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## CHECK MATE

### Local writes children's book that teaches kids about chess

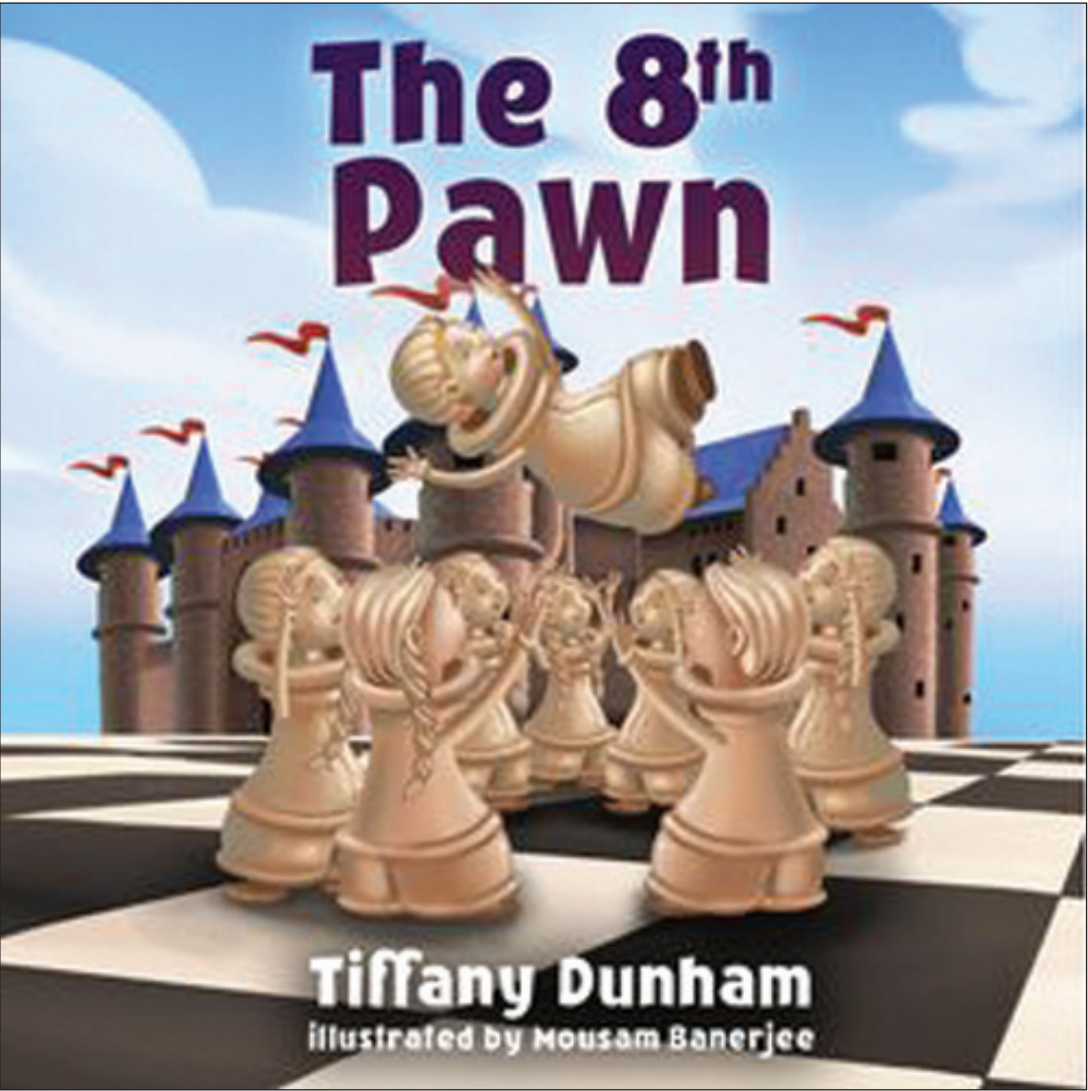
“The 8th Pawn” is a new children’s book that is aimed at teaching very young kids the basics of chess. Written by local author and mom of three young kids, Tiffany Dunham is a part-time Cannon Beach resident who wanted a fun way to introduce children to the game.

This book is presented in a story format that will help kids fall in love with chess before they ever play it. Children will indirectly learn the name of each chess piece while the fantastic illustrations work together with the words to give a basic idea of how each piece moves. With this book, children can build a solid foundation for chess so that when it’s time to sit down and learn, they can enjoy playing. In “The 8th Pawn,” children will follow a curious and determined pawn as he ventures out to learn about chess, never giving up until he gets his question answered.

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“The 8th Pawn” is currently only available as a pre-order on Kickstarter.com at <https://bit.ly/3myenxz>

**The 8th Pawn was written by part-time Cannon Beach resident Tiffany Dunham.**



### Penalty level for handheld sparking devices reduced in fireworks ban

**Hilary Dorsey**  
For The Gazette

Cannon Beach City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 7, reduced the penalty level of handheld sparking devices to a level one violation. The council also decided not to prohibit possession of fireworks within the city, but rather the discharging of fireworks. The council adopted Ordinance 20-18 in September 2020, prohibiting fireworks within the city limits.

Discharging of fireworks remains prohibited within city limits, without the written permission of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department manager of the beach area. A level one violation is defined as discharging or causing to be discharged any novelties or trick noise-maker, handheld sparking device or similar fireworks, and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 unless enhanced.

Since this was the first year of the fireworks ban, the council held discussions on the number and types of tickets issued after New Year’s Eve and the Fourth of July, the staff report stated. Based on the discussions, at a work session Aug. 10, the council requested the fee level of handheld sparking devices be moved to a level one violation.

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### Area hospitals and clinics respond to staffing shortages



**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

Like other healthcare facilities across the country, area hospitals and clinics are experiencing staffing shortages.

In response to this situation, Providence Seaside Hospital has instituted a bonus program and Columbia Memorial Hospital is providing the “most competitive salaries” and “exceptional benefits package,” the hospital spokesperson said.

“Retaining and growing our caregivers is always a

priority,” said Mike Antrim, communications manager for Providence Health & Services. “We recently hired 13 new nursing graduates from Clatsop Community College.

“We are in the same situation as many businesses and especially health care organizations across the country in dealing with staffing concerns.

“We work with local colleges to recruit new graduates as one way to help, along with retention programs in place.”

In September, Providence announced a \$220 million

workforce investment program, the release states. This includes a \$1,000 recognition bonus for all caregivers, accelerated recruitment to rapidly fill 17,000 job openings and caregiver referral bonuses between \$1,000 and \$7,500.

“Providence in Oregon includes eight hospitals and more than 100 clinics, and a wide range of health care services, including Providence Health Plan,” the release states.

Nancee Long, director of communications for Columbia Memorial Hospital,

said: “CMH has had approximately 80 open positions for several months in a row, which is a record high number of openings. At this time, we have been able to keep all operations running, but running at reduced staffing levels, which places a strain on the existing staff members. We appreciate the service and assistance from the National Guard.”

The Gazette asked: Do you attribute the staffing shortages to fears about COVID?

Long: “Indeed, the pandemic has exacerbated the ongoing shortage of health care workers. People are concerned about their health, and we can appreciate that concern. We can continually support our staff and ensure our potential candidates that we are following all the appropriate steps for safe and effective care. We try to keep the lines of communication open and be transparent with all concerns as they arise.”

The Gazette: Why is CMH having staffing problems?

Long: “We are experiencing a shortage of applicants. In addition, the lack of affordable housing has led to declined job offers.”

The Gazette: How does the hospital cope with this?

Long: “Our caregivers are exceptional. They step up and pick up extra shifts, work overtime, and cross cover

to ensure our patients and visitors are well cared for. We also utilize temporary employees when necessary.”

The Gazette: “Do you expect this to continue for some time?”

Long: “We have no way of knowing when the staffing shortages across the nation will be remedied. We will simply continue to provide the most competitive salaries, exceptional benefits package, and a safe environment to work in hopes that more people will be able to bring their skills to our organization.

The Gazette: “Are there any new state requirements related to the pandemic that you are dealing with lately. What are they, and how are you handling them?”

Long: “As of October 18, 2021, CMH will require all employees to be vaccinated for COVID 19. This is a state mandate that we are required to follow. We have supplied this information to our caregivers along with information on both medical and religious exceptions. These documents need to be returned for review. A committee made up of HR professionals, and our CMO will determine which exceptions will be accepted. Those exceptions that do not meet the requirements of the state will need to be vaccinated.”

### Seaside School District gives update on in-person learning

**Hilary Dorsey**  
Staff Writer

Seaside School District Superintendent Susan Penrod gave an update on how in-person learning is going during a Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce virtual meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14. Seaside School District includes Seaside, Cannon Beach and Gearhart. Schools began last week.

“Even though we’ve had a lot of challenges, there’s many things to be grateful with during these times,” Penrod said. “Our staff have been really caring and resilient and flexible during these times.”

Penrod said there have been a lot of changes since March 2020 when schools closed and moved to distance learning. She added that

families have been supportive.

“We have a really close-knit community, having three separate areas in towns that have their own personalities and uniqueness,” Penrod said. “We all work together well.”

The district’s goals are to keep students in school all year, every day, for the entire school year, Penrod added.

“We’ve been keeping our board, our staff, and parents and community updated not only through regular emails but through our board presentations,” Penrod said. “When we ended the school year last year, we were happy to share that our goal was to bring our students back full days, five days a week, continuing our early release on Wednesdays.”

Bus transportation is available in the morning and afternoon. Physical distancing was moved from 6 feet to 3 feet.

Oregon’s indoor mask mandate began Aug. 13. Masks are not required in schools while actively eating or drinking, sleeping, playing a musical instrument, engaging in certain sports where the mask could be a choking hazard, or staff who are alone in an office with the door closed. These rules apply to afterschool activities as well.

“If our students are exposed to a positive case, as long as they’re wearing a mask and they’re at least 3 feet apart, students do not need to quarantine at home unless they are exhibiting symptoms,” Penrod said.

Athletes are not required to wear masks other than on the sidelines

and not participating. Spectators are required to wear masks both indoors and outdoors.

Opportunities for vaccinations for educators began in February, Penrod said. At this time, 92 percent of staff is fully vaccinated. Teachers, school staff and volunteers are required by the state to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18 unless they have provided documentation of a medical or religious exception.

The school district has specific protocols in place for those unvaccinated, which include wearing a N95 mask, maintaining 6 feet of distance and registering for Oregon Health Authority’s weekly testing program.

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### City continues work on TSP

**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

Work on Cannon Beach’s Transportation System Plan (TSP) is far from over, said Jeff Adams, city community development director.

The Gazette asked Adams what are the main issues on which the community disagrees in the plan survey?

“As with most of the planning projects in Cannon Beach, the contention and disagreements revolve around the various ideas of what ‘the Village’ is or what makes up that term in the community’s imagination,” Adams said. “Whether it’s parking management systems, crossing or intersection improvements or just what and where to spend the City’s limited resources, we can expect to see some friction to occur during these next few discussions. That is why it is so important for the citizens of Cannon Beach to take part

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# City to install 33 security cameras around town

**Hilary Dorsey**  
Staff Writer

Cannon Beach City Council approved during a meeting Sept. 7 increases and decreases to the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget by making an intrafund transfer of appropriations for security cameras. In an ongoing effort to help combat graffiti, theft or destruction of city property, the cameras will be added at city assets or high accident/in-

cident intersections, according to the staff report. Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn said this would also replace the seven cameras that are currently in place at the police department, so the new cameras can work with the new system. “There’s 33 total cameras that will be installed in different areas,” Schermerhorn said. “These cameras include a 10-year camera license.” Schermerhorn said the

license covers all maintenance of the cameras, including replacement of broken devices and 30-day storage of all footage. The footage could be held indefinitely if something came up. The cameras allow public works, the police department and emergency management to monitor sites remotely. The system will allow users to watch live footage on phones or iPads, or watch the recording.

“Since we’ve talked on Aug. 10, we’ve had two crimes in town that would have been helpful to have cameras in place,” Schermerhorn said. “When you have one or two officers on, it’s hard to limit where you’re looking and having those cameras to narrow down where we’re searching is very good.” Schermerhorn said the security cameras are a collaboration between the police

department, public works and emergency management to protect city assets. “They would be focused on those buildings that are city assets, whether it’s the three public works buildings that are separate from here, as well as the emergency cache sites,” Schermerhorn said. Five cameras will be placed at the public works yard. Schermerhorn said the high amount of cameras is due to break-ins. Seven

cameras will be placed at the police department, four at city hall, four at the wastewater lab, four at downtown intersections, three at emergency cache sites, two at the recycle center, one at the skate park, one at the north water tank site, one at the RV park, and one at the water treatment plant.

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# New report by OSPIRG details medical debt in Oregon

**Hilary Dorsey**  
Staff Writer

OSPIRG released a report Thursday, Sept. 9, detailing medical debt in Oregon and how it can lead Oregonians to bankruptcy. The report, “Unhealthy Debt: Medical costs and bankruptcies in Oregon,” states at least 60 percent of Oregon’s consumer bankruptcies included medical debt in 2019. In a press conference Sept. 9, health care advocates discussed the medical debt situation and offered ways to address the problem. Maribeth Guarino, health care advocate with OSPIRG, said the

nonprofit advocacy group looked at 8,000 bankruptcy filings in 2019. The report gives insight into the burden of medical debt. “This report shows that high health care costs are not a problem limited to a single geographic area or economic demographic,” Guarino said. “It’s everywhere and we have to do something about it.” The report examined nearly \$30 million in medical debt, Guarino added. “Our report shows that the average medical debt was \$2,362,” Guarino said. “Over 600 people had \$10,000 or more in medical debt.” Medical costs are increasing. In a poll released last May by OSPIRG,

30 percent of Oregon voters reported seeing an increase in their medical costs in the last 12 months. “We desperately need to enact policies to address healthcare skyrocketing costs,” Guarino said. “For example, we could provide a public health insurance option that provides consumers a low cost health insurance choice. We can also lower prescription drug costs so that care or treatment is not cost-prohibitive.” Caitlin Costello, a student at Portland State University, got health insurance seven years ago and broke her elbow shortly after. “I had gone without insurance for almost eight years,” Costello said of growing up. “It really formed the

way my family worked for a long time. We avoided anything that increased risk for medical bills.” While in college, Costello could not afford insurance at first. She was able to get insurance seven years ago before her injury. “I was still in the same mentality as before,” Costello said. “I refused an ambulance, I waited almost three hours for family to come get me.” Costello said she knew it would be worse to pay for ‘extras’ or ‘luxuries.’ She refused pain medication upon arrival. During the entire process, she asked about cost and whether it was covered by insurance. Costello said her medical bills

accumulated to \$20,000 with \$4,000 she had to pay out of pocket. “At the time, I was living paycheck to paycheck and desperately trying to get out of my situation,” Costello said. Costello is in school full time now and has health insurance. She said she appreciates the school has options but even those are not readily available. Guarino said the next step for OSPIRG is sharing the report with every lawmaker they can. View the report at <https://bit.ly/3C3UfaO>

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# Oregon Unemployment rate falls below 5%, lowest since 2020

**Staff Report**

It is first time Oregon’s unemployment rate dropped below 5% since March 2020, when the rate was 3.6%. Oregon’s unemployment rate was below 5% in only two other periods since 1976 when comparable records began. During 14 consecutive months in the mid-1990s when the rate dropped to as low as 4.5%; and during the 51 consecutive months during 2016 through March 2020 when the rate dropped to a record low of 3.3% in late 2019.

The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.2% in August from 5.4% in July. In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment grew by 7,900 in August, following monthly gains averaging 10,300 in the prior seven months. Gains in August were largest in government (+3,500 jobs); wholesale trade (+1,400); leisure and hospitality (+1,200); and professional and business services (+1,000). Only one major industry cut jobs: retail trade (-1,900 jobs). Since the low point of April 2020, at the economic depths of the COVID-in-

duced recession, Oregon has recovered 204,700 jobs, or 72% of the jobs lost during the recession. Leisure and hospitality added 1,200 jobs in August, following a gain of 6,100, as revised, in July. Despite these gains, it still accounts for the bulk of Oregon’s jobs not recovered since early 2020, with 44,300 jobs left to recover to reach the prior peak month of February 2020. The industry has regained 60% of jobs lost early in the pandemic. Employment in health care and social assistance

has been relatively flat all year. This major industry recovered substantial jobs in mid- through late-2020, but is still down 10,400 jobs, or 4%, since its pre-recession peak of February 2020. Over the past year, nursing and residential care facilities has been especially weak, having lost 1,300 jobs since August 2020. Meanwhile, two component industries have expanded in the past 12 months: ambulatory health care services (+3,100 jobs) and social assistance (+1,100 jobs).





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**Shasta**

Those ears! Shasta is a very smart, athletic two year-old, female American Staffordshire Terrier/Pharaoh Hound mix. She happily chases tennis balls and rope tugs in the play yard and loves to play: rope tug, fetch, find... you name it. Shasta is an excellent learner and would love agility training. Need a running partner? Shasta has her track shoes on and is ready to go. She needs a home with a fenced yard. Shasta passed her cat test!

Pet meet and greets are by appointment only, so if you'd like to meet Shasta, 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.



# Opinion/Letters to the Editor

## Why Vote Yes on the Food Tax?

Our City Hall & Police Station are 70 years old and were originally constructed to store building materials. They were never meant to house the business functions associated with a City Hall, and were definitely not intended to accommodate the Police Department and Emergency Operations Center. The condition of the City Hall & Police Station are currently well below the standards of what would be expected from a facility responsible for Public Safety.

There have been several inspections of the City Hall building over the years. It was recommended to demolish and rebuild it, as it was not worth attempting to seismically retrofit the building. In the event of a disaster this building will be the key location for emergency management operations, and they will need this essential infrastructure to properly communicate and coordinate rescue operations.

It was suggested that the Fire Department ask voters for an operating levy that could be tax deductible. Fire Departments levies are not appropriate for stable, long term planning. A levy is only effective for 5 years, needs to be reauthorized by voters, and the outcome is uncertain. The Fire Department needs extra funding immediately. With a levy, the money would come from property owners, not visitors.

The whole point of voting yes on the Prepared Food Tax is to help cover the cost of services the City provides to visitors. It's the increasing volume of visitors to Cannon Beach that's stressing the Fire Department, Police Department, and local Infrastructure. Residents of Cannon Beach should not have to pay for this with increased property taxes. The restaurants will not be paying for this, as it is a pass through tax to the visitors who will contributing to the collective safety of everyone in Cannon Beach.

Deb and Bob Atiyeh  
Cannon Beach

## What We Know

There are lots of things we don't know... like when the next earthquake will hit, when the next child will be rescued from the surf, when the next visitor will have a heart attack, or when the next business will catch fire. What we do know is that we need the City and First Responders to be ready with robust emergency services, when needed. We know the Prepared Food Tax is the best way to raise money for the emergency and infrastructure services heavily used by visitors. We know the Prepared Food Tax is NOT a tax on restaurants, it gets added to the customers' bill. We know that funding from the Tax will help modernize facilities and equipment for the City and Fire District so they are ready to keep residents and

visitors safe and our community prepared for emergencies and disasters.

Criticism of the proposed Cannon Beach Prepared Food Tax often focuses on City Hall, that the City doesn't have a plan. I don't know about you, but I start saving long before I spend money on big expenses and I need to know my budget in order to plan. Passing the Prepared Food Tax allows the City and Fire District to start saving, figure out their budget, then plan for the infrastructure updates sorely needed to keep visitors and residents safe and our community ready. I am voting YES in support of the Prepared Food Tax in November.

Angela Benton  
Cannon Beach

## Vote no on the food tax

My family runs several restaurants in Cannon Beach. We continue to be hit by the impacts of Covid-19. Government mandates have limited and significantly reduced our ability to conduct business and make a living. This Summer we closed for days to quarantine. We constantly stress about the health of staff and customers. When we are operational, we do not have enough employees to stay open 7 days a week. Employees live in their cars. There is no workforce or

affordable housing in CB and businesses are suffering. The City wants an endless 5% sales tax on food, on the industry that is struggling most. This tax will make it worse. Servers will have to explain to customers why their meal is taxed. If disgruntled or not expecting an extra charge, tips will negatively be affected. Employees will choose to work down or up the road where tips aren't in jeopardy. Visitors and residents will also go elsewhere to eat. The City's use of these tax dollars remains ambiguous, going into the general fund and used for "operations." They want a shiny new City Hall, without any decisions made on location, how it looks, cost, etc. There are better options. Develop a Business Improvement District that relies on all the businesses instead of one industry. To help fund the Cannon Beach

Fire District, increase the Fire Levy, which would include the whole district, and be tax deductible. Please vote NO.

Lindsey Bond  
Cannon Beach

## We need the food tax and restaurant owners need to support it

There is an economic theory, often cited in the context of environmental law, by those striving to protect open-access resources, called "The Tragedy of the Commons". It goes like this--We, collectively own the atmosphere, let's say, and when you pollute it, you are hurting something that belongs, not only to you, but to me. You should act not only for your own benefit, but for

the benefit of humankind as a whole. To do otherwise, leads to tragedy.

We have seen a form of this tragedy unfold in the vaccine/no vaccine debate. Now I see this same lack of caring about community happening with the Prepared Food Tax debate.

Cannon Beach has bent over backwards to help restaurants survive during the pandemic.

You would think there would be some gratitude for these efforts, but there is not.

Restaurateurs complain that they will lose business because of this tax. That is ridiculous.

Cannon Beach is a unique place. It is one of the most beautiful settings in the world and customers are not going to get in their cars and drive elsewhere in heavy traffic because of a few mea-

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## Ban

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"There's an additional revision that is recommended," Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn said. "The word 'possessing' was removed from Section 9.16.010. By leaving it, any-

one possessing Oregon legal fireworks are at risk of being in violation of the ordinance."

Schermerhorn said there are some stores that still sell the novelty items. Families from out of town also come with fireworks.

"I think we're good with these revisions," Schermerhorn said.

Schermerhorn added that

the goal is education.

The council approved the first and second reading of amended chapter 9.16.030 of ordinance 21-06 and adopted the ordinance. The ordinance will be effective 30 days after adoption.

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## Joining the team at Rinehart Clinic



### Caitlin Simons, FNP Family Nurse Practitioner

*Rinehart Clinic welcomes Caitlin Simons, our new Family Nurse Practitioner.*

Caitlin received her Masters in Science of Nursing from Yale University and worked in the Acute Care and Inpatient Care unit of Yale Health before joining the Rinehart Clinic team. She has special interests in pediatric care, youth development, and rural community health.

Caitlin's primary focus will be supporting NKN Student Health & Wellness Center (the new school-based health center on-campus at Neah-Kah-Nie High School). She will also offer care to patients at Rinehart Clinic. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Caitlin at Rinehart Clinic, please call 1-800-368-5182.

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## MEETINGS OCTOBER 2021

5	City Council Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	21	Design Review Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
12	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	28	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, September 7, 2021

- Adopted Ordinance 21-06 For the Purpose of Amending The Municipal Code By Amending Chapter 9.16 Fireworks Prohibited
- Adopted Resolution 21-27 for the Purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2021- 2022 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations for Security Cameras
- Adopted Resolution 21-28 for the purpose of adopting a supplemental budget by making appropriations for municipal purposes of the City of Cannon Beach for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 for Cyber Insurance Coverage
- Adopted Resolution 21-29 for the Purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2021- 2022 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations for the Receptionist/Court Clerk position
- Adopted Proclamation 21-09, declaring September 15 - October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Cannon Beach
- Approved a City Manager Contract Modification from City Provided Vehicle to Vehicle Allowance
- Selected Sam Steidel as the LOC Voting Delegate for Annual Member Meeting

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION & DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, September 8, 2021

- Code Audit Joint Work Session

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, September 14, 2021, scheduled agenda items are

- Lifeguard & Parking-Information Aides End of the Season
- New Municipal Judge Selection Committee
- TSP Monthly Update
- Annexation Discussion
- CBE Construction Delivery Proposal

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, September 15, 2021, the scheduled agenda item is

- City Hall/Police Station

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The Design Review Board met August 19th to discuss:

**DRB 21-20**, Robert Lundin application on behalf of Hallmark Inns and Resorts for the addition of an exterior walkway bridge to provide handicap access to the guest suites on the second floor of the pool building. **Approved**

**DRB 21-22**, Jason and Elisabeth Menke application on behalf of SeaLevel Bakery and Coffee for an addition to extend production facilities and second-story office, staff room and storage space. **Approved**

### PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission met August 26th to discuss:

**SR 21-05**, David Vonada request, on behalf of Dana & Thurman Cardwell, of 1696 S. Hemlock, for a Setback Reduction of the rear-yard setback requirement for an entry-arbor in conjunction with a fence for an existing residence. **Approved**

## Of Interest...

### City Hall Operations Per Administrative Order 21-02

- All public access and participation for City Council, Commission, Board and Committee meetings will be virtual until further notice.
  - All City operations will continue with the exception that City Hall will be closed to visitors inside the building.
  - All in-person transactions will take place through the walk-up window installed next to the ballot drop box.
- Visit the [ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://ci.cannon-beach.or.us) for full details

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### Cannon Beach Elementary School Project

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### Cannon Beach Transportation System Plan

Check out [www.cannonbeachtsp.com](http://www.cannonbeachtsp.com) for details

### Public Notices Now Available on the City Website

Go to  
[www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/planning/page/public-notice](https://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 October 18, 2021, at 10:00 am  
Attendance via Zoom only.  
Visit [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings](https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings) for Zoom link

### 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  
Training Calendar  
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## RE/MAX Coastal Advantage hires two new brokers

**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

One of two new real estate brokers just starting at the RE/MAX Coastal Advantage office in Cannon Beach and Manzanita may be familiar to some because she lived in Cannon Beach 20 years ago and has been singing jazz for many years.

The new broker, Kelley Okada, told The Gazette: "I lived in NY, LA, Detroit, Baltimore, the Seattle area, and feel like I've moved home (coming back to Cannon Beach). I write music almost every day and will always have that as my passion in life. I lived in Cannon Beach 20 years ago and am so happy to be back."

Co-owner of the RE/MAX office Alaina Giguere said the other new broker is Rachel McElroy.

McElroy said she interviewed with a few agencies but decided "to sign with RE/MAX Coastal Advantage because of the location, the



**Kelley Okada**

success of the agents within the company, but mostly because of Alaina Giguere, who promised to be a hands-on mentor all the way and she has not let me down. Being a new agent in real estate is not easy, no matter how good you are with people. I would not have the success I have now without her help."

Okada said she is newly licensed and "chose real estate because I am passionate about the industry and I love



**Rachel McElroy**

watching people obtain their dreams, and goals. I chose Alaina as my principle broker because I like her attitude and feel like she is a kindred spirit."

Giguere said the real estate market is "very active – certainly we have more buyers than we do inventory. The fact is Cannon Beach is "quite frankly the jewel of the Oregon Coast" and "always in high demand."

"The COVID pandemic, low interest rates, high value

of the stock market – all drives buyers to our marketplace," she said. "The buyers attracted to Cannon Beach are exceptionally well-qualified and many of them are paying cash."

She said some of these buyers are looking for a retirement home for the future and others want a second home in Cannon Beach. Few are looking for vacation rentals to invest in because of the short-term rental rules in Cannon Beach.

Coastal Advantage brokers handle properties in Cannon Beach but also properties on the coast to the north and south, she said.

She personally thinks some sales are being influenced by a "pent-up demand" brought on by the pandemic, she said. Some people are looking for a "little space to spread out" and may want a way to "get out of town without maybe getting on a plane."

Alaina co-owns RE/MAX Coastal Advantage with her husband, Martin Giguere.

### Letters

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sly dollars on their tab. This would be even more true if the restaurants embraced the tax and proudly told their customers, when asked, that the tax is to increase safety and security for THEM while in Cannon Beach!

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*Lisa Kerr  
Cannon Beach*

### I support Wyden and Merkley on the River Democracy Act

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streams. We all depend on clean water.

For businesses like ours, clean water is incredibly important to the delicious, final product we deliver to our customers. That is but one of the many reasons I am supporting Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley as they work to pass the River Democracy Act. The bill would add nearly 4,700 miles of rivers and streams in Oregon to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers system and, in doing so, would protect the free-flowing nature of these waterways on which we all depend. Business owners in our region understand that a sizable portion of our visitors are drawn to the rivers in our area that drive tourism and provide so much joy to local residents. This bill just jives with our region and its values. It will protect clean water, support local businesses and help ensure continued tourism activity. Thank you to our Senators for working to pass such an important piece of legislation.

*Jason Menke  
Cannon Beach*

## Cannon Beach Library becomes a fine free library

The Cannon Beach Library has eliminated fines on overdue materials in all formats. Existing fines will be deleted and accounts blocked due to unpaid fines will be opened.

The Cannon Beach Library Board of Directors decided to eliminate fines in August.

"Our ultimate goal as a library is to increase access to information and to eliminate barriers to patrons' use of library services. This decision was about eliminating barriers," said Board President Phyllis Bernt.

Revenue from fines has consistently waned, and research shows that fines don't work as an incentive to borrow responsibly, Bernt added.

"A large percentage are never collected, and doing away with fines does not affect the return of library materials," Bernt said.

Board secretary and former children's librarian Claire Landrum proposed the elimination of fines to the board.

Children and fixed-income seniors who may not be able to pay fines could be denied access to the resources they need, Landrum said.

Because the library is not a tax-supported public library, library cards will still cost \$10 annually, and those using the computers and making copies will be charged fees.

Library materials still will be due two weeks after they are checked out. Patrons will receive notices reminding them that they have overdue materials, and they will be charged replacement fees for materials not returned within 49 days of the due date (28 days for new books and DVDs). The library cards of patrons with materials not returned by the 49- or 28-day deadlines will be suspended. Those charges will be cleared and library cards reinstated once the items are returned.

Patrons also will be responsible for replacement charges for lost or damaged materials. Materials can be renewed by phone or email and items may be returned any time.

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Volunteers are needed for SOLVE's annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, on Saturday, September 25. Community members across the state will be hosting nearly 100 volunteer projects along Oregon's beaches, parks, and neighborhoods. SOLVE encourages any Oregonian who wants to join the collective cleanup and restoration effort to sign up.

SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup began in 1984 as a coastwide beach cleanup event. In 2010, SOLVE ex-

panded the event to become statewide. Since the Beach & Riverside Cleanup's inception, volunteers have removed 1.8 million pounds of litter and marine debris from Oregon's natural areas and neighborhoods.

While most of the participating Beach & Riverside Cleanup projects will take place on September 25, some will take place the weekend before, starting on September 18, through the weekend after, ending on October 3. This timeframe allows volunteers to participate during the Ocean Conser-

ancy's International Coastal Cleanup Day, on September 18, National Public Lands Day, on September 25, and World Rivers Day, on September 26.

In the 2012 report *Stemming the Tide*, the Ocean Conservancy estimated that 80% of the world's marine plastic originates from inland sources. No matter which Beach & Riverside Cleanup project a volunteer chooses to participate in, they will be helping keep Oregon's waterways clean, from source to sea.

Families, friends, neigh-

bors, and businesses are all welcome to attend the Beach & Riverside Cleanup. Projects are occurring along the coast from Astoria to Brookings, and inland from Portland to Ashland, with many places in between. Each volunteer project will provide the necessary tools and instruction to get the job done. Volunteers are encouraged to bring reusable work gloves and bags or buckets to cut back on the number of disposable items used. Community members who would like to learn more

about the Beach & Riverside Cleanup and register should visit [solveoregon.org](http://solveoregon.org).

The Beach & Riverside Cleanup is held in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, with additional support from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Metro, Subaru of Portland, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, Chevron, NAVEX Global, Fred Meyer, Facebook, Clean Water Services, Bamboo Sushi, The Coca-Cola Company, and Tillamook County Creamery Association

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**Jeremy C. Ruark**  
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Oregon taxpayers are in line to get a \$1.9 billion kicker refund credit in the coming months.

The kicker occurs if actual state revenues exceed forecasted revenues by 2 percent or more over the two-year budget cycle. The excess, including the 2 percent trigger amount, is returned to taxpayers through a credit on their following year's tax return, according to the Oregon Revenue Department.

The following is the summary of the Oregon Revenue Forecast presented to state lawmakers today.

The economic outlook remains bright.

Strong household incomes, boosted considerably by federal aid during the pandemic, are the underlying driver. Consumers have no shortage of firepower if they want to and feel safe enough to spend.

The key to the outlook remains translating this firepower into actual consumer spending, particularly in the hard-hit service industries. Firms today are trying to staff up as quickly as possible to meet this increasing demand. The actual number of jobs created this year will be the largest on record in Oregon.

The state's labor market is now expected to regain all of its

lost jobs by next summer, or one quarter sooner than in the previous forecast. While these dynamics remain intact, the risks are weighted toward the downside.

Growth in a supply-constrained economy is challenging. Firms are struggling with supply chains and a tight labor market. Wages are rising quickly to attract and retain workers. Prices are increasing as demand continues to outstrip supply. On top of this the current delta wave of the pandemic complicates the immediate term outlook. What matters most economically are shutdowns. A modest pullback in consumer spending in a few categories will not lead to mass layoffs.

If anything, any slowing in spending today will likely turn into stronger gains in coming quarters. This cycle is different. The current recovery will be faster, more complete, and more inclusive than recent experiences coming out of the tech and housing bubbles. As some of the pandemic-specific challenges fade, the underlying economy is on solid footing due to the strength of corporate and household balance sheets. In September of odd-numbered years, the revenue forecast closes out the biennium than ended on June 30th.

At this time, the Close of Session forecast is calculated by

folding any tax law changes made during the legislative session into the May 2021 outlook. This sets the bar for Oregon's balanced budget requirement and its unique kicker law. Changes to tax law were relatively small in the 2021 session, with a net revenue impact of -\$3.6 million to General Fund resources in the 2021-23 budget period.

The September forecast also reveals where revenues landed in the prior budget period. In a typical year, there are few surprises, since tax collections are relatively small during the early summer. This year was different. Due to a delayed tax filing deadline, much uncertainty remained following the May forecast. When the forecast was developed, the peak tax season had just begun.

By the end of the fiscal year, the 2021 tax season turned out to be a very big one. Collections of personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, lottery sales and the new Corporate Activity Tax all surged. Recent withholdings of personal income taxes are up 17% relative to last year. Payments during the tax season were strong as well, led by collections from high-income taxpayers. A \$1.9 billion personal income tax kicker credit is slated for tax year 2021.

The median taxpayer can expect to receive a credit of \$420, while the average is estimated to be \$850. The strong revenue growth seen during the 2019-21

biennium put a cap on a decade of unprecedented expansion in Oregon's General Fund revenues.

Over the past decade, General Fund revenues have almost doubled from around \$12 billion per year to around \$24 billion. Over the decade as a whole, kicker payments amounted to \$2.6 billion, reducing cumulative General Fund resources by 2.6 percent. Last biennium, kicker payments took away half of the General Fund growth. Looking forward, the current \$1.9 billion kicker reduces 2021-23 revenues as well.

**Reaction**

Governor Kate Brown issued the following statement today on the state's revenue forecast:

"Today's revenue forecast is another sign that Oregon's economy is healthy, strong, and on the path for a rapid recovery. This is welcome news at a time that Oregonians continue to face immense challenges: from wildfire recovery to extreme drought to our worst surge of cases and hospitalizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"And we must never lose sight of the fact that, because of historic, structural inequities, the impacts of the pandemic

and the natural disasters of the past year and a half have disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Tribal communities the hardest.

“My priority will be to continue to address the challenges facing Oregon families, including the disparities resulting from systemic racism, with a particular focus on ensuring our hospitals and health care workers have the resources they need to continue to provide patients with life-saving care.”

Senate President Peter Courtney issued the following statement after the release of the September 2021 quarterly economic and revenue forecast:

“Oregon’s economy remains strong. We have more money to invest in pandemic relief, childcare and housing. We’re still in a crisis. The Legislature will help out Oregonians who’ve hurt the most. I look forward to doing this as fast as we can.”

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek issued the following statement today after the release of the latest quarterly state economic and revenue forecast:

“The stable outlook of today’s revenue forecast is welcome news coming off a legislative session where we invested strongly in programs to help Oregonians impacted by the pandemic, wildfires, the housing crisis and other challenges. We need to maintain this momentum to build a better future for everyone.

“Today is also a reminder that our economic recovery is linked to our ability to control the virus. Our hospital systems are on the verge of collapse in this moment. With 1,000 Oregonians hospitalized due to COVID-19, there is still too much suffering across the state. We will maintain our economic recovery if we all commit to protecting each other from the Delta variant.”

Oregon Senate Republicans statement

Today, the Office of Economic Analysis presented the quarterly revenue forecast. It confirmed that Oregon taxpayers will receive a \$1.9 billion Kicker. The corporate Kicker will send an additional \$850 million to K-12 schools. The state budget will also have an ending fund balance of \$699 million.

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in these Open Houses and have their say on where they would like to see improvements made for the future of Cannon Beach. We appreciate the great turnout for the first couple of surveys and initial Open House, but the work is far from over. We have a lot of great ideas, but now is the time we have to roll up our sleeves, weigh and prioritize alternatives and give our thoughts on just where resources should be directed.”

The city is holding a second open house at 6 pm on September 22. This is a Zoom meeting. For more information, visit the city website. A third open house will be held at a later date.

“Overcrowding and the resulting effects of traffic and parking constraints are the main issues in town,” as stated in Milestone #1 Outreach Summary of TSP. “This is a difficult balance because Cannon Beach acts as a host community of Oregon’s Public Beach and much of the local economy thrives on tourism,

but there needs to be a balance between the needs and visitors and year-round residents.”

The Gazette asked: The majority of survey respondents are most interested in preserving the village character and walkability of Cannon Beach by managing the impact of tourists. What are the main ways other coastal towns have dealt with this?

Adams said: “Many communities have parking management systems, such as timed and/or metered parking. Many communities offer daily or seasonal passes and utilize the new mobile parking technologies to administer and monitor compliance with these parking management systems. Other communities have off-site parking lots or dedicated lots for visitors, often incorporated into their transit systems. So that visitors park at these lots and catch a trolley or bus to get to town or the beach. Some communities will also close portions of their commercial districts to parking or traffic, focusing on pedestrian traffic in their major commercial areas, creating pedestrian malls, squares or limited vehicular parking for certain time periods.

“As I mentioned above, yes, almost all of the above ideas.

have been mentioned in the survey responses and voiced at City meetings over the past few years. The next two phases, what are identified as the Public Outreach Milestones #2 & #3 in the TSP, will ask the public their preferences on such measures, while providing models of how various alternatives can be expected to perform under the predicted conditions.”

“Managing the impacts of tourist traffic was the top-ranked transportation improvement for the TSP to consider,” as stated in the survey summary. “The second-most common mode of transportation among online open house survey participants was driving, with (58 percent) saying they drove daily. Sunset and Hemlock is a known problematic intersection in town. Traffic has been known to back up onto the Sunset Highway ramps from Hemlock, introducing potential safety issues. Traffic control options at Sunset and Hemlock should be considered.”

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