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# First Friday is next week and other news....

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from Mike Roy

and Marrissa's place on November 3rd. This is the beach property to the right of the stairs going down to the beach. We will be showing an underwater movie, probably Soul of the Ocean but maybe I will have a few choices and we can vote! Bring something to share, etc. More details next week as to time and where the entrance is, etc.

**2) Sandy Ramp:** Go team Public Works! They got a bulldozer down on the sand to dig out a runoff ditch from the storm drain and also built up a berm so we can just walk off the end of the ramp as normally done. Yay!

**3) Entitled / irresponsible dog walker:** One of our pro-active community called the police. She was caught empty handed and dog turdless.... They escorted her off the beach, I suspect with a ticket in hand, and she has not been seen since!

This neighbor obviously had the non-emergency contact number in his/her phone. Do you?? Super easy to call to report just about anything that has an issue or question about it....



**police number. Non-Emergency Police: 949-497-0701 x2**

**4) Emergency / Travel Water filtration:** A subject brought to my attention recently after I drank the water in Mexico.... Almost recovered now. A friend pointed out that 1) drink beer, 2) drink tecquila, 3) final resort -use a filtration tube/straw!

Turns out there are some nifty devices I didn't think of that are about an inch in diameter and 8" or 10" long that do a great job of filtering out all the stuff to turn pretty much anything but saltwater into safe water to drink. For example:

[https://www.amazon.com/Detachable-0-1-Micron-Portable-Equipment-Emergency-dp-B09MQMYDPN/dp/B08MQMC8PL/ref=dp\\_ob\\_title\\_sports?th=1](https://www.amazon.com/Detachable-0-1-Micron-Portable-Equipment-Emergency-dp-B09MQMYDPN/dp/B08MQMC8PL/ref=dp_ob_title_sports?th=1)

or a full reverse osmosis portable filter:

S-TFC Portable Reverse Osmosis Water Filter 0.0001 Micron Super-high Precision Water Purification Survival Gear for Hiking, Camping, Travel, and Emergency Preparedness

[https://www.amazon.com/FS-TFC-Super-high-Precision-Purification-Preparedness/dp/B0BZNN9YTB/ref=sr\\_1\\_3\\_sspa?crid=13EOAI3LTTSM&keywords=GRAYL&qid=1697908001&srefix=grayl%2Caps%](https://www.amazon.com/FS-TFC-Super-high-Precision-Purification-Preparedness/dp/B0BZNN9YTB/ref=sr_1_3_sspa?crid=13EOAI3LTTSM&keywords=GRAYL&qid=1697908001&srefix=grayl%2Caps%)

Anyway, a great idea for when traveling or at home for the earthquake kit.

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### 5) Contactless Payment scam in gas stations:



Gas station scams work by placing a card reader in front of the legitimate reader and skimming the data. They are surprisingly hard to see. Last year, one was caught at one of the gas stations in town.... What you have to look for is the reader sticks out further than the other pumps and/or is a bit loose if you wiggle it, looks cheap, a bit out of alignment, etc.

In general, if using a debit card, run it as a credit card to avoid entering your bank pin.

Or use the contactless payment option. It does not have the same vulnerability but what scammers do is drill a small hole in the payment plate to break and disable it so you have to use the mechanical card reader. If you see that, report it to the station manager and use a different pump!

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A) Karen..... My apologies for our neighbors named "Karen".... :( It is obviously an uncaring and unfair universe when your name gets appropriated as a meme. Elliot sent me the following:

Hello Dave,

I've always appreciated your info, updates, hard work, sense of community empowerment and civic responsibility. That said, applying the name Karen as a blanket term for women displaying anti-social behavior is scapegoating and hurtful to ALL women guilty only of having been named Karen by their parents. Please keep this in mind.

Respectfully,  
Elliot Satsky

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B) Eco Awareness:

Hi Dave,

Some of my eco thoughts :)

- Here is one importance aspect: "Commercially compostable... where facilities exist". I don't think these exist in our area. Some products you mentioned say this. So effectively they'll still go into landfill and never biodegrade if you put them into your trash bin in Laguna Beach.

I found another product recently - the Lost Pier Cafe uses them: Aircarbon: <https://www.aircarbonfoodware.com> - these are truly compostable, you can just bury them your garden and they will turn into soil. You can even throw them in the ocean and they'll fully decompose (become fish food). Similar products exist.

Long story short: not all compostables are created equal.

- Just to remind everyone: plastic bags are NOT recyclable in Laguna Beach. Waste Management says it's prohibited to put them into your recyclables bin. They have to go to the landfill. Avoid plastic bags at any cost, always prefer paper bags, or a few years later they'll end up being in your body as you eat your favorite "daily catch" meal from your local restaurant.

- "Reusable" foodware (Laguna's stupid regulation of 2 years ago): this has done so much more harm than before. Unless you are a hoarder who loves collecting hundreds of plastic containers, you most likely end up recycling them. Which rarely



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China no longer accept plastic, etc). Reusable food ware = 3x more plastic (because it has to be sturdy to be reusable). Big plastic won again, big time.

We should all lobby the city to cancel reusable and mandate compostables instead (and of course not commercially compostable, but garden waste-compostable).

Here is some dire statistics of plastic recycling:

<https://www.oecd.org/environment/plastic-pollution-is-growing-relentlessly-as-waste-management-and-recycling-fall-short.htm>

Only 4% of all plastic in the US gets recycled. ONLY FOUR PERCENT. 73% gets landfilled. Worse than the entire world in general (9% recycle rate - which is almost nothing).

Thanks,  
Mike Waters



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That's all for now, see ya around the hood!

Diver Dave signing off. :)

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