

Estuary cleanup garners 3.37 tons of debris



Submitted Photo/Photo by Judith Jones
Volunteers and CARTM Staff sort materials at Wheeler Waterfront Park during the 10th Biennial Nehalem Estuary Cleanup.

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WHEELER — On March 11, more than 170 volunteers lent a hand during the 10th Biennial Nehalem Estuary Cleanup. Volunteer duties ranged from removing debris from the mud and high tide line, sorting through trash and recyclables, helping with set up and take down and throwing the celebration dinner.

Participants pulled 2.66 tons of trash, 1,369 pounds of recyclable and reusable material, and 60 pounds of hazardous/potentially hazardous materials from Nehalem Bay — totaling 3.37 tons of debris removed. Items included 44 tires, 284 shotgun shells, 22 shoes (including one pair), one kitchen faucet, 29 balls, seven 55 gallon drums, half a Jeep grill, one BB gun, and for the second event in a row — a genuine message in a bottle.

The cleanup was held by community partners Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, CARTM, Nehalem Bay State Park, North Coast Land Conservancy and Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, with support from volunteers, local business and community members.

In recognition of those who have participated in the Biennial Nehalem Estuary Cleanups, Gov. Kate Brown proclaimed March 11, 2017, to be Estuary Cleanup and Awareness Day. The proclamation encouraged all Oregonians to celebrate the importance of Oregon's estuaries, and the work being done to protect and maintain this critical habitat.

ENGAGEMENT



Robert Service and Marcie Falleur

Falleur — Service

Mike and Jody Falleur of Gearhart announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcie Falleur of Astoria, to Robert Service, also of Astoria. He is the son of Gary and Diane Service of Astoria, and grandson of the late Bob and Bernice Cordiner and the late Curtis and Dorothy Service.

The bride-to-be, granddaughter of the late Don and Helen Falleur and the late Vern and Betty Truax, graduated from Seaside High School in 2005 and from Oregon State University in 2010. She is the office manager at Lum's Auto Center in Warrenton.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Astoria High School. He is an operating engineer.

A Sept. 16 wedding is planned in Astoria.

RELIGION BRIEFS

First Lutheran

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is celebrated at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. This is Food Pantry Sunday, and everyone is encouraged to bring nonperishable foods. Especially needed are canned meats, stews, soups, juices, fruits and vegetables. Cash contributions are needed to buy fresh milk, bread, meats, fruits and vegetables.

Candidates' names can be submitted by members of the congregation for the new pastor by Sunday. As a preparation for Easter, lilies may be donated and designated in memory or honor of someone special.

Scandinavian Workshop meets at 10 a.m. Monday; Sea Scouts meets at 5:30 p.m.

Stewardship Sewing/quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, TOPS meets at 5:30 p.m. and Pure Life Alliance at 5:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Midweek Lenten program begins at 11:30 a.m., with a Morning Bible Study and "Coloring the Way to the Cross," followed by the Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m., Shar-

ing Time and "Coloring the Way to the Cross" exercise at 6 p.m., and the Midweek Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The Senior Choir practice begins at 7 p.m.

For information, call the office at 503-325-6252, email flcastoria@gmail.com or go to www.astoriafirst-lutheran.com

Calvary Episcopal

SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, continues providing "Moments for Meditation" during the season of Lent which ends April 7. Every Friday throughout Lent the public is invited to spend a quiet lunch time from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in meditation, reflection and prayer while listening to music provided by area musicians. Today's guest artists are Deac Guidi, bass-baritone, and Susan Buehler, pianist. Buehler presents organ pieces for the "Moments for Meditation" on March 31.

Calvary also offers the Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. Saturday and at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

For information, call the church at

503-738-5773 or go to www.calvary-seaside.info

Astoria Church of Christ

On Sunday, the Astoria Church of Christ, 692 12th St., is hosting Ken Tipps of Scappoose, whose topic is "The Kingdom of God," taken from Acts, Chapter 2. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Church of Christ is nondenominational, and all are welcome. For information, call 503-791-3235.

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., observes the Fourth Sunday in Lent at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. It is also Hunger Awareness Sunday, and there is an ingathering for the Hunger Ministries of both monetary and nonperishable food items. Paper products, chili and macaroni and cheese are especially needed, as are can openers. The monthly Community Dinner is served in the Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Sunday, free of charge.

The new art show hanging in the Parish Hall at Grace features watercolor

artist Stan Riedesel, whose impressionistic images are waterscapes, buildings and boats. The show hangs until April 19, and can be viewed from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday through Friday.

The "Fridays in Lent" series offers contemplative music for listening or for walking the Stations of the Cross, starting at 12:10 p.m. On March 31, Ray Utterback (organ and piano) and Erik Utterback (cello) are featured.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 820 Alameda Ave. Rev. Carol McKinley is delivering a sermon, "Justice Begins at Home."

McKinley is a community minister affiliated with the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation where she coordinates its Faith in Action Ministry. She also serves on the Pacific Northwest District Healthy Congregations Team.

Jeff and Monica Van Steenberg are the greeters and Veja Lahti and Christine Yeigh are providing refreshments for the Social Hour after the service.

For information, call 503-338-6883 or go to www.pacuuf.org

Astoria and Seaside Baha'is

The Astoria and Seaside Baha'is are gathering this weekend to study the directives of their faith on the issue of racism. The study class starts Friday evening at the home of Tod and Betsy Jones, 300 W. Irving Ave., and continues Saturday morning and afternoon. Saturday evening is open to the public at 7 p.m., with a discussion led by Daniel Jones.

Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., is holding a family game night at 6 p.m. Sunday, organized by the youth of the church. A variety of games for all ages of the family are available to play, and food and refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

For information, call 503-325-2925.



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