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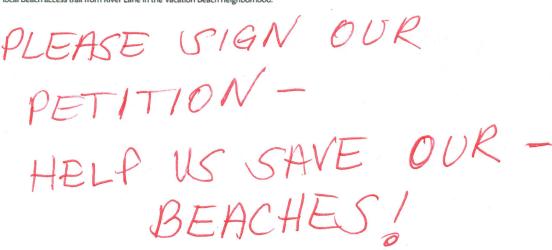
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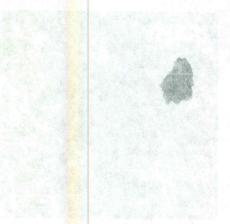
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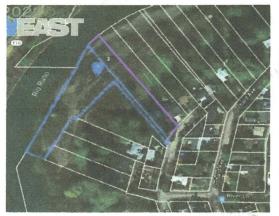
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From: <u>Marina Herrera</u>
To: <u>Tasha Levitt</u>

Subject: FW: ORD19-0011 (17448 River Ln., Guerneville) - Question about Permit / Fish + Game response

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:04:29 PM

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From: Christopher Bennett <cbennett415@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:50 AM

To: Marina Herrera < Marina. Herrera@sonoma-county.org>

Subject: ORD19-0011 (17448 River Ln., Guerneville) - Question about Permit / Fish + Game response

Hello Marina, I hope your day is going well.

I wanted to share this about the upcoming meeting, ORD19-0011 (17448 River Ln., Guerneville) and the party that has submitted the appeal.

My wife and I have messaged <u>PRMD-Enforcement@sonoma-county.org</u> and Nathan Junge at Parks + Rec in the past about Mark and Rita O'Flynn's attempts to claim the beach area for their private use. We have submitted evidence of this including past news articles that have covered this since 2015.

Below is the same message I would like to share with you. Please take a moment to read the collection of notes, articles with images and one video. Thank you.

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 To:
 Marina Herrera

 Subject:
 Fwd: 17448 River Lane

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:40:34 PM

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From: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:33 PM Subject: Re: 17448 River Lane

To: Alex B < alwants@hotmail.com>

Received, thank you!

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 4:15 PM Alex B < alwants@hotmail.com > wrote:

Keep this a public area for beach access!!

Alex.

33 years using the beach for fishing recreation!!

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Fwd: Great Concern About Vacation Beach Access

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:41:30 PM

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From: **Nathan Junge** < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Subject: Re: Great Concern About Vacation Beach Access

To: Jeremy Anderson < <u>jerander@gmail.com</u>>

Received, thank you for taking the time to write this and support the district.

On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:25 PM Jeremy Anderson < <u>jerander@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Dear Park/Rec Employees,

Hello, this is Jeremy Anderson. I am writing to express my great, personal frustration that the public beach access is being challenged by one individual party (Mr./Mrs. O'Flynn). We have enjoyed access to the river from this cherished, community spot for more than 10 years and we have had to deal with constant harassment and illegal barricades along the riverfront from this one party. Many of our friends and neighbors has told us of stories of swimming at this spot more than 50 years ago.

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Thank you,

-Jeremy Anderson (father) 17485 Neeley Rd, Guerneville, CA 95446

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Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:38 PM Subject: Re: Russian Beach/Nathan

To: Katia Barrett < katiazbarrett@gmail.com >

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On Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 7:36 PM Katia Barrett < katiazbarrett@gmail.com > wrote:

This was and is our family beach. My grandfather and his brothers built the original cabins on Orchard Ave. They all swam here. I grew up here learning to swim at this beach. My father learned to swim here. I taught my children how to swim here. The ultimate goal being swimming to the Big Rock and ultimately jumping off into the arms of my Dad, his Dad, my husband. How can it possibly belong to one person, or lot? Many of our Russian immigrant families grew up here. Now all the local families enjoy this special spot on our River. Never has it belonged to anyone. It belongs to the community. Too many memories. Please

Katia Zaharin Barrett Long time River Rat

Sent from my iPad

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Vacation Beach parcel acquisition - 17448 River Lane and nuisance neighbor

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My Name is Chistopher Bennett, owner of 17500 Neeley Road in Guerneville. I am in favor of the Parks and Recreation department to acquire the parce noted at 17448 River Lane for sale to protect and save our local neighborhood beach.

My family at one time owned 17530 and 17450 Neeley Rd. Three generations of vacations were spent on the river and enjoying the local beach. Memories going back many decades when our cabins were built have a legacy of enjoyment in the sunshine and respect for nature from the flooding that never quite reached our cabin. Due to the death of our great grandmother, the properties were sold after a family dispute on what should become of each cabin. I vowed myself to return and reclaim our vacation memories for my children and theirs to enjoy the vacation beach it was and will be in the future leaving them as the guardians. I am proud to be a part of this decision and support any protection to extend reclamation of the land for public use.

Mark O'Flynn has been the source of many attempts to privatize and monetize this unofficial public beach area with use of his vacation rental property. He has harassed locals, vacationers and families within the view from his deck to the beach. Anyone that accesses or enjoys the beach within his view is greeted with a sprinkler hose, police presence for trespassing and other shameful tactics that many of my neighbors can attest to. His attempts to restore a biological habitat on the beach are a scam as noted in my previous email to Parks and Rec (Subject: Vacation Beach parcel acquisition - 17448 River Lane and nuisance neighbor) Also attached here for reference.

Mark will not resolve his efforts until an authority in power can place his efforts to rest and he abandon his efforts to take what should be seen and considered a public beach access point. I again, support any decision to keep this beach public, provide my approval for Sonoma County Department of Parks and Recreation to claim this 17448 River Lane by purchase acquisition and halt the attempt to barricade and block access to the beach as done by Mark O'Flynn for his 'bio habitat restoration' efforts

Please enjoy the many photos attached here of my family enjoying the beach and watching them grow up on the Russian River. Thank you.













































From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera
Subject: Fwd: Little Beach

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:41:37 PM

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From: **Peter Chursin** < pchursin@sfjatc.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 19, 2022 at 7:44 PM

Subject: Little Beach

To: rec.park@gmail.com < rec.park@gmail.com>

There has been a public thorough fair and beach for more than 50 years at this location. This qualifies as a legal easement. Let the law suits begin from the Vacation Beach home owners.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera

Subject: Fwd: Vacation Beach - Community Beach Letter

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:36:49 PM

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From: **Ken Einhaus** < <u>keneinhaus@yahoo.com</u>>

Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 8:17 PM

Nathan,

Thank you for collecting these statements!

Ken

STATEMENT:

We purchased our home in 2014 and starting visiting the beach from that date based on a tip from a neighbor about a community beach on the river. Since then we've been told by more than a dozen diverse community members that the beach has been community-access for generations – including a neighbor whose family has lived here 3 or 4 generations. It is a public beach for all to enjoy, and has been that way for the majority or entirety of the time the homes in our community have existed.

We would usually go to the community beach when family visited. We would take our nieces and nephews fishing at times, or to play in the sand other times. Or sometimes we went to the beach just to show people the river or have a meal with friends by the water. Usually we would be the only group there, or one of very few.

We strongly support the Russian River Park District's efforts to purchase both properties in question. We would like to continue enjoying the benefits of living in a neighborhood that, for multiple generations, has shared access to a community beach within walking distance. All the other access to the Russian River within our community between our community beach and the Summer Dam are private, so the loss of this beach would have enormous impact on community members – the Summer Dam is a far walk for us and others. The maintenance of this specific community access to natural resources is important when all other access to the river is private within our neighborhood. This could even have implications during a fire at some point. If we had to, how would we get to the river quickly if this route were cut?

Even if we don't go there frequently, it is nice to know that, when sitting at my desk working, within a short walk is a place where I can sit on a sandbar, and just breathe while watching the water flow by and listening to the wind. I feel such gratitude that the people at Russian River Parks District have listened to and worked on behalf of the many people of our community to purchase the historically public-access, community beach located at the parcels in question.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ken Einhaus

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From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera
Subject: Fwd: River In.

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:40:58 PM

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From: **Nathan Junge** < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:32 PM

Subject: Re: River In.

To: Thomas Hickox < sepheroth 1009@gmail.com>

Received, thank you for taking the time to write this and support the district.

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 8:52 PM Thomas Hickox < sepheroth 1009@gmail.com > wrote:

This beach has been for the 34 years of my life, a local oasis. My family has lived here for 45 years

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera

Subject: Fwd: Support for purchase of 17448 River Lane, Guerneville

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:38:38 PM

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From: **Ellie Hoffman** < <u>ellie.hoffman1@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 2:47 PM

Subject: Support for purchase of 17448 River Lane, Guerneville

To: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Cc: Ellie Hoffman < ellie.hoffman1@gmail.com>

Name: Ellen Hoffman

Address: 17405 Orchard Ave, Guerneville CA 95446

Birthday: 07/09/1955

E-mail: ellie.hoffman1@gmail.com

General Statement in SUPPORT of Russian River Recreation & Park District purchasing 17448 River Lane:

I completely and wholeheartedly support your purchase of 17448 River Lane so that the public can continue our decades-long access to the local beach.

My spouse and I purchased our home in 2012. Our home is a 5-minute walk to the beach. We, along with our family, friends, and neighbors have been enjoying the beach for years! Access to this full beach close to our home was the main incentive for choosing to purchase this particular house.

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the public continues to have access to our much-loved public beach!

Date: 06/23/22

Printed name: Ellen Hoffman Signed: Ellen Hoffman

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From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:36:28 PM

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From: **Kari Isaeff** < <u>ksiworldwide@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 11:25 PM

Subject: Letter of Support

To: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

To Whom it May Concern:

We are in favor of the Russian River Parks and Recreation purchase of 17448 River Lane.

We own 17485 Orchard Avenue and use the path off River Lane to access and enjoy the beach all summer long.

My mother, Helen Isaeff is 91, (soon to be 92 on July 3rd) she has been using this access and beach for her entire life.

I am 52 and have grown up at the River. We have always had access to the water - in fact free and public access fo several beaches all along the River, including the river front area that Mark O'Flynn has fenced off. That has always been available to everyone.

It is important to us to be sure that River access is attainable to the public. The very reason we, and many others, own a home in the Russian River is to enjoy the River.

We are in favor of anything that can be done to guarantee continued access to the River.

For many generations to come, we thank you for your efforts and are 100% in support of this sale to Parks and Rec.

Sincerely,

Kari Isaeff Helen Isaeff 17485 Orchard Avenue Cell (805) 451-1066

Helen Isaeff on the right, 1946

This photo is from 1936:
This photos is from 1930:
This photo is from 1979:
This is me, Kari Isaeff in 1970:
Kari Isaeff 2014, on pathway to beach:
Kari & Helen Isaeff 2014, at River front:
This is Helen Isaeff (12) riding her bike on River Lane:
This is Helen Isaeff (91) last week, looking through photos at our cabin on Orchard Avenue:
Sent from my iPhone
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Subject: Fwd: Reschedule meeting?? 7/7 to 7/21

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:35:35 PM

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From: **Kari Isaeff** < <u>ksiworldwide@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 10:46 PM

Subject: Reschedule meeting?? 7/7 to 7/21 To: Paige MacDonell < rec.park@gmail.com >

Hello Nathan,

I am a concerned resident of Vacation Beach. I have been part of the neighborhood unification to keep access to the River public. We believe Mark & Rita O'Flynn have zero grounds for blocking access, let alone roping off any riverfront access; they are nothing but unwelcome trouble in our community.

I had blocked time to be part of the meeting on July 7th and am wondering why the date was changed.

Can you let me know? Unfortunately, July 21st, I will be traveling, Since my mother is 92 and has no access to the computer while I am gone, it is doubtful we will make the call. We are sorely disappointed to learn of this last minute date change.

Thank you for all you are doing to preserve access to the River. We appreciate Parks and Rec and love our neighborhood and community.

We stand united to ensure continued public access to the River.

Best regards,

Kari Isaeff & Helen Isaeff 17485 Orchard Avenue (805) 451-1066 cell

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Subject: Fwd: Vacation beach zoom meeting

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:35:55 PM

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From: Julia Lavroushin@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM Subject: Vacation beach zoom meeting

To: rec.park@gmail.com < rec.park@gmail.com>

Hello, Nathan!

My family and I have been going to Vacation Beach for over 60 years as part of the Russian immigrant experience. I was just there last week. My children's' childhood is linked with the beach. We specifically built a dacha so that we could be close to it and the Russian Orthodox church there. I want my grandchildren to swim there while tolerating the repeated stories of Babushka at the River. We all support the present plan for Rec and Park to purchase and manage this gemstone for perpetuity for everyone.

Please add my name to those supporting this plan. It is the right thing to do based on the past 60 years, supports the present use and positively affects the future. This plan is the best scenario.

I have sent pictures in the past. Are you able to access those?

Julia Lavroushin

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Subject: Fwd: My neighbors don't have email. Asked me to send this to you.

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:41:14 PM

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From: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com >

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:32 PM

Subject: Re: My neighbors don't have email. Asked me to send this to you.

To: Mara Zaharin < ugotpigz@gmail.com >

Received, thank you!

On Sat, Jun 18, 2022 at 10:22 AM Mara Zaharin < ugotpigz@gmail.com > wrote:

Hi Mara this is Tiffany.

Geno's really busy today. He asked me to send this to you.

17448 River Lane

Beach Access has always been a fun spot for us and all the families up here in this neighborhood.

We've been taking our kids down there since before they could walk. Now they're pretty good swimmers and many more memories we share at that Beach.

All of us neighbors know each other by our first names and our kids know each other too. We plan on taking our grandkids down there one day.

The beach kind of feels like a big backyard for everybody in this neighborhood and it's something we all enjoy.

With how much darkness this world has shed in the last 3 years and how much things have changed in Sonoma county since we where kids we ask you to please let this beach stay as is.

This is why Sonoma county is such a treasure is because little spots like this like this beach we all cherish, I hope you help protect it and let us cherish it for many more years to come.

thank you.

Sincerely

The Little family on River Lane.

Tiffany Ann Lee

707-848-0081

Mara

Subject: Fwd: Please Email this to: Re: 17448 River Lane Your Name Contact number

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:40:09 PM

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From: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:34 PM

Subject: Re: Please Email this to: Re: 17448 River Lane Your Name Contact number

To: caitlin marigold < marigold 932002@yahoo.com >

Received, thank you!

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 3:13 PM caitlin marigold < marigold932002@yahoo.com > wrote:

Sent from my iPhone We have been swimming and fishing from this beach for 27 years. The river and the beach's surrounding it are a national treasure for the people to access use love and protect. All future generations of people need to have full access to and from the PEOPLES RUSSIAN RIVER. Please protect public beaches so they don't end up a privileged beach/ RUSSIAN RIVER for the wealthy. Caitlin marigold 16847 center way guerneville 7075086758 RE Please Email this to:

Re: 17448 River Lane

Your Name Contact number

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Subject: Fwd: Russian River Public Access through Sweetwater Springs Property - Opposition to O"Flynns

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:38:21 PM

----- Forwarded message --------From: <<u>nickvmironov@gmail.com</u>> Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 6:45 PM

Subject: Russian River Public Access through Sweetwater Springs Property - Opposition to

O'Flynns

To: <<u>rec.park@gmail.com</u>>

Dear Nathan,

I have been informed that I should write this email in support of maintaining public access to the Russian River via the Sweetwater Springs property.

I am 68 years old and have used the subject access every summer since I was born in 1953. My parents used the access even prior to that, and my grandparents before them. We used it for daily for recreation during the summer months – family gatherings, meeting friends, swimming, fishing, and boating. Some family members continue to visit this magical beach on the Russian River to this day; whenever they are able to – once or several times a year as time allows. We bring children and grandchildren there.

This access should not be closed for the benefit of a select privileged few who think that others, who do not own riverfront property, should be denied access simply for their own personal privacy.

We have many memories for the beach and I have attached few pictures form the early years to share.

Sincerely,

Nick Mironov

Cell: (415) 680-0878















Subject: Fwd: Attn Nathan: Acquiring 17448 River Ln

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:36:38 PM

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From: **Benjie Nelson** < benjiearts@gmail.com >

Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 9:06 PM

Subject: Attn Nathan: Acquiring 17448 River Ln

To: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Benjie Nelson. I'm writing in support of Parks and Rec acquiring 17448 River Lane. My husband, Den and I live at 17429 River Lane in Vacation Beach. We bought our home 9 years ago this July 31st.

River access was an important part of our decision to move here and having the little beaches around the corner was ideal. From April to December my husband swims, I often have my camera and shoot down there, and our granddaughter loves to swim with my husband. We have created many memories at those beaches with our friends, family and neighbors.

Those beaches are an integral part of the character and charm of our little community and have been for a very long time. Please keep our access open by allowing Parks and Rec to acquire this property.

Thank you, Benjie Nelson

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Subject: Fwd: Affidavit- attention Nathan Junge
Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:38:00 PM

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From: **BARBARA RABOY** < <u>barblraboy@aol.com</u>>

Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 4:22 PM

Subject: Affidavit- attention Nathan Junge

To: <<u>rec.park@gmail.com</u>>

Cc: BARBARA RABOY < barblraboy@aol.com>

Name: Barbara Raboy

Address: 17405 Orchard Ave, Guerneville CA 95446

Birthday: 11/17/1951

E-mail: <u>barblraboy@aol.com</u>

General Statement in SUPPORT of Russian River Recreation & Park District purchasing 17448 River Lane:

I completely and wholeheartedly support your purchase of 17448 River Lane so that the public can continue our decades-long access to the local beach.

My spouse and I purchased our home in 2012. Out home is a 5-minute walk to the beach. We, along with our family, friends, and neighbors have been enjoying the beach for years! Swimming at the local beach is my favorite activity as I am a senior citizen who relies upon that beach access to exercise.

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring the public continues to have access to our much-loved public beach!

Date: 06/23/22

Printed name: Barbara Raboy Signed: Barbara Raboy

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Subject: Fwd: I support purchasing of 17448 River Lane, Guerneville

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----- Forwarded message ------From: **Rey R** <<u>rraboy@gmail.com</u>>
Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 3:23 PM

Subject: I support purchasing of 17448 River Lane, Guerneville

To: <<u>rec.park@gmail.com</u>>

I 100% support Russian River Recreation & Park District purchasing 17448 River Lane. My family are locals who value this beach as their home is only a few blocks away and they love the easy access.

Russian River Recreation & Park District purchasing this will ensure that my family and community continue to have access to this very special beach.

From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera
Subject: Fwd: Russian River

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:40:19 PM

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From: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:34 PM

Subject: Re: Russian River

To: Tasha Rodriguez < rodrigueztash@icloud.com>

Received, thank you!

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 4:09 PM Tasha Rodriguez < rodrigueztash@icloud.com > wrote:

Hello

I'm writing in behalf of the Russian River being made non public and writing to tell you that this spot has been in my family for three generations and I really hope you consider to not close it down to the public it holds a lot of memories to my family and I and my dads ashes were spread here after he passed cause the river was so special to us please consider not closing it as it holds a lot of memories to a lot of people who live there

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Fwd: Affidavits for Public Use at Vacation Beach River Lane

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:36:04 PM

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From: **Rayannah Salahuddin** <<u>rsalahuddin@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 12:19 AM

Subject: Affidavits for Public Use at Vacation Beach River Lane

To: <<u>rec.park@gmail.com</u>>

Good Evening,

I'm writing to represent the owners of 17551 Orchard Ave. (Riasa Izottoff, Dmitry Derevyanko). We have owned this property since before the Golden Gate Bridge was built. Four generations of our family have enjoyed going to the beach off River Road.

We have had countless memories of watching our nine year old daughter playing on the beach and learning to swim. Going down to our local beach is a regular, if not daily, trip to soak in the sun and relax until sunset on the river's edge. It is a quick and easy walk, free from the cluster of cars crossing the vacation beach dam bridge. The beach by River Lane is a quick 4 mins walk with more families looking to have a fun day in the river.

We would like to pass on this experience to our daughter's children. I don't think it is right that one landowner should be given sole right and access to a beach that has been locally accepted as a public beach for as long as we can remember.

Let the community as a whole enjoy the beach, not just one family. I have attached a few pictures of our daughter growing up on the River Lane Beach: https://photos.app.goo.gl/Fpgfq7Eht18TediE6

Thank you for your time.

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Rayannah Salahuddin

Business Cellphone: (415) 297-9650 Main Email: <u>rsalahuddin@gmail.com</u>

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Subject: Fwd: River lane in vacation beach

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From: Nathan Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 4:33 PM Subject: Re: River lane in vacation beach To: hila Sallady <hsallady@gmail.com>

Received, thank you for taking the time to write this and support the district.

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 6:53 PM hila Sallady <<u>hsallady@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

I have owned the house at 17542 orchard ave since 2013. My family comes to the river only a few times a year. When we do we enjoy walking down to the beach at river lane and laying in the sand or using the beach as our entry point for our kayaks.

A few years ago I recall that part of the beach was blocked off by a barricade. I asked my neighbors why this was the case and was told about the neighbors disdain for their neighbors and our enjoyment of our beach.

I hoped that something would be done about this entitled neighbor aside from my dismantling of the barricade on two occasions.

I'm happy to learn that the matter is finally getting attention and that the neighbor has been put in their place.

Hila Sallady

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From: Nathan Junge
To: Marina Herrera
Subject: Fwd: Attention Nathan

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:39:05 PM

----- Forwarded message ------From: <johnsokoloff@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 7:57 AM

Subject: Attention Nathan

To: rec.park@gmail.com < rec.park@gmail.com >

Cc: <u>jlavroushin@yahoo.com</u>>, <u>harreldj@gmail.com</u>

< harreldj@gmail.com>

Russian River Parks district is trying to purchase the property containing our local beach access trail from River Lane in the Vacation Beach subdivision. They have no intention of advertising this location, but only preserve the public access that Sweetwater Springs (the present owner) has always allowed. Of course, the O'Flynn's are trying to block the deal by complaining that it should not be public use, though it already has been since at least he 1940's. Their complaint was reviewed and decided against by the appropriate agency (I believe it was Permit Sonoma), and now the O'Flynns are appealing that decision.

Dear Nathan,

My name is John Sokoloff. I am a musician/composer who grew up spending 17 summers at Vacation Beach and the wonderful little beach in question. It is an integral part of my memories and my identity. I even released my first album called *Vacation Beach* in 1993 - which brought back memories of this magical area. Access to this wonder for the public will continue to activate the imaginations of kids and adults alike. Later I worked for *Carol Burnett* and *CBS* and was able to travel and see many places.... *None* compared to the joy I received from my summers at Russian River....and our little beach. Our *collective* little beach.

Below is a link to the album -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhgz7NkFCkw&t=1045s

Please support our public right of way. We are truly grateful to you for not forgetting about the Public.

Sincerely,

John Sokoloff

Subject: Fwd: 17448 River Lane/ Mara Zaharin photos

Date: Friday, September 16, 2022 1:42:30 PM

Attachments: <u>IMG 7831.PNG</u>

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From: Mara Zaharin < ugotpigz@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Subject: 17448 River Lane/ Mara Zaharin photos

To: RR Parks & Rec NATHAN Junge < rec.park@gmail.com>

Here's 2011

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