

Dillon Beachcomber

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The fall tide seems to have finally gone out, and with it went the last of the houseguests, beach visitors and the hubbub that is summer. As we relax and rest up for the Holiday, it's time for another edition of the Beachcomber.

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**Lions, and tigers and bears, oh my!** Chinese calendar notwithstanding, this has certainly been the Year of the Fox in Dillon Beach. People have seen foxes on or near their property, crossing ranches, and one report had 8 fox kits playing in the OMA open space below Oceana Dr. At 7:10 am I had a Maine Coon cat nose to nose with a young fox through the wire of our pet enclosure, which boosted the adrenaline all the way around. We do share our neighborhood with a large assortment of wild animals, something to keep in mind as we re out and about and when walking or allowing your pets outside into your yard. (Just curious—have you seen an opossum in Dillon Beach, or a squirrel? Anyone?)

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Not wild cattle on ranchland adjacent to OMA. Members and their guests are reminded to be respectful of local ranchers raising cattle on land adjacent to some homes on the upper section of Oceana Dr. and to the Estero. Cattle are curious, and will eat almost anything; NEVER hit golf balls or other 'non cattle food' items into the leased areas. Also, there is no hunting on the ranch. Report any hunters to Chuck Chamberlain at (h/o 707 878-2686, cell 707 217-2142) cfx@earthlink.net or Paul Pozzi 707 490-9124.

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**Garbage and Recycle "Walk in Service"** is an easy way for members to comply with OMA CCR's. The garbage company will walk in, collect your cans from their location, bring them to the truck to dump, and then return to their original location. Contact Redwood Empire Disposal at (800) 243-0291 to discuss what the fee for your particular situation (length of driveway, can corral access, etc.) would be. It is well worth the few dollars to insure your cans aren't blowing down the street or cluttering the landscape. It is not the job of neighbors or OMA Parking and Safety to put away your cans.

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A handy service you might want to check out is **Raley's ecart**. A local friend who found herself a single mom with 3 kids recommended this amazing time and energy saver. Raley's in Petaluma is one of several stores throughout CA in the Raley's/Nob Hill chain where you set up an account, shop the entire store from your computer (either aisle by aisle, grocery category, etc.) add comments about acceptable substitutes, shop sale items, service deli and bakery, toiletries, meat, fish, flowers... Once you have your list, you tell them when you want to pick up your order—a window of an hour or so on a given day, but they are flexible. Your order is pulled, scanned and bagged, in a cold box in front of the store; you drive through a dedicated lane in the parking lot, push a button, and out comes a nice person pushing a cart and a portable card reader. Swipe your card, they load your stuff, and off you go! Having used it with five incoming houseguests due, three cats and a husband in the car and no time to shop, I have to tell you it's darn great. Looking forward to winter and the rainy season, this has even more appeal to those of us who melt when we get wet. I confess to a couple of stumbles—purely operator error—I misunderstood the assorted sweet rolls came packaged in a box of 4, and wanting 6 total, I did end up with 4 x 6 sweet rolls, which the visiting college student was only too happy to take back to school with her. I know one Dillon Beach resident

who places her order online, and when her husband gets off work, all he has to do is drive through the pick up lane; he's off and headed for the Beach. He doesn't care what's on the list; all he knows is he pushes a button and a nice person brings him food. An added bonus is being able to order say, a pickup at the South Lake Tahoe Raley's for a weekend of food and that ski vacation a Heavenly-no coolers, boxes, or time required to provision for the group. If your order is \$100 or more, there is no charge for the service and there is an introductory offer of 5 free visits. For orders under \$100, the fee is \$4.95, still a bargain. <http://www.raleys.com>

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**Wildlife Rescue and Resource list.** Thanks to OMA member **AJ Wacaser** who shared a most useful list of organizations who can assist with sick or injured animals. It will be posted at <http://www.oceanamarin.org>, or you can save this with your important phone numbers.

**For land-based birds and mammals, call:**

Wildcare at (415) 456-7283  
[www.wildcarebayarea.org](http://www.wildcarebayarea.org)

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue at (707) 526-WILD (9453)  
[www.scwildliferescue.org](http://www.scwildliferescue.org)

Songbird Hospital at (707) 484-6502  
[www.songbirdhospital.org](http://www.songbirdhospital.org)

**For water birds, call:**

International Bird Rescue at (707) 207-0380 x110  
[www.bird-rescue.org](http://www.bird-rescue.org)

**For fawns, call:**

Fawn Rescue at (707) 931-4550  
[www.fawnrescue.org](http://www.fawnrescue.org)

**For animals in the house, call:**

Wildcare Solutions (415) 453-1000 x23

A Wildlife Exclusion Service (707) 992-0276