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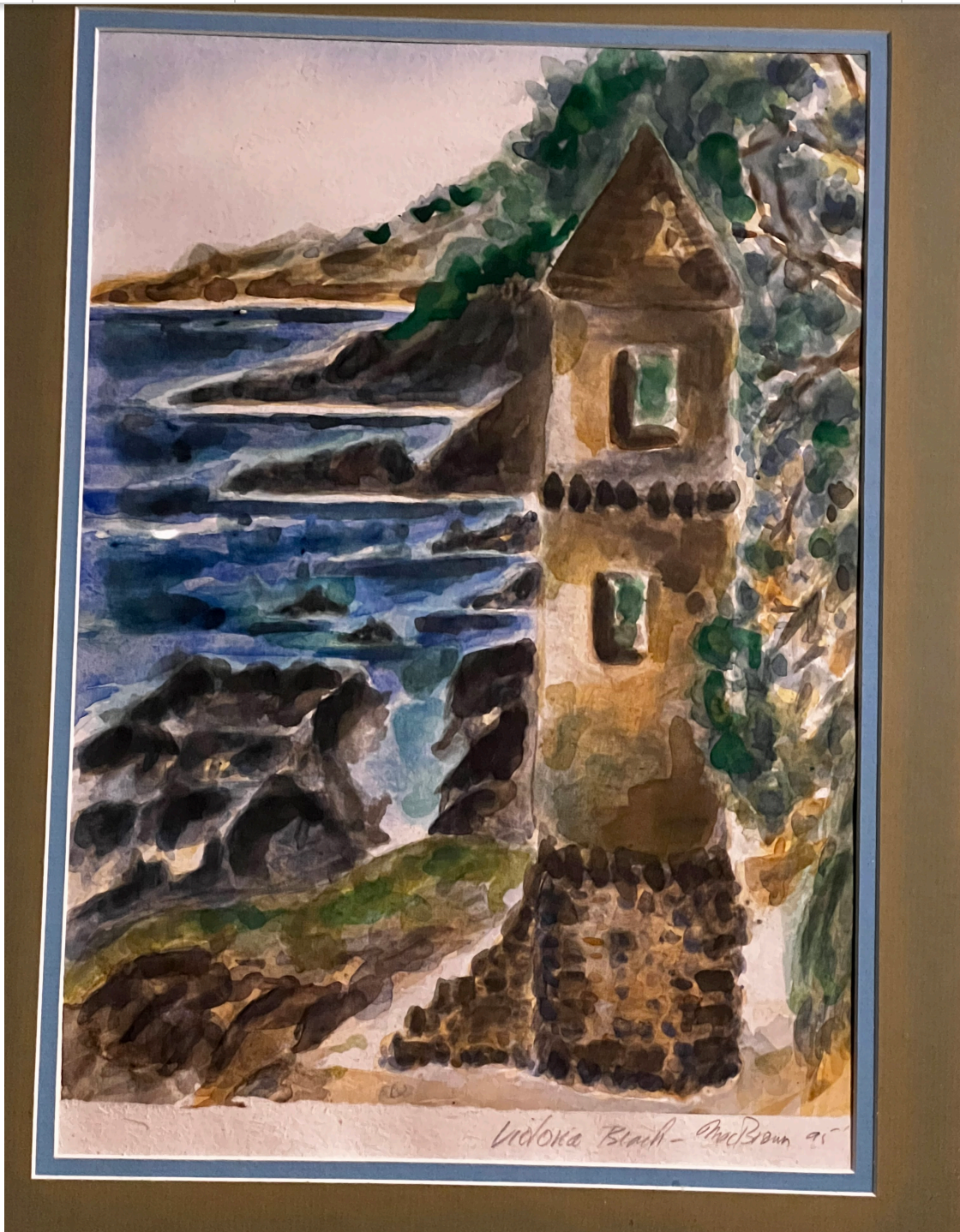
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October First Friday!

10/2/24





Pirates Tower by Mac Brown!

1) First Friday: As usual, open for business around 5:30 and going until it's time to go home! A super great way to catch up with and meet all your longtime friends, new friends and future friends. By the Dumond ramp. Tables, ice, openers, plates, utensils, cups provided. Bring something to share.

dress for the temps!

And remember, we are out on public sand so technically no booze or at least keep it low key and out of sight...

2) Neighborhood Socials: I hope everyone has had a great summer although I guess we are now well into the start of fall. Once again "WHERE THE HECK did the time go?????". Well, as some of you are aware, we have been pretty active around the neighborhood with all sorts of small dinner parties, movie and game nights, music parties....

Haven't hooked into any of that? Super easy.... Consider a hosting a small dinner party -4 to 6 or 8 people -small enough that everyone gets to visit with everyone else, a great way to build connections and community. Do a pot luck or maybe do one main dish and have others bring the appetizers, salad, etc....

How about getting together for some local whale watching -or for that matter, take a trip with a couple of neighbors and best friends! Groups have gone to Hawaii, Italy, Spain, skiing, Mexico, Africa. How brilliant is that?

Can you sing or play an instrument? Call Diver Dave for an invite to the next music party! Want to host or participate in a dinner party? or have an idea you want some help organizing? Give me a call and let's make that happen...

Honestly, I've never had so much fun and great social times in my life and it's all happening right here in RiverCity....

PS: now that it is dark much earlier, I'll try to set up a movie night in the next couple of weeks. Lots of options to show although the last one (last year...) was an underwater movie by Howard Hall that I've gotten a few requests to repeat. Let me know if you have a preference!

3) CR&R trash management: The old Waste Management company never looked so good.... Wow, what a cluster the change over has been getting the cans and accounts straightened out. If you still have extra cans, then call the number on the bin lids and schedule a pickup.

owners to have a separate account and set of cans for every unit. This has created a costly and stressful mess in dealing with the extra accounts and cans -often completely un-needed. Dave Kiff, our city manager is in discussions with CR&R to resolve this but in the meantime, that is part of the reason why you are seeing more cans just left on the street.

4) Lobster Cooking: Turns out there are a lot of ways of preparing lobster. Probably a lot of ways of obtaining them also.... but in the off season, a really solid reliable way is to grab some from Costco. They have both the smaller cold-water lobster and the larger warm water tails. I prefer the larger warm water ones since it is a good size for a meal.

We did A LOT of taste tests this year between local and Costco lobster and the general feeling was that the locals might be just a touch sweeter but without the side-by-side comparison, you would never know.

The Costco tails are packaged in sets of 5 (or maybe 6?) in the refrigerated bin and marked as previously frozen. Costco gets these by the case (something like 20 or 25 tails) and then repackages them into smaller lots and lets them defrost in the display case. So if you are having a dinner party tonight or tomorrow night, it is super convenient to pick up some tails already on the way to defrost. And if you want to have some freezer stock, then you can get to Costco early to catch the tails still partially frozen and just refreeze them (they tolerate that really well...) -or go for the case directly where they are still frozen and now you are fully stocked for future parties!

Enough for now, guess I'll get to the cooking part next issue?

5) As the decades fly by: We are all getting a bit older as these decades fly by.... And just this last while, it seems I've definitely seen a number of our neighbors having issues of one sort or another that changes either a lot or a little what is comfortable and practical to do in life, perhaps a bit of assistance or just hanging out is helpful for the moment.

And of course it's not really going to get better in the long run so it really helps to have this wonderful community around to give an assist or cookies or a ride, etc.. I see this process happening more than in the past so make a point of being aware

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6) Happy Hour: most Wednesdays at Dizz's 5:30 to 6:30 (or even later!) come on down, have a drink and hang out with a few of your neighbors! Usually at least a couple of people down there and always fun to just hang out for a while with super fun neighbors!

7) Wise Sayings:

Happiness is when what you do, say, and think are in harmony. Gandhi

8) Non-Emergency Police Line: Super helpful in many ways to keep this number handy and call in when you see something that has some sort of question mark or concern. Not any big deal but sometimes the small stuff gives the police information on trends or at least a record of a type of issue even if nothing happens otherwise.



Non-Emergency Police: 949-497-0701 x2

Diver Dave signing off!
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