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Vic Beach: MOVIE NIGHT and First Friday!!!

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1) First Friday: First Friday tomorrow on Oct 3rd, 5:30. AND we are going to show one of the underwater movies that the people I got to work with produced. As usual, bring something to share. And a beach chair and ! Sunset is around 6pm so the movie can probably start 6:30 to 7ish.

The movie will be at the Sugar Loaf Point property to the right of the stairs as you walk down to the beach (Sunset and Victoria). About 2/3rds of the way down, there will be a door. The door is right before the big wooden sewer control station towards the bottom of the stairs. We will have a lantern or something there to mark it. Initially, there will be someone there to let people in and guide them to the beach/movie theater area (so try to arrive not too late...). But if it is a bit later and no one manning the gate, there will be a doorbell there that will alert someone to come and let you in. No problem!

2) Movies: I have collected a couple of movies for us to watch over the next month or two if tide and weather permit. If things work out, I'll try to host a couple of these on the beach as conditions permit. Most of these are from the library of Howard and Michele Hall who are the people I was SO incredibly fortunate to get to work and dive with in the making of a number of these.

If you have a moment, check out some of the videos and trailers at:

<https://www.howardhall.com/>

3) Mozambique: We have had a weekly neighborhood happy hour and dance party most Thursdays for the last two years or so at Mozambique. The band there has been wonderfully talented and skilled since they are all professional studio musicians, probably the best quality bar band you are going to find anywhere but as with all good things, nothing lasts forever. This is the last month for Coco and Friends. They have been coming all the way from Los Angeles all this time and their next gig is much closer to home. So come and enjoy them while ya can. Music 7 to 10pm. Hard to buy into but hey, maybe making room for the next great neighborhood happy hour!!!

4) Compostable Notes: As we found out last newsletter, Compostable Bags are really things you can just throw into the ground, they take a special process that our local facilities are not set up for. There are biodegradable bags (no special process) but they do not meet the legal definitions/requirements for such in California -so



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in your bin...

5) Cleaning your waste bins: Speaking of which, I saw a mobile bin cleaning service at one of our houses the other day. Very capable, specialized truck that picked up the bins, spun them into a cleaning box and cleaned them! This is a private company and no idea if the cost is reasonable but if you are interested:

Coastal Bin Cleaning
1-833-BIN-GUYS
(1-833-246-4897) I think...
www.coastalbin.com

6) Willing Bodies: This is a program by the UCI medical school to easily deal with your body after you are through with it. Personally, I don't particularly care what happens to my body after I am done with it but it is important to me that it is not a burden to my friends and family (pretty much one in the same!!) and if something useful comes of it, all the better.



The UCI program allows for a number of possible uses -there will be no information as to what that turns out to be but the helpful/useful possibilities are there and more to the point, when it is time, all anyone has to do is call the collection number and the program will collect the body within an hour or two, take care of EVERYTHING else and deliver a death certificate.

I have signed up for this program myself with the hope that when I go flying off into the cosmic dance/beach party that all that is left to do here is have a big party on the beach and figure out who now gets to carry on First Fridays and go hang out with everyone in the neighborhood!

Check it out: <https://vicbch.com/other-useful-info-10%2F2%2F23>

6) Beach Sand and Ask Laguna: In the newsletter last week, I mentioned how great it was that the city actually came down with a bulldozer and carved out a path in the sand for the storm drain runoff water as well as rebuilt the sand ramp onto the end of Dumond for beach access. Turns out this was no accident but rather the product of a proactive neighbor using a city resource for questions and actions.

Mike Walters had been monitoring the issues with that and decided to try a city service called "Ask Laguna". This is a message board to the city about anything you

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(the city information page on our neighborhood site)

<https://vicbch.com/laguna-beach-city-8%2F16>

or more directly:

<https://clients.comcate.com/newrequest.php?id=167>

7) Dishwasher prewash: Hey, I don't know about you but I simply am genetically incapable of NOT prewashing the dishes before throwing them into the dishwasher. A study of this was done for a large range of dishwashers (cheap to high quality) and they all did a very good job of dealing with dishes with no prewash. Obviously, scrap off large quantities but pretty much other than that, if the dishwasher is properly loaded, don't worry about it. Personally, I'm looking into genetic modifications....

8) Pedestrian Deaths: Again, that stretch between Drakes and Montage. A woman at night stepped into the traffic lane. Horrible, it keeps happening, everyone can see the ongoing issues we have had but no solutions so far. :(



9) Garage Door theft issues: Read an interesting article about this that basically suggested using keyfobs to avoid leaving garage door openers in the car and also using smart openers which run off a cell phone app and use secure communications. Something else to consider as you think about security in all its various forms in our modern life.

10) Bark Collars: Have know a couple of people here who have recently tried these things to deal with dogs that bark in their absence and had really good success with them. The cool thing is that they did not shock the dog. They used an initial sound to distract the dog and if that did not work, then a buzzing vibration. All they are meant to do is distract the dog. They seemed to be really effective.

As far as I know, if it is a persistent event (like someone in the yard or trying to break in, that stimulus continues and the dog will continue to bark as you would want it to.

The ones that had been tried with good success were of course found on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/Training-Automatic-Adjustable-Vibration-Sensitivity/dp/B0CG5STJ87/ref=sr_1_5?crid=20EBHICG9TGJZ&keywords=amDog%2BBark%2BCollar%2C%2BBark%2BCo

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Thats all for now!!!!

Diver Dave signing off

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