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Msc things @ Vic!

Thursday, Oct 6, 2022



9= Victoria Drive, Laguna Beach Cal.

Had a couple of more things for ya :)

Reminders:

1) (Most Important!) First Friday Potluck & Movie Night: Oct 7, visiting starts around 5:30pm around the corner at the north end of the beach towards Pirates Tower.

-Bring yourself, your neighbors, something to drink and munch on and we are good to go!

2) Thursday Happy Hour: Around 5:30 on at Mozambique, Every Thursday

===== **New Stuff** =====

3) A further note on Unconditional Senior Dog Rescue:

-Forgot to mention a fundraiser for this new non-profit organization set up by

Festival of the Arts in Laguna Beach. This outdoor food and wine tasting event will bring together over 300 attendees interested in Unconditional's journey. The event will showcase approximately 40 well-renown chefs and a dozen wineries. Guests, including leaders in the community, will have the opportunity to mingle directly with and sample their creative dishes for the evening. This will be the organization's launch event and their signature fundraiser for the year.

For more information on the nonprofit event, visit <http://www.chefmasters.org>



For more info on the org: <https://www.facebook.com/unconditionalrescue/>
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4) Hazardous Waste Disposal: Hey! Who doesn't have some pile of old batteries, paint, e-waste, maybe some flux wash, epoxies, muriatic or surfuric acid, etc....? Well, ok, that may just be my pile but seriously, it is usually such a pain to get out to the proper disposal site so mostly, it just sits.

And every time your eye wanders across that stuff, I imagine most of us are very practical about it and just keep moving. Why am I bringing this up? Well -I am glad you asked! Diver Dave's Solution to Neighborhood Hazmat Waste Disposal (**DDSNHWD**).

DDSBGWD: With all the fix-it projects I do around my house and the neighborhood, I am constantly collecting bits and pieces of hazmat waste. So periodically, I drop a load off at the disposal site. What I am thinking is maybe we can make a more cooperative thing out of this. So I added a section in our website that allows any of us to enter a message if you have an old TV, some paint, etc. and I take a few more things out there. Eric Kirkland has also offered to help with his truck. And if you are going out there yourself, maybe take an extra couple of cans of paint or a TV, etc.

Ultimately, I imagine that we might be able to organize some sort of more official pickup or maybe get together and do a street at a time -that sort of thing. Anyway, maybe a minor amount better for the planet to get the waste where it is supposed to do a bit less harm, etc..

Vic Beach Hazmat Cleanup: <https://vicbch.com/signups-and-surveys>

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5) Brush Clearance: Clearly way too much time on my hands but I was thinking.... We have all seen these visiting idiots running across PCH between Dizz's and Solana. Scares the hell out of me and like many other things, there is not going to be one grand solution but... I have seen remarkable amounts of progress made by solving small parts of bigger problems that ultimately add up to big solutions.



One thing that can be done is to clear the brush from the temporary sidewalk between Dizz's and PCH. This is a narrow strip of asphalt that was snuck in by the city quite a while ago to improve the safety of using that strip for neighborhood parking. This was done so people were not forced to walk out on PCH.

The area is controlled by CalTrans but they have nothing official there so no maintenance. The city really had no right to put the asphalt in so they also don't have any real ability or budget to maintain it.

Erick Kirkland and I cleared an initial stretch of this last spring and what I am wondering is if there are a few more people that might consider some occasional short term efforts at clearing the sidewalk? The city did donate a bunch of cleanup bags and will pickup anything we can bag up. Eric and I have a bunch of tools. You would need some gloves.

Like the hazmat stuff, our website now has a place where you can offer to help or offer up other (better ;) ideas, etc. <https://vicbch.com/signups-and-surveys>

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6) Trash Can at Top of Ramp: Something that has come up in our discussions about trash is the fact that the top of the Dumond Ramp is a place for a lot of loading/offloading/waiting to be picked up and has always had trash on the street as a result. The city is looking into creating one of the built over trashcan sites so it is not an eyesore. Very preliminary, something that needs to be run by the people that live around that corner, etc. but if an acceptable place and look can be accomplished, it would be a big help.

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6) Aliens from Outspace: If you have ever wondered what things might look like from a galaxy far far away, have I got a video link for you! One of the things I got to do recently in the Philipinnes was something called "BlackWater Diving". This is where you get dropped off in the middle of REALLY deep water channels (basically no bottom beneath you) in the middle of the night and go down and see what comes up in the water column. My friend Howard Hall (who made our Friday movie night film), took some amazing video of some of the creatures that one gets to see on such outings.



Check out the short video "Phantasm" (and the other videos on this page):
<http://www.howardhall.com/short-videos/>

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Laguna Beach Independent: <https://www.lagunabeachindy.com/>

Stu News: <https://stunewslaguna.com/>

Laguna Beach Community Newsletter: <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live->

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Local Election

Information: <https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/city-clerk/election-voter-information/november-8-2022-general-municipal-election>



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Diver Dave signing off

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