

## **COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE**

**October 15, 2009**

### **Fostering Human Development and Facilitating Community Problem Solving**

The Neighborhood Services Department, Parks & Recreation and Resource Center staff came together with North County Lifeline to unite teens from Crown Heights, San Luis Rey, and the Eastside Neighborhoods. At the Magdalena Ecke YMCA lagoon camp area in Carlsbad, 37 participants aged 11-17 went on a 3-day camping adventure. The trip was themed "Breaking Down Barriers" with the intent of bringing kids together from neighborhoods that historically don't mix; mostly due to preconceived notions and gang influences. The trip also bonded staff, in their pursuit of mentorship, as they chaperoned the camping trip throughout the weekend. After a big dinner and campfire-fun the first evening, the kids relaxed, and started to get acquainted. Campers from all neighborhoods shared laughter, chores and even tents! Participants engaged in team-building games throughout the weekend, played catch football, and enjoyed a plethora of water sports. Staff and campers were weary but very happy by Sunday afternoon as the kids were busy saying goodbye and planning future cooperative events together such as gym nights, karaoke contests and group dinners.

### **Inaugural Oceanside International Film Festival**

The Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) is sponsoring the inaugural Oceanside International Film Festival this weekend, October 15-18. Independent films made by local filmmakers will be running Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Sunshine Brooks Theater and Spectrum Video, in addition to filmmaking workshops. To "Experience the Excitement", tickets to the film festival can be purchased online at <http://www.ocaf.info/OIFF/index.html>. The film festival is helping to support economic development with partnerships of local hotels.

### **Flu Shots are Expected at the Senior Centers This Season**

While not yet supplied, flu vaccines are expected to be available to the public on Thursdays at both senior centers; 1st & 3rd Thursday at Country Club Senior Center and 2nd & 4th Thursday at El Corazon Senior Center. North County Health Services will be the provider of the shots at \$2 each; vaccine for H1N1 will not be provided at these locations. Seniors interested in receiving a flu shot are advised to call ahead on Wednesday to see if the shots will be available.

### **Providing New Recreational Experiences for Teens**

Parks & Recreation Division staff are taking 20 teens to the Los Angeles Lakers preseason basketball game on Friday, October 23, at the San Diego Sports Arena. Field trips such as this one, are planned quarterly for teens who attend the Friday Night Teen program at the Melba Bishop gymnasium. Teens are given the chance to attend events outside of Oceanside to expose them to different places, people, and activities.

### **Teens to Host Sidewalk Sale at Melba Bishop Center**

The teens from Melba Bishop Center are volunteering their time on a Saturday to support their own program activities by promoting a sidewalk sale on November 7 from

10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The teens are looking for gently used donated items such as music, games, and movies for resale to the public and will also have hotdogs and drinks for sale. The teens are taking ownership of their program and promoting this event while increasing cultural unity by working together for the same incentive. Parks & Recreation staff will assist with supervision of the event and are taking donations at the center; to donate items contact Tina at (760) 435-5557, no clothing items will be accepted.

### **Section 8 Housing Voucher Program Performance Rating**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that the Housing Authority complete the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification. SEMAP enables HUD to better manage the Section 8 tenant-based program by identifying the Housing Authority's capabilities and deficiencies related to the administration of the Section 8 program. The City of Oceanside Housing Section 8 program's final SEMAP score for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, is **100** and our performance rating is **HIGH**; which is the best ranking a housing authority can achieve. In order to get the highest rating, it is necessary to have a lease-up rate of 99% for the Section 8 program. The Housing Division's Section 8 administrators and staff are to be commended for this accomplishment!

### **Library Closed on October 16**

All Library facilities will be closed on Friday, October 16, for staff training. The third annual library staff development day will be held at the El Corazon Senior Center where staff will receive training in marketing the library and in stress management. The Friends of the Library are providing lunch for the attendees.

### **Library Public Computer Services Restored**

Public Works and IT have worked diligently to install computers on the second floor of the Civic Center Library, following the closure of the Community Computer Center. A total of 40 computers are now available. The service is very popular and all computers are in constant use.

### **Library World Music Concert on October 17**

Iraqi virtuoso musician and composer Rahim AlHaj will perform on Saturday, October 17, in the Library Community Rooms as part of the World Music Series. A graduate of the Institute of Music in Baghdad, Rahim delicately combines traditional Iraqi music with contemporary style and influence. In 2008, his music was nominated for a Grammy award in the category of Best Traditional World Music Recording, and his life story has been featured on NPR, CNN, BBC Radio and in Smithsonian magazine. Tickets are \$15 and are available in the Library.

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### **WEEKLY OCEANSIDE EVENTS LISTING**

The following events listing is a compilation of items sent to the Oceanside City Manager's Office as of Oct 14, 2009, by various City departments and divisions and area agencies and organizations. Any errors of fact or omission are the responsibility of the individual or organization providing the information. If you wish to have information included in this listing please call Linda Paguirigan, 435-3075 or fax to 435-6061 or e-mail her at [LPaguirigan@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:LPaguirigan@ci.oceanside.ca.us).

Thru Oct 25 **8th Annual OMFest.** Venues include Sunshine Brooks Theatre, St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church and El Camino High School Truax Theatre. Tickets: (760) 433-3632.

Thru Nov 1 **Café con Muertos Exhibition.** OMA, (760) 435-3720 or [www.oma-online.org](http://www.oma-online.org).

Thru Nov 30 **Halloween Art Exhibit is Out for Blood.** Tue - Sun 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. JC Gallery & Studio, 212 C. N. Coast Highway.

Thru Jan 10 **An American Dream: Gregg Jabs Exhibition.** Oceanside Museum of Art, (760) 435-3720.

### **OCTOBER 2009**

Oct 15-18 **Oceanside International Film Festival.** Various locations around Oceanside. Tickets: (760) 433-3632 or [meliane@cox.net](mailto:meliane@cox.net).

Oct 16 **CITY HALL CLOSED.**

Oct 16 **Jog-A-Thon.** 9:00 am – Noon. Lake Park. Montessori School, (760) 941-3883.

Oct 17 **28th Annual Running Center So. Cal. Invitational.** 8:00 am – 1:40 pm. Guajome Park. (760) 805-5238.

Oct 17 **"Home Grown" Gardening Class – Cover Crops.** 1:30 – 2:30 pm. El Corazon Compost Facility, 3210 Oceanside Blvd. RSVP 1-800-262-4167 ext. 4.

Oct 17 **Mission Branch Matinees.** 2:00 pm. Mission Branch Community Room. (760) 435-5600.

Oct 17 **Fall World Music Series: Rahim Alhaj.** 7:30 pm. Civic Center Library, (760) 435-5600.

Oct 18 **Walk for Human Rights.** 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Pier Amphitheater. (760) 731-9174.

Oct 18 **Native Plant Club,** 2:00 pm, Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 So. Coast Highway, (760)433-9401.

Oct 18-24 **Teen Read Week: Read Beyond Reality.** Grades 6-12. (760) 435-5640.

Oct 18-Jan 18 **"Wrestle Mania 26" Reading Challenge & Bookmark Contest.** Grades 5-12. (760) 435-5640.

Oct 19 **Anime & Manga Club.** Grades 6-12. 3:30 pm. Mission Branch Library Community Rooms. (760) 435-5640.

Oct 21 **Anime & Manga Club.** Grades 6-12. 3:30 pm. Civic Center Library Community Rooms. (760) 435-5640.

Oct 21 **Paws to Read.** Grades 2-5. 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Mission Branch Library. (760) 435-5590.

Oct 21 **Buena Vista Audubon Society General Meeting,** 7:00 pm, Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 So. Coast Highway,(760) 439-2473.

Oct 22 **Vigilucci's Jazz at the Museum: Gilbert Castellanos.** 7:00 – 9:00 pm. OMA, (760) 435-3720.

Oct 24 **760 Area Code Dialing Changes Take Effect.** All calls from 760 area code now require the use of "1" + ten-digit number.

Oct 24 **Big Book Sale.** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. 602 Civic Center Drive. (760) 435-5600.

Oct 24 **Meet the Artist: Daniel F. Martinez.** 2:00 pm. OMA, (760) 435-3720 or [www.oma-online.org](http://www.oma-online.org).

Oct 24-25 **NSSA Open Season.** 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. North of Pier. (714) 378-0899.

Oct 25 **Sunday Art in the Alley.** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Artist Alley (Behind 212 N. Coast Highway). (760) 583-4117.