



# The Bell Tower<sup>1</sup>

Newsletter of the Ocean Park Association  
Chautauqua By-The-Sea

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OPA ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 8, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

The 136th Annual Meeting of the Ocean Park Association is going to be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 8, in Jordan Hall. The booklet of annual reports and other materials for the Annual Meeting are being mailed and emailed on June 2 to OPA members in good standing as of May 30. Extra copies are available in the OPA office and will be made available at the meeting.

**AS A REMINDER:** To vote in the Annual Meeting you must be a life member or have paid your annual membership dues for 2017. You are cordially invited to review the materials, read the Annual Meeting Booklet and participate in the governance of your Association at the Annual Meeting!

### JULY 4TH BUTTON - THE 2017 WINNER!

Getting a button at the Independence Day Parade to help support OPA has been a tradition for many years. This year we received several submissions from members of the Saco Bay Artists. This year's button winner was selected by a majority of the Board of Directors - and the winning design was created by Joseph Rotowski! Past year winners have been Ray Lund, Iona Desmond, Sylvia Orchard and Evelyn Moreshead.

Be sure to get your button early at the parade or you may get them at the OPA office after June 26th. They should definitely be a hot commodity!



**Note: Buttons from previous years are also available at the OPA office for \$3 each!** Button Design by Joseph Rotowski



### TEMPLE USHERS NEEDED

If you enjoy meeting people and attending The Temple on Sunday mornings, consider ushering for one Sunday, many Sundays, or all Summer.

There are 3 different usher duties/positions:

- ◆ Assisting with the collection
- ◆ Greeting at a side entrance and assisting with collection
- ◆ Greeting at the front door and leading the collection for a particular Sunday

Contact the office or see Win in the Post Office for further information.

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## **REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS**, by *Deborah Guimont*

Ocean Park was incorporated by the State of Maine in 1881. Since then the original By-Laws have been amended several times. At a Board of Directors retreat in May 2016, the need for revisions in two specific areas were identified. The Board thought the tasks currently taken on by some committees needed to be reviewed and that changes needed to be made which reflect the hiring of a full-time Executive Director. In the fall a small group of individuals including Sally Poland, Jody Costello, Lynne Yeamans, Chuck Agan and Deb Guimont began a review of the document. Their efforts were aided by Jerry Gosselin, George Sinclair and Sharon Waterman. The Board of Directors have reviewed the work for the last three months and approved the current draft for presentation to the Annual Meeting in July.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be sent to the membership, put up on the OPA webpage, and addressed at two informational meetings: June 28th at 7:00 pm and July 1st at 9:00 am, both held at Jakeman Hall.

A review of the highlights of the proposed amendments follows by Article.

Article III Membership: Recommendations include expanding the acceptance of youth members on all committees and sub committees and allowing all OPA members to vote on sale of property. This last item is a major shift. In the past, non-property owners were not allowed to vote on sale of OPA owned property. The reason this was in the By-Laws was to prevent a group coming in and voting to sell off OPA property. Determining ownership has been more difficult than could be imagined. This dilemma has been rectified by requiring that sale of property go through the Board before it can be placed on the agenda of the Annual Meeting, Article IX Section 4a.

Article IV Officers: The number of years the Vice President can serve in that office was decreased to agree with that of the President.

Article V Duties of Officers: The term “ex officio” has been replaced with “non-voting advisory” to better reflect the intent of the Board, and the supervision of the Executive Director is more clearly defined. Several items previously listed as responsibilities of the Secretary and Treasurer have been moved to the position of Executive Director in Article VIII.

Article VI Board of Directors: The proposed amendment specifies that only one member of a household should be on the Board at a time.

Article VII Nominations and Elections: The language has been improved to provide greater clarity.

Article VIII Executive Director: Tasks have been moved from those previously assigned to the Secretary and Treasurer in Article V.

Article IX Meetings: Clarifying that sale of OPA property must be placed on the agenda of the Annual Meeting for the approval of the Board. It further expands the reasons for permitting the Board to go into executive session.

Article X Committees and Subcommittees: Allows participation on committees by non-voting OPA member volunteers as a way to permit individuals to be involved without a three year commitment.

In Article XI Standing Committees, there are a few recommended amendments:

- The Administration and Finance Committee shall serve as the Audit Review Committee.
- The Recreation Committee shall have greater oversight of the Shuffleboard operations, and the Youth Advisory Subcommittee should be eliminated (it never existed).
- The Art Subcommittee should move to Education.
- The Development Committee should not be responsible for legal matters; that rests better with the Executive Director.

Article XII Deeds: After consulting with our attorney, it is recommended that this section be amended to not contain rules and regulations governing maintenance of private property, as we have no standing over tree cutting, sanitation and other matters.

Articles I, II, XIII-XX have no proposed changes. When you get your copy of the materials you may notice other minor changes to correct grammar and usage errors.

At the Annual Meeting members will be asked to approve these proposed changes. However, the work is not done. In the next year we hope to further untangle the knot around committee assignments.



**OPA'S NEW PLANT MANAGERS!**

Meet Brenda Dowling (left) and Cynthia Chase (right). These two ladies have volunteered to take over the duties previously held by Ocean Park's beloved Brian Olsen, who sadly passed away last year. Brian's shoes will be hard to fill but these two flower savvy gals are going to give it a go! So say "HI" if you see them roaming throughout Ocean Park with Brian's large watering can!

**THE OPA CHRISTMAS TREE LIVES!** by Warren Kenniston

As some of the heartier Ocean Parkers may know, I saved a small tree last fall and replanted it temporarily in a large pot. It steadfastly sat all winter outside Jakeman Hall, braving the elements and decorated with lights (well, sort of!). It has been replanted and is still thriving. Visit across from Jordan Hall next to the Fairy Garden and see a conservation effort in action.



**OPA VISITOR CENTER AND OFFICE GETS A NEW ROOF**

After one roof leak and many shingles found on neighboring streets, the Visitors Center and Office building finally got a new roof in May. The old one lasted over 40 years, so let's hope this one lasts another 40. The roofing company brought a large crew (10-12 hard working guys) and they banged it out in just over a day.



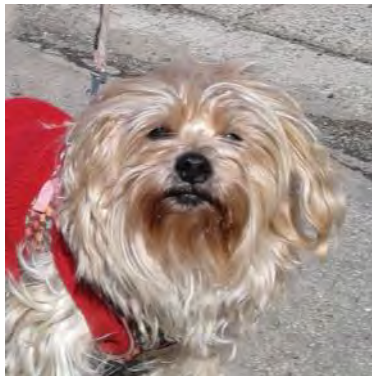
**YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!**  
Please visit the local stores in Ocean Park! The Ocean Park Association provides leases to these businesses, and your patronage helps further our mission.  
Thank you!



***DOG-GONE-IT-ALL! THERE ARE DOGS IN OCEAN PARK!*** by Warren Kenniston

*"The factory of the future will have two employees--a man and a dog. The man's job will be to feed the dog. The dog's job will be to prevent the man from touching any of the automated equipment." --Warren Bennis*

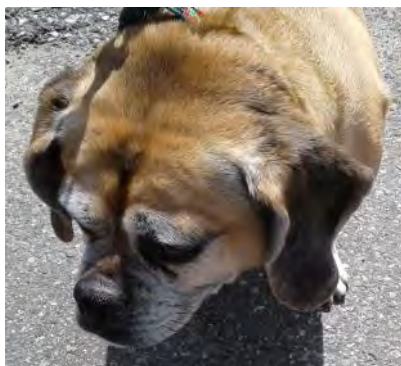
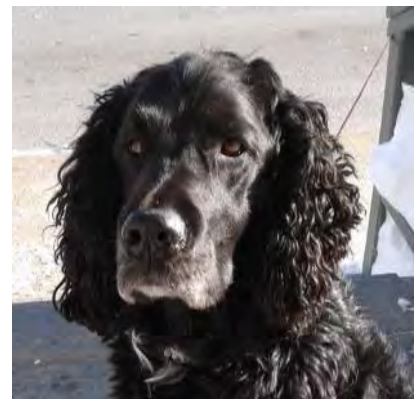
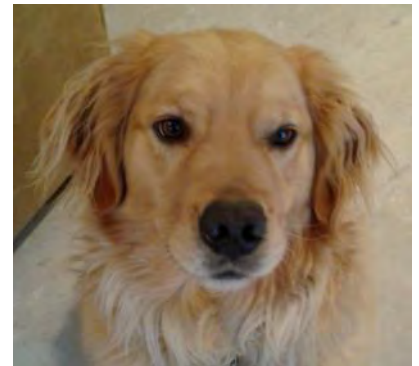
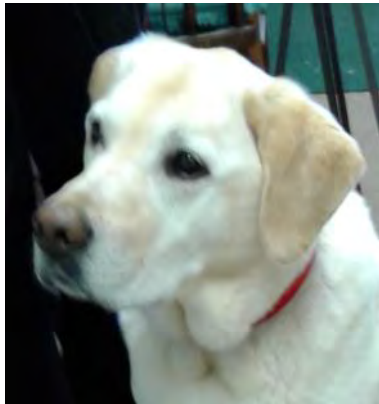
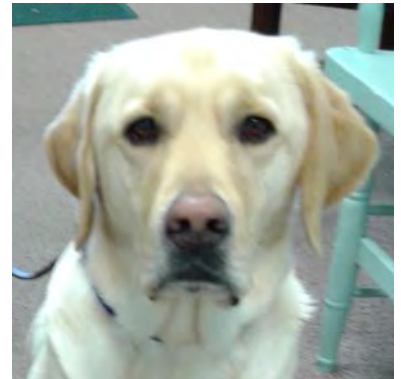
Can you recognize these faces of Ocean Park? You no doubt have seen them on the beach; they have visited the OPA office; they are both water and snow dogs! Who are they?



Mattie

Haley

Louie



Buttons

Chewie

Scotch



Professor

Abby

Sophie

**FIRST MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENT OF THE SEASON!**

**JULY 16, 7:30 pm at the Temple! PORTopera!** If you had to leave your home today and couldn't return, what would you take with you? Why is that object - that connection to your past - so important? Hear this story of Patriots and Immigrants as WWII is coming to a close. Sponsored by the Fritz and Lavinia Jensen.

**NEW**  
  
**in**  
  
**2017!**



**New this Summer...**  
**Good Energy Café**  
*Arts and Appetizers by the sea*

**MUSIC - STORY**  
**FILM - THEATER**

**Porter Hall - Ocean Park**  
**Six Mondays: 4:30 - 6:00**

**July 10, 17, 24, 31 - in Porter Hall**

**August 7 (Jordan Hall) and 14 (Porter Hall)**

**Artists Presenting:** Film: *Alive Inside* (7/10) Jennifer Comeau (7/17) Rob Duquette (7/24) Christian Eason (7/31) Subcircle (8/7) Michelle Currie (8/14)

**Appetizers by Biscuit & Co.**

**\$5.00 or Donation appreciated**

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**TAILS TO READ RETURNS IN 2017!**

*By Lori Littlefield, Librarian*

We are pleased to announce the return of our popular *Tails to Read* program for the 2017 summer season at the Ocean Park Memorial Library.

Bosco, an 8-year-old chocolate Lab, lives in Ferry Beach in Saco with his owner and best friend, Tony DeBarros. Bosco has a Canine Good Citizen Certificate from the American Kennel Club and is a registered therapy dog with Therapy Dogs Inc. He has lots of listening experience from working with children in Sanford and Old Orchard Beach schools and Libby Library.



The goal of the reading program is to provide a relaxed, pleasurable, non-threatening reading experience for readers of all abilities. Children also have an opportunity to connect with a canine friend. Some children do not have a pup of their own or would like a chance to be close to a dog in a safe environment.

Bosco and Tony will be joining us on the following mornings: **July 6, 13, 20 & 27 and August 8**. The time will be 9:15 to 10:15 am. Children who are interested in reading need to sign up for a ten-minute slot and prepare a book to read. When it is their turn, they will be reading one-on-one to Bosco with Tony looking on. Sign up can be done at the library or by calling the library at 934-1853.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

The following is a list of those friends of Ocean Park whose passing has come to the attention of the Association since the printing of the March Bell Tower:

To notify the Ocean Park Association of the passing of a loved one, please contact the office at (207) 934-9068, option 0, or opa@oceanpark.org.

<i>Priscilla W. Golder</i>	<i>Portland, ME and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 15, 2017</i>
<i>Cynthia D. Kennedy</i>	<i>Hopkinton, MA and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 17, 2017</i>
<i>Richard A. Marx</i>	<i>Windham, ME and Ocean Park, ME</i>	<i>April 18, 2017</i>

Photo credit: Carol Holt

## ***THE OPA OFFICE!***

While you are in Ocean Park this summer, don't forget to stop by the OPA Office at 14 Temple Avenue, across from the Memorial Library. Here you will find all the information you will need to make your summer stay in Ocean Park fun, educational and spiritual. Whether you are looking for family programs, reading to an incredible dog, attending a music program or a Sunday service, we can help you find what you are looking for or get you where you are going! We have maps, brochures, schedules, commemorative items for sale, Town of Old Orchard trash bags, and so much more! Our volunteers and staff are on duty to answer your questions!

OH, and - the *Let's Talk About It* books are in!

## ***2017 MORNING WATCH REMINDER***

Each will bring their expertise and unique viewpoints to talk about important issues of the day.

July 3: **Rev. Dr. Lucy Ann Forster-Smith** (9:00 am, Jordan Hall)

July 17: **Rev. Molly Baskette** (9:00 am, Jakeman Hall)

July 18: **Rev. Molly Baskette** (7:00 pm, Jakeman Hall)

August 7: **Rev. Elaine Hewes** (9:00 am, Jakeman Hall)

August 8: **Rev. Elaine Hewes** (7:00 pm, Jakeman Hall)

August 14-16: **Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray** (9:00 am, Porter Hall)

August 28: **Dr. Diana Butler-Bass** (9:00 am, Porter Hall)



## ***FLOWERS IN THE TEMPLE***

Purchasing a flower bouquet for display in the Temple on Sunday mornings is a great way to pay tribute to a loved one. Flower arrangements are provided by Artistry in Bloom in Saco, are \$50 each, and are a stunning display of color and fragrance. If you would like to purchase an arrangement for a Sunday in the 2017 season, please contact Sharon Waterman at opa@oceanpark.org to finalize your order. Please let us know soon so that we may ensure that the date you may be thinking of is available. You may send in a check, or process your payment over the phone via credit card by calling Sharon at (207) 934-9068, option 0. The Temple will be full of brightly colored flowers each Sunday this summer!





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## SALES and RENTALS

*"Vacation at the Beach"*

(207) 937-5054  
 (207) 937-8227 (fax)



**61 Seaside Avenue  
 Ocean Park, Maine**

Nice and affordable Ocean Park cottage with 2 bedrooms, an open kitchen-dining-living area, and 2 porches. Just one block from the best beach in Maine!

**Listed:  
 \$289,000**



**22 Oceana Avenue  
 Ocean Park, Maine**

Great well-priced Ocean Park gem! This 1-bedroom unit overlooks the marsh and features a 4-season porch area. Live the low-maintenance lifestyle in Ocean Park! Unit is near the beach and village. Walk to stores, eating, tennis, shuffleboard and, of course, the world-famous Old Orchard Beach!

**Listed:  
 \$199,998**

While we are deep into the rental season and rapidly approaching Summer, there are still some openings in a number of cottages. Call or e-mail for our list of available weeks!

Thinking of selling or buying? While there is no specific 'prime time' to do so, the seasonal market is often the best calendar time for these activities. Give us a call with your ideas and let Ocean Park Realty help you realize your real estate goals!



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