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www.highway112.org!

The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association is pleased to announce its new website. The website includes a wealth of information for the visitor and for the communities along the byway. Perhaps some of the most useful tools are the downloadable and searchable maps of the area highlighting points of interest, scenic stops and historical sights along the route.

A menu of "Things to Do" includes information about the incredible variety of activities available. The visitor is given "locals only" information about activities such as visiting the Joyce Depot Museum, tide pooling at Tongue Point, fishing in Sekiu and hiking along the many hidden beaches along the strait.

Travelers can "Send A Postcard" to their friends back home. This popular feature allows the visitor to send a virtual postcard. Choose from ten stunning photos then send a personal message. Your friends and family will really "wish they were here!"

An extensive "Photo Gallery" can also be viewed. The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association has an extensive photo library including photos from professional photographers in the area and a talented group of local artists.

Travelers can use the "Business Directory" to find places to stay, eat, and shop, and services they will need to have a memorable stay in this beautiful area. The directory is also designed to connect communities and businesses. Members will have the opportunity to purchase ad space on the website to highlight their business to travelers.

Please take a few minutes to journey through the website and then pack your trunk and a picnic and head out along our beautiful Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." Mark Twain

On the Strait and Narrow...

WSDOT is replacing the culvert along SR 112 (MP 25.6) to eliminate the fish passage restriction, provide a more natural streambed and lessen required maintenance. A four day road closure is proposed in order to decrease construction costs, minimize environmental impacts, and reduce the length of construction. During the road closure, highway traffic will detour onto US 101 and SR 113 (Burnt Mountain Road). One-way flagger controlled traffic will accommodate local access only.

WSDOT needs help in selecting the closure days of the week with the least amount of impact to the community. The public is invited to attend an open house (see dates, time, location in the What's Happening column) to share information and collect comments. Please attend the open house most convenient for you, or email your comments to orfeedback@wsdot.wa.gov.

What's Happening...

March 14

WSDOT Open House regarding proposed 4-day Road Closure (see article) 4:30 - 7pm at the Clallam Bay Library

March 15

WSDOT Open House regarding proposed 4-day Road Closure (see article) 4:30 - 7pm at the Port Angeles Library

March 26

JFSBA Meeting, Sekiu (location TBA) 5pm - 7pm

April 6 and 7

Joyce Flea Market, Crescent Grange

April 21

Washington Coast Clean-up
<http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov>

April 23

JFSBA Meeting, Joyce Blackberry Cafe 5pm - 7pm

May 13

Great Olympic Peninsula Duck Derby, Nippon Canal, Port Angeles "buy a duck, win a truck."

Byway members will be selling ducks in your community starting April 13th. A portion of the duck sales come back to the association to help with byway projects. Thanks for your support!

May 21

JFSBA Meeting, Neah Bay (location TBA) 5pm - 7pm

May 26

Fly In at Seiku Airport - www.sekiu.com

May/June

Eagle Fest, Neah Bay - www.makah.com
Sekiu Halibut Derby - watch for updates:
www.sekiu.com

June 25

JFSBA Meeting, Joyce Family Kitchen 5pm - 7pm

Welcome "back" to the highway...

Strait Shots Espresso in Clallam Bay has reopened under the ownership of Trish Hutson. It's great to have this business on the east end of town open again - especially for 112 commuters and visitors.



A dream has been realized for Jane Heilman of **Sunsets West Co-op!** Jane recently moved and expanded her business to the center of Clallam Bay. Donna Sandstrom of the Whale Trail and Jacqueline Laverdure of NOAA recently stopped in the store and found an abundance of snacks, ice cream and gifts! The new location offers a cozy sitting area and library of used books. Jane has plans for a commercial kitchen and in the future the Co-op will offer home-cooked food.

Byway projects/Telling the story...

There are new interpretive panels for travelers to enjoy at Freshwater Bay and Clallam County Park. At Freshwater Bay, the topics are Name Origins and Extinct Communities. Did you know that the Twin Rivers area was once a thriving place for picnics, dances and sports on the beach and that during WWI, more than 200 soldiers/loggers made it the world's largest logging camp?

At Clallam Bay Park, you will find vast information about the many Shipwrecks along the Strait of Juan de Fuca as well as learn about the Mosquito Fleet - a flotilla of vessels that transported people, goods and the mail to the communities along the Strait during the late 1800's to early 1900's.

Coming this spring will be the final installment of an interpretive area at Pillar Point. Thank you to Clallam County Parks Department for partnering with the JFSBA on this project and for developing and installing the panels.

Interpretive Gateway: Elwha River... The JFSBA will begin work this Spring on Phase I of the new grant to develop interpretation at the Elwha Dam removal area.

Whale tails and flock watch... We are very sorry to share the news that a juvenile orca calf who was found on the Washington coast near Long Beach last month was identified as L-112 (Sooke). She was approximately 3 years old, the daughter of L-86 (Surprise). Students along Highway 112 participated in a whale naming contest, sponsored by JFSBA, in 2010. The Association took an interest in L-112 because of the connection of her whale id number to the name "Highway 112" and hoped that a name from the Highway 112 community would be selected for the whale. JFSBA submitted names from the contest to the Whale Museum selection committee including, Re-Joyce, Journey and Fisher. More information about the loss of orca L-112 can be found at www.thewhaletrail.org

The Association... Welcome to our new Board Members voted in at the Annual meeting in January: Ali Baker of Chito Beach Resort and Bud Denney from the Makah Tribe. Re-elected to the board were Michelle Little and Sande Balch. The JFSBA Board would like to thank Greig Arnold, Transportation Planner with the Makah Tribe, who recently resigned from the Board. Greig served on the board since its inception and his contributions were many. Special thanks to Greig for his leadership and service.

The 2012 **Membership Drive** is currently taking place. Please return your renewal forms to Sande Balch (sandrabalch@olypen.com) at your earliest convenience.

Are you interested in becoming a member? There are many benefits including a listing in printed *Milepost Business Directory* and a listing on the website. The directory is used to connect the communities along Hwy 112 and it is a valuable resource to travelers, residents and business owners.

Please contact Sande (sandrabalch@olypen.com) or Michelle (michelledlittle@gmail.com) for information and an application.

More Happenings...

May 2 - 4

The Washington State Society of American Foresters annual meeting will be held on the Olympic Peninsula. Foresters from across the state will meet in Port Angeles and many will be visiting tree farms and communities along Highway 112.

Museum Hours

Joyce Depot Museum:
Saturdays 10AM - 4PM
Summer hours begin
Memorial Day weekend

Makah Museum: open 7
days a week year round,
makahmuseum@centurytel.net

Visitor Center Hours

Clallam Bay Visitor Center:
Daily 10AM - 5PM
April 1 - Nov 1
To volunteer at the center,
please call Brian Harmon at
963-2581.

Mission... "To promote the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway 112 Scenic Byway."

We welcome your participation in the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association or projects that may be developed from community input. Please contact Michelle Little at 360.417.1301 or email michelledlittle@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer, need some information, or have questions or concerns.

JFSBA Directors: Joe Murray (Pres), Alex Stevens (VP), Bill Drath (Treas), Sande Balch (Secy), Margaret Owens, Diane Schostak, Carolyn Flint, Bob Pensworth, Bud Denney, Ali Baker and Michelle Little.