

17th annual Habitat BeachWalk set for Sept. 10

Florence Habitat for Humanity's annual community event, the 2016 BeachWalk will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The beach walk starts at the North Jetty and continues to the Driftwood Shores, then back to the North Jetty.

Part of the fun will include snacks and refreshments for people and dogs, and entertainment.

In addition, any walker raising \$100 or more will be given a Habitat T-shirt.

All are welcome to partici-

pate, including leashed dogs. Join the walk and celebrate Habitat for Humanity's mission to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

Every dollar raised goes toward the purchase of materials and supplies for building houses in Florence.

Anyone interested in volunteering for Habitat projects can stop in the Habitat office, 2004 Highway 101 (in the Grocery Outlet shopping center) for a brochure form or donation envelope, or call 541-902-9227.

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TEEING OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE



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On Saturday, Aug. 13, 120 golfers teed off during the third annual Viking Cup at Ocean Dunes Golf Links. At each hole, golfers were met by a volunteer offering a sample of specialty crafted beer donated by Columbia beverages and hand selected by the Beachcomber Pub. At the end of the event, participants were treated to a steak dinner to cap off the day. The fundraiser netted \$9,340, which was split between Western Lane Baseball Association (WLBA) and Siuslaw Volleyball Club (SVC). Pictured are (from left): Sonja Ingle of SVC, Todd Hennessey of WLBA, Bob Rannow of Ocean Dunes, Dirk Anderson of WLBA, Scott McMillan of Columbia Beverage, Scott Waiss of Beachcomber, Mike Edmonds of SVC and Mike Rose, event organizer and COO of Three Rivers Casino Resort.

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NATURALIST-LED BIRDWALKS CONTINUE AT SILTCOOS

The public is invited to participate in upcoming naturalist-led bird walks on the beach. Dale Dombrowski, a volunteer with the Siuslaw National Forest and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will lead these walks at Siltcoos Beach south of Florence.

Participants will meet in the Siltcoos Beach parking area at the listed time (below). The

walk will cross over the dune to the beach and will last 90 minutes or longer.

Pets are not allowed and participants should bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and clothing appropriate for the weather.

Walks will be held:

- Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8 a.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 28, at 8:30 a.m.

Each walk is limited to 12 people and participants must be age 12 or older to participate.

Make sure to RSVP at tripod3401@yahoo.com.

Dombrowski is a volunteer naturalist from New Mexico. He has taught numerous Audubon education programs and is a former National Park Service Interpretive and Natural Resources Ranger who

worked on raptor monitoring and bird migration.

Birds that have been observed in the Siltcoos Beach area include bald eagles, osprey, great blue herons, whimbrel, semipalmated plover, American golden plover, snowy plover, Baird's sandpiper, brown pelicans and more.

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Numbers system along beaches enhances safety

Visitors and residents to local beaches may have noticed large, neon-green numbered signs on the beach. Those numbered signs were installed by Oregon State Parks to help visitors convey their location in the event of an emergency.

Over the past several years, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has installed more than 400 of the numbered signs as part of a significant beach safety program. They are located along the Oregon coast at both public and private beach access points from the most northern sign at Fort Stevens State Park all the way south to Crissey Field State Recreation Site near the California border.

Ocean Shores Specialist Callum Stevenson, involved in the project for Oregon State Parks, states the physical portion of the project was completed over the past several



DEBORAH HELDT CORDONE PHOTOS

Beach numbers like these offer visitors important safety information, correlated with numbered beach signs at jetties and popular beach spots.

months with the final signs installed between Coos Bay to just north of Florence.

Some beach accesses took longer to gain permission for installation, so they were not necessarily installed in linear order along the coast.

However, they are numbered in linear order north to south.

Stevenson indicates sign coordinates have been provided to Law Enforcement, 911 services and the Forest Service and have been useful to those agencies.

He was recently contacted by Coast Guard helicopter operations to gain coordinates and use as them as easily sighted landmarks. They are still in the process of checking and rechecking GPS coordinates of every sign before releasing a final map to the public.

The beach sign numbers also coordinate with numbers on the State Parks dangers/prohibited activities signs located at access point entrances. Beach goers, ATVers and boaters should be aware of the signs and take note of numbers as they travel past them, before an emergency occurs.

—Contributed by Coast Guard Auxiliarist Deborah Heldt Cordone.

4th Annual
FLORENCE
COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 9-11

How To Participate
The fee to participate is \$20. An ad for the Community Wide Garage Sale with a map of all participating sales will be published in the Siuslaw News on September 7th and 10th. Because of print deadlines, the registration deadline is 5pm August 30 2016.

You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Please post signs only on private property with the owner's consent. Posting signs on City utility poles, street or signal light poles, and median strips is against the municipal code.

Additional maps will be available at the Florence Visitors Center and the Siuslaw News.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____
Subdivision name (if any) _____
Dates (CIRCLE): Friday 9/9 Saturday 9/10 Sunday 9/11 Times: _____
15-word description: _____
Add'l _____

Date, times and address are included. Additional words over 15 are \$0.50 each.

Bring form and payment to 148 Maple St in Historic Old Town or mail to Siuslaw News PO Box 10, Florence, OR 97439
Call 541-902-3526
Online www.florencechamber.com
Deadline is August 30th at 5pm to be included on the map.

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