

Seaside police to honor fallen officers

The Seaside Police Department will be recognizing National Police Week by wearing special memorial badges on May 15 in recognition of the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C., to participate in a number of planned events that honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

A total of 1,466 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10

years, an average of one death every 60 hours or 146 per year. 117 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2014, while there have already been 40 law enforcement officers killed in 2015 while on duty as of May 7. One of these officers was an Oregon deputy with the Coos County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Gill Datan, who died on April 20 in an ATV accident.

The Seaside Police Department invites citizens to learn more about the heroes of American law enforcement and join us in respecting, honoring and remembering them.

For more information visit the National Law Enforcement Memorial webpage at nleomf.com

News in Brief

Safety fair coming this weekend

Several local organizations and agencies are working together to put on the Seaside Family Safety Fair on May 16. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seaside Fire Department, 150 S. Lincoln. The fair will feature a bike rodeo, so children are encouraged to bring their bikes. The short obstacle course/cone pattern is designed to help children learn to maneuver their bikes through stop signs and crosswalks and learn basic rules of the road, Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said. Children also can get an inspection of their bicycle and help tightening chains, if needed.

The event also will provide education on fire safety, pedestrian safety, poison safety, ambulance safety and water safety and include clinics on child identification and carseats.

As children go through informational stations at the fair, they get a stamp on a card. When the card is full, it goes into a drawing for one of two bicycles, one for a girl and one for a boy, Ham said. Money for the bikes and other safety equipment and prizes, such as bells, horns, locks, spoke decorations and other fun stuff, was donated by the Seaside Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club of Seaside, Providence Seaside Hospital and the Seaside Volunteer Fire Department.

The Seaside Police Department, Seaside Police Officer Association, Seaside Fire Department, Sunset Empire

Park & Recreation District, Prom Bike & Hobby Shop, Providence Seaside Hospital, Clatsop County Health & Human Services, Kiwanis of Seaside, Seaside Rotary Club and Pizza Harbor are sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Ham at (503) 738-6311.

Listening to the Land series

Join Neal Maine of PacificLight Images for a conversation in words and photographs about art, science, conservation, and quality of life in a presentation titled "What Do We Hear?" at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, at Seaside Public Library. It is the final program in this year's Listening to the Land speaker series. Admission is free; refreshments are served.

How do we listen to the land, and when we begin to hear the land's messages, what do we do? These are questions Maine has been asking himself—as an educator, naturalist, and photographer—for many years. Last year he shared a presentation entitled "The Art of Seeing." This year he continues that conversation, sharing his photographs and thoughts about how this adventure of listening to the land contributes to our quality of life.

Listening to the Land is an annual winter speaker series presented monthly by North Coast Land Conservancy and the Necanicum Watershed Council in partnership with the Seaside Public Library and with generous support from the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

'Impeach Obama' protest is the first of its kind in Seaside



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Robert, left, and Rhoda Friedman, with the Impeach Obama NOW Coalition, speak with a driver passing by on U.S. Highway 101 during a protest held May 3 outside Seaside City Hall. Members of the coalition have put on numerous protests in locations across the country, but this was the first one held in Seaside. Rhoda Friedman feels they received some support for their cause and were able to have discussions about political issues with passers-by, although some people also showed disdain for the protest by calling the Friedmans "racist" and flipping them off. Another person joined the protest for a little while, Rhoda Friedman said. They hope to make it a monthly occurrence. The coalition is aimed toward getting President Barack Obama removed from office. Robert Friedman is the author of a short book, "America: We the People, Not an Obamanation," in which he outlines 24 alleged, "and counting" offenses Obama has committed. The Impeach Obama NOW coalition is an ad-hoc coalition, not a formal, structured organization. For more information about the coalition, visit <http://ion-us.net/>.

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