

## **Remembering Those Affected by The 2011 March Tsunami in Japan**

### **Local News**

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LONG BEACH, Wash. - Pacific County Emergency Management Agency, the City of Long Beach, and the World Kite Museum, is organizing a remembrance day to acknowledge the lives affected by the Great Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami. The Japan Tsunami Remembrance event is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. on March 10th at the World Kite Museum on the Long Beach Peninsula. The purpose of this event is to remember the Japanese people and applaud their resilience and recovery after the enormous 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami of two years ago. In addition, the agencies intend to increase knowledge of Japanese culture and demonstrate that Pacific County does not blame the Japanese for the tsunami debris that has washed ashore. In fact, the people of the community view these items and their origin as interesting and educational.



*As a final note, please be aware that Daylight Savings Time begins the morning of the 10th. The clocks will "spring forward" turning 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. If you have questions or need additional information about the event. Please contact Lea Reuss at 360-642-4482 or email [ltreuss@co.pacific.wa.us](mailto:ltreuss@co.pacific.wa.us)*

The agenda for the day includes:

- Welcome, crane display, and moment of silence
- Speech from the Mayor of Long Beach
- Reading of Consulate-General of Japan's Statement
- Director of the World Kite Museum will welcome kite flyers
- Kite flyers will fly their kites at the beach

People are encouraged to visit the World Kite Museum the morning of March 10th to look at the Japanese kite display and to make an origami crane or two. In Japanese legend, making 1,000 origami cranes brings eternal good luck or a wish. To bring luck to Japan, people are invited to make cranes at the museum before or after the event. The cranes will be displayed through the middle of June. If you are interested in making cranes prior to the event a template and instructions are available on the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PCEMA](http://www.facebook.com/PCEMA). Please bring them to the museum on March 10th.