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Surf's Up!!!

1) First Friday: Always a blast and sometimes even a bit exciting!!!! Surf was definitely up a bit that day and high tide was in fact encroaching. And we were enjoying the usual beach sport of watching various unskilled beach goers who didn't know enough to get to higher ground since the tide was rising with a strong surge push behind it.... Opps!!!!

2) Movie Night: Nothing cast in concrete yet but I am thinking about Friday the 19th. Maybe another underwater documentary? Maybe a classic? Any suggestions??? Let me know!

3) SCE Power Outage: Just a reminder, scheduled for 3:30am Friday morning (tomorrow) for about 45 minutes.

4) Upping the First Friday game plan: I've noticed that there is a persistent challenge with people bringing a serving tray or bowl, etc. for whatever they are sharing but then the problem of what to do if you want to leave a bit early and the trays/etc. are still in use???? Diver Dave to the rescue!! Going forward, we will have a bunch of serving trays, bowls, serving utensils available so you can transfer things into the First Friday kit either in the beginning or when you leave and problem solved!

In fact, these things are cheap so please feel free to grab something just so if you want, you can have something at home to bring the goodies down and just leave it. The local VicBeach Potluck elves will clean them and recycle them for the next event!

PS: I have a couple of things left from last week and maybe even before so if you did leave a serving utensil (or even something else), give me a ring!

5) DANCE PARTIES are back!!!!!! : Yep, Mozambique is back in action and our world favorite dance band is back on Thursday nights: Coco and Friends! 7:30pm-10pm for about \$7.

For those of you who don't know them, Coco and friends is a group of professional studio musicians that play for some pretty high end groups and recording sessions. On any given week, one or maybe all of them might be on tour or recording and will substitute other musicians of similar talent -so the music caliber is always pretty much the best you will ever hear in a bar and switches up depending on who is joining that night. Come join us!

6) Police relations: Taking a good step forward I think in that I have now got a good line to the two watch commanders (Lt Schmidt and Lt Farris). One of the results that seems to have dramatically changed recently is that we are seeing a lot more regular patrols through the neighborhood as well as on the beach. The goal is to have enough of a presence that the visitors become aware and keeps a damper on any tendency towards out of bounds behaviors. With social media, it doesn't take much to become known as an easy place to drink or whatever so more important than ever to keep a lid on it.

The city also now has 4 parking patrol people and have been adding several more part time people. So hopefully they will now have better resources to keep the traffic flowing in the neighborhood when there are issues.

Speaking of which.... A lot of this only works if they get the calls when someone or some situation is getting out of bounds. You see a car mis-parked, kids drinking on the beach -or for instance a number of people the last several months have reported seeing cars parked in the very early am (3am, 4am..), lights and engine off with occupants just sitting there. Lt Schmidt emphasized that they love to get those kinds of calls since it gives them a chance occasionally of nipping something in the bud -or even if nothing bad going on, letting people know that the neighborhood is paying attention -so they really don't mind the calls plus it creates a record of how many issues of what sort we experience and that helps sort out the best use of resources for the city. Is it in your phone contact list?????

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7) Trashcan Swap: Talked to CC&R and they will be swapping out the cans over the next 3 or 4 weeks. They didn't seem to have an exact schedule per street but the swaps will occur on trash pickup days so for the next several weeks, leave your cans out for the day....

8) Probiotics for hangovers: With the zeal of a new convert, I'm here to tell you that there appears to be an honest-to-god achievement in the art and science of saving yourself from waaay to much fun the night before. Zbiotics (www.zbiotics.com) has what they say is a genetically engineered probiotic enzyme that breaks down the major toxic byproduct from alcohol consumption. You take it up to 2 hours before drinking and it is said to breakdown the toxic stuff before it enters your bloodstream and ultimately causes the next day pain.

Being the scientist on the block, I did a pretty solid experiment, took the stuff (but also hydrated with electrolytes (Emergen-C) and proceeded to have way too many fine cocktails (just for experimental purposes you understand...). The result was that I felt way more clear-headed at the end of the evening that I would expect, slept pretty well, and was only very slightly tired the next day!!!! Expensive at \$10/shot but I gotta say that I think it may well be worth it. Anyway, Diver Dave is certainly stocking up!

9) Unsubscribe: For the last year or so, my email has just been blowing up with trash emails to the point where it takes a significant daily effort to keep up with it and delete unwanted emails. I tried going down to the bottom of the emails to unsubscribe but found that link to be hard to find and also to be a cumbersome and slow processes often requiring several steps plus I'm not sure it always worked that well.

I recently noticed that a LOT of the emails now have a "Unsubscribe" button at the top right corner of the email and that hitting it simply unsubscribes you in one click. A very moderate amount of time accomplished a major reduction in unwanted emails. Yay!

10) Password Vault: In my going around the neighborhood doing various helpful things, I often observe a real struggle with finding the right log on and passwords for whatever. I HIGHLY recommend using a password vault. It allows you to access everything with one master password and keeps everything else in a vary secure vault. That way, at the very least, you can much more easily have completely different passwords (and very strong ones!) for every individual site you need to keep really secure.

There are a lot of password vaults out there and most phone and computer operating systems have something built in. It allows your phone to open things with just your face or fingerprint if you wish in addition to the master password. Super seamless and easy to use. As far as I know, the ones that come with your systems are good and secure although the one that was recommended to me by my tech-friends was "Bitwarden". They work both on your computer as well as phone. Again, highly recommended!

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Ok, that catches most of the topics that have been rattling around in my brain this week. Looks like the surf calmed down a bit and the water is right around 70 so enjoy the summer!!!!

Diver Dave signing off.....

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