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No new members for rental task force

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council on Tuesday tabled the appointment of members to a short-term rental task force.

Community Development

Director Jeff Adams said Wednesday in an email that the decision to postpone the selection until next month was based on a desire to limit the task force's number of members from 11 to seven plus two alternates.

"Councilor (Mike) Bene-

field was concerned by the number of applications from the (short-term rental)/property management industry ... and felt it would skew the representation," said Adams. The mission of the task force is to "maintain the residential character and

livability" of the city's neighborhoods, and to "prevent the adverse effects of the transient occupancy" by limiting and regulating "the transient occupancy of these dwelling units, (and) by investigating the rental permitting, violations and impacts of the STR

program in Cannon Beach," as stated in the city's staff report. The city is collecting data on short-term rental activity, including any increase in rentals, as well as geographical concentrations and any complaints related to traffic,

parking and noise, for example, the report stated. The task force then will study those data. Task force members should represent a variety of interests and may include property managers and rental owners, homeowners who do not rent

MAKING THE GRADE



Sand blows across a dune in Cannon Beach between houses and the ocean. Cannon Beach Gazette file photo.

City still working on dunes plan

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council continues to work on updating its foredune management plan. And while it has decided no longer to allow grading dunes for views, managing the maintenance of the sand dunes remains under discussion.

The city's community development director, Jeff Adams, said the council now is working on a "user's guide."

"The council has tasked us with updating the foredune management plan to incorporate their suggestions of making it more of a user's guide," said Adams in an email, "by providing definitions, restructuring the document, and providing best practices for the various management and implementation components."

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Condo complex seeks dunes permit

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The residents of Breakers Point have submitted an application for a foredune grading conditional-use permit to the Cannon Beach Planning Commission that's scheduled to be heard Jan. 23, according to city officials. Breakers Point Condominiums are oceanfront properties located at the north end of Cannon Beach.

Several weeks ago, the Cannon Beach City Council decided to no longer allow

grading sand dunes for views, as part of an update of its foredune management plan. The council has yet to formally vote on this prohibition. The council will review the draft of that revised plan during a Jan. 14 meeting, said Jeff Adams, the city's community development director. Caleb Whitmore, president of the board of the Breakers Point Homeowners Association, said in an email Tuesday that the conditional-use permit would be "subject to the current ordinances," since the council has not yet passed a

new plan. Therefore, he said, the homeowners association is not requesting to be exempted from the grading-for-views decision, which has not gone into effect. "We are seeking to take action under current ordinances to mitigate the ecological and community disaster that is slowly unfolding due to the lack of action by the City Council to protect property owners, residents and the community at large from unimpeded sand

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Arch Cape Tunnel lighting work begins

A project replacing the entire Arch Cape Tunnel lighting system begins this week. The 1,230-foot tunnel, which was completed in March 1940, is on U.S. Highway 101 about 4 to 5 miles south of Cannon Beach. The lighting was last replaced in 1998. The current project will replace broken and corroded sodium lights with new LED lights that are more energy efficient and provide better visibility for motorists. All wiring will be replaced, and new stainless-steel supporting hardware will be installed that can better withstand the effects of ocean-air weathering. In addition, new pedestrian and bicycle-activated flashing beacon signals, complete with buttons and signs, will be installed on both sides of the tunnel. When activated, the signals alert motorists that pedestrians or bicycles are entering or are in the tunnel. Traffic will continue through the tunnel during construction, although flaggers will control two-way travel. Motorists should expect one-lane closures Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be no weekend road closures. Travelers should expect up to 20-minute delays. Access for pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be available and identified through or around the work zones.

'Listening to the Crabs'

Listening to the Land kicks off its 2020 season Jan. 15 with a presentation by Sarah Henkel titled "Listening to the Crabs." Oregon State University marine ecologist Henkel and her colleague, Curtis Roegner of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, glued acoustic tags onto several legal-sized Dungeness crabs near the mouth of the Columbia River and off Cape Falcon last year. Then, they deployed acoustic receivers north and south of the two locations. Their goal was to learn how frequently and how far crabs move in sandy versus rocky habitat - data that will help inform decision-making on potential impacts of wave energy testing and marine reserves. What they found surprised them - including information about great white sharks in Oregon waters from listening for the signals emitted from the crabs' tags. Their free presentation will be held in the Seaside Public Library at 1131 Broadway St. from 6-8 p.m. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, go to www.necanumwatershed.org.



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At the Library



Dave Densmore



Geno Leech



Jay Speakman and Jon Broderick



Rob Seitz

Reading, writing, discussing literature at the library

For readers particularly interested in the history of Oregon’s most extreme geological events, participants in the upcoming Cannon Beach Reads, led by Lila Wickham, will discuss William L. Sullivan’s “Oregon’s Greatest Natural Disasters” on Jan. 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Library.

Sullivan - a Eugene author, newspaper columnist and outdoor trail expert - describes recurring geological disasters in Oregon, descriptions that convinced this reader that our verdant Eden, sometime between today and 500 years hence, will face massive shak-

ing, flooding, terra reformation and disruption of life from the Pacific shore to the Cascades.

A 9.0 shaker, centered 60 miles off the Oregon coast, won’t be a walk in the meadow and will most likely trigger a devastating tsunami.

Long-term, active Northwest volcanoes - St. Helens, Baker, Glacier Peak, Adams, Hood, Rainier, Crater Lake, Three Sisters, Bachelor, Newberry Volcano - regularly will pop off, as will more frequent forest fires, as our climate warms.

Cannon Beach Reads welcomes anyone interested in classic and significant current

books to join these lively conversations every third Wednesday.

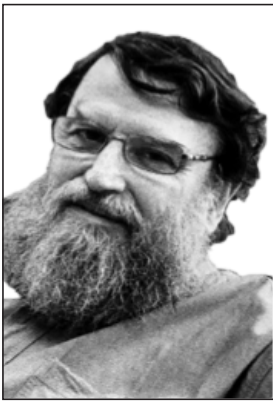
The Northwest Author Series will feature north coast Fisherpoets reading original poetry and singing tunes at the library Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. This free event features Fisherpoets Jon Broderick, Dave Densmore, Geno Leech, Rob Seitz and Jay Speakman.

These skilled fishermen and writers regularly present their works at the annual Fisher-Poets Gathering in Astoria, scheduled this year for Feb. 28-March 1.

Broderick of Cannon Beach and Speakman of Gearhart have long planned the FisherPoets Gathering, which Broderick began with a few telephone calls in 1998. The gathering now includes about 100 poets, singers and storytellers who write about their lives and observations as fishermen and women.

Broderick and his family run salmon set-net sites in Bristol Bay each summer. Speakman is a former Maine lobsterman.

Densmore of Astoria purchased his own commercial fishing boat in Alaska at age 13. Years later, after a boat he was running caught fire, he and his crew survived four



Joseph Bernt
Library volunteer

nights adrift on the Bering Sea. A Japanese trawler ran their life raft down before, eventually, rescuing them.

Densmore fishes salmon out of Kodiak.

Leech of Chinook, Washington began writing poetry in 1995 while drag fishing on the Columbian Star out of Astoria.

Seitz, a native Alaskan, fished in Cook Inlet until 1992, when oil spilled from the Exxon Valdez ruined fishing. He and his wife, Tiffani, lived and fished on the north coast until 2011, when they went to Morrow Bay, California and bought the trawler South Bay.

They practiced sustainable fishing and began processing their catches to sell to local restaurants. They now live in Astoria, where they fish the coast and operate South Bay Wild Seafood Market & Restaurant.

Tempus fugit! North coast authors are asked to submit writings on the theme of “Views from the North Coast” to this year’s Writers Read Celebration. This is an opportunity for local writers to address their relationship to the north coast, describe their vision of the north coast and explain what draws them here.

Anyone can participate and submit an entry. Entries may

take the form of essays, stories or poems. Writers are limited to no more than three entries, each no longer than 600 words.

January 17 is the submission deadline. Entries may be emailed to info@cannonbeachlibrary, or posted to the Cannon Beach Library, P.O. Box 486, Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110. Submissions should be anonymous.

Please include a cover letter with the writer’s name, email address and telephone number. Do not include your name or contact information on the entry itself. A panel of judges will select nine or 10 entries, and their authors will be asked to read them during the Writer’s Read Celebration at the library on Feb. 28.

In October, this column praised Christopher Leonard’s “Kochland: The Secret History of Koch Industries and Corporate Power in America” as a balanced analysis of the growth of Koch Industries, guided by Charles and David Koch into this nation’s second-largest privately held corporation. At the time, I felt sufficiently informed about the Koch brothers.

But last week I checked out a copy of Jane Meyer’s “Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right,” published in 2016 and still available at the Cannon Beach Library.

Where Leonard narrowly focuses on the growth of Koch Industries, Mayer places the Koch brothers within Libertar-

ian, Republican and corporate efforts to undermine democracy, reduce tax liabilities, and limit government regulation through the strategic use of their tax-sheltered wealth and nonprofit organizations.

Mayer describes the Koch brothers – especially, Charles Koch - as organizing new conservative think tanks, endowing university departments and professorships, and engaging in secretive meetings in Colorado to gather and distribute massive campaign funds.

The Koch brothers play a central role in Mayer’s description of the radical right. But many other conservative business leaders, mostly of privately held companies, receive her attention also. Some, such as Richard Mellon Scaife, John M. Olin, Richard DeVos, Sheldon Adelson, Joseph Coors and Stephen Bechtel, Jr., are familiar names, as are their companies: Mellon Bank and Gulf Oil, Olin Corporation, Amway, Bechtel Corporation, Sands Corporation, Coors Brewing, Home Depot and Quest Communications.

In “Dark Money,” Mayer reveals the players of what Hillary Clinton described in 1998: “This is - the great story here for anybody willing to find it and write about it and explain it, is this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for President.”

Jane Meyer tells that story in overwhelming detail.



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Sea turtle found dead on Sunset Beach

The Seaside Aquarium reported Jan. 7 via social media that a 30-pound green sea turtle had been found on Sunset Beach, located between Seaside and Warrenton. The turtle had died before washing ashore.

According to officials at the aquarium, it was unknown whether netting wrapped around its left flipper was the cause of death. The officials said a necropsy will be performed to determine how the sea turtle died.

A chance to show your sons and daughters your dance moves

Hilary Dorsey
For The Gazette

A mother-son dance, organized by the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, is set for 6-8 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. A daddy-daughter dance will be held the following night from 6-8 p.m. Both evenings include a live DJ, dance lessons by Encore Dance Studio, a candy-making station, con-

tests, a photo booth, snacks and light refreshments, and raffle prizes. The dances are held annually, the daddy-daughter dance for six years now. The mother-son dance debuted just last year. The rec district said the daddy-daughter dance saw 350 attendees last year, with 250 participants attending the mother-daughter event. "All make-ups of families are encouraged to

come," said a rec district official. A traditional mother/son or daddy/daughter relationship is not required of attendees, with everyone welcome. TLC, a division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, is the events' title sponsor. Cost is \$25 per couple, and \$5 for each additional son or daughter. With space limited, registration is encouraged at <http://www.sunsetempire.com/>, or by calling 503-738-3311.

Letter to the Editor

Dunes provide more than just some protection

Dear Editor: Apparently, Mr. Morgan heard nothing that was said by the Cannon Beach residents who spoke intelligently and eloquently about why they were against grading the dunes. He has missed the point entirely! It is not just that the dunes provide protection and a natural habitat --which they do. It is also that the people of Cannon Beach LOVE the beauty of the dunes and they do not want them graded to provide a few (mostly part-time) residents a better view. Period!

There is no need to belabor this discussion. The decision was made and the City Council deserves kudos for a wise and environmentally sound decision. The council also deserves praise for listening to, and

hearing, the voices of its constituency. And by not being bullied by the veiled legal threats or loud deliveries of those who would grade the dunes for their own financial gain. Enough already, Mr. Morgan. P.S.: The analogy about dead leaves piling up in yards made no sense. They are not comparable situations.

Lisa Kerr
Cannon Beach

Thompson focuses on lack of affordable housing here

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

District 5 County Commissioner Lianne Thompson talked to The Gazette on Tuesday about her concerns with housing affordability in Clatsop County. Thompson said the problem is "the housing stock has been diverted from residential to commercial properties," referring to vacation rentals. A number of homes are "owned by people who don't live here," she said. Also, vacation rental housing is valued at a higher price because it is "inflated by the revenue that is produced by transient occupancy," making housing more expensive. "All the way up and down the coast, the more tourism, the less affordable the housing," she said.



Lianne Thompson

The high cost of housing makes it "unaffordable for businesses to employ employees," she said. The employees can't afford to live in the area. "So we don't have the services we need for daily life - health, education, food, you name it - we can't afford it." It will take a local, county-wide, statewide and federal effort to solve the problem, she said. She said, "I'm getting some traction" on a plan to manufacture affordable modular housing in Clatsop County. "I've got a couple of timber companies that are interested and looking at ways to make this pencil out."

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or Stoltz
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poker
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Wild cards
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strategy
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69 "Fighting" Big
Ten team
70 Cut, as pizza
71 Cold and wet
72 Like poison
73 Japanese
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74 Measures of
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75 Scaring cry
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79 One of
Henry VIII's
Catherines
80 Et —
81 Mug in a
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82 Jamaican
citrus fruit
83 Mean ruffian
84 Wife on "The
Addams
Family," to
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86 Cover for a
truck bed
90 Crystal
rubbers,
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91 Jab deliverer
93 Control in a
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97 Certain wind
player
98 Very loudly,
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99 9-to-5er's
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101 Main dish
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A Soft Place to Land Monthly Women's Intention Circle- 3 p.m. - 5 a.m. at 115 W Nelchena St, Cannon Beach OR 97110. Topic: Collage Your Intention for the New Year. \$10 love offering or a goodie to share is requested.

Sunday, Jan. 12
Monthly Chamber Breakfast Meeting- 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

around town. Each month plan on hearing an enlightening and concise update on Chamber activities and enjoy a discussion by a local business owner or special dignitary.

Thursday, Jan. 16
A Deadly Wind: The 1962 Columbus Day Storm- 4-5 p.m. at Cannon Beach History Center, free lecture. The speaker will be John Dodge on his latest book.

Friday, Jan. 17
Writers Read Celebration 2020- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Cannon Beach Library, call for submissions. Deadline is Jan. 17. For more information visit the library or contact info@canonbeachlibrary.org.

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Library, 1131 Broadway Pre-senter Karen Martin on DNA Test Kits

Wednesday, Jan. 22
Business After Hours- 5-7 p.m. at The Waves. For members or perspective members, a chance to win door prizes.

Friday, Jan. 31
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sic Performance- 3 p.m. at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave. Manzanita. (across from the library)

Saturday, Feb. 1
Oregon Shadow Theatre Presents Puss In Boots- 11 a.m. at Hoffman Center 504 Laneda, Manzanita. A Shadow Puppet Play with Live Music for all ages.

The Brownsmead Flats free concert- 3 p.m. at the Tillamook County Library. 1716 Third Street, Tillamook, OR. 97141

Thursday, Feb. 20
Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Member Award Ceremony- 6-9:30 p.m. at 207 North Spruce St. 207 North Spruce St

Dunes

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Meantime, Cannon Beach residents Diane and Rex Amos earlier sent letters to the city on the issue of dune grading. Rex Amos said in a copy of his letter, sent to The Gazette: "In order to protect our city, the dunes should be encouraged, not bulldozed. We should have the Great Barrier Dune, the first line of defense against a tsunami." And Diane Amos said in an email last week: "The

main issue now is the interpretation of 'maintenance' and 'remedial' grading. The terms need to be defined specifically enough to prevent them from being so broadly interpreted that they become another excuse for grading dunes for views."

At the same time, Robbie Dodd, who lives in the Breakers Point condominium complex at the north end of Cannon Beach, said in an email: "The City Council continued to dismantle the proposed foredune management plan during the last few meetings. Rather than allowing for maintenance

grading, they made it clear (and Jeff Adams, community development director, also confirmed this) that they are moving towards allowing only a limited amount of grading to repair dunes that have been eroded, blown-out or to maintain public access.

"The council is effectively removing any language that would allow someone to mitigate the risk of loss of property through proactive, responsible dune management. The language is being revised to only allow reactive grading and replanting of grasses after storm damage and sand inundation has occurred."

Dodd added in his email to The Gazette: "City Hall invested over \$100,000 and months of meetings to study

the causes of and proposed solutions to address the significant beach erosion and sand accumulation issues impacting Cannon Beach.

"Unfortunately, City Council chose to ignore this scientific basis and overwhelming community support for a responsible dune management plan that restores and protects a diverse beach ecosystem while providing the needed protection of life and property from storm damage."

Bob Coussens owns a second home in Cannon Beach. He said that in about 2000, he and other oceanfront homeowners went to the city and worked out a sand management plan.

Coussens said that when he had bought his home in

1998, his view was partially blocked by 10 to 12 feet of sand. That sand caused flooding because it trapped the water.

According to their sand management plan, homeowners subsequently planted grass and graded the sand, he said. This "made a huge improvement in reducing sand inundation."

Now, he said, he has a 20-foot-wide area of grass in front of his house that pedestrians can use. "It is very user-friendly and improved the area for visitors. We really made Cannon Beach along Ocean Avenue a lot more pedestrian-friendly."

In his email to The Gazette, Rex Amos said: "The main concern about maintenance/remedial is over how

much the beachfront property owners get to grade because there is private property, city property and state property involved. Grading in the past makes the dunes look like landing strips and the sand, as Diane states, blows all over the neighborhood.

"Again, in Diane's letter she points out that we had this 'view' problem in Portland. We could not cut down the trees. Nor should the beachfront owners be allowed to grade the dunes for views under the definition of 'maintenance' or 'remedial.'"

Adams said last week, "The foredune management plan will be back before the City Council on Jan.14, where they'll review the revised draft of the ... plan."

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Rental

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property managers and rental owners, homeowners who do not rent their properties, those from the tourism industry, renters, and members of the Cannon Beach workforce, the report stated.

The task force is to meet on a quarterly basis for a period of four years.

The Gazette recently

contacted several people who applied to serve on the task force. Two of those returned calls.

Claudia Toutain-Dorbec, the owner of Cannon Beach Hotel Lodgings, and Lisa Fraser, who owns a long-term rental property plus another, unrelated business in Cannon Beach, agreed to be interviewed.

Toutain-Dorbec said, "I think there is a need for vacation rentals within the community that the lodging industry cannot provide. However, the

impact on vacation rentals and the livability (within the community) needs to be handled, managed, in a reasonable and fair manner."

She said she "lived between two vacation rentals and experienced what it was like to have a home impacted by that experience."

She said those who invest in rental and lodging properties make a "serious" investment and expect to be able to operate their businesses profitably.

Although each member of the task force will come

with his or her own "set of concerns and ideas," and some will be supportive of vacation rentals while others may not. "I think there is always common ground."

Fraser said she has experienced what it's like to live near a vacation rental. Her main goal, she said, "is to explore new ideas" that will "work for everybody - find a middle-of-the-road compromise."

She said she'd like the task force to find a fair solution for everybody that "leaves Cannon Beach a livable community."

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Volunteer event scheduled to produce ‘habitat piles’

Volunteers are being recruited to produce what are called habitat piles, which are termed a boon to wildlife by the North Coast Land Conservancy.

The organization is holding a volunteer stewardship event to help create habitat heaps, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 15, at the Circle Creek Conservation Center in Seaside.

Habitat heaps are large piles of woody debris that create perching sites for songbirds, and also shelter frogs and salamanders seeking dark, wet refuges, according to a conservancy press release.

On floodplains, such as the one at Circle Creek, the debris

piles slow the movement of water and create resting places for juvenile salmon.

As they age, the wood in habitat heaps slowly breaks down, adding richness to the soil.

The land conservancy said it has used habitat piles as part of its forest restoration project high on Boneyard Ridge. Now, volunteers are being sought to build piles on a former pasture at Circle Creek.

Volunteers are asked to indicate their interest by calling Melissa Reich at 503-738-9126, or emailing melissar@nclctrust.org. They are urged to wear sturdy boots

and gloves.

All necessary tools will be provided, said the conservancy, although volunteers should bring drinking water and lunch. No toilets or potable water will be available onsite. And dogs are not allowed on land conservancy properties.

Circle Creek Conservation Center is at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside, on the west side of U.S. Highway 101 about half a mile north of its junction with U.S. Highway 26. Follow the road west and north a short distance, passing a gravel quarry on the left, to where the road ends between two barns.



North Coast Land Conservancy board president John Mersereau studies a decomposing habitat pile near the Wetlands Walk Trail at Circle Creek Conservation Center. Courtesy photo.

History museum to feature author of book on Columbus Day storm

Author and historian John Dodge will discuss his book “A Deadly Wind: 1962 Columbus Day Storm” at 4 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, kicking off the museum’s winter lecture series.

Dodge was a columnist, editorial writer and investigative reporter for The Olympian prior to retiring in 2015 from a career that spanned 40 years.

He and his wife, Barbara Digman, live in the Olympia area.

“A Deadly Wind: 1962 Columbus Day Storm” is a non-fiction account of the strongest windstorm in West Coast recorded history. The storm killed dozens, injured hundreds, damaged more than 50,000 homes and leveled enough trees to build a million homes.

The unrivaled cyclone

gave birth to the Asian log export market and the Oregon wine industry.

The book was published by Oregon State University Press in October 2018 and copies will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public, thanks to the support of Clatsop County and Martin North. Seating is limited; doors will be locked at 4:15 p.m.

Permit

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lack of action by the City Council to protect property owners, residents and the community at large from unimpeded sand accretions by restoring a small portion of the sand captured in the northern dunes to the beach and sand circulation system where it naturally would reside,” Whitmore said in his email.

“Per the Allen report, Cannon Beach has been accumulating hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of sand blown off the beach into the unnatural sand dunes north of Ecola Creek created by the human introduction of the invasive European beach grass.

“For decades Breakers Point, at our own cost, and with the City’s oversight and approval through due process, helped maintain healthy sand volumes in these dunes while managing the beach grass growth and sand capture through periodic grading.

“Without grading, the beach grass will cause

unimpeded trapping of sand from the beach, with no end in sight, creating a situation that communities all along the Oregon and California coasts have already recognized as a problem, in which the beach gets starved of sand while unnatural sand mountains grow that are unfriendly to both native wildlife and people - residents and visitors alike.

“Anyone who lives in Cannon Beach or visits regularly will notice the changes caused by this: taller and taller dunes that are harder to climb up and down, a flatter, shorter beach as waves run up unstoppped all the way to the foredunes and seawalls of the city due to the absence of a natural, wider and broader dune that would reduce wave run-up, and rocky beaches due to so much sand being trapped in the north end of our beach and unable to recirculate to naturally replenish the beach.”

A statement by Friends of the Dunes says, in part: “Friends of the Dunes contend Breakers Point is ineligible to submit grading requests at this time because of the restrictions

imposed on their last request, approved in 2016.

“The most important of these restrictions stated that no more dune grading permits will be approved until a revised and updated Sand Management Plan is adopted by the City. This has not yet occurred.

“Mr. Whitmore again brings up European Beach Grass, but fails to acknowledge that the experts agree (that) when infrastructure is built up so close to the ocean, this is the necessary grass to protect homes. It was planted here purposefully and Breakers Point was denied grading by the state Parks Dept. (OPRD) in 2016 until they agreed to use it.

“This application is just a swapping of language, a whack-a-mole attempt to once again dune grade our state-owned lands only for these condo owners’ views from inside their units.

“Let’s remember (that) Mr. Whitmore’s argument, along with all the beachfront homeowners’, was presented to the City Council, and the Council responded with a unanimous vote to end dune grading for views.”

Social Security office in Astoria has moved to a new location in Warrenton

The Social Security office at 115 West Bond St. in Astoria will relocate Jan. 13 to 1479 SE Discovery Ln., Suite A-130, in Warrenton.

The office serves residents of Clatsop and Tillamook counties in Oregon, and Pacific County in Washington.

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