Witness the Annual Winter Journey of Pacific Gray Whales!

Experience the Excitement of Spotting a Whale!
Whale watching is a year-round activity on the Long Beach Peninsula with Pacific Gray Whales being the most commonly seen species. While whale watching can be done year round, there are two times during the year that are prime for watching the bi-annual migration of nearly 18,000 Pacific Gray Whales.

Each winter whales pass by the Peninsula after spending the summer feeding in the food-rich waters of the Arctic. Heading south along the Pacific coast to the bays of Baja California, where they mate and nurse their young in the warm lagoons.

Early January is the peak of migration, but whales can be spotted mid-December through early February. The viewing platforms in and around the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and North Head Lighthouse offer the best viewing. Don’t forget your binoculars!

Catch them on their way up north! The northward migrations begin mid-March. The immature whales, adult males and females without calves are the first to head north, passing the Peninsula in March and April. Later, females with calves come along at a slightly slower rate, passing the Washington coast in May.

The best time to spot whales is in the early mornings hours when conditions are usually more favorable, depending on the weather. As you scan the horizon be sure to look for the blow, the whale’s vapor can blow up to 12 feet in the air when it exhales. Once you have spotted a blow, stay with it, as more are surely to follow.

Source: Funbeach.com
On 12/28 I received a report of a gas theft in the 2200 block of 304th Pl. The reporting party stated that she believed a male subject had siphoned her gas during the night and she had a possible suspect in mind, but no proof. The victim stated she heard from a friend of hers that a male suspect was bragging about stealing her gas, but she would not tell me who told her and she did not witness the theft.

On 12/30 I was dispatched to the area of 302nd and X Pl. for a fireworks complaint. On arrival, there was nothing heard. After speaking with a few residents, I was advised that the fireworks were being lit off in the 30800 block of Stackpole Ln. and had stopped.

On 12/31 I was dispatched to the 33000 block of G Pl. for a suspicious male walking around a house. The reporting party stated he had seen someone around a residence at 23902 G St., which is not a correct address. I attempted to contact the reporting party, but he was not home, and he did not answer his phone. I did not locate anyone walking around the area.

Traffic warnings: 10
Citations: 3
Suspicious circumstances: 1
Noise complaint: 1
Theft: 1

SLOW DOWN!!
25 mph in all Surfside areas other than I Street North of the mini-mall!

Emergency? CALL 911!!! For non-emergency calls, call the Sheriff’s office at 360-642-9397. If it’s Travis you need to speak with leave a message at the business office and he’ll return your call. The office personnel are not dispatchers.
RV Storage lot users:

If you are interested in improving or maintenance of the RV storage lot, you are invited to a meeting of the AD Hoc Committee to address that subject. We will meet at the business office at 9:30 on the 13th of January. Please bring your ideas or send them to me at pilatusflyer@sbcglobal.net. This is an informational only meeting.

Mark Smith
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will confirm that schedule prior to each dig, provided that upcoming marine toxin tests show the clams are safe to eat.

Under WDFW’s plan, Twin Harbors and Mocrocks beaches will open for digging at noon Jan. 1, extending a dig previously scheduled for New Year’s Eve dig at four ocean beaches. Starting Jan. 28, WDFW then plans to open various beaches for razor-clam digging through Feb. 3. No digging will be allowed at any beach before noon.

Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager, said the Jan. 1 opening is designed to give families a chance to ring in the new year digging clams on the beach.

“We know that digging razor clams is a New Year’s tradition for many families and we want to help them keep tradition alive,” Ayres said.

That and other digs are proposed on the following beaches, dates and evening low tides:

- Dec. 31, Sunday, 5:12 p.m.; -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis, Mocrocks (previously announced and pending final toxin results)
- Jan. 1, Monday, 6:02 p.m.; -1.7 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Jan. 28, Sunday, 4:06 p.m.; -0.4 feet; Mocrocks
- Jan. 29, Monday, 4:59 p.m.; -1.0 feet; Copalis
- Jan. 30, Tuesday, 5:47 p.m.; -1.5 feet; Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Jan. 31, Wednesday, 6:33 p.m.; -1.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Feb. 1, Thursday, 7:17 p.m.; -1.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Feb. 2, Friday, 8:00 p.m.; -1.0 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Feb. 3, Saturday, 8:42 p.m.; -0.4; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
There is a new app to help with 911 calls. SOS Beacon gives your precise location automatically to the dispatchers when a 911 call is made from your smart phone. Just go to your app store, search for SOS Beacon and install it. It will ask you to confirm with a code they will send you, then the install is complete. You never have to turn it on or mess with it. It works automatically when 911 is called. This is great for an area like ours!

I’ve just installed on my phone, it was extremely quick and easy! Below are the links for android and apple to give you more information.

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https://itunes.apple.com/.../app/rapidsos-beacon/id1211454842...

From Kimber Holtermann
2017 Surfside Foster Children’s Christmas Gift Drive

This year there were 16 kids on the list.
And our generous members donated over $1,350.00, not including the gifts that were pre-purchased!
You all have made their Christmas Wishes come true!
BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY. BE RED CROSS READY!

Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies you may need in the event of an emergency or disaster. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you in case of evacuation.

At a minimum, you should have the basic supplies listed below:

**Water**: one gallon per person per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)

**Food**: nonperishable, easy to prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)

- Flashlight
- Battery Powered or hand crank radio (NOAA if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and person hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list, pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
  - Cell phone with charger
  - Family and emergency contact information
  - Extra cash
  - Emergency Blanket
  - Map of area

Make sure to consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Medical Supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games & activities for kids
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-Way radios
- Extra set of car keys & house keys
- Manual can opener

Additional supplies to keep at home or in your survival kit based on the types of disasters common to your area:

- Whistle
- Surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain Gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing home
- Extra clothing, hat, sturdy shoes
- Plastic Sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment Items
- Blankets or sleeping bags

*Emergency List Courtesy of the American Red Cross*
The Pacific County Emergency Management Agency advises that within 30 minutes of an earthquake, a wave as high as 30 feet could reach Ocean Park. The Emergency Management Committee has worked to get a Surfside Pedestrian Evacuation Map printed and available for residents and guests. While you may think you can just pack your car and drive away – this won’t be possible or practical in the event of a localized event. It is imperative that you familiarize yourself with guidance on the Surfside Pedestrian Evacuation Map and the Pacific County Tsunami Evacuation Map for Ocean Park and vicinity. Top priority is getting to high ground (50 feet or higher) quickly and safely.

- In the event of a tsunami it could take 3-7 days before supplies and assistance reach Surfside.
- When disaster strikes there may be no time to gather the things you need — you need to be able to “grab and go” or “duck, cover and hold” at a moment’s notice.
- Each household should prepare kits appropriate for your family members and your business now — it can save lives and ensure your relative comfort until help arrives.
- Other tsunami vulnerable communities in nearby Oregon, residents have taken the extra steps to be better prepared by establishing emergency supply caches in designated safe high ground areas.

After studying emergency caching efforts in other communities, the Emergency Management Committee has come to the conclusion that Surfside residents and visitors could benefit from a similar program.

It is believed that more people would benefit from a 3-5 day emergency kit if they had a safe place to store it. This way, in the case of a real disaster – your supplies could be accessed and you wouldn’t have to worry about carrying them from your home to high ground.

If there is sufficient interest in an Emergency Cache Container for Surfside, the Emergency Management Committee will pursue options available to us. Please indicate if you are interested in such a program for our community by answering the following questions so we can determine the level of interest and potential costs. Any additional questions, comments or suggestions you might have are welcomed.

- I would be interested in storing my emergency kit in a secured container situated in a high elevation site within Surfside.
  YES ○ NO ○
- I would be willing to pay a small fee to support the acquisition of a storage container.
  YES ○ NO ○
- I would be willing to purchase approved 30 gallon plastic barrel to store my emergency supplies in.
  YES ○ NO ○

Do you have any questions/comments/suggestions on this issue?

Member name:_____________________________________________

Surfside property address:____________________________________

Return this form to the Surfside Business office at 31402 H Street, Ocean Park, WA 98640
Emergency Cache

50 gal with keys-$49

20 gal-$16.97

These are the approved containers for the proposed Emergency Management Committee sponsored storage shed. If you are interested in purchasing these for yourself or to be able to place them in the EMC shed you can order prepaid through the business office at cost or privately purchase at Home Depot!

While supplies last!

Call the Surfside business office with any questions

360.665.4171
Architectural Committee

Just a reminder if you are planning on installing a fence or a shed, a garage or a house or even doing a little remodeling ALL building plans must be submitted to the Architectural Committee prior to any construction.

The committee usually meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., dependent upon if there’s anything on the agenda. All applicants are encouraged to attend the meeting (if possible) to answer any questions that may arise.

The building packets are available on our website at http://www.surfsideonline.org/payment-form/ or you can pick one up from the business office.

Two (2) sets of plans must be submitted to the committee. Once approved, you will get a copy of the plans that have been stamped so you can take them to the county for their approval.

For more detailed information on the Architectural Committee duties and guidelines you can find them on our website www.surfsideonline.org, or call the business office 360-665-4171 with any questions.
Have you ever wondered how you can help make a difference in someone’s life? Are you looking for ways to give back to your community? All it takes is just 3 easy steps!

“A SIMPLE GESTURE” is an ongoing Food Bank Program here in Ocean Park...AND IT IS JUST THAT....SIMPLE!

- A SIMPLE GESTURE PROVIDES YOU WITH A “DESIGNER” BAG TO STORE YOUR ITEMS IN.
- THEN WHILE SHOPPING PICK UP AN EXTRA FOOD ITEM OR TWO.
- JUST FILL YOUR BAG WITH THE EXTRA FOOD ITEMS AND LEAVE IT ON YOUR FRONT PORCH. THE BAGS ARE PICKED UP THE SECOND SATURDAY OF ALTERNATING MONTHS.

THAT’S IT! Such a very simple gesture that will make someone’s day!!

There are many ways to lend a helping hand! You can offer your time, make a donation, gather food items OR you can do all three!! The feeling of helping someone in need is like no other!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CALL - THE OCEAN PARK FOOD BANK at 665-6567.
Taylor Swift

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