

*Dillon Beachcomber*

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Oceana Marin Association

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**“Do not mend your neighbor's fence before seeing to your own”**

Tanzanian Proverb

**OMA Board and Committee news:** With no other nominations forthcoming, OMA board members **Amanda Graves, Dick Kapash and Jane Miller** were elected by acclamation for two-year terms. Previously, **Bob Berner** was seated as a full-time resident Board Member. There is one open board seat that would welcome a full time resident member; if you are interested in serving, please contact \*Sharp Property Services to volunteer. Members are always invited and encouraged to attend the open session of monthly Board Meetings, the second Saturday of every month. Agendas are posted online and at the Post Office prior to the meetings. Executive Session is usually held prior to the open session, and is closed to all but Board Members and those required/requested to attend.

**The CCR Committee** has submitted their work to the Board, which then sent it on to the OMA legal team for review. The Committee met Dec. 1 to refine the results of the legal work, and to modernize the **OMA By-Laws**. As this process continues, members should anticipate receiving a completed revision in early 2018, and will be asked to vote to accept or reject the documents as they are written. All members need to review and vote on the new CCR's and By-Laws in order to make them current and legal. Once the new documents are approved by the membership, revisions and updating of **Design Review Rules** may begin.

**OMA Budget, dues, expenditures, etc.** should be of interest to all members. Please read the budget documents sent to you by Sharp Property Services, and go online regularly to the OceanaMarin.org website to read the monthly financial reports in the **OMA Board Minutes**, which include outstanding balances owed by members, routine expenditures and additional expenditures for services like holiday parking & safety patrols, tree trimming, road repairs, and open space clearance.

After several years of very large legal bills which necessitated member dues to increase, if the current state of **no pending lawsuits** and ongoing no extraordinary legal expenses continues, it may be possible to revise future budgets downward, with resulting savings to members and **reduced dues**.

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Unfortunately, occasional **graffiti** has been spotted around town and on the beach this year. In West Marin, there is really no “official” to contact & get it removed; we're pretty much on our own with these things. I keep a spray bottle of **graffiti remover**” I bought at a Big Box Store (paint department), and when I see it on a stop sign or something, find it works pretty well using a scrubber sponge and paper towel, along with a little elbow grease.

**A good, wet winter** last year gave us a bumper crop of wildlife this spring and summer, as you may have noticed. Turkeys seem to have had a big year, as did the charming quail that chuckle around in grass and brush. The native foxes rehabilitated and released on local ranches have

settled in and are breeding as well, keeping the voles, mice and gophers in check. I haven't seen a bobcat in a while, but have seen coyote scat, and occasionally if the ocean is quiet, I hear them calling back and forth. I did spot a small mountain lion one early afternoon up by the water tank/ treatment plant while driving out Oceana, which was a thrill. Of course, the deer are always abundant, the bucks antlers spectacular as ever. With all these creatures out and about day or night, in addition to wandering vacation renters and residents, please be careful and alert as you drive through our beautiful neighborhood. And please keep in mind that feeding wildlife is both illegal and ultimately harmful to the creatures you are trying to help.

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**NE Petaluma** has lots to offer those going "to town" these days. The **East-Side Farmers Market** operates year round, in Lucchesi Park on Tuesdays, 10am-1:30pm at 320 N.McDowell. Love the **Friedman's branch** at 429 N. McDowell? Have you seen a new **Smart and Final** non-membership store has opened, too? Great for party supplies, groceries when you don't want to go to a market, cleaning stuff and a nice assortment of packaged food. I'm particularly fond of the box of 30 Stash teabags, English Breakfast, please. And, sherry vinegar. Who knew there were so many kinds of vinegar 25 years ago? **Sutter Walk-In Care** has opened in front of Friedman's, offering quick, convenient care for everyday illnesses and healthcare, open daily from 8am to 8pm for adults and children over 18 months old. You may also call ahead for an appointment at 800 972-5547, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. They accept most insurance plans and major credit cards. (A Sutter **Urgent Care** facility is open weekends 9am to 6pm at 3883 Airway Drive Santa Rosa 707 521-4495) I've discovered **Bianchini's Sandwich and Salads** near Tuesday Morning/ Kohl's at 1367 N. McDowell, and find myself planning errands around getting lunch there, or to bring home on my way back. It's all very fresh and tasty, with interesting combinations on offer, as well as pre-made sandwiches & salads if you are in a hurry. The staff is nice & accommodating, even if I dither with my choices sometimes.

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**The October firestorms in Santa Rosa and Napa** affected our and many other communities. We sympathize with and welcome those displaced by the fires and now living in Dillon Beach full time, and invite all to participate in local events held at **Tomales Town Hall**, the **History Center**, **Lawson's Landing**, some of the local ranches and businesses. Big kudos & shout outs to the many OMA Members and other Dillon Beach residents who came to the aid of evacuees, including **Dillon Beach Emergency Response Team** members who jumped into action helping evacuees arriving in those first hours and days, the **Lawson & Vogler families & staff at the Campground** who opened up for evacuees, hosted meetings, fed folks and helped out, owners/managers of **vacation rentals** who offered their places at reduced rates, and community members who pitched in or offered a bit of sympathy and grace during a very difficult time as well as family and friends who hosted some of what was estimated 400-500 people for a while. Special thanks to the **Volunteer Firefighters** who spent long hours and days; simply amazing and wonderful, as we all know Dillon Beach to be every day.

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