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Earth Day Highlights: Pacifica is Sparkling Thanks to Volunteers

From beach clean-ups to restoration efforts, it was hard NOT to 'Take a Bite out of Litter' at Pacifica's Earth Day 2013 event.

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The message this year at the Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC) (<http://www.pacificabeachcoalition.org/>)'s 9th Annual Earth Day Citywide Day of Action Event and Festival on Saturday was loud and clear: "Take a Bite out of Litter" — pick up trash and save a shark.

With the "Sharks of the Sea" theme, everyone this Earth Day weekend in Pacifica was encouraged to take the Shark Hero Pledge "to learn more about sharks, pick up litter and reduce my use of plastics."

People came as far as Chico and even Philadelphia, said PBC president Lynn Adams, to pick up trash (including hundreds of cigarette butts) all over Pacifica. Lots of plastic bottle caps, a pair of hiking boots, a Sponge Bob jumpy house found on Linda Mar Beach, and even a twenty dollar bill were just some of things collected.

"In our ninth year, the Pacifica Beach Coalition's Earth Day Festival has expanded from beaches to streets to parks," said Adams. "We could expand this day of action into other communities outside of Pacifica. It just takes one person to take that on, and we would provide the support."

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Forty volunteer crews worked all day, cleaning up beaches and parks and restoring the landscape by pulling out nonnative plants and weeds from alongside Highway 1 at Rockaway Beach to Pedro Point Headlands.

Later a festival with environmental booths, a circus, live bands, speakers and other entertainment followed the day of action. Marine biologist David McGuire — founder of the ocean health and shark conservation nonprofit Sea Stewards and the Shark Stewards project — was the keynote speaker.

"Supporting the Pacifica Beach Coalition and Sea Stewards helps reduce marine pollution and save big fish like sharks," said McGuire, who spent last week speaking to school groups in Pacifica about the cause.

It was a gorgeous sunny day, whales were spotted off of Linda Mar, and the turnout was remarkable. Here's what some participants had to say about the event on Pacifica's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PacificaPatch?ref=hl>):

Jennifer Silverman Varley
 (<https://www.facebook.com/eeyore16>) It was such a fun day! And it was amazing how much garbage we collected in an hour and a half!

Karen Peterson Ervin
 (<https://www.facebook.com/KarenPetersonErvin>) Thank you Girl Scouts for taking such great care of Pacifica!

Richard Piergrossi
 (<https://www.facebook.com/CaliENGR>) there is NO BETTER place to celebrate Earth Day then P-Town!!

Mary Bonilla
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<p>Customers Brave Cold Line Up Overnight for Rare Bourbon in Medford (/massachusetts/medford/customers-brave-cold-line-up-overnight-rare-bourbon-medford-0)</p>	<p>A number of people have filed suit accusing the parks of violating the disabled-lawsuits-</p>
<p>Neighbor Dispatches Martian Warrior in Response to Annoying Chicago Car Alarm (/illinois/bucktown-wickerpark/neighbor-dispatches-martian-warrior-response-annoying-chicago-car-alarm)</p>	<p>Temperatures dropped</p>
<p>Neighbor Dispatches Martian Warrior in Response to Annoying Chicago Car Alarm (/illinois/bucktown-wickerpark/neighbor-dispatches-martian-warrior-</p>	<p>The tiny plastic creature was the counterpunch to a nasty wakeup call at 5 a.m.</p>

love watching the waves , inspiring.

Here are some of the sights and sounds of Earth Day in Pacifica, including Adams with Pacifica city councilmembers Mike O'Neill and Karen Ervin, stating the Shark Hero Pledge.

Did you participate in any Earth Day events on Saturday? Tell us about it in the comments, or share your photos by clicking the "Upload Photos & Videos" tab above.

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David McGuire • 2 years ago

Looks like we need a skater ed program. Lets talk about it at the PBC Happy Hour at the Surf Spot this Thursday.

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Amanda Hall • 2 years ago

Please make every day Earth Day! By Sunday afternoon the skatepark parking lot had it's usual amount of trash - heartbreaking after all the hard work of the day before.

Mandy

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David McGuire • 2 years ago

Lynn Adams and the PBC are amazing! Pacifica is so fortunate to have such a great community who cares about the environment and ocean life. It was so fun speaking to kids and participating. Thank you!

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Alyssa Jenkins • 2 years ago

Thank you so much to Perrin Belway at Terra Nova High School for leading a campus clean-up and weeding effort...and thank you to all of the parents, students, and teachers who attended!

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ian butler • 2 years ago

Every day IS Earth Day, but some days are more Earth Day than others!

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Jo Tog • 2 years ago

Every day is Earth Day. I think celebrating Earth Day on Communist Birthday Vladimir Lenin is wrong. Children are already taught that Mother Earth is special.

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