

## *Dillon Beachcomber*

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The end of 2012 and start of 2013 has brought many changes to Oceana Marin residents and residences. Filming "The Ghost and the Whale" kept things busy during Feb. with lots of houses rented for cast and crew, plus a nice bounce to the local economy during a slow month. (For release spring of 2014...) This also begins the active time when projects get under way, old projects get finished, the campground ramps up operations, rentals are filling again, and much to the joy of local agents, the real estate market seems to be moving.

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**Comings and goings** are part of life in a community like Oceana Marin, but there have been some notable changes of late. The passing of longtime residents leaves us to recall them fondly: Tony Adams and Ted Graves, both cherished by their families and friends are missed. Tony's wife Rosaleen has sold their home, while Laurinda Graves is still here in "EarthHeaven" at the top of Oceana. Rosalene Cooper, longtime resident on Kailua and stalwart in DBERT (Husband Sullivan was President of OMA for years) has moved to Yreka to be near her daughter, and Dennis and Jan Furby moved 'to town' to be able to walk to the library and shops, plus indulge their travel bug. Dennis' years of service to OMA working with roads and drainage, then as Design Review Chair and Association President are much appreciated.

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**What has Oceana Marin Association done for me lately?** Once again, attention paid to our roads keeps them among the best in Marin County. Areas of damage have been dug up and repaired, and all the various manhole and utility covers have been raised a bit, miles of cracks have been cleaned out and filled with a flexible seal, all of which prepares for the next layer of overlay/chip seal due in 2014. Many thanks to Dennis Furby for his continuing contributions to keeping our roads and drainage in good repair. If you see an area that needs repair, contact any board member.

The eternal battle of raccoons vs. garbage and recycle cans has entered a new chapter. It seems the wily critters have figured out how to roll a round bungee cord off the top of a can to get in/tip it over! So far, they have not mastered the flat rubber strap with S hooks. A 25" strap is just perfect for the garbage can size, larger for recycle bins; sold near the bungees at about \$1.50 ea. We use a cable tie to keep the strap attached to the handle on the can. Another solution that has proven effective is sprinkling about one-half cup of dry detergent with bleach over the trash, which seems to dampen the interest of our raccoons.

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**New Board Members** Dennis Rothhaar and Sean Van Gelder have joined the board as of Jan. 2013.

Dennis and his wife Mimi Steinbock live part-time in Oakland, and since 1991, part-time in Dillon Beach. Now retired lawyers, they have traveled extensively, and when not exploring distant places, they are regular volunteers at Habitat for Humanity, KQED and the Alameda County Food Bank. They are both active in DBERT, and a CERT team in Oakland. Dennis is the new board Secretary.

Sean and Barbara bought a 'fixer upper' in March of 2011, which Sean and his crew remodeled over 7 long months. He is a builder in the Sacramento & Davis area where they live when not in Dillon Beach and have two children. They are really enjoying having a gathering place for family and friends to spend weekends and holidays, and love owning a home in this beautiful place, which is truly a dream come true. Sean is an OMA Board Member and also head of the Design Review Committee.

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### **Timely reminders:**

Oceana Marin provides parking and safety personnel to maintain the Association rules, which includes hiring private security over some holiday weekends. They are not police. Call the Marin County Sheriff (415 479-2311) for any issue other than parking and safety. If there is immediate danger or crime taking place, call 911.

The recent windstorm reminds us to update contact information with our Association management company so they can reach you in case of emergency or property damage. They maintain our roster, but depend on members to supply current/correct information both by phone and email if possible. Call 707 765-6111 or [info@sharpproperty.net](mailto:info@sharpproperty.net).

One suggestion is to post near your front door or window a phone number where you can be reached. Print in large font and laminate it to prevent fading. This is especially important for homes that are vacant for some time, as vacation rentals or weekend homes often are.

If you are planning ANY maintenance project or remodel, including painting, leak repair, window/door replacement, new roof or landscaping, you MUST file the required Design Review Application and appropriate fees as required with Sharp Property before you begin. A Marin County building permit is not the same thing! The forms are on the OMA website [oceanamarin.org](http://oceanamarin.org) or by contacting [info@sharpproperty.net](mailto:info@sharpproperty.net)

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### **Fun/interesting stuff-**

If you drive Highway 37, check out the website for the Cullinan Ranch wetlands restoration project for lots of cool information about that area. <http://www.restorecullinan.info>

Looking for fun hikes and activities, go to Sonoma Land Trust for their spring and summer schedule of interesting ways to explore the area, often in places not open to the public. <http://www.sonomalandtrust.org>

Loren Poncia of Stemple Creek Ranch is now offering 10# boxes of lamb and beef, which is pretty great if you are looking for local, grass fed meat. Call 415 883-8253 or <http://www.stemplecreek.com>

Bloomfield Farms delivers boxes of amazing organic produce to your Dillon Beach door on Friday's from their farm outside Valley Ford. Small and large boxes are available weekly or bi-weekly. You can also stop and start deliveries, depending on whether you are in or out of town. Call Nick Papadopoulos at 707 332-9209 to sign up. <http://www.bloomfieldfarmsorganics.com>

Looking for offbeat or fun greeting cards without having to stand for an hour at a store pawing through racks of the same-old, same-old? Check out the offerings on line at Across the Line Cards <http://www.acrossthecard.com>

A portion of the old St. Anthony's property on Valley Ford Rd. near Bloomfield has reopened as an 18 bed inpatient treatment facility on the right hillside after the abrupt closure in 2011. The farm is being worked by an assorted group of entrepreneurs, but is not fully in use at this time.