

A Sweet Affaire adds more to life than romance

Proceeds go to recreation district scholarships

By Andrew R. Tonry
For the Seaside Signal

Martha was in second grade and homeless.

"She and her family were in and out of the Helping Hands shelter for quite a while," said Ryan Stanley, recreation coordinator for the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District.

Pool days, said Stanley, afforded Martha — not her real name — a rare chance to shower.

"Her parents were going through a really rough time, and she had taken on a lot of adult roles at the home," said Stanley. "Only being a second grader, this was a chance for her to be with kids and be a kid again."

Along with her class-

mates, Martha was given an after-school snack and a safe, supervised environment, along with access to the pool and myriad other extracurricular activities.

She was able to attend these after-school classes because she qualified for a scholarship. Such scholarships are paid for, in large part, by A Sweet Affaire, a smorgasbord of sugary indulgence in service of charity.

This year's Sweet Affaire runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Seaside Convention Center.

More than 30 businesses along the North Coast — including those from outside the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District — have donated time, product and an abundance of sweets in hopes



RYAN STANLEY

of helping fill the scholarship coffers.

But the sweets will be countered by the savory appetizers, including seafood, pizza and more from Tsunami Sandwich Company, the Water Boy Grill and Pizza Express.

So, too, will there be libations. Regional brewers from Buoy Beer and Bill's Tavern, along with Walnut City Wine

Works and The Wine and Beer Haus are donating as well.

Regardless of taste, ticket holders should come in need of satiation — Sweet Affaire is all-you-can-eat, all-you-can-drink.

Sweet scholarships

Attendees also will be encouraged to bid on donated packages, including those for swim lessons or summer camps.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be split down the middle between the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District and the Seaside Rotary.

Despite sharing funds with the Rotary, A Sweet Affaire is responsible for the majority of the Sunset Park and Recreation District's scholarship fund.

In total, last year, the district gave out more than \$22,000 in scholarships. Pro-

ceeds from A Sweet Affaire accounted for more than 72 percent of that figure.

"Last year, A Sweet Affaire was able to raise over \$16,000 towards those scholarships," said district General Manager Justin Cutler.

Scholarships to the district include not only after-school programs for young students like Martha, but swimming lessons, preschool and a summer camp that counts more than 20 attendees during July and August.

In all, last year, 314 individual scholarship grants, totaling almost \$18,000, were provided to children from elementary to high school, according to district documents.

Adults, too, benefited. In 2014, adults received 119 grants — mostly for access to the pool and recreation center — from the district.

The scholarships added up to \$4,000.

Cutler said he wants to keep the doors open to anyone who might benefit.

"Our goal is to get people into the facility," Cutler said. "If there is somebody who doesn't have the financial means to enter our facility on a regular basis then we want to make sure that we can provide that."

If you go:

WHAT: A Sweet Affaire
WHEN: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 8
WHERE: Seaside Civic and Convention Center
COST: \$35; tickets are available at the Sunset pool, 1140 Broadway
WHY: To raise funds for scholarships to fitness facilities
INFORMATION: 503-738-3311, ext. 101

Seaside Police Log

Jan. 17

12:33 a.m., 1000 block 24th Avenue: Officer advised citizens how to help with telephonic harassment.

Jan. 18

2:59 a.m., 13th Avenue and Holladay Drive: Anonymous complaint about a cab driver who the reporting party thought was intoxicated while driving his own personal vehicle.

6:01 p.m., 400 block South Roosevelt Drive: Officer responded to report to locate subject that was caught stealing cart full of groceries. Groceries were recovered, and suspect fled.

Jan. 19

5:22 a.m., 30 block South Holladay Drive: Transient male reported to front desk clerk he saw a human hand sticking out of a trailer. Officer checked the hand, it was a fake prop.

10:33 p.m., 1600 block Spruce Drive: Subject reported suspicious circumstances. Officers made contact; subject was warned for unlawful lodging.

Jan. 20

10:45 a.m., 800 block 10th avenue:

Complaint advised subject was sleeping in the backyard of the neighboring property, which is a vacant house. She also reports his dog comes onto her property, and subject (without permission) turns on her water. Officer responded and warned subject.

9:32 p.m., Necanicum Drive and the museum: Officer provided courtesy ride to hospital for person experiencing mental health crisis.

Jan. 21

10:53 a.m., 1000 block South Holladay Drive: Paper bag of rusted ammunition turned in for destruction. Ammunition found within deceased father's gun safe.

9:04 p.m., 700 block South Wahanna Road: Officers assisted other agency with suicidal subject.

Jan. 22

4:42 a.m., 200 block Third Avenue: citizen is reporting that somebody is leaving notes on his porch. No suspect information given. Officers took the notes in case a suspect is found.

Jan. 23

9:35 p.m., 1900 block Huckleberry Street: Caller reporting possi-

ble gun shots in the area. Officer searched the area and advised nothing suspicious in the area.

Jan. 24

7:26 a.m., 400 block First Avenue: Caller reported subjects sleeping in the doorway. Officer contacted subjects and advised them to move on.

Jan. 25

8:26 a.m., beach north of turnaround: Caller reported dog tied to log on the beach and nobody was around. Prior to officer arrival, complainant called back and stated owner came back and told her dog had bad hips, so he tied him up while he took other dogs for half hour walk on the beach. Complainant mentioned she was upset because the dog was tangled up.

Jan. 26:

11:26 a.m., Sunset Boulevard, cove area: Callers reporting subject pumping sea water out of ocean. Officers contacted subject, who was not doing anything illegal other than blocking the road. Permit not required to pump water from ocean.

3:07 p.m., 2500 block Sunset Boulevard: Caller reporting

woman with dementia lost and looking for daughter. Moments later daughter called looking for mother. Officer located elderly female and returned her to her daughter.

Jan. 27

8:30 a.m., 1500 block South Roosevelt Drive: Caller requested contact regarding subject who had been trespassed from shelter, sitting across the street and making her uncomfortable. Officer responded but was unable to locate the subject.

Jan. 28

8:53 a.m., 800 block 14th Avenue: Complaint of subject carrying bags of cans and bottles dropping one in front of his house and not picking it up. Officer located suspect.

Jan. 29

2:56 a.m., 860 South Roosevelt Drive: Reported dog at large. She was lodged at the kennel for the night. Officer attempted to make contact with owner, but it wasn't his dog.

Jan. 30

1:11 p.m., 810 South Holladay Drive: Officer responded to

report of person reported to be skinning animal on back deck. Officer advised all was OK; subject was skinning a rabbit.

10:24 p.m., Beach by the swings: officers investigated party on beach. Warrant arrest.

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