

## News from around the Ojai Valley

Local medical cannabis dispensaries will mark 420 with special events for customers



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April 20, an unofficial cannabis holiday, will be commemorated by Ojai's three medical cannabis dispensaries Friday.

The number 420 has long been associated with cannabis use.

Many believe the association originated from a group of Marin County students who met at 4:20 p.m. to imbibe during the 1970s, said Sespe Creek Collective CEO Chelsea Sutula.

Sespe Creek Collective, 408 Bryant Street Suite C, will host a "Plant Appreciation Day" April 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The event will feature music, live art and "munchies" from Jim & Robs Fresh Grill, according to Sutula.

Just down the street from Sespe Creek, the Shangri La Care Cooperative (SLCC) and Ojai Greens will offer 420 discounts to medical cannabis patients.

SLCC co-founder Jeff Kroll said the cooperative will give 15 percent off all its products April 20 and 21. SLCC also will offer cannabis edibles almost at cost, Kroll said.

Kroll is encouraging his patients to try edibles because it's a better way to treat certain medical conditions, he said.

The Ojai City Council will soon discuss the prospect of allowing the three dispensaries to sell cannabis to adults over the age of 21 – also known as adult use.

Ojai Councilman William Weirick said the discussion will take place during one of the Council's May meetings.

"Looking forward and based on the evidence to date, it looks like medical cannabis (dispensaries) may not be viable as stand-alones," Weirick said.

Kroll has spoken to the City Council in favor of allowing the licensed dispensaries to sell to adults over 21.

Weirick said Ojai residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of California's Proposition 64 during the Nov. 8, 2016 election. "The people of Ojai certainly voted to have adult use," he said.

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