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## Tribal organization hopes plans for old elementary site include their heritage

**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

Dick Basch, who is of Clatsop and Nehalem descent, spoke on behalf of the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribal Organization last week about their vision for future changes to the former Cannon Beach Elementary School site.

Basch spoke at the city council work session.

Basch began by speaking about the way in which his ancestors greeted the travelers who stopped at their village on their way along the coast. The inhabitants of the village would cook for the visitors and arrange sleeping quarters

for them. The children would play along the beach.

“Does that sound a little familiar to what is going on now (here),” he said.

Tribes across the country are aware of the “national tribal significance” of this site. But, he added, “much of this culture has been lost.”

“One of the most important things to talk about is power of place,” he said. The long house, where the people lived, also serves as a meeting place. The house was divided into certain areas for families and also areas for classrooms.

The school gym is the “same proportions as a long house,” he said. It could be a

place for performing arts.

When visitors came to stay at the village, “They would be given the floor to tell their stories.”

“As a little kid, my family would go down to (where the life guard station is) and someone would cook muscle chowder. The families would gather and just have so much fun.”

“It is important to have these small gathering places outside,” he said. “People sat on logs around a fire pit and gazed out at the ocean and the beauty of mother earth to hear people share their stories.”

Another important thing he said the tribes would like

to see at the site is a “native garden for people to learn about medicinal plants.”

He said interpretive signage was in the original vision for the site to educate people about the culture and history of the area as well as the current residents of Cannon Beach.

Remembering the roots of the people of the area gives a “vitality” to Cannon Beach, he said speaking about his ancestry.

Roberta Basch, who is a member of the cultural advisory committee for the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribe, spoke next. She said she wanted to “make sure” people



understood they have always been a “welcoming tribe.”

She said she wants the members of the community-at-large to also contribute

to how the site will be used. She emphasized the importance of “sharing everybody’s culture.”

## PUFFY JACKET DINING



At The Wayfarer, diners will keep warm with Tillamook white cheddar fondue and High Tide Toddy cocktails. And, at nearby Public Coast Brewing, guests can expect to find house-made chili with skillet cornbread and Surf View cider drinks. Courtesy photo

## WAYFARER AND PUBLIC COAST BREWING TO HOST OUTDOOR-INSPIRED ‘PUFFY JACKET POP-UP DINING SERIES’

**For the Gazette**

The six-week series is a celebration of the region’s bounty, incorporating rustic food and drinks into an adventurous dining experience on the Oregon coast

Cannon Beach’s popular culinary hotspots, the Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge and Public Coast Brewing Co., announced today they’ve together launched the inaugural “Puffy Jacket Pop-Up Dining Series,” a limited-time, outdoor dining experience held on Oregon’s North Coast.

Launching on Friday, Feb. 19 through March 27, this six-week program will encourage visitors and locals alike to bundle up and celebrate the beauty of the Pacific Northwest through rustic food and refreshing drinks in a cozy, welcoming outdoor ambiance. In this spirit, both restaurants will offer a unique menu featuring creative versions of seasonal Pacific Northwest fare, including playful

entrées, desserts and cocktails.

At The Wayfarer, diners will keep warm with Tillamook white cheddar fondue and High Tide Toddy cocktails. And, at nearby Public Coast Brewing, guests can expect to find house-made chili with skillet cornbread and Surf View cider drinks.

Reservations are open to the public and available to book now on each restaurant’s respective website: publiccoastbrewing.com and wayfarer-restaurant.com.

### About Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge

Located just 70 miles west of Portland in Cannon Beach, the oceanfront Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge is just steps from Haystack Rock and has sweeping views of the Oregon coastline. The Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge features classic northwest coastal seafood for

the whole family with attention to high quality, seasonal and local ingredients, alongside an award-winning wine list. For more information, visit wayfarer-restaurant.com/.

### About Public Coast Brewing

Located just 70 miles west of Portland in Cannon Beach, Ore., Public Coast Brewing, named after the only true public coastlines in America: the Oregon coast, is a 10bbl Brewhouse with one 20-barrel fermenter and two 10-barrel fermenters. Public Coast Brewing also offers fresh and delicious food from local farms and ranches for adults and children alike. Boasting a large pet-friendly patio, wrap-around bar, shuffleboard and tall windows for peering into the brewery, Public Coast Brewing offers a relaxed and welcoming spot for the whole family. For more information please visit, http://publiccoastbrewing.com/.

## City talks Ecola Creek Forest Management Plan

**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

Last week the Cannon Beach City Council continued the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Management Plan Update vote for further discussion.

City staff had proposed an addition to the 2019 ECFR report that would allow them to “study making road improvements for the purposes of combatting and preventing wildfires in the ECFR,” as stated in the staff report. “Any proposal will be brought to the City Council for their consideration and to gain public input prior to Council making a decision.”

However, the idea met with some resistance. Various people expressed concern that improving access roads to the reserve might invite the public to enter the area.

Councilor Robin Risley said “96 percent of fires are started by humans.”

City emergency manager Rick Hudson, who wrote the staff report and made the presentation, said the city does not intend to construct additional roads to provide access to fight fires in the reserve. Its only interest is to maintain the existing roads so the firefighters can protect the city and its watershed that is in the reserve.

City Manager Bruce St. Denis said these roads are gated.

“The ECFR is a protected area which secures the Cannon Beach water supply and is also home to a very fragile and living ecosystem,” Hudson told The Gazette later Monday in an email. “The current system does allow people to walk into the ECFR and to enjoy the natural surroundings. The ECFR also does have the major power lines from Pacific Power that serve as the only electric power to the city. The surrounding areas of the ECFR are owned by Greenwood properties and they are a very safety cautious company with controlled access to their properties. Also the power of nature is ever present in our area, which we observed in the 2007 wind storm and more recently in 2020 with the RED FLAG wind warnings this summer, which did burn down over 1 million acres of forest in Oregon. Those burned areas also have had devastating landslides which have continued to destroy countless ecosystems and regional watersheds. We cannot afford to have any type of fire go unchecked in our ECFR.”

Jillayne Sorenson, chair of the city Parks and Community Services Committee, spoke at the meeting. Sorenson said people who see roads may be inclined to “explore.” There is no way to monitor peoples’ activity in that area and they are the “single highest cause of fires.”

“One of our major concerns is the lack of emergency access roads in certain areas of the ECFR for fire equipment to respond in case of a fire,” Hudson said in the email. “Without these emergency access roads the Cannon Beach Fire Protection District and the Oregon Department of Forestry will have very limited options to get into and to protect the ECFR

## School superintendent outlines plan for students to be able to return to in class learning

**Kathleen Stinson**  
For The Gazette

For some students, Tuesday was the first day back to school to attend in-person classes in the Seaside School District.

The district is phasing in students beginning with kindergarten and first-grade students first, said District Superintendent Susan Penrod.

On January 1st, Governor Kate Brown reset the metrics for in-person learning

moving them from required to advisory, Penrod said. The state also reset the metrics from 200 positive case counts per 100,000 population to 350 positive case counts per 100,000.

The number of positive case counts has been “steadily declining,” she said. The number of cases in Clatsop County has dropped below the 200 per 100,000 level, although it is calculated using a formula with the 38,000 to 39,000 people in the county. The school board approved

the leadership team’s recommendation to return part time to in-person learning called hybrid, she said.

“All research shows that younger students need to be in-person first,” she said.

The week of March 1st, second and third graders start back and the week of March 15th, fourth- and fifth- grade students return to in-person classes, as stated in the superintendent’s power point.

Sixth grade students begin in-person classes on Monday Feb. 22; seventh and eighth

graders begin March 1st; and high school students return on March 16, as stated in the power point. Students whose parents want them to continue with comprehensive distance learning may do that.

For students, this is the first day they have been able to enter the newly constructed district building for classes.

“Everyone was happy to be back,” Penrod said. “It was a special moment today. I am

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# Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve provide conservation efforts, research

**Hilary Dorsey**  
For The Gazette

Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve gave a presentation during a Nehalem City Council meeting Monday, Feb. 8. Coordinator Margaret Treadwell, marine coordinator for the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) oversees five marine reserve sites on the Oregon coast.

"They were established between 2012 and 2016 from state legislation," Treadwell said. "They're in Oregon's territorial waters, which go out three miles from shore."

A rule for marine reserves is all removal of marine life is prohibited, Treadwell said. This is part of the marine reserve's goal to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity.

"Marine reserves are open to all non-extractive activities," Treadwell said. "That includes boating without fishing equipment deployed, beach walking, surfing and tidepool exploration."

Cape Falcon is the northern most marine reserve in Oregon. It is located off Oswald West State Park and is 20 square miles.

Treadwell said the second goal of marine reserves is scientific research. That research is teaching

Friends of Cape Falcon about Oregon's ocean environment.

"The marine reserve is a little bit too new to draw any conclusions about trends over time," Treadwell said. "In Oregon, because Oregon's ocean is so cold, and many species are long-lived and slow to grow and mature, you really need long-term data sets on the order of 20-30 years to start seeing some ocean changes."

Right now, conclusions cannot be drawn but the marine reserve is starting to get those data sets, Treadwell added. Some fish can live 70 to 100 years or longer.

"The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and some of the marine reserve community teams, do some human dimensions research or socioeconomic research," Treadwell said. "This ties into that third goal of avoiding adverse impacts of ocean users and to coastal communities."

This research shows how marine reserves are perceived by people. Coastal residents are significantly more aware of marine reserves than I-5 corridor residents, Treadwell said. The research is ongoing.

"People who visit the Oregon coast often or those of us who are lucky enough to live out here, have a better understanding of current ocean issues in general," Treadwell said.

Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve supports ODFW with outreach and information about the marine reserve. This includes activities such as hikes, lectures and boat tours. There are Friends groups at each of the five marine reserves on the coast, doing outreach.

"We organize community science in the marine reserves, which includes seabird monitoring with Portland Audubon," Treadwell said. "We do that out at Devil's Cauldron in Oswald West."

Friends does an intertidal BioBlitz at Neahkahnie Beach in July to record as many species as possible. They also work with Oregon State Parks and are working on making interpretive signs.

"The marine reserve kind of maintains what makes our area special by creating that refuge for



wildlife and enhancing the visitors experience," Treadwell said.

The research increases knowledge of Oregon's resources. The monitoring for scuba surveys occurs every few years and hook and line surveys take place every other year.

"There is also currently the Draft Management Plan for Cape Falcon Marine Reserve," Treadwell said. "That was released in January and

is open for public comment for the month of February."

People can read and comment on the plan at: [oregonmarinereserves.com/2021/01/14/management-plan-2/](http://oregonmarinereserves.com/2021/01/14/management-plan-2/)

Send comments to: [headlightreporter@countrymedia.net](mailto:headlightreporter@countrymedia.net)



## Be aware of large logs on beaches

Recent storms, big surf, and high tides have brought in a lot of large logs. Logs on the beach are wet and extremely heavy. It only takes a few inches of water to float a 5 ton log. A single wave can lift and roll heavy logs, leaving anyone standing sitting or kneeling on one to be thrown off and potentially pinned underneath. Even small logs can prove dangerous, as they can be waterlogged and weigh several hundred pounds. If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off. Be aware of the surf if sitting on a log high up on the beach. Sneaker waves can rush up the beach and easily move even the biggest of logs (remember, that is how they got there in the first place).

## Clatsop County Master Gardeners seeks applicants for scholarships

The Clatsop County Master Gardener Association (CCMGA) is now seeking applicants for its annual scholarship program.

Awards up to \$1,000 will be granted to one or more high school seniors who reside in Clatsop County and whose further education—at college, university, vocational school, or training program—will help them develop skills that contribute to the advancement of sound gardening practices while leading to an advanced degree, license, or certification.

The CCMGA scholarship program is open to all high school students from the county, including those who are home-schooled as well as those attending public or private high schools. Awards

are made based on a student's academic standing and interest in horticulture or a related field.

Applicants must submit a completed application and essay, along with high school transcripts and two letters of recommendation, and may undergo an interview with members of the CCMGA Scholarship Committee. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 23, 2021.

Applications can be obtained by contacting high school counselors' offices, downloaded along with instructions at [www.clatsopmastergardeners.org/CCMGA-Scholarship](http://www.clatsopmastergardeners.org/CCMGA-Scholarship), requested via email at [lindabrim@gmail.com](mailto:lindabrim@gmail.com), or phone (503) 325-0916.



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Don't worry - our iconic building will still look the same from the outside and continue to serve as a Cannon Beach landmark. But we will be updating the inside office space, increasing the comfort and usability for our clients and staff. During this process, we will remain open and the office will be staffed and have serviceable space in which to help clients and conduct business. If you happen to stop by and need assistance but can't access the front door, just call (503) 436-0451 and someone will let you in the 'back door' to your left.

We are excited to show off our 'new and improved' office space to all of you when the project is completed! The plan is to have construction finished by March 15th, so stay tuned and make a plan to come see our 'new digs'!

Thank you from everyone at Duane Johnson Real Estate.



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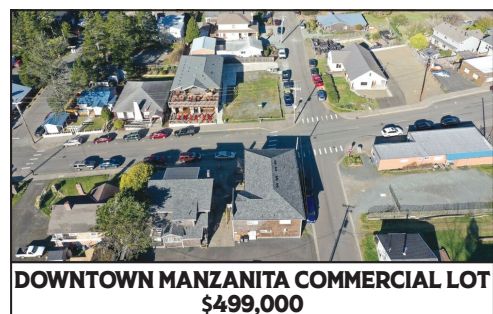
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At the library

# Virtual meetings, lectures, celebrations and voting

**Joseph Bernt**  
Library Volunteer

The Cannon Beach Library—by moving traditional discussions, meetings, lectures and readings to virtual presentation via Zoom and Facebook Live, and especially by offering access to library resources through “Limited Browsing” on Saturday afternoons and “Door-Side Pickup” on Monday and Wednesday afternoons—is pleasing a growing stream of patrons, residents and visitors alike.

These efforts to offer safe library services depends on dedicated library volunteers, as Clatsop County and the State of Oregon struggle to shoot limited COVID-19 vaccine into those residents under eighty or those not employed in healthcare or educational occupations and facilities.

Make a point of thanking library volunteers for their help accessing a Zoom presentation or reserving and retrieving a book from the library’s expanding collection.

Not being able to hold in-person library member meetings during the plague postponed last year’s and probably this year’s annual meetings at which new members and officers are elected.

At its January meeting the Library Board of Directors voted to hold an election of board members and officers by mail ballot in May.

A nominating committee consisting of Sandi Lundy, Lynne Murray and Mary Beth Cottle developed a slate of candidates. A ballot containing that slate, along with any additional nominations, will be mailed to members in early April; completed ballots will be due in the library office by May 7. Only paid members of the library are eligible to vote so those interested in voting should make sure their 2021-22 dues are paid asap.

Nominated to fill two open seats on the board are Melodie Chenevert and Caroline Godderz. Rance Babb and Janet Bates will be stepping down from the board. Also nominated are Phyllis Bernt, president; Lynne Murray, vice-president; Claire Landrum, secretary, and Karen French, treasurer. Returning board members are Amy Jones, Mary Kerwin, Wanda Meyer-Price and Linda Sugano.

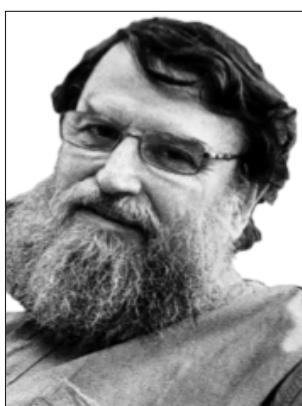
Let’s also take this opportunity to highlight upcoming events available via Facebook Live. On Saturday, February 20, at 7 p.m., the library’s Northwest Author Speakers

Series sponsors the Third Annual Writers Read Celebration.

Of the 37 writers who submitted 51 stories, essays and poems, 10 North Coast writers will read 13 of their works addressing the theme of “Pandemic.” These authors include Laura E. Bailey, Nat Finn, Lisa Mayfield, Jeanie McLaughlin, Robert Mushen, Russell Myers, Jennifer Nightingale, Emily Randell, L. Swartz and Alana Thelen.

Participate in the Third Annual Writers Read Celebration using the Facebook Live link on the library website: [www.cannonbeachlibrary.org](http://www.cannonbeachlibrary.org).

Kiirsten Flynn, internship coordinator and boat driver in the field at Cascadia Research Collective in Olympia, Washington, will discuss “Insights into large whale entanglements in the Pacific Northwest from research of populations, responses and reports” via Facebook Live for the World of Haystack Rock Lecture Series, Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m.



Joseph Bernt

A NOAA-certified Level 3 Entangled Large Whale Responder, Flynn holds a Masters degree in environmental management. She has taught courses on marine mammals at Evergreen State College and environmental science in middle school. She also has served as a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Sponsored by the Friends of Haystack Rock, Flynn’s presentation can be accessed on Facebook Live@Friends of Haystack Rock.

Led by Wanda Meyer-Price, members of Cannon Beach Reads will hold a Zoom discussion of “People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks, Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

In addition to readings, lectures and literary discussions, the library continues to entice patrons by regularly adding new titles to its collection. In January, 21 important books were added to the library.

Seven new novels added to the “Green Dot” shelf

should encourage patron use of “Door-Side Pickup” and “Limited Browsing” services:

New fiction includes “The Wrong Family” by Tarryn Fisher, “Prodigal Son” by Gregg Hurwitz, “Fifty Words for Rain” by Asha Lemmie, “A Crooked Tree” by Una Mannion, “Migrations” by Charlotte McConaghy, “The War Widow” by Tara Moss and “The Breaker” by Nick Petrie.

New additions include four nonfiction books: “A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future” by David Attenborough, “The Hour of Fate: Theodore Roosevelt, J.P. Morgan, and the Battle to Transform American Capitalism” by Susan Berfield, “How to Educate a Citizen: The Power of Shared Knowledge to Unify a Nation” by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. and “Saving Freedom: Truman, the Cold War, and the Fight for Western Civilization” by Joe Scarborough.

Ten new mysteries added are “The Overnight Kidnaper” by Andrea Camilleri, “The Butterfly House” by Katrina Engberg, “Fortune and Glory” by Janet Evanovich, “Before She Disappeared” by Lisa Gardner, “Lost Boys” by Faye Kellerman, “A Reason-

able Doubt” by Phillip Margolin, “Long Bright River” by Liz Moore, “The House on Vesper Sands” by Paraic O’Donnell and “The Scorpion’s Tail” by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child.

While browsing the Green Dot shelf, look for “Bag Man: The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-up & Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House” by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz.

If this book sounds like yet another dish on Donald Trump, you would be mistaken by 50 years. Maddow and Yarvitz realized that even the most “Brazen Crook” and bigoted national public figure, such as Spiro T. Agnew, Nixon’s choice for his running mate in 1968, is often forgotten after 50 years.

In “Bag Man” Maddow and Yarvitz return to the backstory of Agnew’s kickback and bribery scheme tied to government contracts from within the White House while President Nixon was facing likely impeachment during the infamous Watergate Scandal.

I promise—really I promise—a full review of this classic Rachel Maddow deep dive in my next “At the Library” column.

# Clatsop County COVID-19 vaccine update announced

More than 1,100 vaccine doses were administered in Clatsop County during the week of Feb. 12, including 200 to the first group of local individuals 80 years old or older. At an event for second-dose recipients, close to 400 individuals were given their shots in less than two hours.

**SENIORS:** Under the State of Oregon’s phased vaccination schedule, individuals age 75 and older are to be eligible for vaccines beginning Feb. 15. However, due to the limited number of doses available locally, Clatsop County is only able to provide vaccines to those 80 and older

for the time being.

These vaccines are available by appointment only. Local organizers will reach out to eligible individuals who have filled out the county’s online Vaccine Survey with instructions how to register for a vaccination clinic. If you do not have access to email, a member of our Public Information Call Center will contact you by phone to help you register for a vaccination event.

If you have not already, please sign up with the county’s Vaccine Planning Survey. This will enter you into our local database, and allow us to contact you when vaccines are

available.

Total Number of Vaccinations given in Clatsop County as of Feb. 12:  
3,540 first doses  
1,643 second doses (full vaccination)  
5,183 total doses

**Vaccination Events Scheduled For Next Week:**

- Three events for first doses (50 Individuals scheduled for second doses next week will receive those shots at one of these first-dose events)

Target Population for these

events: • Members of Phase 1b, Group 1 – teachers (K-12), early learning staff • Members of Phase 1b, Group 2 – people age 80 and older • Individuals receiving second doses

The County Public Health Department, Columbia Memorial Hospital and Providence Seaside Hospital are managing invitations to these events – they are not open to the general public.

Vaccinations are NOT available to the general public at this time.

**Take survey at:**

<https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/publichealth/page/covid-19-vaccine-survey>

survey

You will be asked to enter your name, age, contact information and any underlying medical conditions and, depending on the survey, place of employment. NOTE – Filling out the survey DOES NOT register you for a spot at a vaccination event. We will use the information you submit to notify you when you are eligible to receive a vaccine, and to send vaccines updates as they are available. If you do not have email, you will be called by a volunteer when you are eligible for a vaccination event.

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COUNCILORS: Mike Benefield, Nancy McCarthy, Brandon Ogilvie and Robin Risley  
CITY MANAGER: Bruce St. Denis

MEETINGS MARCH 2021	(subject to change depending on COVID-19 concerns)
2	City Council Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. 18
9	City Council Work Session 6:00 p.m. 25
	Design Review Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, February 2, 2021**

- Police Chief Schermerhorn presented a Lifesaving Commendation to Officer Cody Dietel and a Citizen Appreciation to Shannon Fish for their roles in saving a life on January 10, 2021
- Adopted Resolution 21-06 for the Purpose of Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the Emergency Roof Repair to the Canon Beach Elementary School Building
- Adopted Resolution 21-07 for the Purpose of repealing Resolution 14-11 setting Minimum Fees for Land Use Related Applications
- Council voted to revise the Findings of Fact on a portion of the Najimi Land Use Decision APP 20-01
- Council discussed the next steps and schedule of the Cannon Beach Elementary School Rejuvenation project

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & WORK SESSION, February 4, 2021**

- Adopted Resolution 21-08 Declaring Support for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) as Essential to Resilience Efforts in Cannon Beach
- Public Works Director Karen La Bonte presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Utility Masterplan Projects
- Finance Director Laurie Sawrey presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Utility Rate implications

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, February 9, 2021**

- Doug Deur and Dick Basch presented their input on the Cannon Beach Elementary School Rejuvenation project
- Council continued discussions of the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Management Plan Update
- Community Development Director Jeff Adams presented the Code Audit Request for Qualifications and Council reached a consensus to proceed with the project
- In preparation for warmer weather, Council discussed outdoor dining & COVID related zoning measures

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, February 10, 2021**

- Prescheduled public input was presented, and Council discussed the next steps for the project.

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD** - The Design Review Board will meet February 18th.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - The Planning Commission met January 28th to discuss:

P21-01, CU21-01, SR21-01, SV21-01 & V21-01, requests by Jeff and Jodi Moon for a two-parcel partition, two variance requests, setback reduction, conditional use and sign variance to allow for a new residence in conjunction with the relocation of an automotive repair and towing operation to the RVL district as a cottage industry in a new accessory structure. Denied.

ZO#20-01, request to amend sections of the zoning ordinances of Cannon Beach. Tabled till June meeting.

Planning Commission will meet on February 25th.

## Of Interest...

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

**Cannon Beach Elementary School Project**  
Project updates are available on the City’s website at [ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://ci.cannon-beach.or.us)

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

**Administrative Order 20-02**  
Requiring all Participation in Public Meetings to be Accomplished Electronically  
In keeping with the Governor’s social distancing direction and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the City of Cannon Beach has issued an Administrative Order requiring all public meetings to be closed to in-person attendance and held electronically, until further notice. You are invited to attend telephonically or through the Zoom meeting service.

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

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

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

**Want to join Coffee with a Councilor?**

The next session is March 15, 2021 at 10:00 am  
The Zoom link is available on the City’s website.  
Go to upcoming events on the main webpage  
Click view calendar, click Coffee with a Councilor.

**The Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) is accepting volunteers!**

Do you enjoy sharing your love of Haystack Rock? Do you want to gain experience in education, conservation, or environmental stewardship? HRAP is accepting volunteers for the upcoming 2021 season. No experience necessary – we train and all ages welcome

**Have you checked out our website lately?**  
**The City website provides updates on current topics such as:**  
Emergency evacuation lists  
Go-Bag lists  
Training Calendar  
<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt>

**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:  
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503-325-8645

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# Fatal crash on Ecola State Park Road

Oregon State Police (OSP) Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a single vehicle crash at 6:04 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, on Ecola State Park Road.

Preliminary investigation revealed a Mazda MZ3, operated by Rony Tomas-Garcia of Seaside, was southbound on Ecola State Park Road when it veered off the road, struck a tree, and came to rest on its top.

According to OSP, 3.5 month old baby girl sustained fatal injuries and was

pronounced deceased.

A passenger, Esperanza Martin-Ramirez of Roseburg, was transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital and later transferred to OHSU.

Tomas-Garcia was transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital and released after receiving medical treatment, OSP said.

He was arrested for Manslaughter, Assault, Reckless Driving and DUII. He was lodged in the Clatsop County Jail.

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## Unit size zoning need more input from community

I was glad to read, in your recent issue, that the Planning Commission has decided to postpone a decision regarding unit size zoning. This really needs more input from the community it most affects. The charming character of our town was well preserved by prior policies that now seem to have been scrapped. Now the quaint streets and cottages are being overrun by badly designed, hastily constructed, gigantic mega-mansions that tower over neighboring cottages, engulf every square inch of buildable space and cut down every last tree and shrub. How has this been allowed to happen? Hopefully it can be stopped before this trend completely ruins our beloved town.

Andrea Rudenko  
Cannon Beach

## We need to stop subsidizing the timber industry

Shuttered shops and restaurants, inadequately funded schools and librar-

ies, sheriff's offices lacking the resources to respond to 911 calls—many of Oregon's small towns are cash strapped and struggling.

Some blame these financial woes on a decline in revenue from logging due to environmental protections, and they advocate for larger harvests. However, the truth is that despite conservation efforts, timber harvests on state and federal land have remained about the same for the past 25 years. So why aren't communities reaping the benefits?

The answer is that timber companies have finagled outrageously preferential tax treatment for themselves, allowing them to wring money from our forests without putting even the bare minimum back into the communities in which they operate. In the 1990s, logging industry representatives successfully lobbied Oregon politicians to eliminate the severance tax. This tax, which is based on the value of trees logged, was a major funding source for schools and local governments. Washington, California, and Idaho still have this tax, and the money it generates helps pay teachers and support sheriff's offices and public libraries.

If Oregon taxed timber companies at the same rate our neighbors do, local governments would collect tens of millions of dollars more every year to pay for services for residents. The tax breaks we've doled out to timber companies have cost counties approximately \$3 billion over the past 30 years.

Additionally, communities are suffering another blow as logging practices contaminate their drinking water and damage their water systems. In many water districts in Oregon, timber companies own the land surrounding the water source. These areas are reporting carcinogens (from fertilizers and pesticides) in their drinking water, plus dangerously high sediment levels, which interferes with treatment operations. Some are even seeing their water sources dry up and threaten to disappear completely. And who foots the bill for infrastructure repairs or wells to obtain a new water source? Residents and local small businesses, who have their taxes and water rates raised. Meanwhile, the companies causing these problems enjoy the lowest tax rates in the region.

Some claim that bringing

back the severance tax would lead to job losses. But the timber industry has been slashing jobs for decades, replacing workers with machines and closing mills to export logs overseas. Companies have proven that they would rather save money via automation than employ local workers. There was a time when logging provided a significant number of jobs for Oregonians and was a solid source of revenue for rural towns. Oregon has put up with weaker environmental protections for private forestland and lower tax rates for these companies compared to Washington, California, and Idaho. But the logging industry has shown that no matter how many breaks we offer them, they aren't bringing jobs back.

Why should Oregonians subsidize an industry that exploits our land and cripples our communities? It's time for lawmakers to put small towns ahead of corporate interests and reinstate the severance tax.

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# Letters to the Editor

## City invites nonprofits to apply for grant funds, requests sought

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by filing an application with: City of Cannon Beach Parks & Community Services Committee  
P.O. Box 368  
Cannon Beach, OR 97110  
Attention: Kelsey Balensifer. Or by using the City's

file-share system on its website and sending to: [balensifer@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:balensifer@ci.cannon-beach.or.us)  
Applications must be received by 2 p.m. on April 13, 2021. Applications are available at: [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us)

## Return

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really thankful to our staff for all the hard work they've done to make this happen."

All elementary students attend in-person classes half days for four days, she said. The classes are divided into morning and

afternoon groups. Middle and high school students attend in-person classes two days a week and distance learning the remaining days.

Elementary school students will be seated 35-square-feet apart and wear face masks as will staff. Desks are six-feet apart. Students will be visually checked for signs of illness before entering the classroom by a staff member. Students who are trans-

ported by bus to and from school must follow the six-foot apart rule, she said.

"The Meals for All Program will continue," she said. Each student through 18 years old will be given a breakfast and lunch in a sack they can take home for the next day.

It varies depending on the county in Oregon whether schools have reopened for in-person learning, she said.

## Plan

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from fire. They essentially will have to adopt a defensive strategy in the protection of the ECFR."

He said this is about maintaining the roads so a fire crew can get in and stop a fire.

Mayor Sam Steidel said this is about fire protection. How the city protects the area from fire "needs to come from the council."

St. Denis said the "ECFR is the watershed — that's what we're protecting."

"Our objective is to eventually develop and maintain a few current access roads which will provide this basic access for emergency use," Hudson said in the email.

"The city staff perspective is we want to make sure that we have some language to allow the access roads to be maintained so in the event of a fire, firefighters could stop the fire in the reserve to protect the watershed and the city."

The council postponed the update vote for further study. A presentation on the issue that included all parties — representatives from the parks committee, the Oregon Department of Forestry and the council — is planned.

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# OHA says 'breakthrough' cases are no surprise

**Zack Demars**  
Country Media

vaccines reduced the severity of illness."

Those clinical trials have shown that around 95% of people who get vaccinated don't end up catching COVID-19 — and that those who do catch it have significantly milder symptoms than if they hadn't, Sidelinger said.

Officials from the Oregon Health Authority say two of the cases were reported in Yamhill County, and two were reported in Lane County. That's just four breakthrough cases of over 177,000 people the state's reporting are fully vaccinated against the virus.

Oregon is one of the first states in the nation to report breakthrough cases, since most states have only just begun to have people who fall into the "fully vaccinated"

category, which comes two weeks after their second dose of the vaccine.

Still, Sidelinger said the vaccine is still going to be the state's most important tool in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

"More Oregonians are getting vaccinated by the day, and the existing vaccines offer unprecedented levels of effectiveness," Sidelinger said. "The quickest and most direct route out of this pandemic is to get vaccinated while you're eligible."

Vaccinations will need to ramp up to about 25,000 per day statewide in order to achieve community immunity by Autumn, according to OHA Director Patrick Allen. While some days the state has already hit that target, vaccine

dose supply is still far below the state's capacity, Allen said.

He added that the state is slightly behind its expected timeline for vaccinating teachers and educators across the state. Three weeks ago, OHA projected it would have allocated 59% of the vaccine doses needed for educators by this point, but it's only reached about 50%, Allen said.

In positive news, Sidelinger reported Friday the state has returned to levels of daily virus transmission not seen since the fall, allowing some counties across the state to reopen some businesses for the first time in months.

"These decreases are a testament to the actions all Oregonians have taken to slow the spread of COVID-19," Sidelinger said.

state's weekly dose allocation would be increasing to about 82,000 doses, up from the previously announced 75,000 a week.

Select pharmacies across the state have begun receiving and administering doses of the vaccine. According to Stephen Certo, who directs pharmacy operations for Safeway and Albertsons stores in Oregon, that set of pharmacies includes over 100 Safeway and Albertsons locations across the state.

"We as a company, we're thrilled to be a part of it, and be able to provide vaccines to the communities we serve. So we are really excited," Certo said Friday.

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Some Costco stores and Health Mart Pharmacies have also received doses of the vaccine and will begin

scheduling appointments. OHA's Allen confirmed that, starting Feb. 15, individuals over 75 will become eligible to receive the vaccine.

While the state's projected increase in weekly doses is a good sign, the effects won't be immediate.

"That's good news, but we know those doses are still months away," Allen said.

What's more, even the very small number of breakthrough cases signals Oregonians must continue to keep their guard up against the virus, even if they've been fully vaccinated against the virus. He pointed to the spike in cases the state saw during the spring and summer, as some activities began reopening after the pandemic's initial lockdown.

"I think we all need to remember that period, and remind ourselves we're still not going back to the way things were the way before," Allen said. "We're going to need to continue to wear masks, to socially distance."

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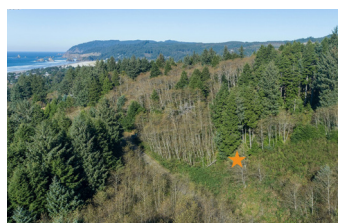
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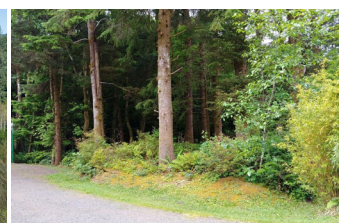
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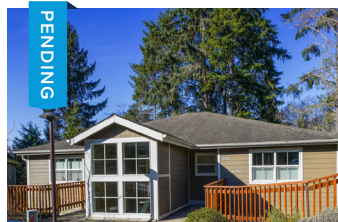
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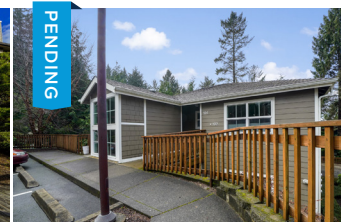
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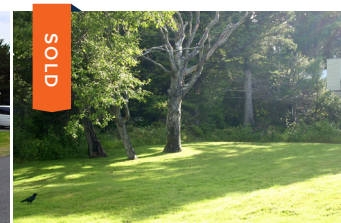
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<b>Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Indoor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 10 people</li> <li>Recommended limit: 4 households</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 8 people</li> <li>Recommended limit: 2 households</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 6 people</li> <li>Recommended limit: 2 households</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 6 people</li> <li>Recommended limit: 2 households</li> </ul>
<b>Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Outdoor</b>	Maximum 12 people	Maximum 10 people	Maximum 8 people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 6 people</li> <li>Recommended limit: 2 households</li> </ul>
<b>Eating and Drinking Establishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor dining allowed</li> <li>Indoor capacity: not to exceed 50% maximum occupancy</li> <li>Outdoor dining allowed</li> <li>Outdoor capacity: 300 people maximum</li> <li>Indoor and outdoor seating: 8 people per table maximum</li> <li>12:00 a.m. closing time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor dining allowed</li> <li>Indoor capacity: not to exceed 50% maximum occupancy or 100 people, whichever is smaller</li> <li>Indoor seating: 6 people per table maximum</li> <li>Outdoor dining allowed</li> <li>Outdoor capacity: 150 people maximum</li> <li>Outdoor seating: 8 people per table maximum</li> <li>11:00 p.m. closing time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor dining allowed</li> <li>Takeout highly recommended</li> <li>Indoor capacity: not to exceed 25% maximum occupancy or 50 people, whichever is smaller</li> <li>Outdoor dining allowed</li> <li>Outdoor capacity: 75 people maximum</li> <li>Indoor and outdoor seating: 6 people per party and per table maximum, limit 2 households</li> <li>11:00 p.m. closing time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor dining prohibited</li> <li>Takeout highly recommended</li> <li>Outdoor dining allowed</li> <li>Outdoor capacity: 50 people maximum, including individual dining pods</li> <li>Outdoor seating: 6 people per party and per table maximum, limit 2 households</li> <li>Individual dining pods allowed outdoors subject to outdoor capacity limit</li> <li>Dining Pod Seating: Limit 1 household, four (4) people maximum per pod</li> <li>11:00 p.m. closing time</li> <li>For establishments that operate VLTs indoors:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer capacity: Maximum six (6) people total (not including employees), limit one (1) individual per VLT.</li> <li>Indoor on-site consumption of food and drink is prohibited, including at VLTs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Indoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments (includes gyms, indoor K-12 Sports, indoor collegiate sports, fitness organizations, indoor recreational sports, indoor pools)</b>	Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy	Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy or 100 people total, whichever is smaller	Capacity: Maximum 25% occupancy or 50 people total, whichever is smaller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For establishments 500 sq. ft. or larger:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client capacity: Maximum six (6) people total (not including employees)</li> <li>Requires minimum 25 feet physical distancing between households</li> <li>Employee capacity: Limit to the minimum number of employees needed to operate a space</li> </ul> </li> <li>For establishments smaller than 500 sq. ft.:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client capacity: Maximum one (1) person total</li> <li>Employee capacity: Maximum one (1) employee total</li> <li>Indoor on-site consumption of food and drink is prohibited except for individual water bottles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Indoor Entertainment Establishments (includes aquariums, indoor theaters/concert halls, indoor gardens, indoor museums, indoor entertainment activities of any kind)</b>	Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy	Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy or 100 people total, whichever is smaller	Capacity: Maximum 25% occupancy or 50 people total, whichever is smaller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For establishments 500 sq. ft. or larger:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer capacity: Maximum six (6) people total (not including employees) in shared indoor entertainment spaces</li> <li>Requires minimum six (6) feet physical distancing between households</li> <li>Employee capacity: Limit to the minimum number of employees needed to operate the establishment</li> </ul> </li> <li>For establishments smaller than 500 sq. ft.:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer capacity: Maximum one (1) person total</li> <li>Employee capacity: Maximum one (1) employee total</li> <li>Indoor on-site consumption of food and drink is prohibited.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Retail Stores (includes street fair/markets, grocery stores, convenience stores and pharmacies)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 75% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 75% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor and Outdoor Shopping Centers/Malls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 75% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 75% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy</li> <li>Curbside pick-up encouraged</li> </ul>
<b>Faith Institutions*, Funeral Homes, Mortuaries, Cemeteries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Capacity: Maximum 75% occupancy</li> <li>Outdoor Capacity: 300 people maximum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy or 150 people total, whichever is smaller</li> <li>Outdoor Capacity: 250 people maximum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Capacity: Maximum 25% occupancy or 150 people total, whichever is smaller</li> <li>Outdoor Capacity: 200 people maximum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor Capacity: Maximum 25% occupancy or 100 people total, whichever is smaller</li> <li>Outdoor Capacity: 150 people maximum</li> <li>Recommended: limit services to one hour</li> </ul>
<b>Offices</b>	Limited office work available	Recommend remote work, if able	Recommend remote work, if able	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require remote work, if able</li> <li>Close offices to the public, if possible</li> </ul>
<b>Outdoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments (includes outdoor gyms, outdoor fitness organizations, outdoor K-12 Sports, outdoor collegiate sports, outdoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, outdoor parks and hiking trails**, outdoor campgrounds**)</b>	Maximum 300 people	Maximum 150 people	Maximum 75 people	Maximum 50 people
<b>Outdoor Entertainment Establishments (includes zoos, outdoor gardens, outdoor aquariums, outdoor theaters/stadiums)</b>	Maximum 300 people	Maximum 150 people	Maximum 75 people	Maximum 50 people
<b>Personal Services</b>	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
<b>Long-Term Care</b>	Inside and outside visitation allowed	Inside and outside visitation allowed	Inside and outside visitation allowed	Outside visitation only

Effective Date: January 29, 2021  
 Authority: Executive Order No. 20-06, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010  
 Enforcement: To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order 20-06.  
 Definition:  
 \* "Maximum Occupancy" means the maximum occupancy permitted by law, or if the maximum occupancy is unknown the capacity equivalent to:  
 • For 75% capacity: 85 square feet of space per person.  
 • For 50% capacity: 120 square feet of space per person.  
 • For 25% capacity: 240 square feet of space per person.  
 NOTE: \*Capacity limits for faith institutions are recommended only.  
 \*\*Capacity limits do not apply to this activity.  
 Additional notes:  
 • All activities are subject to more detailed, sector-specific guidance.  
 • Subject to more detailed sector-specific guidance, all activities assume mask usage, minimum physical distancing, provisions for hand hygiene and enhanced cleaning protocols.  
 • Congregate homeless sheltering, Youth Programs, Childcare, K-12 Schools, Higher Education, Drive-In Operations and current Division 1 and Professional Athletics exemptions operate under sector specific guidance for all risk levels.  
 • Hookah bars and senior centers are not allowed to operate regardless of risk level.

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