

Pearl Harbor marked by city proclamation



Family members remember family who served in Pearl Harbor at the 2019 Pearl Harbor remembrance.

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Seaside Signal

Seaside marked the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a proclamation last Monday. The event, on Dec. 7, will also be remembered with a ceremony at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and on the First Avenue Pearl Harbor Bridge.

City Councilor Steve Wright read the proclamation, recalling Dec. 7, 1941, when more than 2,400 Americans were killed in the attack. "On that day, life changed in America, and the course of history was altered forever," the proclamation states. "In all, more than 16 million Americans wore the uniform of our nation and came from all walks of life. They served honorably and fought fiercely." At home, millions more

contributed to the war effort, laboring for victory in factories, on farms and across America, the proclamation says. "Today we honor those who fought and died at Pearl Harbor, and we pay special tribute to the veterans of World War II. Those heroes hold a cherished place in our history. Through their courage, sacrifice, and selfless dedication, they saved our country and preserved our freedom."

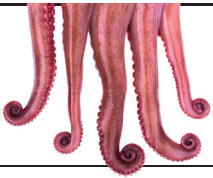
The ceremony at the convention center takes place Dec. 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Seaside Mayor Jay Barber. At 9:55, the ceremony moves to the nearby Pearl Harbor Bridge for the throwing of the wreath into the Necanicum.

Cake and refreshments will be served at the convention center, sponsored by American Legion Post 99.

Responding to stranded sea turtles

SEASIDE AQUARIUM

TIFFANY BOOTHE



It all started on Tuesday, Nov. 16. A report came through to the Seaside Aquarium about a stranded turtle near Ocean Park, Washington. The aquarium crew quickly responded but by the time they arrived the turtle had vanished. It was assumed that someone came across the turtle on the beach, thought it was dead, and picked it up, an action that is highly illegal. At 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning the aquarium got another report of a stranded turtle but this time it was a bit further north in Oysterville, Washington.

The aquarium asked if the reporting party would stay with the turtle until staff could get up there and retrieve the turtle. Luckily, they had the time and were thrilled to stay and "turtle sit."

When staff arrived, they were surprised to see that it was the same sea turtle that had been stranded nearly a week earlier. Distinctive marks on the turtle's shell confirmed it was the same animal. When these cold-stunned sea turtles wind up on the beach it can be very difficult to determine if the animal is dead or alive. They can be unresponsive, and their heartbeat can slow to one beat per minute. Other than being highly illegal, it is important to never take a sea turtle off the beach. Though it might look dead, there is a chance it is still alive.

In fact, when the aquarium responds to stranded sea turtles, they treat them all as if they are alive until proven otherwise and that is exactly how they treated this turtle. The fully grown olive



John Weldon

This turtle was gone before responding staff could get to Ocean Park where it was originally reported.



Seaside Aquarium

Olive ridley turtle recovered by the Seaside Aquarium.

ridley sea turtle was not showing any signs of life but it wasn't until the turtle had been recovered and taken back to the Seaside Aquarium for observation that it was eventually declared dead.

It is still unknown if someone came across the turtle on Tuesday, Nov. 16,

and picked it up, only to put the turtle back on the beach later in the week or if the turtle somehow swam back out, something that we have never had happen before.

While this situation is very sad, the aquarium would like to take the time to thank everyone involved in trying to rescue this animal. Thank you to the reporting party, Portland State University for helping to organize transfer of the turtle to a rehab facility, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium for being willing to take the turtle in for rehabilitation.

As far as we know this is the fourth turtle to be recovered in the last two months and "turtle season" has just begun. Two olive ridley sea turtles stranded in Oregon Oct. 27, both were alive and taken to the Oregon Coast Aquarium and a green sea turtle stranded on the Washington coast and is currently undergoing rehab at the Seattle Aquarium.

Cold-stunned sea turtles can be extremely difficult to rehab. Not only are they suffering from extreme hypothermia, but they also often have other underlying conditions such as pneumonia, infection, and dehydration. They are also prone to broken bones or damage to their shell due to stormy weather, heavy surf, or stranding on a rocky beach. It takes a great deal of care and dedication to work with these animals knowing only about 5% survive.

If you do happen to come across a sea turtle on either an Oregon or Washington beach contact the closest aquarium, state police, or the marine mammal stranding network. If possible, stay with the turtle until someone can respond. Do not move or touch the turtle unless advised to do so by a stranding official.

Crossing: Volunteers, city workers kept bridge on track

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Duncan's passion helped him recruit volunteers, regularly clearing the proposed work area along the trail. Duncan died in 2015, in the early phase of the project.

Duncan and volunteers marched through mud, brambles and elk droppings with loppers and saws. He was out working on the path two days before his death in September 2015.

Duncan's wife, Sandy shared his

wish for the project to come to fruition. After his death, donations poured in for the crossing project, and volunteers held maintenance work parties to keep the path clear in anticipation. City staff worked with local surveyors, engineers and contractors to obtain the necessary permits, certifications, materials, and ultimately, complete construction of the wetland crossing.

While the project was delayed by designs and permitting, volunteers and

city workers kept the bridge on track.

Mayor Paulina Cockrum and City Councilors Reita Fackerell, Dan Jesse, Kerry Smith and Brent Warren unanimously approved the proclamation.

Final steps will be placement of signs directing the trailgoers exiting 10th Street to where the trail continues, City Administrator Chad Sweet said. "We have already requested quotes for trail sign design with a local vendor and we'll be discussing that in the future."

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