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Prepared food tax ordinance fails by vote of 3-2

Council to decide if they will put issue in front of voters in Nov. election

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

An ordinance that would have imposed a 5 percent tax on prepared food in Cannon Beach failed to pass Wednesday, July 14, by a vote of 2-3.

City councilors Robin Risley, Mayor Sam Steidel and Brandon Ogilvie voted against the ordinance and councilors Nancy McCarthy and Mike Benefield voted in favor of the ordinance.

The next step is for the council to vote on a resolution that would, if it passes, refer to the voters at the Nov. 2 election the question of whether to impose a food tax. The council will vote on this resolution at its August 3rd meeting.

At the roll call last night when it came time for Ogilvie's vote, he was silent for a moment and then said he was going to change his vote. "I am going to insist this does go for a vote of the people."

During the discussion prior

to the vote Mayor Steidel said this tax "is so impactful to the community that the community needs to make the decision."

At the start of the meeting, the council heard public comment. The council chamber was filled and overflowing.

Patrick Nofield said lodging is "up 30-40 percent over the past few months." He said the forecast for an increase in revenues to the city through September is "\$1,700,000 a year. What about an increase in the 8 percent lodging tax to fund the city projects."

"The question begs, why aren't we talking about leveraging these extra dollars?" he said.

Deanna Hammond, owner of the Cannon Beach Bakery, said the country is going into a recession. "It's hard to get product now." Everyone will be paying more for food. She said they are "almost hoarding" some products to be able to operate the business.

"Adding this tax now is bad timing," she said. "This

(city) building is going to last three more years – there's got to be other alternatives. If businesses die, where does your tax come from. We need to think long and hard about what this is going to do for our community in the long run."

"Please think about this... (it) could be catastrophic for the community," she said.

Les Sinclair said: "It doesn't make sense" to do this with a property tax and that he didn't "know of a better or fairer way" than a food tax.

Ryan Dewey said: "Put it to a vote ... that's the bottom line."

Some said they didn't understand how a food tax to provide revenue for the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District somehow turned into a conversation about a food tax to fund a new city hall and police station.

Don Newman asked how the idea of the "fire department getting help" became "the city getting a new



The Cannon Beach City Council will take a vote at their Aug. 3 meeting to see if they should put the prepared food tax in front of voters in the Nov. election. Pictured is a wedge salad at the Driftwood Restaurant and Lounge in Cannon Beach.

building."

"I'm just a little worried about this," Newman said.

City Manager Bruce St. Denis said the fire department is "extremely limited" as to

how they can raise funds. If they asked for a property tax increase, it would end after three years making it difficult for them to hire staff. The fire district came to the city,

which has the power to impose a food tax, the revenues of which they could pass on

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SHOW ON THE ROAD



Coaster Theatre will be at McClure Park in Astoria to perform two original plays Sunday July 25. This is free to the public. Photo courtesy of George Vetter

Liberty Theatre presents The Coaster Theatre in McClure Park

The Liberty Theatre is proud to present a partnership performance with The Coaster Theatre & Playhouse, from Cannon Beach, at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at McClure Park in Astoria. The players will perform two original plays that are fun for the whole family.

Bring a picnic and enjoy popcorn from the Liberty Theatre. This performance is free and open to the public.

SIXTY-SECOND SHAKESPEARE

Hear ye! Hear ye! Come one and all to the Coaster Theatre's production of Sixty Second Shakespeare. A collection of humorous scenes, sonnets and words (each piece no longer than a minute) from classic Shakespearean plays. Created to

entertain Shakespearean novices and experts alike. Join us for these fun and accessible,



sixty-second-takes on Shakespeare. Huzzah!

CASE OF THE COASTER CLAMBAKE

Who dunnit? Was it Joey

Breakers? An American surfer that seeks the ultimate wave. Or Holly Day? An Irish

socialite who likes to check out the men – but only for overnight. Or Cannon Beach local Pete Zaria? An Italian pizza restaurateur with a history of saucy fashion and traditions. Maybe it was Les Baggs? The German tourist with lost luggage and no luck. Or possibly Sue Nami? A French oceanographer who came to Cannon Beach for the summer and knows everyone's business. Join British detective Clive Sheerluck as he unravels the mystery of his own demise and help Clive uncover his killer.

This performance will take place at McClure Park: 701-799 Franklin St, Astoria. Popcorn available, attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets, and picnic items. This event will be outdoors.

White Bird Gallery celebrates 50 years in Cannon Beach

White Bird Gallery began during the summer of 1971, and was named after a popular song of the time "White Bird" by It's a Beautiful Day. The gallery has operated in its current Cannon Beach location since founder Evelyn Georges first opened the doors.

Georges' unique gallery vision focused on the full integration of fine art and studio craft. She began as a potter and established the gallery with local painter Steve McLeod. Over the years many notable artist have graced the gallery walls, including prominent Northwest figures like Frank Boyden, Royal Nebeker and Sherrie Wolf.

The gallery commemorates this milestone with a seven weeks-long summer celebration of rotating artworks in a salon style hanging. Highlights include a collection of recently uncovered vintage gallery posters, as well as new works by current gallery artists reflecting on the song

"White Bird" and works from the archives by former gallery artists. Ceramicists Dave and Boni Deal are featured with a stunning new collection of raku fired pieces.

Dave Deal did his first raku firing on the beach during the summer of 1971 and has been showing at White Bird Gallery ever since. This September, as part of the Earth & Ocean Arts Festival, Dave will commence his final raku beach firing in celebration of 50 years.

The 50th anniversary commemorative poster release will feature two different editions with celebratory artwork by Robin and John Gumaelius and a gorgeous 'Summer Cliffs' scene by long-time gallery artist Randall David Tipton who will be featured in a solo exhibit starting mid September.

50th Anniversary Summer Celebration!
July 17 – Sept. 6



John Gumaelius "Fabulous 50th at Cannon Beach" oil on canvas, 2021. The White Bird Gallery is celebrating its 50th anniversary now through Sept. 6.

Cannon Beach Police to educate public on distracted driving

Beginning Aug. 1, the Cannon Beach Police Department, and law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon, will utilize federally funded overtime to educate the public regarding the dangers of distracted driving.

Distracted driving is a dangerous behavior for drivers, passengers and non-occupants alike. Distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead (per NHTSA).

Statistics provided by the police department for the period between 2014 and 2018: From 2014-2018 there were 22,410 fatal and injury crashes resulting in 137 fatalities and 21,027 injuries caused by crashes involving a distracted driver in Oregon (all ages).

2014-2018 There were 1,969 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver (all ages) reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash: 18 fatalities and 1,755 people injured.

2014-2018 There were 151 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver age 16-18 reported to have been using a cell phone at the time of the crash: Zero fatalities and 182 people injured.

2014-2018 There were 65,138 convictions for this offense.

Convictions for using a mobile electronic device 2014-2018

2014 - 17,723
2015 - 15,264
2016 - 10,317
2017 - 8,748
2018 - 13,086
Total - 65,138

2014-2018 There were 39 crashes involving, but not limited to a pedestrian, using a cell phone: Three fatalities and 36 injuries.

2014-2018 There were 13 crashes involving, but not limited to a pedal-cyclist, using a cell phone: Zero fatalities and 13 people injured.

From 2014-2018 there were 224 fatal and injury work zone distracted driving crashes. This resulted in four fatalities and 381 people injured.

While April was Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Cannon Beach Police Department's officers will continue their diligence in locating distracted driving violations. Remember, for your safety and that of others, when it's time to drive, hang up your phone, reduce or eliminate distractions, and ensure you give your full attention to the safe operation of your vehicle.

Police assist in nabbing female driver in Friday night car chase

Just before 10 p.m. Friday evening, July 16, Oregon State Police officers got involved in a chase. Officers were in pursuit of a silver B.M.W. with a female driver on Hwy. 26 with speeds at 90 plus. The driver of the B.M.W. then went south on 101 passing Manzanita into Nehalem then continued south towards Wheeler. Manzanita Police Office John Garcia set up spike strips at 101 and 53. The B.M.W. ran over them and flattened all four tires then continued into Wheeler where it spun out at 101 and Hemlock. According to reports, officers tried to get her out at gun point but had to break a window. She was transported by Tillamook ambulance to Seaside hospital to be checked for any injuries. O.S.P., Cannon Beach and Manzanita police were involved.



Fatal crash on Hwy 30 in Clatsop County

Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle crash at 12:50 a.m. Monday, July 19, on Hwy 30 near milepost 87. Preliminary investigation revealed a Mazda Protege, operated by Joshua Johns of Westport, was eastbound when it crossed into the westbound lane and collided with a Kia Sorento operated by Joe Houston of Ocean Park, Wash.

Johns sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH). The passenger, Danielle Hammer of Westport, was transported to CMH for injuries.

Houston and passenger, Kathryn Matthai of Ocean Park, were both transported to CMH for injuries.

OSP was assisted by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and ODOT.



Cannon Beach Liquor Store relocates

Cannon Beach Liquor Store has moved from its long-time location on Sunset Boulevard in Cannon Beach to its new space at 1315 S. Hemlock Street.

Owner Paul Pastor said, "There are so many new products in the liquor industry that we wanted a larger space in order to offer both those items and the addition of a beer and wine section for our community and visitors," owner Paul Pastor said.

Manager Michael McGary said the new space is around twice the size of the previous location allowing for an expansion into seltzer's, ciders, some drinkware, and a wider variety of mixers and related cocktail ingredients. He also noted that the move to Cannon Beach's main artery of Hemlock Street provides greater visibility for the store, making it easier for visitors to locate it. Both men expressed their anticipation that customers will likely find most of what is available on the Oregon market at the new store.

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VACANT OCEAN VIEW LOT
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\$349,000

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Oregon's classic salmon license plate gets a new look

A new salmon plate design will be on the road Sept. 1, with limited time left to purchase classic salmon plate design

Oregonians will soon have a choice about how they display their support for salmon habitat. A new salmon license plate design will be available September 1st, or Oregonians can opt for the classic salmon license plate until August.

Lowest-numbered new plates will be available through a special auction in cooperation with Oregon nonprofits that support salmon habitat restoration.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department first debuted the salmon plate in 1998. Revenue from the specialty plate protects and restores native salmon habitat. To date over \$8 million of salmon plate funding has been invested in Oregon.

"When coupled with voter-dedicated investments from the state's Lottery, this plate allows salmon supporters to show their true colors and invest in a worthwhile cause - healthy salmon habitat," says Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The original plate was one of the earliest custom designs available in Oregon, and the new design is a colorful upgrade, showing spawning salmon in a clear, cool stream. The new art was created by Gretchen Kirchner, an amateur artist and former graphic designer for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The public can continue to order the classic plate design before they retire in August and can keep the classic plates on their car if they choose, while still supporting habitat projects.

To launch the new salmon license plate, the Oregon Conservation Partnership (ORCP) is hosting a Salmon Plate VIP List Auction using eBay. On July 20, 2021, members of the public can go to <https://www.ebay.com/> and search for "Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Salmon License Plate." The auction allows bidders to secure low number spots on the VIP list for plate numbers SM 00001 through SM 00020 when the new plates are released. Bids must be placed by 5:00pm on July 30, 2021 to be eligible. Proceeds from the auction will benefit statewide nonprofit organizations who strongly support on-the-ground salmon recovery in Oregon.

The new plates will be available for passenger vehicles through the Oregon Department of Transportation's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) beginning September 1, 2021, but when and how Oregonians apply for the new plate matters. To guarantee landing the new salmon plate design, vehicle owners need to apply in person, online at DMV2U, or by mail on or AFTER September 1, 2021. Orders online or in person before August 31, 2021 will receive the classic plate.

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Prepared food tax is not new Oregon, other communities have passed similar measures

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution Aug. 3 that would put before the voters on Nov. 2 a question whether to impose a food tax.

The city of Cannon Beach has talked about using this food tax to fund a new city hall and improvements to the police station as well as to help the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District with its budget shortfalls.

Cannon Beach is not the first city in Oregon to consider and impose a food tax. Currently Yachats and Ashland have such a tax. The city of Newport is holding a public hearing on Monday about whether to put a 5 percent food and beverage tax before the voters on November 2nd. The vote on the resolution could happen that night.

In the early 1990s, the voters of the city of Ashland approved a 1 percent food and beverage tax, according to Adam Hanks, Ashland’s city manager.

The revenue from that tax has gone to parks and land acquisition, Hanks said. The ordinance allowed the council to increase the tax over time, which it did to 5 percent. The other four percent went to debt service on the waste treatment plant.

He said the city revised the ordinance two other times. Ashland still has that tax in effect for another nine years.

Whether Ashland’s tax impacts its local restaurants’ business may be colored by the fact that a number of their customers are from California, where a food tax already exists, he said. Customers may not be surprised to see the tax in Ashland.

As a revenue stream, the revenues from the food and beverage tax were “down

drastically” during the pandemic when restaurants could only sell takeout, he said. To use this as a revenue stream for a fire district could be “risky.”

He also said the city of Ashland asked the voters to rebuild its old city hall at a cost of \$7 million and that was defeated.

“Many communities in Oregon are struggling with finding adequate revenue streams to fund public safety,” he said.

Julie Akins, mayor of Ashland, said the reason, in part, why the food and beverage tax has not had as negative an impact on the restaurants may be that a number of Ashland restaurants are “well known” and people are willing to pay more to have that experience.

A group of citizens put a food and beverage tax on the ballot two years ago to be imposed in the city of Jacksonville, said Stacey Bray, city

finance director. The tax was defeated.

The city of Newport hired Rick Osborn, principal of Blue Ridge Strategies, LLC, a consulting firm, to work with them before voting to put this question to the voters.

Newport City Manager Spencer Nebel said Newport formed a citizens’ finance group that looked for three years “at a number of options to generate sufficient revenues to meet the (city’s) needs.” The group ultimately decided it was a fairness issue to defray some of the costs of the tourists who use the city streets and services by imposing a food and beverage tax. They also looked to Yachats and Ashland where such a tax is working.

The revenues from the Newport tax, should the voters approve it, would pay for the addition of positions to the library and the public safety and fire departments



and for improvements to park buildings, such as a recreation and aquatic center.

Osborn said the imposition of taxes is “always going to be a fairness issue.” Each community needs to look at its own dynamics.

As published in a previous story by The Gazette, Tom Lauritzen, temporary accountant for the city of Yachats, said their food and beverage

tax has been in effect since 2006.

“The effect of the tax (on volume of business) has been “virtually non-existent.” However, the closest city is nine miles away, Waldport, which was “not known for their restaurants at that time.” The next closest city is Florence 25 miles away, which is a long drive to save a 5 percent tax.

Shipwrecked Music Festival held Aug. 21

Ahoy! Feeling a bit shipwrecked after this past year cast adrift in a sea of COVID-19? You are rescued thanks to United Way of Clatsop County’s Shipwrecked Music Festival, to be held Saturday, Aug. 21.

The festival, located at Clatsop County Fairgrounds’ grassy amphitheater, will showcase performances by six music groups, including local favorites The Hackles, Public Nuisance and Holiday Friends, as well as

familiar sounds of Bart Budwig - an eastern Oregon singer/songwriter, Mike Izon, a Hawaiian music scene sensation and Shannon Curtis, an author, pianist, and dream-pop singer/songwriter.

In addition to music, the festival boasts regional food carts, craft beer, wine, distilleries, and a game area for patrons and families.

“This last year and a half has felt oppressive in many ways, but now we finally have

the opportunity to safely gather again for fun--and a good cause.” said Kassia Nye, Director of United Way of Clatsop County. “What better way to celebrate than with live music, great food, craft beverages and each other?”

The event is being made possible by Buoy Beer/ Pilot House Distilling who are co-presenting the event with Lum’s Auto Center. Lewis & Clark Bank, MEDIX and

other local sponsors have covered the costs of the festival, which allows all proceeds from ticket and vendor sales to aid marginalized populations in Clatsop County. Tickets start at \$40 and include two complimentary drinks.

To find out more about the festival, or to purchase tickets, visit clatsopunitedway.org.

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to the district.

St. Denis said the city hall could not survive a seismic event and the people who endured it would look to the city to lead them afterwards. The city staff

would need a building to work from after the event and a place for their computers and radios.

He said the city “would be helping you (residents) put your life back together.”

Zach Poole, CEO of Pig ‘N Pancake said: “There are much better ways to approach this (than a food tax).”

Poole, speaking at the meeting, held up a can of Campbell’s Soup and a wrapped package of muffins, two items on which the proposed would tax would not apply.

He said the soup was made in San Leandro, California and the muffins also outside Cannon Beach. He asked the council to consider what they would be doing by taxing locally

made products and meals.

Deb Atiyeh said: “I can just feel the energy in this room – it’s hostile. It’s not gonna cost the restaurants.”

Jim Oyala asked the city to consider other options. He said a property tax would raise his taxes by \$184 a year, the cost of getting his teeth cleaned.

Oyala asked the city to “spend some time and energy... I realize the


food and beverage tax wouldn’t consume a lot of the city’s time.

“Let’s cool it for a while. Why can’t we have a blue ribbon committee?” he said.

The council discussed putting in the resolution a way to provide grant money to restaurants to help them switch their accounting systems to collect a food tax.

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MEETINGS
AUGUST 2021

3 City Council Regular Meeting

10 City Council Work Session

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

19 Design Review Board Meeting

26 Planning Commission Meeting

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, July 6, 2021

- Adopted Resolution 21-22 for the Purpose of Establishing a Special Event Fee Resolution
- Adopted Resolution 21-23 for the Purpose of Demonstrating the Success of a No Fireworks
- Discussed the Prepared Food Tax. Council moved to proceed with the Prepared Food Tax with a 3/2 vote
- Council discussed the role of the Parks & Community Services Committee in the ECFR plan update

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, July 14, 2021

- Ordinance 21-05 Amending The Municipal Code By Amending Title 3 Revenue And Finance To Add Chapter 3.30 Prepared Food Sales Tax failed with a 2/3 vote
- Discuss a Prepared Food Tax Referral Resolution

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The Design Review Board met June 17 to discuss:

- Consideration of the Free-Standing Sign Permit FS#21-01 for Cannon Beach Liquor LLC **Approved**
- Consideration of the Free-Standing Sign Permit FS#21-02 for Tolovona Architect LLC **Approved**

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission met June 24 to discuss:

- ZO 21-01, Will Rasmussen request, on behalf of Haystack Rock LLC, for a zoning ordinance text amendment regarding notice requirements for development and conditional use permitting of new roads or driveways utilizing public rights-of-way. **Approved**
- James Adams & Kerry Burg, property owners of 264 W. Kenai Street, for a Setback Reduction of the rear-yard setback requirement for an accessory structure at an existing single- family residence. **Approved**

Of Interest...

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Click the Cannon Beach Elementary School Project link under the heading Current Topics

Cannon Beach Transportation System Plan
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Public Notices Now Available on the City Website
Go to www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/planning/page/public-notice to see what’s coming up!

Want to join Coffee with a Councilor?
The next session is August 16, 2021 at 10:00 am
Attend in person or on Zoom

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) is accepting volunteers!
Do you enjoy sharing your love of Haystack Rock? Do you want to gain experience in education, conservation, or environmental stewardship? HRAP is accepting volunteers. No experience necessary – we train and all ages welcome!



Have you checked out our website lately?
The City website provides updates on current topics such as:

- Emergency evacuation lists
- Go-Bag lists
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<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt>

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Click Services, Under the Police Department section click Code Enforcement Complaint
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Large fish, rare to Oregon Coast, found on Sunset Beach

A large fish, rare to the Oregon Coast, was found on Sunset Beach Wednesday, July 14. The 3.5 foot, 100 lbs Opah was reported to the Seaside Aquarium at 8 a.m. After seeing photographs of the unusual fish they quickly responded and recovered the fish. It created quite the stir at the Aquarium where folks were encouraged to come take a look at this beautiful and odd looking fish. Always on the lookout for new educational opportunities, the fish will be frozen until the school year starts.

Partnering with the Columbia River Maritime Museum's educational director, Nate Sandel, one lucky school group will get the chance to dissect this large fish.

While rare this far north it is not unheard of. According to OregonLive a 97 pound Opah was caught 37 miles off of the Columbia River Mouth in 2009.

Opahs can grow to over 6 feet and weigh over 600 pounds. They inhabit pelagic (meaning they live in the open ocean), tropical and temperate waters where they feed on krill and squid.



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Coast Guard kicks off Operation Be Whale Wise

The Coast Guard kicks off Operation Be Whale Wise to encourage the public to practice safe

whale-watching this summer in the Pacific Northwest. Operation Be Whale Wise is an effort to educate the public through outreach and enforcement activities, as well as increase the public's stewardship of these local orcas through engagement of "citizen science."

The Coast Guard is working closely with several partner agencies focused on educating the public and raising awareness within the boating community, including enforce southern resident orca vessel buffer zones and other vessel-related regulations in the Puget Sound.

The Puget Sound and Salish Sea is home to numerous species of marine mammals. The most recognized of these is the Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW). This species of whale is a distinct population of orcas that are genetically unique from their transient counterparts. They have evolved to feed on fish instead of mammals.

SRKW continue to be a critically endangered species with only 73 members remaining as of February 2021. It is important to keep our marine friends safe from preventable mishaps.

Federal regulations prohibit vessels from approaching killer whales within 200 yards or parking in the path of killer whales.

In 2019, the State of Washington enacted regulations requiring vessels to remain at least 300 yards away from either side or 400 yards in front of or behind orca whales. Additionally, state regulations require that vessels within a half mile of orcas must reduce speed to less than 7 knots.

Below are guidelines to be whale wise:

- Keep your distance:

Do not approach or get too close to marine life. Look in all directions before planning your approach to view wildlife. Slow down and reduce your speed to less than 7 knots when within a half mile of the nearest marine mammal to reduce your engine's noise and vessel's wake.

- Pay Attention: Be vigilant for marine mammal presence. Whales may change directions or surface unpredictably. Move away slowly and cautiously at the first sign of a disturbance or agitation.
- Be mindful of you vessel: Place engine in neutral or shutdown and allow the animals to pass if your vessel is not in compliance with regulations. If it's safe to do so, also turn off your fish finder and echo sounders.
- Be courteous: Stay on the offshore side of whales when they are traveling close to shore. Always avoid going through groups of porpoises or dolphins. Hold course and reduce speed gradually to discourage bow or stern riding.
- Report whale sightings: The Whale Alert App helps mariners and members of the public practice citizen science by providing a user-friendly tool directly on their tablet or smart phone that displays whale "safety zones." The app also allows the user to report any live, dead, or distressed whale sightings to the appropriate response agency.

Be Whale Wise is a coordinated effort between the U.S. and Canada with multiple commercial, non-profit and environmental non-governmental organizations dedicated to educating the public and raising awareness within the boating community.

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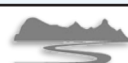
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New book highlights Cannon Beach’s historical artistic era

Nancy McCarthy
For The Gazette

With its fabled scenery, Cannon Beach has always attracted artists. But when hippies began showing up with canvases, crafts and cameras in the 1960s, residents worried they would ruin the town.

came what then-Mayor Gerald Gower called the “most wonderful thing that ever happened to Cannon Beach.” Bartl, a retired city planner who moved to Cannon Beach in the 1970s and observed the village’s evolution as a close-knit artistic community, tried to capture that history before it was too late.

Colored plates of some artists’ works are included as well.

In addition to interviewing artists, Bartl perused 25 years of local newspapers, including the Cannon Beach Gazette and Seaside Signal. Bartl included stories about artists and their exhibits in the book.

The reasons artists descended on the town are as diverse as the artists themselves. Painter and sculptor Jane Horns, a Portland Museum Art School student, visited the area on a field trip in 1964. Horns was stranded when the school bus left without her — so she found a \$25 room in Cannon Beach.

She spent the summer exhibiting her work in the M&M Building, home to numerous art galleries through the years. The building now houses the Sesame and Lilies store.

Painter Steve McLeod rode his motorcycle to Cannon Beach during a cross-country tour in 1970 and became one of Cannon Beach’s beloved residents until his death in 2015.

Frank Lackaff visited his family’s cabin in 1960 and eventually opened the Sketch Pad Gallery at a gas station. He later renovated a building on Hemlock Street into a home and gallery, and sold that to artists Harry and Hanne Greaver, who still operate the gallery.

Jim Hannen decided to open a stained glass studio in 1975 in Cannon Beach after a visit. In those days, an artist could rent a place large enough to live and work in for \$50 a month.

“I thought what a cool thing it would be to live in



A 1978 photo features a group of Cannon Beach artists at a moment author Rainmar Bartl describes as ‘when the arts in Cannon Beach were at their fullest expression.’

Cannon Beach and have a shop in Cannon Beach,” said Hannen, who still lives in the area and sells his glasswork. “It was such a different town. There was something kind of dreamy about it.”

Bartl also tells the story of Joe Police, a metal sculptor who became Cannon Beach’s mayor. Police was commissioned to do a sculpture of Sacajawea at the then-new Breakers Point condominium development. Police died in 1980 before he started the sculpture. His wife, Pat Egan Police, completed it with the community’s help.

“There was a lot of creative energy,” Bartl said. “There were a lot of reasonably

young people starting out their lives and careers, and they had ideas. They were different from 1950s, early ‘60s mainstream ideas, and it created something. It wasn’t just in the arts. There was a revolution in what kind of town we should be and how we get there.”

When Portland State University opened the Haystack Summer Arts Program in 1969, Cannon Beach became an even greater draw for artists and visitors from throughout the U.S. The program, which continued for more than 30 years, impacted the village economically and culturally.

But those early days were

special, Bartl said, because the arts were “woven into the community.”

“That was the best time in Cannon Beach, there’s no doubt about it. I think it was a special time, I really do,” he said.

Where to purchase the book

‘The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Cannon Beach’ by Rainmar Bartl is available at Cannon Beach Book Co. and Jupiter’s Books in Cannon Beach; Beach Books in Seaside. Bartl will sign books from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 3, at Cannon Beach Book Co.

State leaders respond to difficult wildfire season

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

Nearly 450,000 acres of land have already burned across the state during this year’s wildfire season, Gov. Kate Brown

announced during a wildfire briefing Tuesday, July 20. Nine large fires are currently burning.

“The weather conditions – windy and dry with lightning – are truly problematic,”

and California have partnered with Oregon to respond to the Bootleg fire in the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Lakeview.

“Being prepared is one of the best ways you can help frontline firefighters do their jobs,” Brown said. “Make a plan with your family, sign up for local alerts at [oralert.gov](#) so you’re aware of fires in your community.”

Department of Forestry Fire Chief Doug Grafe said drought conditions across Oregon are driving the fire potential.

“Ninety percent of the state is in exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions,” Grafe said.

The heat dome in late June – with 100 plus degrees – propelled the state into early fire conditions. There have been 580 fires to date.

“The future forest for the remainder of the season continues to look above normal dry and above normal temperatures,” Grafe said. “This is not going to return to normal anytime soon.”

Grafe said the Bootleg fire, the largest fire in the nation, has had 387,000 acres burned and is 30 percent contained. The fire began July 6. Lines are established on the west side.

“The east side remains problematic,” Grafe said.

State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said significant work has been done on the southeast side. Lines are being

secured and work is being done to contain the fire in and around community structures.

The Elbow Creek Fire began July 15 and has grown over 16,000 acres and is 15 percent contained, Grafe said. The fire is in the Grande Ronde River drainage near Mud Springs.

The Grandview Fire, reported July 11, located near Sisters, is now 72 percent contained and 6,032 acres burned.

“That’s going to be turned over to the local district this Thursday,” Grafe said.

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