds and other animals, not for decorations.

The Egyptians had scarecrows 3000 years ago. Greeks had them in their vineyards around 2500 BCE. These were humanoid figures made to resemble Priapus, the hideously ugly son of Dionysus (god of wine) and Aphrodite (goddess of wisdom and beauty) to scare birds away and guarantee a bountiful harvest.

The Romans, copying this Greek idea, took scarecrows to areas of Europe which they conquered and colonized. Germans created witches made of wood as an improvement on the Roman idea. (Can you see we are getting closer to a familiar idea?)

In the Middle Ages children, employed as "crow-scarers," ran around the fields clapping wooden blocks together. After the Black Plague decimated the population, children were needed for other things and farmers began stuffing old clothes put up on poles to resemble humans. Moved by the wind, they could fool birds long enough to let seed sprout or a harvest to be gathered.

The Japanese, too, used old clothes to flap in the wind but later began dressing their scarecrows in raincoats and conical hats to resemble workers planting rice. These figures were sometimes equipped with noisemakers and weapons to better frighten marauding creatures.

The scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz made us laugh with his cheerful wish for a brain. These are some of the many possibilities you could use to make your own scarecrow.

Enter the OCNA 2nd annual Scarecrow Contest and BE CREATIVE!!

## NEIGHBOR'S MURAL ON EUCALYPTUS:

Prior to Covid shut down, two neighbors were busily painting bird houses for the Audubon auction, and it sparked an idea that has affected everyone positively bringing light during a dark time.

In May, the mural background colors were applied to a fence. Old paint was brought, brushes were provided and the mural of 2020 had begun. Social distancing was maintained as each participant had their own space and allowed to display their ideas, as long as upbeat and happy.

People walking by were encouraged to join. Unknown neighbors became new friends. As the painting continued, musicians started coming by and playing impromptu concerts. It has become a focal point for "joy in a dark".

The ladies that started this fantastic project want no acknowledgment, but I need to share their comments: "This project "was what we all needed at that time", "It radiates positivity and joy", "It was kismet". It is enjoyed by a multitude of people. The best part is that the Fence continues. It's a work in progress, and a shared love by all the neighbors!



## BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE MONTH:



Stormalee is the Owner/Broker of Beachside Realty, committed to client satisfaction, community and professionalism for over 20 years helping clients with trends, technology and marketing strategies.  
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## OCNA - HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. Attend our informative meetings - be a voice in our neighborhood.
  2. Volunteer for meetings, special events, and to distribute newsletters.
- Support by becoming a member. Your dues help with hosting informative meetings and events, newsletters, website and creating a valuable forum.

Newsletter distribution is 1000 local doors + eblasts reaching over 350!

**\*\* Pay via Paypal at our website [www.OCNA101.org](http://www.OCNA101.org) \*\***

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

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

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

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