

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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1) Thanksgiving: One of my favorite days of the year! Never meant much to me as a kid. A pain in the butt having to get dressed up, go without lunch, STARVING by the time food was served on all the fancy plates, family silverware passed down from generations, food devoured in a flash and then you had to sit there FOREVER when you could be outside doing anything.... and then I moved to Victoria.

And over the years have found that getting together with all the friends and my current family is one of the most heart centered days of the year. Whether or not it is just a text greeting or out on the street and sand, just a brief acknowledgment of connection or a quick phone chat or invitations to visit and sit down with families or periodically having a big Friendsgiving for all the ones looking for a bigger gathering or just walking around and stopping in to say hello (and perhaps enjoy a bite or a drink.... ;) .

This is a day to acknowledge and cherish our heart and family connections. Count our blessings at being in at least a bit of a bubble from the rest of the chaos in the world and know that this community is undoubtedly a platform to, at least to some degree, change the world around us through the effort to consciously appreciate each other.

and in that spirit:

Happy Thanksgiving and all the best wishes!

Ok, gotta rush through the rest of this and get out there in the neighborhood:

2) Music Party: Well, we are done for the season with First Friday I think. Too dark/cold/hard to get down the ramp, sand gone.... BUT lets do another music party!!!! Second weekend of December. Friday the 12th. 5:30 on at Mac's place 2687 Victoria. We will start putting music sheets and song lists up on the website (www.vicbch.com) and expanding the format a bit, balancing more between piano and guitars/ukeleles etc. Stay tuned!

3) Dizz's Happy Hour: Every week, 5:30-7ish. Usually always at least a few people to hang out with and enjoy. Plus a locals discount!!

4) Local Services List: I've been diligently putting together a fairly comprehensive list of all the various services people offer in our area. Some are recommended by neighbors, some are just people I see in the area doing work. Check it out!

And let me know if you don't recommend someone or you do find someone you really like. I'll try to make sure the list is up to date. There are contractors, plumbers, electricians, construction people, handymen, window washers, bee removal service, literally anything I have seen doing some type of services.

The list can be found on the webpage (www.vicbch.com) under "Information/Services" or also, you can use this link:

<https://vicbch.com/services-11%2F27%2F25>

Also of note under "Information", there are lists of city connections, utilities, news services, etc.

5) Seahorse: As some of you may know, there has been a long running attempt to reopen the Seahorse Tavern right before Mozambique. They could use all the help they can get from community support. This is a small local tavern that can well be the sort of place to comfortably hang out with friends and neighbors. A plus all the way around I would think!

Information can be found at

<https://www.change.org/p/reopen-the-historic-seahorse-tavern-in-laguna-beach>

There is a petition link at the bottom of the page to show support and in addition, there is a hearing Dec 3rd at 6pm in the city council chambers that could also use all the in person support that can be rallied.

6) Movie Night: Working on finding a place or two that we might be able to have a couple of movie nights in the next month or two. Maybe Elf, Princess Bride, ... Suggestions please!

7) Whale Watching: It is going to be that time of year!!! Keep it in mind and we will get some trips together out of Dana or Newport!

8) Bridge Paint: Been talking with Caltrans about this as the paint is very much past it's use-by date.... Turns out it will take quite a long time. First step is to get it assessed for lead based paint or not. If so, it will require a much more intricate operation to thoroughly strip ALL the paint off and contain it.

In any case, there can't be any maintenance work done in the area until the local construction is completed. This is because the contractor is given complete control over the area so that work does not inadvertently step or intrude on each other. That means that nothing can really be done on the bridge until late next spring -and even then, it will have to go on the list after everything else that is already on the local list.... So realistically, it will be about a year, unfortunately.

Meantime, I am working with the Caltrans rep to make sure the lead analysis gets done and then once they know what kind of work it will be, to get it on the maintenance list ASAP. Keep in touch!

9) Lifeguard Training: