



COURTESY OF SURFSAND RESORT

Kids rent beach toys and towels from Surfsand Resort's kids program.

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you're playing with this tension in the line. Your mind goes calm."

Lyons said, "It's also getting people off their phones and their game systems and getting them outside. It's also something that requires focus. You can't be thinking about your problems when you are flying a kite because you have to make sure it doesn't fall."

He added, "I want people to have fun and have a good time and experience flying kites."

According to Grosclaude, in addition to the new kite flying, Surfsand keeps youngsters active with a variety of activities, "including seasonal nightly bonfires, complimentary beach cruiser bikes, Saturday ice cream social, seasonal weekly beach weenie roast and cookies and cold milk at the front desk."

Ideal destination

During the height of the coronavirus pandemic, Cannon Beach and many resorts, restaurants, and shops were effectively closed or at reduced capacity. Once reopened, help wanted signs were in many business windows

along the coast.

"Obviously the first several months of the pandemic were challenging as the coast was closed, but — as we've opened up — we're finding that the coast is the ideal destination for those seeking to breathe in the fresh coastal air," Grosclaude said about how Surfsand managed through the pandemic. "We are very fortunate that our guests continue to feel that Surfsand is a safe destination for their families."

"Like many of our peers in the hospitality industry, we're finding challenges in hiring," Grosclaude continued. "We're very fortunate to have wonderful team members, many of which have been with us for a long time, who continue to deliver memorable experiences for our guests."

They also have longtime guests who have come back, and their kids program is a part of that. Grosclaude said, "We really lean into our kids' programming so that we continue to deliver a positive guest experience. While we always love and welcome new visitors, it's incredibly fulfilling to see bookings based on referrals or familiar faces in the lobby."

Business in Brief

CMH welcomes three radiologists

ASTORIA — Three full-time radiologists now work in Astoria after transferring from Pacific Coast Imaging to Oregon Health and Science University's department of diagnostic radiology.

Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria previously contracted with Pacific Coast Imaging, but the Astoria hospital now has a partnership with OHSU.

The new radiologist group includes doctors Kenneth Kolbeck, Shane Baker and Robert Leatherman. Kolbeck has been working part-time at CMH since March 2019 and is now in Astoria full-time, performing diagnostic reads, interventional procedures and serving as the department's medical director. Baker is the lead interpreting physician for mammography scans. Leatherman is the lead interpreting physician for the American College of Radiology accreditation on 1.5T and 3.0T magnetic resonance imaging scans.

Columbia Memorial Hospital CEO Erik Thorsen said he'd like to thank the radiologists who worked through Pacific Coast Imaging but chose not to join the OHSU partnership, including doctors Ali Batouli and Hugh Sabahi. Batouli moved to the east coast while Sabahi retired.



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The three radiologists, from left, Shane Baker, Kenneth Kolbeck and Robert Leatherman.



Celebrate local businesses on AstoriUS Day

ASTORIA- The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association is planning to celebrate local businesses on AstoriUS Day, July 16. More than 20 businesses plan to host performances, sidewalk sales, tastings, projects and more while handing out AstoriUS Day stickers designed by local artist Autumn Eve.

Events include a magic show at 1:30 p.m. at The Magic Shop, a cold wax and oil painting demonstration from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at RiverSea Gallery, followed by live music by Raymond Martin from 5 to 8 p.m. Gully's Butcher Shop will also have live music by Delores and Ken Richards and Slurpalicious will give out free cotton candy.

AstoriUS Day will happen in lieu of the annual sidewalk sale. For more information, call 503-440-7168.