

Reid took a question at the meeting from a reporter for The Gazette in Cannon Beach. The Gazette said this call out to citizens is not reaching the visitors who come and may not adhere to public health

Aangels Traffic Control on the scene when we need them

Joe Warren
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Joe Rogers owner of Aangels Traffic Control, says his favorite thing to do is help save lives. Preventing accidents is just one way he accomplishes this. If you've ever traveled the busy highways, state roads or even local streets from Clatsop to Tillamook Counties, you have probably seen his crews out directing traffic for a multitude of reasons.

He started the local flagging business with a regional reach 13 years ago, but has over 30 years experience in traffic control. He also teaches first aid and CPR classes, is a certified traffic control instructor and is a Oregon OSHA certified compliance officer to boot.

"I like teaching people how to save lives," he said. "You have a one-third better chance of saving a life if you are certified in first aid and CPR."

He also owns Smoking' Joe's Beef Bones a new business he started that has also grown to a regional reach.

If it floods, or a landslide closes a highway or road, or an accident is stopping traffic, good chances are, his crews are the ones called to direct traffic so emergency responders can focus on the issue needing attention, whatever that may be.

"We use his (Aangels Traf-

fic Control) services, both in our public works department and our police department," said Tillamook Police Chief Terry Wright. "Whenever we need them they are there, with flaggers, equipment, they are very dependable and professional."

Wright said Aangels service is turnkey, when he calls them for traffic control, they show up and know what to do and supply all the necessary equipment.

"We budget money in the police budget for this every year because we don't have the staff in either department to do what they can do for us," Wright said. "He's a great asset to the community, I've never received any complaints, when we call they are there for us."

Aangels is also used by Tillamook County and private entities as well and other communities on the coast like in Rockaway Beach for the July 4th activities, for traffic control and crowd control. Rogers said, his crews have worked events form Cannon Beach to Pacific City and from the ocean to Dallas and Hillsboro.

"We supply roped off areas, signage and staff for events," Rogers said. "From bomb threats to Halloween crowd control we have worked it."

Rogers said, normally he employs about 38 people, he's down in staffing right

now due to the pandemic.

He said that the course he teaches in traffic control, a requirement to become a flagger, takes four hours. The cost is \$120 but gets you a three year certification in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. He also teaches these courses through the Oregon Department of Transportation and Chemeketa Community College.

"I don't guarantee a job when you take the course, but there is an opportunity to work for me when certified," he added.

To become a flagger, you have to be 18-years-old and have a valid drivers license and of course become certified.

"We start our flaggers at \$22 to \$43 dollars per hour depending on the job and location. All this is worked into his bidding process.

Rogers listed just a few of the things his crews have worked locally to include, floods, landslides, community events, crowd, foot and traffic control as well as security.

"We're very professional and tactful, we have lots of signage and explanation to keep your event safe," he added.

So next time your are out driving around, see a flagger, slow down follow the signs posted and give the flagger a friendly wave. They are there to keep you safe and help get you to your destination.



Rep. Weber appointed vice chair of house education committee

State Representative Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook) has been appointed Vice Chair of the House Education Committee. Representative Weber served 30 years as an elementary school teacher, all in public education.

"I'm honored to be able to combine my

work in public service with my passion for and experience in public education," remarked Weber. "Education touches every sector, every aspect of life in Oregon. That has never been more apparent now, as so many families are struggling with virtual learning. Too often in the legislature, edu-

cation funding becomes a political football used to cut deals. We must stop playing politics with our children's futures."

In addition to her appointment to the House Education Committee, Representative Weber was appointed as a member of the House Early Childhood Committee

as well as the House Housing Committee. "I'm thrilled at my committee assignments," she said. "All of these committees address major issues in rural Northwest Oregon. I'm excited to bring the voice of rural Northwest Oregon to the table."

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The Cannon Beach Library continues to ply patrons with a steady supply of recently published titles and special events, giving us more reasons to take advantage of door-side pickup and limited browsing services introduced to keep us intellectually stimulated and healthy during this season of the plague.

In December, the library added four recently published novels. They include: “Homeland Elegies” by Ayad Akhtar, “A Splendid Ruin” by Megan Chance, “At Night All Blood is Black” by David Diop and “The Arctic Fury” by Greer Macallister.

Also added to the library collection were seven mysteries, including:

“Daylight” by David Baldacci, “The Mystery of Mrs. Christie” by Marie Benedict, “Almost Midnight” by Paul Doiron, “Troubled Blood” by Robert Galbraith, “The Night Swim” by Megan Goldin, “The Missing American” by Kwei Quarthey and “One by One” by Ruth Ware.

Nonfiction books added in the past month include:

“Our Time Is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America” by Stacey

Abrams, “Humankind: A Hopeful History” by Rutger Bregman, “The Hardhat Riot: Nixon, New York City, and the Dawn of the White Working-Class Revolution” by Paul David Kuhn, “Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times” by Katherine May and “Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-up and Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House” by Rachell Maddow. These represent a rich addition of books to the library’s nonfiction titles.

Kuhn’s “The Hardhat Riot” was reviewed positively in the December 11 “At the Library” column, and—as I just started reading Abrams’ “Our Time Is Now”—readers can expect to find a review of her analysis of voter suppression in this column on February 5.

Shortly thereafter readers will likely see a review of “Bag Man,” Maddow’s treatment of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew’s years of corruption that led to his resignation October 10, 1973, ten months before that of President Richard M. Nixon on August 9, 1974.

The Northwest Authors Series presents Manzanita author Jennifer Greer, Saturday, January 23, at 2 p.m., on Facebook Live. Greer will

discuss “A Desperate Place,” her debut crime thriller set in Medford, Oregon.

Published in August 2020, “A Desperate Place” features Whit McKenna, a former LA Times reporter now writing for the Medford paper, and Katie Riggs, the local medical examiner working to solve what emerges as a series of murders disguised as accidents.

Both sleuths have baggage or experience, and both are competing to solve the murders using differing investigative techniques related to their training and experiences in journalism and medicine.

Judging from early reviews, Greer has produced a winner that has readers looking for future thrillers based on the McKenna-Riggs formula and Greer’s ability to capture the attention of readers.

“Greer’s series launch gives the women convincing backstories. Riggs is a cancer survivor, and McKenna is suffering from PTSD after being kidnapped in Afghanistan,”

an Audio-file reviewer argues. “She artfully delivers indelible character portraits, twisty plotlines, and high-stakes motives, making this a must listen.”

Another reviewer concluded, “Fans of crime fiction who like strong female characters will find a lot to like here. This is a strong series start from a debut writer, and judged on that basis, is worth a look.”

And Publishers Weekly wrote “The friendship between the two strong female protagonists rings true. . . . Readers will look forward to their future exploits.”

Greer, who majored in English at California State University, Fresno, worked as a crime reporter at the Fresno Bee. She also has travelled extensively in Europe and Russia, particularly focusing on war zones in Croatia, which yielded an award-winning article on women and children refugees.

The Friends of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series will present “Seeking Balance

Through Sustainable Fishing,” Saturday, February 13, at 7 p.m.

Duncan Berry and Kipp Baratoff, co-founders of Fish-people Seafood, will discuss sustainable fishing practices that protect quality, reduce by-catch and overfishing, create jobs and support rural fishing communities.

This presentation is accessible on Facebook Live@ Friends of Haystack Rock.

Cannon Beach Reads, still discussing current and classic fiction and nonfiction via Zoom every third Wednesday at 7 p.m., will continue doing just that after their enjoyable meeting devoted to reading and discussing favorite poems this past Wednesday.

Next up, members of the reading group will discuss Brian Doyle’s “Martin Marten” via Zoom on Wednesday, February 17, at 7 p.m. Bob Lundy will lead this discussion of Doyle’s young adult story set in Wy’east, the Native American place name for Mt. Hood.

Doyle edited the award-winning and nationally prominent University of Portland alumni magazine from 1991 until his passing in May 2017.

While writing for and editing Portland magazine, Doyle authored two dozen books,

including my personal favorite, “Mink River,” set in a mythical Oregon coast village. His writing also appeared in Atlantic, Harper’s, American Scholar, the Oregonian and the New York Times.

The Third Annual Writers Read Celebration has received more than 50 submissions. The judging committee will soon ask about a dozen writers to read their selected writings via Facebook Live, Saturday, February 20, at 7 p.m.

Writers will soon be contacted by telephone or email. Those who submitted writings selected by the judging committee will be asked to read at this year’s celebration.

I physically attended the first two Writers Read Celebrations surrounded by an overflowing, supportive and joyous crowd. Let’s see if this year’s virtual event can compete.

Finally, the Cannon Beach Library has no changes to report this week about library services.

Limited browsing continues on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., and residents of Cannon Beach and Arch Cape may still call or email the library to reserve books and arrange door-side pickup appointments between noon and 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Vaccine

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groups for Phase 1A. Group 1 includes facilities such as hospitals, urgent care, skilled nursing and memory care facility healthcare personnel and residents, and more. Group 2 includes other long-term care facilities such as residential care facilities, adult foster care, group homes for people with intellectual and de-

velopmental disabilities, other congregated care, and more. Group 3 includes healthcare personnel in outpatient settings serving specific high-risk groups, day treatment services, non-emergency medical transport, and caregivers of medically fragile children or adults who live at home. Group 4 includes all other outpatient healthcare personnel and public health sites.

“Clatsop County took that sequence plan and we swallowed it whole,” Aarts said. Clatsop County also

made some small variations, Aarts added. The state has put county jail systems low on the order, yet Clatsop County was experiencing some issues at their county jail, so they moved the county jail system up the list.

On the first day of vaccines in Clatsop County, there were three allergic reactions, one which required a person to go to the emergency room, Aarts said. Three percent of people getting shots were having an immediate reaction. This

was before people were being screened for allergies. After getting their dose, the health department is requiring them to sit for half an hour so their reactions can be monitored.

The health department’s three partners— Providence Seaside Hospital, Columbia Memorial Hospital and Coastal Family Health Center—were getting 500-600 doses a week. They did not have the allocation numbers for the week of Jan. 12 at the time of the meeting. There is also no reservation made

at this time for the second round of doses.

Allergies to celery and bee stings tend to produce reactions to the Moderna vaccine, Aarts said. In Clatsop County, these reactions were handled with Benadryl. Each clinic will have health professionals equipped with allergy medication and will monitor reactions.

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CITY MANAGER: Bruce St. Denis

MEETINGS FEBRUARY 2021

(subject to change depending on COVID-19 concerns)

2	City Council Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	18	Design Review Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
9	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	25	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, January 5, 2021

- Municipal Court Judge Ron Woltjer administered the Oath of Office to incoming councilors Brandon Ogilvie and Nancy McCarthy;
- Elected Mike Benefield to serve as Council President;
- Adopted Ordinance 21-01 for the Purpose of Repealing Municipal Code Chapter 2.38 Emergency Preparedness (EPREP) Committee;
- Adopted Resolution 21-01 for the Purpose of Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure Dated March 6, 2018;
- Adopted Resolution 21-02 for the Purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2020-2021 Budget By Making An Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations for the Emergency Management Department;
- Adopted Resolution 21-03 for the Purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2020-2021 Budget By Making An Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations for the Community Development Department;
- Adopted Resolution 21-04 for the Purpose of Updating Committee’s Rules and Regulations;
- Adopted Resolution 21-05 for the Purpose of Approving Changes to the FY 2020-2021 Budget by Increasing Appropriations in the Road Fund to Allow for a Specific Purpose Grant from Oregon Department of Transportation, Small City Allotment Program (SCA);
- Adopted the Audit Report from Isler, CPA for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020;

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CBE PUBLIC INPUT, January 7, 2021

- Public input for the Cannon Beach Elementary School Site

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, January 12, 2021

- The Parks and Community Services Committee presented the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Management Plan Update;
- Margaret Treadwell from North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition Preservation gave an overview of the proposals the organization has submitted and answered Council’s questions;
- Community Development Director Jeff Adams discussed Land Use Fees;
- Community Development Director Jeff Adams discussed code audit support and request for qualifications.
- City Manager Bruce St Denis discussed the repairs needed on the Cannon Beach Elementary School roof.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CBE PUBLIC INPUT, January 16, 2021

- Public input for the Cannon Beach Elementary School Site

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CBE PUBLIC INPUT, January 20, 2021

- Public input for the Cannon Beach Elementary School Site

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CBE PUBLIC INPUT, January 23, 2021

- Public input for the Cannon Beach Elementary School Site

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The Design Review Board met January 21 to discuss the Code Audit review.

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet January 28th.

Of Interest...

New City Council Meeting Times

As of February 1, 2021 the City Council Regular Meeting and City Council Work Session will start at 6:00 pm

City Hall will be closed

Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day

Cannon Beach Elementary School Project

Project updates are available on the City’s website at ci.cannon-beach.or.us

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

Administrative Order 20-02

Requiring all Participation in Public Meetings to be Accomplished Electronically

In keeping with the Governor’s social distancing direction and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the City of Cannon Beach has issued an Administrative Order requiring all public meetings to be closed to in-person attendance and held electronically, until further notice. You are invited to attend telephonically or through the Zoom meeting service.

A PDF of the order may be viewed on the City’s website.

How to Make Public Comment at a Virtual Meeting? How to Attend a Virtual Meeting?

1. Go to the Agenda & Minutes tab on the main page of the City’s website <https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/>
2. Find the meeting you want to attend
3. Click view details
4. Scroll down and you will see the links called How to Make Public Comment
5. Click on the link and follow the steps

Want to join Coffee with a Councilor?

The next session is February 22, 2021 at 10:00 am

The Zoom link is available on the City’s website.

Go to upcoming events on the main webpage
Click view calendar, click Coffee with a Councilor.

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 for the upcoming 2021 season. 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
Training Calendar
<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt>

January 26, 1700 is the 321st anniversary of the last Cascadia event.
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Letters to the Editor

A bridge to possibility in Cannon Beach

As one nears Cannon Beach, one sees the presence of Haystack Rock. On the road into town, one sees the river that winds into the sea, the sky meets the sea becoming infinity, and the anticipation of wonder that Nature brings invites us. As we cross the bridge and view the old school, the bridge to possi-

bility awakens us. Sacajawea and members of the Lewis & Clark Expedition visited the village by the side of Ecola Creek to trade and gather with those who lived here. In their spirit, what will we create? Remember it is Nature that brings us here, and in the spirit of community we will gather to grow, learn, and flourish in the possibilities that we dream.

Deb Atiyeh
Cannon Beach

Lola

Sweet Lola is an adorable, classy lady. She is an American Staffordshire Terrier mix who needs a home with a fully fenced yard, no cats, and needs to meet any dogs in the household. She came to us with little training and now walks well on leash, sits readily and gazes soulfully into your eyes trying to convince you she hasn't been for a walk in ages. Ms. Lola loves the sun and snuggle appointments, including a big dose of whole body rubs and scratches.

Pet meet and greets are by appointment only, so if you'd like to meet Lola, call the shelter at 503-861-7387 to set up an appointment. The shelter is open 11:00 to 4:00 Tuesday through Saturday. You can also fill out an application at the shelter's Adopting a Pet page: <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/animalcontrol/page/adoptingpet>. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the application.



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Public comment sought for Cape Falcon Marine Reserve draft management plan

The public is invited to comment on a draft management plan for the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve located on Oregon's north coast near Manzanita.

The draft Cape Falcon Marine Reserve Site Management Plan outlines Oregon's marine reserve mandates and describes management strategies developed for the site which includes the reserve and two Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The draft plan details the state's and communities' priorities for management of the Cape Falcon site along with strategies that support scientific monitoring, communications and public outreach, engagement with local communi-

ties, and compliance and enforcement.

The draft plan also identifies local communities' interests for activities above and beyond those being carried out by ODFW in an effort to attract additional research and resources, and to foster community-led projects.

ODFW staff developed the draft plan with assistance and collaboration from state and federal agencies, local community members, and other interested stakeholders. Public comments should be emailed to odfw.marinereserves@state.or.us by Feb. 28, 2021.

Oregon has five marine reserves to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity.



These living laboratories allow ODFW marine scientists to learn about the nearshore environment and the effects protections (no fishing, ocean development),

have over time on the marine environment. This research helps inform current and future management of Oregon's coastal waters.

OHA rolls out plan to administer 12,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine a day

Max Kirkendall
Country Media

A day after Governor Kate Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to achieve the benchmark of 12,000 COVID-19 vaccinations administered in Oregon per day by the end of the next two weeks, health officials detailed plans of how they plan to meet that goal.

Gov. Brown said, the 12,000 doses a day goal will "put (Oregon) on track to deploy every vaccine we have in our hands."

"This is an all-hands-on-deck effort, and I have directed OHA to partner as widely as possible to ensure we are using all available resources to ramp up Oregon's

vaccinations rapidly," Gov. Brown said.

OHA Director Pat Allen spoke with members of the media Jan. 5 along with OHA's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dana Hargunani. Allen said Oregon currently ranks 36th in the United States in vaccine distribution with 1.2 percent of the population receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"These COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe and they are the most reliable tool we have to stop the spread of this virus," Dr. Hargunani said.

Allen said getting vaccinations done as quickly as possible is a top priority for OHA because Oregon is considered vulnerable to the virus as far

fewer people have contracted it compared to other states in the U.S.

Last week, Oregon received 34,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine last week and over 24,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine. Over 51,000 doses have been administered, which has accounted for about 1 in 4 doses administered that Oregon received.

Additionally, 326 people in Oregon have had both doses and are considered fully immune.

With OHA's five step plan, Allen believes Oregon is on pace to reach the 12,000 doses administered per day by next week.

Dr. Hargunani detailed the plan that includes expanding partnerships and adminis-

tration sites. The five steps include:

Speeding Phase 1a (administering vaccines to health care workers and long-term care facilities) by staging.

Expanding federal pharmacy partnerships to reach more nursing home residents and staff members.

Giving Phase 1a workers the ability to get vaccinated at a local pharmacy.

Leveraging all Public Health agencies to help with administering vaccines.

Supporting innovated partnerships.

Dr. Hargunani said the COVID-19 has proven to be a little more difficult to distribute compared to the flu shot.

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Local author kicks off 2021 NW Authors series

Join the Cannon Beach Library on Facebook Live at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, as local author Jennifer Greer kicks off the 2021 NW Authors series. She will discuss her debut crime thriller "A Desperate Place."

"A Desperate Place" pivots between the perspectives of a journalist and a medical detective as they collaborate to solve a string of deaths in Medford, Ore. Strong female protagonists and a suspenseful plot make this a fresh read.

Greer began her writing career as a journalist. She graduated from Fresno State with a degree in English Literature and journalism and worked as a crime reporter for the Fresno Bee. She traveled to Russia in the late 80s and lived in London studying art and literature. She has traveled the war regions of Croatia and wrote an award-winning article on women and children refugees.

"A Desperate Place" is available for check out at the library. To join the program, click the banner at the top of Cannon Beach Library's website. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.



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Vaccine distribution needs to be equitable, but fast, OSU experts say

Zack Demars
Country Media

A panel of researchers from Oregon State University met Tuesday to share their expertise on Oregon's COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

Many in the state have felt that rollout has been slower than it should be, given that less than half of the vaccine doses delivered to sites across the state have actually been administered to patients.

Overall, the researchers ranging from a medical ethicist to a communications expert agreed the state's vaccine rollout needs to be equitable and transparent — and fast.

Gaurav Sahay, an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the university, discussed the science behind the vaccines. His research has focused on the microscopic delivery system the vaccines use to introduce defense mechanisms to the body.

That delivery system is fairly new technology, Sahay said. That means — while clinical trials showed the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines — there are still some unanswered questions about the vaccine, including how long its protection lasts once in the body.

"It is not possible to say how long it will last, because it's a new vaccine for a new virus. What Moderna is saying is for a year, but we'll have to wait and see what happens," Sahay said. "The good news is they're very effective."

Those vaccines are about 95% effective at preventing vaccinated individuals from catching COVID-19, Sahay said.

But new technology also means getting vaccines produced takes time.

"Right now, with the current vaccines that are approved, ramping up has been a sort of challenge," Sahay said.

Oregon has received only around 270,000 doses of the vaccine, a fraction of what

it'll need to achieve community immunity from the virus. Sahay predicts that level will require 70% or 80% of the community to get vaccinated.

That development and production time is the first reason COVID-19 vaccines are taking some time to hit the community. But there are also other challenges when hospitals and clinics have doses of the vaccine ready for distributing, as they do now.

"The main challenge is encountered with personnel available to administer the vaccine," said Joe Agor, an assistant professor of industrial engineering focusing his research on how hospitals have prepared for virus surges.

Each step of administering the vaccine takes time and expertise, Agor said. It requires trained staff to receive and properly store doses of the vaccine, pharmacists to properly mix the vaccine and prepare it for use, nurses to administer the vaccine and staff members to track who's receiving doses.

That's an entire process that hospitals and health care professionals are still working to understand and comes on top of those staff members needing to take care of their normal duties at the hospital, Agor said.

"Another challenge that has been observed to us is that the supply chain can be somewhat unpredictable," Agor added.

Since manufacturers are still ramping up production, and information is limited, it can be difficult to predict when states and hospitals will receive doses and have the staff ready to administer them — not to mention having the patients ready to receive them.

"In the absence of a national strategy, you have 50 different strategies, or 50 states trying to figure out how to go about this," said Daniel López-Cevallos, an associate professor of ethnic studies who researches disparities in public health and access to

care.

Without that consistent national strategy, López-Cevallos said states have been left to spend time and resources determining the prioritization

"It is clear — again, it is not unique to Oregon — but it is clear that the prioritization process has slowed down quite a bit the distribution," López-Cevallos said.

In Oregon, the basics of the prioritization process come from the federal government's recommendations. But the specific plan is ironed out by the Oregon Health Authority with the guidance of its vaccine advisory committee.

According to Courtney Campbell, a professor of religion and culture who studies medical ethics, the decisions made by OHA and the recommendations of that committee are reflections of the ethical principles at play.

"Clearly one principle is health equity, that is a fairly significant one," Campbell said, noting that the committee largely focuses on ensuring the vaccine distribution doesn't skip communities that have received unequal health care in the past.

But equity alone doesn't explain all of Oregon's vaccine decisions, Campbell said.

He pointed to school staff as an example, since the state's been one of the few to break with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by moving educational staff up the priority list to phase 1B of the vaccination schedule.

Campbell said the ethical principles behind that decision — like a commitment to saving the most lives, or the idea of treating people equally regardless their position — aren't quite clear yet.

"We need some principled articulation from the vaccine advisory committee for OHA," Campbell said. "Right now, it's really focused on health equity, and that doesn't get you all the way to the rationale for prioritizing teachers and others."

Presents

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student groups to visit.

Joyce Lincoln said the building could be used for musical events, including theater and opera.

Lincoln said she has "a good sense of who comes (to Cannon Beach)." People who come to Cannon Beach are very interested in the arts.

Betsy Ayres said she wanted to know if councilors can see the people attending the work session.

City Manager Bruce St. Denis said attendees cannot see each other's names, just the number attending. Fourteen people are attending the meeting. Mayor Steidel later read the names.

Assistant to the city manager Jennifer Bar-

rett said if a person signs up to speak ahead of time, they can appear on camera.

John Beuhler and Paul Dueber both spoke in support of using the school for musical events.

Ennis presented a graphic that shows the level of support to date for various uses of the school.

Using the school gym as a multi-use and community center as well as a concert hall generated the most support, she said. Multi-use sports such as pickleball also got support from community input. Other ideas include art classes, an historical interpretive area and an outdoor concert venue.

Councilor Brandon Ogilvie said the council wants to hear more ideas on how to use the classrooms.

The city has two tours of the school property scheduled for residents, St. Denis said. Both take place at 2 p.m. on the 19th and the 22nd.

Vaccine

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Some issues OHA has had to overcome includes: Adapting to distribution during a pandemic, which provides challenges like finding a controlled, safe space for administration; the Pfizer vaccine requires ultra cold storage.

OHA is currently working to get more of this storing units in more hospitals; and Oregon does not have enough doses for everyone right now, which has caused the need to prioritize who gets access to it first.

To overcome some of these challenges OHA is hoping to rely on partnerships with local agencies. One of these new partnerships was

announced by Joe Ness, chief operations officer of OHSU Healthcare.

Ness said OHSU is currently OHSU administering about 1,000 doses of the vaccine per day and are expecting to expand next week thanks to a partnership with SEIU 503, Oregon's Public Services and Care Provider Union. The partnership will focus on getting vaccines to long term care facilities.

"We are a community of healers and we care deeply about our most vulnerable populations," Ness said.

Melissa Unger, board member of SEIU 503, stressed the importance of getting vaccine doses to long-term care facilities because they have been susceptible to the virus and care facility workers are also often overlooked. Unger said they are "excited to collaborate to expand vaccine distribution to more frontline workers."

Allen closed out OHA's update by announcing 1,059 new cases for Jan. 5 and 44 new COVID-19 related deaths. Allen also emphasized that OHA and other state agencies are working day and night to get the vaccine out to Oregonians.

"As we roll out the vaccine, all of us need to keep doing our part... wash your hands, keep your physical distance and stay home if you are sick," Allen said.

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