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◆ SURFER'S PARADISE

Seaside surfing legend has history on coastal waters

The religion of being in the water and the adrenaline of catching a wave - Seaside Surf Legend, Josh Gizdavich

Ashley Tike
Staff Writer

If there's a good ground swell with crystal-clear east winds and high tide is in the middle of the day you'll probably find Seaside surf legend, Josh Gizdavich out catching some waves.

Born in 1956 in Seaside, Oregon, Gizdavich has had a front-row seat as surfing has grown in popularity along the Oregon coast. "My older brother, who's about 10 years older than me, was actually one of the original surfers here," Gizdavich said. "In those days no one really surfed around here so my parents probably thought he was a little bit crazy," he added.

According to Gizdavich, in the 60s the surfers went out into the 50-degree ocean water without any gear to protect against the cold. They ordered custom boards from California and had



(Top) Josh Gizdavich ready to catch a wave at one of his favorite spots on the Oregon Coast. (Below) Gizdavich displays surfboards used in the 80s.
Photos courtesy of Josh Gizdavich

a very unique group of people back then, they were the pioneers of Oregon surfing. Marching to the beat of their own drum," he said.

Gizdavich found his own inspiration to surf in 1969 while driving home from church on a winter day with his parents. "The ocean view was really pretty that day so we stopped

was often nearly empty in those days, was covered in a foot of snow. 13 year-old Gizdavich noticed a van parked in the lot; the doors opened up and three guys walked into the snow and out into the surf. "That was my inspiration, after seeing those guys, I knew that's what I wanted to do," he remembered.

When Gizdavich was surfing in the 70s in Seaside there were about 20 guys surfing and he personally knew every single one of them. "If we saw someone driving through town with a board on their car that we didn't recognize, it was a big deal. We would pull over and ask them to come surf with us," he said.

Back then, it was rare for newcomers to surf the Oregon coast, so it was common for locals invite them to learn a new surf style and exchange surf stories. The surf culture today is completely different.

"Nowadays, it's gotten so busy I can barely find a spot to park," said Gizdavich. "A lot of it is because the wetsuit technology is so good more people are willing to get in the cold water," he added.

Similar to fisherman and mushroom hunters, surfers are

often protective of their territory and skeptical of newcomers. According to Gizdavich, good surfers spend their whole life learning the good spots, playing the surfer-ocean chess game.

"I would travel hundreds of miles a day searching for the right place to be and when; and then the next day I would know exactly where to go back again," he said. After dedicating your life to finding gold, would you openly share it?

Growing up, Gizdavich never felt the need to formally compete in surf contests.

"I competed everyday on a personal level, always trying to be a better surfer than I was the day before," he said. "Competition isn't my thing, it doesn't feel soulful to me and I'm a soul surfer," he said with a smile.

Over the years Gizdavich has traveled the world surfing various international waves but when asked where the best



Gizdavich on the hood of his car checking the surf.

them shipped up on the train. "The surf community was

and pulled into the surfers parking lot," he said. The lot, which

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'We've got to do something about housing affordability in Cannon Beach'

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

Cannon Beach Community Development Director Jeffrey Adams said in his presentation at the February 8 council meeting: "We've got to do something" about housing affordability in Cannon Beach.

At the beginning of his report to council, he cited examples of people in the city who are struggling to afford to live and work in Cannon Beach. For example, he said, the first planner they hired couldn't take the job because she couldn't find housing in the area.

Showing a graphic that displayed the increase in the number of types of housing in Cannon Beach from 2010 to 2019, Adams said; "What's growing in Cannon Beach are the percentage of second homes," not short term rentals or owner occupied homes.

"We're losing owner-occupied homes just like we're losing our population," he said.

However, he left the discussion about second home ownership to another meeting. The meeting discussion revolved around the subject of workforce housing.

"As a county, we're having difficulty hiring," he said. Current employees are "aging-out." Once they retire, "we won't be able to replace them," because of the lack of affordable housing.

"We have to assure a place for our workforce to live in our county," he said. "They have to be able to respond (to calls)."

He said the 2021 median household income in Clatsop County is \$72,900. The average cost of a house is \$862,000.

"It is unbelievably hard to find housing," he said.

He talked some about what other communities are doing to provide workforce housing. In the Aspen area, Crested Butte (Colorado) and Park City, Utah, employees are eligible to rent or buy deed restricted housing.

In Telluride, anyone who builds a 2,000-square foot house has to pay \$40,000 towards an employee offset, he said.

In Crested Butte, there are 305 deed restricted units - 25 percent of the town's housing stock - with a plan to increase that to 30 percent, he said.

"We are talking secondary markets - that's how you solve it, because the market is broken," he said.

He said to do something about this problem takes a regional approach as well as time and resources.

An immediate approach the city is discussing is the concept of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that are long-term rentals. The city would provide some incentives to owners who restrict the units to long term rentals. These ADUs would provide workforce housing.

In April, he said he will come back with another report.

He said Councilman Brandon Ogilvie "has stepped up to be a liaison and we've started to setup some meetings with other jurisdictions."

"We won't be able to meet with Seaside until Wednesday and have yet set the date for the other meetings," he said. "By beginning these conversations we hope to open up the possibility for pathways towards regional solutions. Each jurisdiction seems to be struggling with these housing issues in their own silos and it may be that the workforce might be better served if we combined our resources and efforts in resolving such regional issues.

In correspondence directed to the council at the February meeting, planning commission member Lisa Kerr stated in a letter: "I think it is very important to place deed restrictions on ADU's and Workforce Housing Projects that make it incumbent on

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Low home inventory brings purchase prices to historical high

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach area currently has only a few homes listed for sale, however, the opportunities for homes coming on the market are out there, say local real estate experts.

Alaina Giguere, co-owner of the RE/MAX Coastal Advantage in Cannon Beach and Manzanita, said there are three single-family homes for sale now in Cannon Beach.

"If you go from Cannon Beach to Manzanita-- that increases by one house," Giguere said. "Normally there would be 30-40 listings. It's crazy, there's literally no inventory."

Normally, home sales are slower in the fall and winter and

then increase in the spring, she said. "But this is not a normal market."

She said she doesn't at this point foresee the market changing.

Michele Johnson, broker with Windermere Realty Trust in Cannon Beach and Robin Risley, principal broker with Cascade Sotheby International Realty, also in Cannon Beach, said competition for properties is stiff with multiple offers - mostly cash offers - and purchasing "as-is."

Johnson said in the last couple of days she had a client who offered \$126,000 over the asking price and they didn't get the property. Buyers are paying a premium now.

"I don't see the prices going down - I don't see this as a bubble," she said. "We've been



discovered in Cannon Beach (as an attractive area to live).

"This is the first of the year and the prices are the highest I've seen them," Risley said. "(Buyers) have to be quick, read-to-go, aggressive with their offer, well-over asking."

Sellers are generally not interested in contingency offers, where the seller waits for the buyer's home to be sold.

Seventy-five percent of buyers are cash buyers, she added.

Schools could ditch the mask as early as March 31

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

On March 31, the state will allow individual school districts to decide whether they want to require universal face masking.

In order to help the Seaside school board make this decision, the district posted an online survey available to parents, staff and students on its website, said Susan Penrod, superintendent of the school district.

The board is meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday to vote on whether to require all students to wear face masks.

Penrod said the state recommends the wearing of face masks but is leaving the decision to require them to the individual districts. The state has predicted that by the end of March, the percentage of COVID positive cases will have dropped to a manageable level.

However, as posted on the district website, if face masks are no longer required, the state has issued the following proviso: "Please be aware that other mitigation measures must continue, including distancing, sanitizing, and quarantining. Please also know that the "test to stay" option will become unavailable, because it requires universal masking. This may increase the number of students/staff quarantining even with the prevalence of COVID-19 decreasing, and at some point may cause a pause in our ability to operate school in person."

The superintendent said she will present a report at the board meeting prior to the vote sharing the survey results as well as comments from the survey.

She said she does not know how the board will vote, saying "it could go either way."

Cannon Beach Fire Dist. awarded all-terrain vehicle for disaster preparedness

The Office of Emergency Management has awarded six fire districts across the state with new high-axle, all-terrain vehicles to assist their communities with disaster preparedness and response. The vehicles are provided through the State Preparedness and Incident Response Equipment (SPIRE) Grant, which funds the purchase and distribution of equipment to be used during an emergency to decrease the risk for loss of life and property damage.

The six vehicles have been or are in the process of being delivered to Aurora Fire District, Cannon Beach Fire District, Eugene Springfield Fire, Evans Valley Fire District #6, Hoodland Fire District #74 and Warrenton Fire Dept.

"The SPIRE Grant provides practical equipment that can save lives and property



Cannon Beach Fire Dist. will receive one of six all-terrain vehicles awarded by the Office of Emergency Management. Courtesy photo

during emergencies by allowing for a more efficient response at the local level," said OEM Grants Coordinator Jim Jungling. "Applicants must demonstrate a need for the specific equipment and establish how it would significantly improve emergency response capabilities in their communities."

The road-legal vehicles can access flooded areas, navigate rugged terrain and perform water rescues; they can also serve as brush rigs to fight small grass fires and other types of small, outdoor fires. Recent flooding and wildfire conditions have increased the need for the vehicles, which are designed and manufactured locally in Bend by CORE (Commander Off-Road Equipment), a division of EarthCruiser.

"We've been working closely with Business Oregon to identify more local and regional companies, like

EarthCruiser, that can serve as partners for procurement of the equipment," said Jungling. "While it's not always possible to buy local, we do prioritize it, both to support the economy and to save money on equipment delivery."

Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said the CORE Vehicle will be used to help his community in the case of a tsunami or earthquake. "With any size tsunami, most of our city, including dozens of residential neighborhoods, will be inundated with water. This type of vehicle will allow us to perform rescue operations in those areas," said Workman. "Similarly, during an earthquake, thousands of trees and utility poles will most likely topple and prevent standard-axle vehicles from traversing around town to perform rescue operations, whereas a high-axle vehicle

would have a better chance of reaching the impacted areas."

Oregon House Bill 2687 established the SPIRE Grant program, which became effective in August 2017. A total of \$5 million was made available in the grant's first round, which awarded 81 pieces of equipment to 79 different awardees. Individual items had a minimum cost of \$5,000 per item and were selected from an approved equipment list. In addition to the CORE Vehicles, equipment included generators, fuel tankers, big-water rescue boats, a low-water rescue boat, rescue jet skis, mass casualty trailers and water purification trailers. While the state purchases the equipment, the awardee is responsible for the maintenance, staffing and response. The state retains the option to request use of the equipment elsewhere if an emergency occurs.



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Surf

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surfing in the world is he said, "Definitely Seaside," without hesitation.

Gizdavich opened Cleanline Surf Shop in 1980 and from the start it was pretty successful. "I spend my younger years surfing the coast from Canada all the way down to California and along the way I built relationships with other surfers and they trusted me," he said. The Oregon coast surfers of the 80s were excited to finally have a shop where they can get surf gear from someone knowledgeable.

The surf gear today looks nothing like what the guys were using in the 70s and 80s.

According to the Cleanline founder, the old school surfers were great athletes using not-so-great equipment but today's surfers get the best of both worlds; great athletes using great equipment. The sport has changed and it's a direct correlation to the advancement

of the gear.

"Personally I like the old school "soulful dancer" surf style versus the new ripping gymnastics style, but you really can't deny these new guys are incredible," he said.

The ocean temperature is similar year round on the Oregon coast, it pretty much hovers around 50 degrees. For really experienced surfers, the winter surfing is what they wait for because the swells and the wind conditions are better. "In the wintertime you'd typically see surfers wearing a 5mm thick hooded wetsuit. O'Neill and Patagonia are solid brands but I think my own Cleanline wetsuits are the best," said Gizdavich, the founder of Cleanline Surf Shop.

Photos provided by Josh Gizdavich
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Housing

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the landlord to rent only on a long-term basis and not turn their property into a short-term rental. This will ensure that they remain true to their intent.

"Also, the City Code Enforcement Officer should have procedures for enforcement and set fines for violations. Incentives to encourage development of ADU's by allowing additional square footage on developed lots for free-standing ADU's should be looked at, depending on how they impact allowable

lot coverage and thus impact trees and drainage, etc."

Cannon Beach resident Tim Ramey said in an interview on Monday that the group, Owners and Voters of Cannon Beach, are in favor of the city allowing ADU's to be exempt from the square footage requirements to the extent of the size of the ADU, so long as the unit is a long-term rental and not exempt from lot coverage.

Ramey said he thinks these ADU's, which can be used as workforce housing, are a practical solution that second homeowners, in particular, may find useful. The tenant could keep an eye on the property while the homeowner is away.

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At the library

Eleven local authors to read at Writers Read celebration, March 5

The Northwest Authors Series at the Cannon Beach Library will host 11 authors reading 16 of their stories, essays and poems during the Fourth Annual Writers Read Celebration, Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m., on Facebook Live.

The 11 authors reading at the Celebration include writers from Wheeler, Oregon, to Camas, Washington. Several of the 16 poems, which a five-member panel of judges selected anonymously from 45 entries, were penned by writers living in Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

Writers reading from their submitted works include:

Adria Bagadani, Manzanita, reading her poem "Bird."

John Ciminello, Naselle, Washington, reading two poems, "The Douser" and "Back to the Beginning,"

Bill Grafius, Gearhart, reading two poems, "The Cyborg Gardener" and "Deciding Factor."

Karen Keltz, Tillamook, reading two poems, "Another Kind of Resilience" and "Realm of Possibility."

Phyllis Mannan, Manzanita, reading her story, "Holes," and a poem, "Poem with a Line from Lao Tzu."

Steven Mayer, Cannon Beach, reading his essay, "On Recovery."

Kristen Nekovar, Astoria,

reading a rap poem, "Pill Bug."

Jennifer Nightingale, Astoria, reading her poem, "Everything Changed."

Emily Ransdell, Camas, Washington, reading her two poems, "Consider the Blackberry" and "Our Pandemic Year."

Scott T. Starbuck, Battle Ground, Washington, reading his poem, "Slim's Tree."

L. Swartz, Wheeler, will read a shuffle poem, "Hunger, edges, falling."

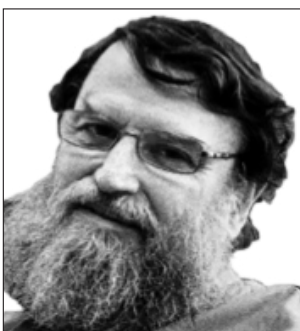
The suggested theme for this year's Celebration was "Recovery?"

For the eleven writers selected to read, recovery ranged from life after Covid to tending to an ailing bird. Recovery also could mean a light-splashed winter day, finding the path after being lost on a trail, discovering an old swimming hole or relearning to garden as a cyborg.

The Writers Read Celebration begins Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m., on Facebook Live. Facebook membership is not necessary. The Celebration can be accessed by going to the library website at www.cannonbeachlibrary.org and clicking on the banner at the top of the page. It may also be reached by going to the library Facebook page.

Last year's Writers Read Celebration garnered more than 1,300 views. Thinking of the Recovery? theme of this year's Writers Read Celebration reminds me of another possible sign of recovery from the Covid pandemic.

Two years have passed without the library sponsoring a Library Quilt Drawing. This, as a result of the plague closing the library to everyone for several months and—although now open to small groups of patrons to browse for short visits between Noon and 4



Joseph Bernt

to restore the traditional Library Quilt Drawing, despite Covid still lurking about Clatsop County, not to mention the rest of the globe.

Chenevert generously has donated

two quilts featuring diamond-shaped pieces made from fabrics popular in the 1930s and 1940s. Both quilts were finished in the 1980s and have never been used.

One is a "Christmas" quilt that is twin-sized

of the cover surrounded by a double-bordered apron.

Both quilts would make stunning wall exhibits. The person whose name is drawn first will have his or her choice of the two quilts. The person whose name is drawn second will win the remaining quilt.

The Library Board hopes that by December the drawing can be held in person at a library event. If the presence of Covid makes that unsafe, perhaps the drawing can be held via Facebook Live.

If a Writers Read Celebration on Facebook Live allowed local poets, essayists, and storytellers to receive 1,300 views, the library might expect a successful fundraiser conducted through Facebook, too.

The price of tickets for the Quilt Drawing has never experienced inflation, at least not in my nine-year memory of this drawing. I remember because I benefited from my spouse, eight years ago, buying several tickets on a whim and winning. A beautiful patch design quilt still keeps me warm as winter advances toward spring.

In the past, one ticket bought one chance to win one quilt. In 2022, one ticket offers the chance to win one of two quilts. What a deal!

Tickets for this year's Quilt Drawing remain one

for \$1, six for \$5 and one hundred and twenty tickets for a cool C-note. Potential winning tickets are available at the library until the hour of the 2022 drawing in December.

Speaking of inflation-fighting opportunities at the library, let me mention that I was in the library last Friday and noted many opportunities to discover great books for sale at absurdly low prices. The used book room is fully stocked, and used books have overflowed into a number of library crannies.

Looking at the used book bargains offers a wonderful way to spend a quick browsing trip to the library on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday between Noon and 4 p.m.

Members of Cannon Beach Reads will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, March 16, at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Lincoln Highway" by bestselling novelist Amor Towles. Wanda Meyer-Price will lead the discussion.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join this discussion or become a Cannon Beach Reads regular participant, email Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu. He will add you to the group's email list and send you information needed to join the Zoom session.



"Christmas" Quilt

p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday—the library has avoided such large meetings as a fund-raising public quilt drawing.

However, Melodie Chenevert—longtime library supporter and now a member of the Library Board—has challenged the library safely



"Lone Star" Quilt

with dramatic dark-green, six-pointed stars interspersed with tumbling blocks to create a 72-by-90-inch optical illusion.

The second quilt is a queen-sized "Lone Star" quilt measuring 86-by-90-inches on which a single multi-colored star dominates the top

Letters to the Editor

Tides of Gratitude

As a Native Oregonian who has been coming to Cannon Beach for many years and has owned property here since 2003, I am saddened by the constant criticism I hear directed at our City Leaders. I started hearing attacks and accusations that the City is

incompetent and financially cheating the community, so I decided to take a closer look. I attended City Council meetings and talked to a wide range of people about the issues. I looked at the City structure, along with the committees and how they conduct business. I found that the committees oversee their area of responsibility in detail and

vote on the issues presented to them. It then goes through the Department Heads, City Manager and City Council. All issues are reviewed in detail every step of the way.

The February 8th City Council meeting gave me a window into realizing just how hard these department heads have been simultaneously working on multiple

projects. They all work tirelessly to make this town better. Their morale, motivation, and feeling good about their jobs should matter to all of us.

Our Public Works Director has been securing low interest loans and grants to upgrade our City infrastructure to make it more resilient, so that in the event of a moder-

ate earthquake we will have drinking water and a functioning sewage system.

Our Emergency Management Director has been working to make the City safer, securing grants and managing a group of amazing and devoted CERT and medical volunteers, and working to upgrade the emergency alert system with the Fire District.

Our Community Development Director has been hard at work on the parking and workforce housing issues, documenting all of his findings in detail.

Our City Manager oversees the day to day operation of the city and makes sure things

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MEETINGS MARCH 2022

- 1 City Council Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 City Council Work Session 6:00 p.m.
- 15 City Council Special Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Design Review Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, February 1, 2022

- Council approved the contract with Mersereau Shannon, LLP for Bond Counsel
- Adopted 22-04; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Full Faith and Credit Obligations in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,600,000 to Finance Capital Projects; Designating an Authorized Representative and Special Counsel; and Related Matters.
- Adopted Resolution 22-05; Adopting a Statement of Official Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds of a Borrowing Reasonably Expected to be Entered Into by the City
- Resolution 22-06; for the Purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2021-2022 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of Appropriations for the Wastewater Department
- Resolution 22-07; for the Purpose of Approving Changes to the FY 2021-2022 Budget by Increasing Appropriations in the General Fund to Allow for a Specific Purpose Grant from the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Emergency Management
- Council renewed Bob Lundy to the Farmer's Market
- Council renewed Greg Swedenborg to the Tourism and Arts Commission

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING, February 8, 2022

- Finance Director, Laurie Sawrey, introduced Ron Logan the new Assistant Finance Director
- Doug Gabbard from FCS answered Council's questions regarding the System Development Charges and discussed a phased in approach
- Emergency Manager Rick Hudson gave the annual review of the Emergency Management Division 2021
- Community Development Director Jeff Adams gave an update on the Transportation System Plan
- Community Development Director Jeff Adams gave a presentation on Affordable Housing
- Council discussed reducing the Business License fee for Farmer's Market vendors
- Council discussed having a committee for the Cannon Beach Elementary Rejuvenation Project
- Council discussed the draft materials for the Prepared Food Sales Tax
- Council approved the contract award to Big River Construction for the Warren Way & Hemlock Project
- Council approved the use of \$8,592 in unallocated project funds under the Bridge Reserve Fund to pursue a FEMA grant opportunity

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The Design Review Board will meet February 17th

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission will meet February 24th

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 for full details

Agenda information

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Cannon Beach Community Bulletin

A monthly source of City information Subscribe on our website: <https://ci.cannon-beach.or.us/executive/page/community-bulletin> One more way to stay in the know!

Cannon Beach Elementary School Project

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

Cannon Beach Transportation System Plan

Check out www.cannonbeachsp.com for details

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?

February 28, 2022, at 10:00 am
March 21, 2022 at 10:00 am
Attendance via Zoom only
Visit 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 Emergency Management Operational Guidelines <https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt>



Want to be in the know?

Community members, visitors and businesses can choose up to 3 ways to receive emergency notification and community information from City, County and Public Safety Officials for Clatsop County, Oregon Sign up for CLATSOP ALERTS Receive notifications via: Home Phone • Cell Phone Voice/Text • Email Sign up online at: <https://bit.ly/32a5ffk> Questions or other information: clastopemd@co.clatsop.or.us 503-325-8645

Code Enforcement

Did you know the City has a Code Enforcement Complaint Form on their website? Go to ci.cannon-beach.or.us Click Services, Under the Police Department section click Code Enforcement Complaint. It's as easy as that!

NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies: TOURISM & ARTS COMMISSION: ONE (1) vacancy to fill four-year term immediately. BUDGET COMMITTEE: One (1) vacancy to fill three-year term beginning immediately. PLANNING COMMISSION: One (1) vacancy to fill four-years term beginning 4/1/22. Applications with questionnaires are available by email addressed to recorder@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or on-line at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us

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Breath of fresh air: Oregon to lift indoor mask mandate

Jeremy C. Ruark
Country Media

Oregon will remove general mask requirements for indoor public places and schools no later than March 31, state health officials announced today. The decision to impose mask requirements will then be left up to businesses to decide.

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) announcement follows news of stabilizing Omicron cases and overall COVID-19 cases plummeting by 40% over the past week across the state.

By late March, state health officials predict there will be 400 or fewer Oregonians hospitalized with COVID-19, a figure that hearkens back to the days before the rapid spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant.

Additionally, state health data indicates COVID-19 hospitalizations have not topped the 1,178 high point of the Delta surge, despite projections that Omicron hospitalizations could double the number of patients hospitalized, according to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

State health officials say Oregon needs to keep mask requirements in place for now as COVID-19 hospitalizations crest and Oregon's health

care system strains to treat high numbers of severely ill patients.

Current models show hospitalizations peaking at 1,169 and then declining throughout February and March as infections slow, according to the OHA. However, health officials cautioned that the state's emergence from the Omicron surge depends on Oregonians sustaining effective prevention measures in the coming weeks.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said, "We're likely to see as many cases on the way down from the Omicron peak as we saw on the way up. That means we need to keep taking steps to prevent more hospitalizations and deaths."

Despite this caution, according to data from OHSU, the average peak across the rest of the U.S. is more than a third higher per-capita than the 1,087 people currently hospitalized in Oregon.

"The way Oregon handled omicron is almost as good as you're going to see," Director of the OHSU Office of Advanced Analytics Dr. Peter Graven, Ph.D., said. "Oregon pushed out booster shots, Oregonians modified their behavior early, before omicron fully arrived here, and we kept our masking rates relatively high

compared with other states.

"Because of that, our surge was way lower than other places on a per-capita basis."

State health officials said they would consider lifting the general indoor mask requirement earlier than March 31, if hospitalizations decline to the levels projected by the end of March sooner than expected.

Late afternoon Monday, Feb. 7, the OHA filed a new rule with the Oregon Secretary of State to require people to wear masks while indoors in public places. The new rule replaces a temporary rule that expires on Feb. 8, said the OHA.

Before the filing, the OHA invited public testimony at a public hearing on a proposed permanent mask rule. The Jan. 20 hearing attracted more than 300 attendees and lasted for six-and-a-half hours, with more than 100 Oregonians testifying against the adoption of a permanent rule.

State health officials insist the filing was the only way the OHA could extend the current temporary mask rule past its expiration date, or until mask rules would no longer be needed to reduce transmission of COVID-19, saving lives and preventing the Omicron crisis from further overwhelming Oregon's health care system.



Over the coming weeks, state health officials said they will work with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to ensure schools can continue operating safely and keep students in class once the school mask requirements are lifted.

The end-of-march date will also give schools the time to pivot in their COVID-19 mitigation strategies, according to the OHA.

The state's indoor mask mandate was first instituted shortly after the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, followed by a brief remittance period in June. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's Office reinstated the mandate on Aug. 27, 2021, which was scheduled to remain in place until Feb. 8, 2022.

In the meantime, health experts strongly recommend high-risk individuals continue

wearing masks in indoor public settings after mask requirements are lifted, including people who are:

- Unvaccinated
- Immunocompromised
- At high risk of COVID-19 hospitalizations, including those with underlying health conditions and those 65 and older
- Living with people at high risk

Commissioner Lianne Thompson files for reelection

Last week Lianne Thompson filed to seek a third term on the Clatsop County Commission, District 5. Thompson is running to continue her work increasing economic opportunity, connecting our communities to resources, and preserving our local environment for future generations.

"As Commissioner, I'm focused on making county government work better and improving the lives of the people of Clatsop County," Lianne said. "I'm proud of the work I've done so far, and ready to keep using teamwork to get the job done for our residents."

Lianne touts multiple accomplishments to date, including:

Conservation of Arch Cape Forest: Lianne led the effort on the County Commission to secure \$250,000 in local matching funds to protect 1,500 acres of forestland as the Arch Cape Forest.

Increasing Access to Broadband for Jewell & Rural Clatsop County: Lianne worked to partner with Jewell School District and other community partners to expand high speed internet services for that community and the surrounding area.



Statewide Collaboration on Local Issues, Particularly

Affordable Housing & Water Inventory: As co-chair of a statewide committee of county leaders, Lianne leads the new working committee to support innovation and cross-sector partnerships, obtain technical assistance and coordination with those partners to address local problems all over Oregon. In Clatsop County, the first two County Solutions efforts address creating affordable housing and developing a grass-roots water inventory of our needs, resources, and plans to address our water future.

Strengthening Relationships to Benefit Clatsop: Lianne has

grown the County's participation in the statewide Association of Oregon Counties, and in regional groups like Columbia Pacific Economic Development, NW ACT, and the Community Action Team. Lianne's partnerships across the state help the County respond and adapt to the needs of the community.

Lianne is devoted to the well-being of the people and the place. "We need a healthy environment and a healthy economy. We can't pick one; we must do both, or neither will work," she said. "People need jobs with adequate and stable

income, and communities need a tax base with adequate and stable income, too."

Looking to the future, Lianne is prioritizing more housing using Oregon-made materials, ecologically sustainable development, increased broadband access for all Clatsop communities, good jobs supported by our forests, and wider availability and affordability of childcare for working families.

Thompson won election from Clatsop County voters decisively in 2014 and 2018. She will be on the May 17, 2022 ballot for District 5 voters.

Clatsop County COVID-19 at a glance

Ashley Tike
Staff Writer

Feeling ill and need to get a COVID test? The federal government is offering free at-home COVID-19 tests.

Order online at www.covid-tests.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 for more information.

Public Health, in partnership with Columbia Memorial Hospital and Providence

Seaside Hospital, is offering drive-thru COVID-19 testing at Camp Rilea, 33168 Patriot Way, Warrenton. Tests are being offered Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call (503) 325-8500 to schedule an appointment. Please note the special hours on Feb. 8th. They are closed Feb. 21st.

Due to high demand, testing is currently being

reserved for individuals in our highest-risk populations. People experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 who are not otherwise considered high-risk, might not be eligible for testing at this time.

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Booster shots of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are available to individuals on Wednesdays, at Camp Rilea in Warrenton. Appointment required. They are also available Monday through Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1

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Comments: headlightreporter@countrymedia.net

CLATSOP COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATED DATA					
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are running smoothly. Our City Council and Mayor are all volunteers who devote many hours to learning about all of these issues and making important decisions for our City. No

one is going to want to run for City Council or Mayor if they have to endure this constant criticism. Some of the attacks are so mean spirited. I believe we need to show more gratitude for one another and focus on what we have in common.

I believe it would be smarter to build our leaders up, instead of tearing them down. Uniting instead of

dividing the community. We are not all going to agree on everything, but we can still respect our differences. We all matter and this community is too small not to get along. Empathy, Kindness, and Compassion can make a difference.

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Deb Atiyeh
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Oregon Health Authority has stockpiled more than 2 million rapid antigen tests

LYNNE TERRY

The Oregon Health Authority has stockpiled 2 million Covid-19 rapid test kits at its warehouse in Wilsonville, but does not know when they'll be sent out.

It is waiting for requests for the tests, according to Jonathan Modie, a spokesman with the health authority.

The health authority ordered 6 million test kits from iHealth Labs Inc. on Dec. 28 at a cost of \$60 million, which will be reimbursed by the federal government. The agency said then that they'd be delivered over the next five weeks.

The contract specifies Feb. 7 as the final delivery date but so far the manufacturer has only delivered 3.6 million kits.

"We're continuing to receive weekly shipments from the manufacturer and are scheduled to receive our full 6 million tests by mid-February," Tim Heider, an Oregon Health Authority spokesman, said in an email. "The manufacturer is about a week behind our initial delivery schedule due to airline crew delays, but they are working in good faith to fulfill our full order as soon as possible."



The health authority has distributed 1.3 million test kits to hospitals, schools, county health departments, tribal communities, organizations that work with homeless people, groups that work with farmworkers and clinics that serve low-income patients. Besides schools and

hospitals, the agency is reserving the tests for organizations that serve racial and ethnic minorities and other individuals who have been the hardest hit by the pandemic.

State data show the tests have been distributed statewide, with about a third of a million going to Portland Public Schools and Oregon

Health & Science University and Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in southwest Portland.

The kits contain two tests which determine within minutes whether a person is infected with omicron or another variant of the virus. They're not as accurate as PCR tests, which require a lab to process, but they

can be done at home and are considered to be fairly reliable in picking up an infection after the first day or two, when the virus is starting to multiply.

Modie said that the health authority started taking orders from community organizations on Friday and is working out details to ship to Head Start programs.

It's unclear why the health authority has not received more orders. The agency didn't respond to questions about how long the tests take to deliver. The state will not distribute the tests directly to Oregonians, unlike Washington state, which has offered free tests to individuals since Jan. 21.

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Luxury sales tax proposed for Oregon to help low-income parents, former foster youth

ALEX BAUMHARDT

A luxury sales tax being proposed by Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie, could fund a new program offering monthly stipends for low-income pregnant women and youth leaving the foster care system.

House Bill 4079 would create a 3% sales tax on snowmobiles, handbags, jewelry and firearms, among other items, over a certain price point. Oregon is one of five states with no sales tax, and voters have rejected attempts to impose sales taxes several times over the last few decades.

The 3% tax would be applied to the value in excess of set amounts:

Witt said the proposed tax would generate about \$28 million a year and fund the Oregon Freedom Pilot Program, which would supply upwards of 2,000 pregnant Oregonians and youth leaving the foster care system with \$750 a month for three years

on top of other state and federal benefits.

“We were looking at ways to recover from the pandemic,” Witt said, “and ways in which we can begin to break the chain of poverty so it doesn’t become a generational issue.”

A recent study from the National Academy of Sciences showed that cash aid to low-income mothers increased brain activity and development in their babies, offering evidence that a parent’s financial condition begins to affect children in their earliest moments.

When it comes to foster youth, Witt said he had heard from former foster youth about the financial difficulties they faced when they aged out of the foster care system at 18.

Jason Williams, executive director of the Taxpayers Association of Oregon, a political action committee that advocates for lower taxes, said the state should fund the Freedom Pilot Program with existing revenue and

pandemic relief dollars rather than new taxes.

“This is a terrible time to be raising taxes that impact small businesses,” Williams said.

“This tax will hurt sales. How is an Oregon business going to compete with online sales from another state where they can get it cheaper?”

The tax would apply to certain recreational goods and vehicles.

“The recreation industry was put down during the pandemic. Now that they can come back, we’re going to tax them?” Williams said.

California passed a tax and stipend program in 2021 similar to what Witt is proposing. There, the program provides pregnant women and former foster youth with \$500 to \$1,000 each month.

The purpose of the Oregon Freedom Pilot Program is, according to the bill, “To assist low-income former foster children and pregnant individuals to live in dignity.”

It would be administered by the Oregon Department of



Human Services, and recipients would be paid monthly through a debit card.

The money comes with just a few strings, including a requirement that recipients attend financial literacy classes and that they consent

to having their special debit card purchases tracked to understand how the money is being used, Witt said.

After three years, the Human Services Department would report to legislators on the benefits and challenges of

the program.

The bill will be worked on in upcoming health and revenue committees and will eventually make its way to the Joint Ways & Means Committee.

Oregon legislators propose big boost in their pay – and they have community support

Oregon legislators would get a significant pay increase and qualify for \$1,000 a month for child care under a proposal supported by minority advocates, a leading state union and a Portland business group as a way to increase diversity in the Oregon Legislature.

Under provisions of Senate Bill 1566, the base annual salary for a legislator would go from \$32,839 to about \$57,000. They also would still get \$151 a day for expenses when the Legislature is in session and maintain access to their campaign money for other costs.

The pay increase would take effect in January 2023 and would apply to the 30 senators and 60 representatives.

The salary would be tied to Oregon’s mean wage. That was calculated by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2020 to be \$56,880.

A similar proposal last year that provided for a salary about \$3,000 less would have cost an estimated \$4 million over 18 months, according to a legislative fiscal study.

That died in the 2021 Legislature,

but the Senate Rules Committee considered the new proposal at a hearing Feb. 3.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, a municipal prosecutor, is one of the chief sponsors. He said at the hearing that the low pay deters Oregonians from serving in the Legislature. He urged the new salary be approved.

“It will basically ensure a living wage for legislators,” Prozanski said.

He said the current pay serves to encourage only those with personal wealth or with multiple jobs to run for the legislature. Because of the high time commitment legislative positions require, the current salary also makes it financially difficult for some to stay in office once they’ve been elected, he said.

“It’s important to us moving forward so we can ensure that those who want to serve can serve,” Prozanski said.

Oregon’s Legislature has been whiter, wealthier and older than Oregon’s general population.

– Courtney Helstein of Family Forward of Oregon

The other chief sponsors are Sen. Akasha Lawrence Spence, D-Portland, Sen. Kate Lieber, D-Beaverton, Rep. Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, Rep. Zach Hudson, D-Troutdale, and Rep. Ricki Ruiz, D-Gresham. Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, the longest-serving House member, also signed on as a chief sponsor. None of the chief sponsors responded to requests for comment from the Capital Chronicle.

Rep. Khahn Pham, D-Portland, a co-sponsor, drew attention at the hearing to the potential for conflicts of interests if legislators hold second jobs. By increasing legislator pay, SB1566 would reduce the risk of legislators voting on matters that affect their personal interests, she said.

“Nobody wants legislators to be weighing in on policies that impact the very companies or interests that they’re employed in,” Pham said.

Rep. Teresa Alonso León, D-Woodburn, said the time commitment involved in legislative duties – including those outside of regular legislative sessions – makes taking a second job unfeasible for some.

“Being a legislator is not a part-time job,” Alonso León said. “I’ve yet to work a 15- to 20-hour week.”

“Many people don’t know that it’s a sacrifice financially for many of us,” she continued. “I have a mortgage and student loans.”

Several groups weighed in to urge the pay increase to allow more people to have a chance at serving as a representative or senator.

“Legislative pay functions as a historic barrier for candidates who are young, do not have access to wealth, and are members of the BIPOC community,” referring to Black, indigenous and people of color, the Urban League of Portland said in written testimony.

The statement said that while legislators might prefer to focus on their state duties all year, they have to choose “between working to maintain their livelihood or serving their fellow Oregonians.”

“This is the only path to create a truly inclusive and diverse legislature,” wrote Jenny Lee, deputy director of the Coalition of Communities

of Color.

She said that “the opportunity to serve should be open to all, regardless of their wealth, financial support from family members or access to flexible sources of income.”

The child care benefit is important, she wrote.

“Child care costs are burdensome even for those making the average income,” she said. She said the proposal would allow parents to “support their families and still serve.”

Family Forward of Oregon said in written testimony that the low pay for legislators discourages those who are low income, from diverse backgrounds or are young.

“Historically, Oregon’s Legislature has been whiter, wealthier and older than Oregon’s general population,” wrote Courtney Helstein, Family Forward’s political director.

The Portland Business Alliance, which said it represents mostly small businesses in 27 counties, said a pay increase would provide a “more diverse pool of Oregon residents” to serve.

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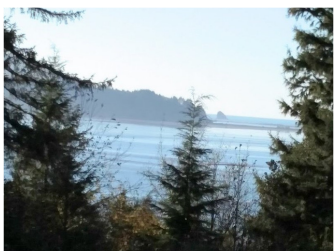
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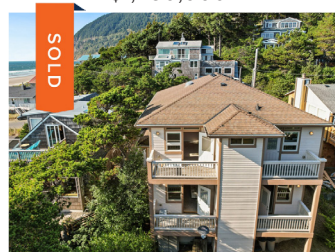
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