

## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Now - We are still working to remove the 7000-plus pieces of Styrofoam off our beach before they are broken into smaller bits that will make collecting them even more challenging.

Current need - Between Oysterville and Bolstad "There were 6758 total chunks counted during the survey". If you can go onto the beach now and collect what you can, it would help tremendously. Grab friends, family, co-workers, or just yourself and head out to the beach. If you need a place to dump the material you collect, email Shelly@ourBeach.org to learn where you can take it. Thanks to a grant from our Pacific County Marine Resource Committee, we have funds to manage this first wave of debris. If you can email Shelly@OurBeach.org we can mark off areas that get cleaned and send folks to other areas still needing attention. Lots of areas are clean now, thanks to quick attention by volunteers. More areas are still in need of attention, especially from Bay Avenue south nearly 5 miles, with the worst concentration of debris about 3-3.5 miles south of Ocean Park.

On June 29th, Friday - Supporting the July 5th Community Beach Cleanup, 5pm potluck. No cost, just bring a dish to serve 7-10 people. The speaker following the potluck at the Peninsula Sr. Activity Center will be Brian Atwater, U.S. Geological Survey, Seattle. His topic will be "Surviving Tsunamis in Japan and Indonesia"

The Washington coast has a recent geological history of earthquakes that set off tsunamis. The most recent of these earthquakes occurred in January 1700. Its occurrence is abundantly recorded by the remains of dead trees on the shores of Willapa Bay and in the banks of its tidal creeks. The 1700 earthquake and tsunami resembled recent earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan and Indonesia. Lessons for Washington residents and visitors can be found in eyewitness accounts of the survivors of these Asian catastrophes.

Then there's:

July 4th - marchers are needed for the Ocean Park 4th of July Parade.

Please join us in marching in Ocean Park's Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade. We have a great time doing a little exercise down main street Ocean Park. People often tell us on July 5th, as they sign in to clean, that they saw us marching and decided it was time to join the effort. Parade starts at noon. We will meet in the U Street Field at 10:30 to decorate the truck/float. Please save your best ocean/beach litter for decoration and bring it with you. If you can't decorate, just show up before noon, find us in the parade order and be ready to march. We will tailgate a light lunch before we take off. Please e-mail Ellen Anderson at eandersea@aol.com if you are planning to march or have any questions.

July 5th – it's the typical drill. We need upward of 1000 volunteers to come out and join the organized one-day cleanup on Thursday, July 5th. Volunteers will be stationed at all the major beach approaches at 9:30 to hand out bags and help direct you where your help is most needed. If you can come, please email Shelly@OurBeach.org. If you can adopt a section of beach – even better! Email Shelly.

Read more: <http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/text/2018416994.html> and in our local paper.

Remember the soup feed at the Moose Lodge on U street in Ocean Park from Noon until the pots run dry.

Fireworks Reminder:

Worst offenders are missile batteries which spew into the environment a plastic piece per shot and which contain 25-1,000 shots per battery. Please visit [plasticsinfireworks.org](http://plasticsinfireworks.org) and be responsible when purchasing fireworks. Then share this information with others.

THANKS EVERYONE!

The GrassRoots Garbage Gang is an all-volunteer, Washington State not-for-profit group that cleans up the Peninsula beaches in SW Washington. Each January, April and July hundreds of volunteers clean the Peninsula's 25-mile beach. Support comes from incredible volunteers, local businesses, City of Long Beach, Marine Resource Committee, Washington State Parks and many others. For more information visit [www.ourbeach.org](http://www.ourbeach.org)