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## **OBYG to kick off community-wide recreation program with funding from the Village of Ocean Beach and the Ocean Beach Community Fund**

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A community-wide recreation program will launch this summer powered by Ocean Beach Youth Group with funding provided by the Village of Ocean Beach and a grant from the Ocean Beach Community Fund.

“OBYG has the infrastructure in place needed to run a spectacular recreation program immediately: waterfront activities, athletic equipment, art supplies, vendor relationships and an online portal for registration, scheduling, payroll and communication with Ocean Beach residents,” says Todd Pavlin, OBYG Treasurer.

Board President Patty Brahe adds, “We hope this OBYG-Village partnership will strengthen the community and fill the gaps left by the disappearance of movies at the Community House, the game room and the basketball courts in town.”

The Village has committed to a budget of \$30,000 to cover the costs of staffing and insurance while the OBCF will finance the start-up equipment costs such as pickleball courts, basketball hoops and other materials to ramp up the evening teen program at Windswept.

The rec program will also include a wide variety of classes such as tennis clinics, art workshops, and cooking; community-based events like potlucks and book clubs; tournament-style game nights and sports, supervised programs for teens and seniors, organized and safe water sports, and an alternative to the bar scene in the evenings.

For any questions or suggestions, please contact Patty Brahe at [BoardofOBYG@gmail.com](mailto:BoardofOBYG@gmail.com),

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**OBYG is a local, homegrown organization run by parents, professionals, and homeowners of Ocean Beach. We are a recognized 501c3 nonprofit organization and the largest employer of teenagers/young adults in OB with an established infrastructure. OBYG started 60+ years ago as the Ocean Beach PlayGroup by parents, who then and now, are committed to providing safe and fun recreation for children and young adults in Ocean Beach and surrounding areas. We host more than 100+ children per week (ages 3-15) with a qualified staff that include teachers, artists, bookkeepers, lawyers, technology experts etc. We provide a wide range of activities including sports, art, drama, dance, tennis, boating, sailing, wakeboarding, ecology, fishing and other after camp social events. We create an environment that fosters lifelong friendships which builds roots for the future Ocean Beach community. Visit us at [OBYG.org](http://OBYG.org).**