

Dillon Beach Community Newsletter

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All of a sudden, it's fall, and another election season in Oceana Marin Association. Everyone should have received a packet in the mail from Sharp Property Services including a **Board Nomination Form**. Please consider whether you or someone you know could serve on our very active Board. Remember, this is your community, and the actions (or not) of the Board affect everyone. Also note if there are not more candidates than open positions, anyone nominated could become a Board member by 'acclimation', which is functional, but hardly representative democracy at its finest. Every member is encouraged to email or write to the Board, or attend the monthly meetings on the 3rd Saturday and add your voice to discussions about issues requiring action during the Member Forum; if you are a Board Member, you get to vote, too. Very cool! Deadline for returning Nominations is noon **Nov. 15**.

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Everyone has seen great progress on some of the stalled and semi-stalled building projects in the Association, with some nearing exterior completion, or scheduled to be thus by the end of the year. Do feel free to thank a Board Member for taking action and pushing to get them done. If you have a concern about a project or a violation of the CC&R's, contact any Board, Design Review or Compliance Committee member, or our Parking and Security provider. Email contacts are on the **OMA website** ([OceanaMarinAssociation.org](http://OceanaMarinAssociation.org)), or phone Association President **Dennis Furby at 878-9334** for information and assistance.

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You have likely read or heard the U.S. Postal Service is planning to close 12% of their Post Office locations, some 3,700 across the US, including Camp Meeker, Villa Grande and Annapolis. There is currently no hint that Dillon Beach, Tomales or Valley Ford are being considered for closure, but, it is crucial to patronize local post offices to make sure they are not only covering the cost to operate, but show a profit. One way to add to the bottom line at Dillon Beach PO is for locals and part-timers to plan their purchases and mailings here, (yes, mail volume is a consideration) rather than at Post Offices in town or elsewhere. I always do my holiday mailing in Dillon Beach, since it is actually easier to haul my parcels with me, pop into our local branch, and be done and gone in minutes, instead of standing in a long line elsewhere. I even made my cousin drag her mom's antique doll, all boxed to ship home to Australia out to Dillon Beach. With the insurance and postage, I'm sure that covered the cost to keep the branch open for several days at least. If you are a business owner who does mailings, consider dropping them in the box locally, too, to boost the volume and keep our beloved PO and local information center open.

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Many Dillon Beach families have joined the local air evacuation services as cheap insurance in case a medical emergency requires a helicopter ride, 'retail price' about \$20,000. REACH is a for profit enterprise (the red helicopter) [REACH.com](http://REACH.com) and CALSTAR is a non-profit (the blue and white helicopter) [CALSTAR.org](http://CALSTAR.org), but since they alternate 'on' and 'off' staffing and membership in one doesn't carry over to the other, to always be covered it is necessary to join both, which is less than \$100 a year per family. Recently, I discovered a nifty thing about Plus (and Premier) AAA member benefits; we have the Plus membership since it allows the longer tow coverage needed to get a vehicle towed from Dillon Beach to just about anywhere, which has come in handy twice in the last year. What I didn't know is among other goodies; you are covered up to \$25,000 for an air ambulance if you are more than 100 miles from home. What that means is, say you are in Washington DC to advise the President about his latest economic policy and get clobbered on the Beltway, your AAA coverage kicks in where CALSTAR and REACH don't go. How about that? (OK, a more likely scenario is hiking the rim of the Grand Canyon and taking a tumble, same deal) Check it out at [csaa.com](http://csaa.com).

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Congratulations are in order after months of hard work, rumors and circuitous trips over, around and through state and local bureaucracies. The **William Tell House** in Tomales has reopened, much to the delight of 'locals' and visitors. Dillon Beach-Oceana Marin resident (and OMA Board member) **Marcos Pareas** is the proud (if exhausted) new owner, and invites everyone to stop by for a meal in the dining room or a refreshing beverage in the bar. **Roger** the chef is an experienced and talented member of the culinary community, who takes personal pride seeing every guest is served a fine meal. Choices include simple to spectacular specials, basics like steak, or seafood pasta, and every meal includes soup and salad, plus sides; during summer, the vegetables even featured squash fresh from Roger's own garden. Local fishermen have supplied halibut and snapper, and Fri. & Sat. offer generous servings of prime rib prepared to perfection.

Marcos (and his lovely, patient wife **Doris**) are the hosts with the most, and are continuing to work on menus and meals, so feel free to offer an opinion about the Bar Menu (yes, bar food!) the Monday night burgers, Wednesday pizza or any special event menu ideas (Editor: I'm pushing for a Greek Festival). A new plus, you can enter the dining room directly, using the door to the left of the main Bar doors. The bar opens at 3pm, with 2 hours of happy hour from 4-6, and the dining room opens at 5pm. For reservations call 878-2403. (Don't transpose those last 4 digits, or you'll get an annoyed Oceana Marin resident!) Make other plans for dinner on Tuesday's, when they are closed.

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We are still searching for a better name for this occasional newsletter, so creative and clever minds out there are invited to phone or email the editor, Candy McCorkell at 878-9456, [kittiesmama@comcast.net](mailto:kittiesmama@comcast.net), or (925) 930-9045 with suggestions, column subjects, or other ideas.