

HAVE FUN! BEACH SAFE

BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE

They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.

How to play it safe: Never turn your back on the ocean.

WATCH THOSE LOGS

The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.

How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.

How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

Know when the tide is coming in by [visiting the tidetable website](http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html) at the Hatfield Marine Science Center <http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html>

HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU

Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.

How to play it safe: Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS

Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.

How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

HEADS UP

Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.

How to play it safe: Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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Oregonians can apply for Emergency Rental Assistance

Gov. Kate Brown urges Oregonians seeking help to pay current and future rent and utility payments to apply immediately for rental assistance through OregonRentalAssistance.org.

Brown noted that historic amounts of rental assistance are now available in Oregon, and urged Oregonians to apply as soon as possible.

"Housing is a basic human need, which is why I have continued to work with the Legislature and our

congressional delegation to devote state and federal resources to ensure that Oregonians who have been hardest hit by the rent impacts of the pandemic have a warm, dry, safe place to live. To the thousands of Oregonians who lost jobs and fell behind on their rent during the pandemic: Apply today for rental assistance to pay your rent or you may be at risk of being evicted.

"Fortunately, rental assistance is available now. Apply

today at OregonRentalAssistance.org."

Qualified Oregonians can apply for rental assistance through the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program (OERAP) to help pay back current and future rent. Of note, Oregonians may still qualify to receive assistance even though Oregon's residential eviction moratorium expired on June 30.

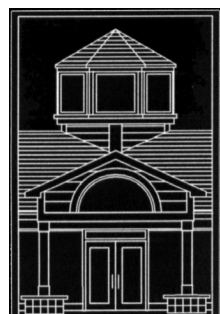
On June 25, Brown signed Senate Bill 278, which provides a 60-day safe-harbor

period from eviction for nonpayment of rent to tenants who provide their landlords with proof that they have applied for rental assistance.

Don't wait to seek help. OERAP is accepting applications now. The program is offered to all eligible renters regardless of immigration status.

No cost or low-cost legal services may be available. For more info, go to OregonLawHelp.org.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book Review "The Appalachian Trail: A Biography"

by Philip D'Anieri

The Appalachian Trail is America's most beloved trek, with millions of hikers setting foot on it every year. Yet few are aware of the fascinating backstory of the dreamers and builders who helped bring it to life over the past century.

The conception and building of the Appalachian Trail is a story of the unforgettable characters who explored it, defined it, and capture national attention by hiking it. From Benton MacKaye — conservationist and planner, who first introduced the idea of a formal trail in 1921 — to Grandma Gatewood — a mother of 11 who thru-hiked in canvas sneakers and a drawstring duffle — to Bill Bryson, author of the best-selling "A Walk In The Woods," the trail has seized the American imagination like no other place.

Completed in 1937, the 2,000-mile-long hike from Georgia to Maine is not just a trail through the woods, but a set of ideas about nature etched in the forest floor. This character-driven biography of the trail is a must-read not just for ambitious hikers, but

for anyone who wonders about our relationship with the great outdoors and dreams of getting away from urban life for a pilgrimage in the wild.

Copy Machine and Scanner Now Available

In another slight return to normalcy, the library is making its photocopier and scanner available once again to the general public. Both had previously been unavailable during COVID-19. Copies are available in several sizes. For scanning, you must bring a thumb drive for your scans. The reference desk staff can provide additional assistance.

Virtual Program: "The Grand Circle Tour"

Join library director Meg Spencer on Tuesday, July 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., when she provides a virtual tour of the Grand Circle: the southwest National Parks including the Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Capitol Reef, Mesa Verde and more.

Spencer will show breathtaking photos and tell stories about her adventures during her travels in Arizona, Utah and Colorado last month.

Contact ref@siuslawlibrary.org for the required Zoom log-

in information.

Endowment Books: Spotlight on the Arts

Among the books purchased this year with Endowment funds are a number of books about the arts, ranging from painting to film, and more, including: "Alice: Alice Ravenel-Huger Smith, Charleston Renaissance Artist" by Dwight McInvaill with Caroline Palmer and Anne Tinker; "The Art of Ramona Quimby" by Anna Katz; "Brother Robert: Growing Up With Robert Johnson" by Anny C. Anderson; "The Essentials: 52 Must See Movies and Why They Matter" by Jeremy Arnold; "The Life and Times of Jo Mora: Iconic Artist of the American West" by Peter Heller; "Me and Sister Bobbie: True Tales of the Family Band" by Willie Nelson and Bobbie Nelson; "Modern World: The Art of Richard Hamilton" by Michael Bracewell; "The Musical Human: A History of Life on Earth" by Michael Spitzer; "The Principles of Pretty Rooms" by Phoebe Howard; and "Shooting Midnight Cowboy: Art, Sex, Loneliness, Liberation, and the Making of a Dark Classic" by Glenn Frankel.

'Art from the Heart' raises funds for cardiac care

Help improve heart health on the coast by participating in the first-ever "Art from the Heart Walk."

This fun, community fundraising event will launch on Friday evening, July 23, at 5 p.m. next to

the heart sculpture on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence.

Between July 23 and Sunday, Aug. 1, community members are invited to go to a participating local gallery to obtain a free passport

to begin their art walk. They will receive a stamp at each location visited and when they're finished, they may turn in their passport at Siuslaw News at 148 Maple St. to be entered into a raffle for a Legacy Portrait (valued at over \$450) by local photographer Rodger Bennett.

The "Art from the Heart Walk" is a great way to get exercise this summer, support the local arts community and raise funds

for improved cardiac care equipment and services at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Artists also will be donating their work for a silent auction.

More information about the virtual auction is available at <https://phhheart21.ggo.bid/>. All net proceeds from the auction and from the art walk's sponsors will benefit the Cardiac Program Support Fund.

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