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Pacifica Beach Coalition & Environmental Family Honor King Holiday with Beach Cleanup & Restoration



Pacifica Beach Coalition, in collaboration with Pacifica's Environmental Family, joins the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service sponsored by the CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE during the King holiday weekend. Pacificans and others put in a little beach time and volunteered at Pacifica State Beach in Linda Mar on Saturday, January 17.

These two service projects are among thousands of activities taking place throughout the country this coming weekend to honor the legacy of Dr. King. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, directing the King Center and the Corporation for National and Community Service to encourage Americans of all ages to donate time over the MLK holiday weekend to help make their communities better places and, in so doing, to honor Dr. King's life and teachings. All ages are welcome to participate.

Every January, for the past 12 years, longtime Pacificans Clark Natwick, Mary Petrilli, and an ever-widening group of supporters and friends have been planting native plants on our local beaches. They also remove non-native plants to give more room for native plants to take root. During this time, Clark and his volunteers have planted more than 12,000 native plants at Linda Mar, resulting in an amazing diversity of habitat. One of the many outcomes of this effort has been a dramatic increase in the number of endangered snowy plovers visiting Linda Mar each year along with a beautiful burst of flowers each spring.

Pacifica Beach Coalition cleanups have taken place since this group's inception in the late 1980s. In that time, this group has picked up tons of litter from Pacifica beaches and has been an effective advocate for our beaches with our elected city officials. Pacifica Beach Coalition holds beach cleanups on the third Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. at this same location.

INFORMATION: Call Clark Natwick at 219-9214 or email him at clarkn@mac.com about habitat restoration. Call Lynn Adams at 355-1668 or email her at PickItUpPacifica@gmail.com about beach cleanups. King Holiday: MLK DAY OF SERVICE



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