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Planning commission mulls house size limits

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission held a meeting on December 22 to ask for input on its proposal to limit the square footage of houses to 2,000 square feet. The commission is also reviewing ordinances related to bed and breakfast businesses and accessory dwelling units. For more detail, see the following initial story published by The Gazette on this subject at https://www.cannonbeachgazette.com/news/planning-commission-to-review-unit-size-ordinances/article_9c6b60c-c-3459-11eb-a223-9fe2c0612a7e.html.

The proposal to limit the size of homes to 2,000 square feet generated many comments from residents who opposed the idea. Planning Commissioner Charles Bennett said at the hearing that passage of the 2,000 square foot restriction on home sizes would make about half the houses built in Cannon Beach since 1990 in violation of the ordinance, which “seems radical.” Planning Commissioner Lisa Kerr said Clatsop County has a height restriction of 18 feet for ocean front homes. She said she would like the commission to discuss a similar height restriction in Cannon Beach to prevent the construction of large homes that block the views of the homes behind them. Commissioner Clay Newton said a

size restriction might be understandable for homes in the core city area to protect the village character but not so much out further away, where larger homes may be more appropriate. Commissioner Barb Knop said she would like more information on how the city handles double lots in relation to size of homes. Russ Kuhns, who owns a vacation home in Cannon Beach, said in his comment sent to the city that he thinks limiting homes to 2,000 square feet is “too restrictive, particularly with a garage. The living space would end up being in the 1,500 square foot area,” as stated in the city staff report. Lois Moore, who owns a B&B in Cannon Beach, said when she purchased the property, she paid for

the fact that it had a permit to operate a B&B. Not allowing grandfathering of the permits would, when and if she sells, devalue her property. Judi McLaughlin, said her mother-in-law owns a house in Cannon Beach across from a “beast of a house,” which blocks her mother-in-law’s view. McLaughlin said for houses on large lots very far from town, it “doesn’t work” to build a small home. There would not be room in the house for multi-generations to live. Caleb Whitmore, who owns property in Cannon Beach, said he understands the need to keep the village character in town but is concerned about using an “absolute restrictive number” to accomplish this.

Whitmore said he is also concerned about peoples’ ability to provide space for multi-generations to live in one house and “to make use of existing home space.” Jeff Moon, who is also concerned about size restrictions, said he owns property in Cannon Beach and would like to “bring in his parents” and his brother to live in Cannon Beach. Kerr said this idea is “just in the planning stages.” City Community Development Director Jeff Adams said the commission will continue the meeting to take input from residents to January 28. To provide input, email the planning department at planning@ci.cannon-beach.or.us. For other options to attend and comment at the Zoom meetings, see the city website.

HISTORICAL MOMENTS



The Cannon Beach Arts Association is pleased to present a collaborative event with the Cannon Beach Historical Center and Museum. Jan. 6-31, the gallery will be screening a historical film courtesy of the Cannon Beach Historical Center Archives. The film is a compilation of footage of Cannon Beach from the 1930 - 1960s. The film will run on a loop from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday in the gallery. The gallery is located in midtown at 1064 S. Hemlock St. in Cannon Beach. Corresponding with the film the gallery is featuring a winter salon. The salon is a curated collection of local and regional artists represented by the gallery, featuring a variety of mediums such as fiber arts, watercolor, paintings and ceramics. Courtesy photos

Old school site has historical significance

Council hosts series of public meetings to discuss plans for the old school building

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council met in work session in December to hear presentations on the history of the site of the former Cannon Beach elementary school in preparation for a possible restructuring of the buildings and grounds into a meeting place for the residents. The first of the two speakers was Douglas Deur, Ph.D., who is a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology at Portland State University, according to the university website. Professor Deur said the former Cannon Beach elementary school property was the site of the village of the Nehalem people and it is “known as one of the places visited by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” He said it was a stopping point for trading to the north. Below the surface can be seen evidence of compacted soil sometimes rectangular the size of a room “where thousands upon thousands of footsteps have occurred over generations” and “that’s still visible to us today.” The COVID situation has temporarily interrupted the examination of the site, which is of national and interna-



tional historical significance. Next spoke Dick Basch, who is a tribal member of Nehalem descent. Basch said the commitment of Cannon Beach to “that place (the elementary school site) is near and dear to my heart.” He said “centuries and centuries of tribal members” used that site. Today it is still a “gathering place for many age groups and for a variety of different (tribal) events.” “Not everywhere can you

stand where your ancestors stood – (it’s) a rare happening,” he said. He said Cannon Beach and the native people have been looking at options to “do what is right for the spirit of that place.” Also, he said there are only a “handful” of sites about which it can be said the Lewis and Clark Expedition were there. “Education is an important priority for the tribe,” he said. The facilities at the site

are made for education and “community gatherings of all types.” The city council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on January 7 in work session to listen to public input about the school site. These several input meetings are via Zoom. Also, a video of this meeting is on the city website. For more information as to how to provide input, go to the city website and the agenda for the meeting.

Friends of Haystack Rock hosts ‘Tales of the Haystack rock’

Friends of Haystack Rock will host a World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. These are recurring lectures with different speakers and topics. They are held on the second Wednesday of every month from November to May. Join the meeting on Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack. Elaine Trucke will host “Let’s Talk Haystack Rock: Tales of Haystack Rock.” With the love of storytelling, Trucke will focus on the unique history of Haystack Rock, rather than on the diverse ecosystem that it is. Trucke will explore why Haystack Rock in Cannon Beach is so unique and share some of the crazier stories associated with the rock. Trucke has been the director of the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum for over 10 years. The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is a small nonprofit museum located in the heart of Cannon Beach. It is home to the cannon that the town is named for. Don’t miss this acclaimed pluviophile, historian and storyteller talk about everyone’s favorite monolith. Upcoming Talks: Feb. 10 – Falcon Cove Marine Reserve. Duncan Berry and Kipp Baratoff, Co-Founders, Fishpeople Seafood Title: Seeking Balance through Sustainable Fishing March 10 – Kiirsten Flynn Title: Insights into large whale entanglements in the Pacific Northwest from research of populations, responses and reports April 14 – Katie Volkie North Coast Land Conservancy, Title: Climate Change and Conservation May 12 – Tim Halloran , Title: “Just how do you monitor the puffins?”

Final round of King Tides Project coming up

This winter’s final series of “king tides” is coming up Jan. 11-13, which means that this will be the final round for the 2020-21 edition of the Oregon King Tides Project. Every winter for the past decade, a growing army of volunteer photographers has documented the highest point reached by these highest of tides.

The camera-wielding volunteers are participating in the King Tides Project, the Oregon branch of an international grassroots effort to document coastal areas flooded by the highest winter tides. Here in Oregon, the King Tides Project has been developed and coordinated by the CoastWatch Program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, and the Oregon Coastal Management Program, a branch of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. From modest beginnings in 2010, the project has grown to the point that more than 100 volunteer photographers contributed more than 400 photos to the project’s archives last winter. Anyone with a camera or cell phone can participate.

The first two “king tides” have passed, but volunteers are needed for the third round, beginning on Monday, Jan. 11, and extending through Wednesday, Jan 13. The exact time of the tidal

peak will change each day and will vary with location; on Monday, it will take place near 10 a.m. on the central coast. For information about how to find tide tables, and much else about the project, go to the website, <https://www.oregonkingtides.net/>.

An online warm-up session for the final round of the project is coming up on Thursday, Jan. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. CoastWatch and the Oregon Coastal Management Program will host a panel discussion featuring geomorphologist Peter Ruggiero, coastal ecologist Sally Hacker, and economist Steve Dundas. Their topic: “Optimizing the ecosystem services of Pacific Northwest Coastal Beaches and Dunes.” For more information, or to register, go here: <https://oregonshores.org/events/talks-climate-beaches-and-dunes>.

Thus far this winter, some 60 photographers have documented the first two rounds of high tides with more than 200 photographs. But much more need to be done to provide visual evidence of the reach of high tides along the entire Oregon coast. To see priority areas where there are gaps in coverage, to go to <https://www.oregonkingtides.net/participate/> and scroll down to “Where.”

Every year in early winter, high tides on the Oregon coast

are higher than usual. These extreme high tides, commonly called “King Tides,” occur at a few specific times during the year when the moon’s orbit comes closest to the earth, the earth’s orbit is closest to the sun, and the sun, moon and earth are in alignment, thereby increasing their gravitational influence on the tides.

The goal of this citizen science project is to encourage Oregonians and visitors to submit photos they take of the king tides to help track sea level rise over time and reveal its impacts on the Oregon coast. Photographers are also encouraged to take photos at average high tides from the identical vantage points of their “king tides” shots, for purposes of comparison. The hundreds of photos they take reveal current vulnerabilities to flooding. Even more important, they help us visualize and understand the coming impacts of sea level rise (such as flooding and erosion) to coastal communities.

Anyone can participate by taking a photo during the peak period of a king tide, anywhere on the outer coast or along estuaries or lower river valleys. Photos that show the highest stand of the tide with reference to a man-made structure or natural feature reveal the reach of the tide most clearly. Participants then submit their photos through



the project website (www.oregonkingtides.net).

The information gathered can help to guide land use regulations that can be an important component in strategies to decrease tidal impacts to coastal infrastructure, such as appropriate oceanfront or riverine setbacks, moveable development, and stormwater management. Planning for coastal hazards and sea level rise impacts now will help to prevent haphazard management decisions in the future.

To get a better view of the project, browse the King Tides photo albums by sea-

son: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/orkingtide/albums>. You don’t have to be a scientist to understand and help to document how sea level rise may impact places in our own communities.

The Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP) is a networked program of coastal cities, counties, and state agencies working to protect Oregon’s estuaries, shorelands, beaches and dunes, and ocean resources.

CoastWatch, a project of the non-profit Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, organizes hundreds of volunteers

who adopt one-mile segments of the Oregon shoreline, monitoring these stretches of coast for both natural changes and human impacts. CoastWatch also organizes a number of citizen science projects, including the King Tides Project.

For more information, contact Meg Reed, Coastal Shores Specialist with the OCMP program, (541) 514-0091, meg.reed@state.or.us; or Jesse Jones, CoastWatch Volunteer Coordinator, (503) 989-7244, jesse@oregon-shores.org.

Burglary suspect died by force after brandishing firearm at officers

Deputies and officers from several Clatsop County law enforcement agencies responded to a burglary in progress of an occupied dwelling at 1:40 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, in the 33000 block of Oregon Lane in the Sunset Beach area. A 911 caller reported an unknown female walked into his unlocked residence and then barricaded herself in one of the rooms of the residence.

According to law enforcement agencies, the room occupied by the suspect contained several firearms.

Deputies on scene attempted to negotiate and deescalate the situation. These efforts were not successful.

Deputies reported the suspect fired at least one round inside the residence, then exited the back of the residence to the roof. The suspect then brandished a firearm in the direction of officers before an officer on scene responded with deadly force. The suspect died at the scene.

Per the Clatsop County Deadly Force Investigation Protocol, the Clatsop County Major Crime Team

was activated. The Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office will be the lead investigative agency. The investigation of this incident is ongoing.

From the Sheriff’s office

When law enforcement arrived, they located Alaina Burns, of Astoria, inside the residence without permission.

According to the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office, crisis intervention trained and crisis negotiation trained deputies communicated with Burns for close to an hour,

during which time Burns discharged a firearm inside the residence. De-escalation and negotiation continued nearly 40 minutes after the discharge of the firearm.

Ultimately, Burns exited the second-floor room onto a balcony and then onto the roof with firearm and advanced towards officers.

An Oregon State Police Trooper fired, and Burns was hit, the sheriff’s office said. Despite medical aid rendered, Burns was pronounced deceased.

As per standard protocol, the

trooper has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Oregon State Police, Astoria Police Department, Seaside Police Department, Warrenton Fire and Medix Ambulance service all responded to assist the sheriff’s office.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone who has additional information or may have witnessed any of the events should contact the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office at (503)325-8635.

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At the library

Other then Jimmy Carter, who knew 1980 was so significant?

Joseph Bernt
Library Volunteer

The Cannon Beach Library has no changes to report this week about library services. Limited browsing continues on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., and residents of Cannon Beach and Arch Cape may still call or email the library to reserve books and arrange door-side pickup appointments between noon and 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Last weekend, I took advantage of access to the library and found a copy of Kurt Andersen's latest analysis of economic conditions in America: "Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America, A Recent History."

As my review below of the latest book by the snarky founding editor of Spy magazine suggests, those rural and working-class Americans Hillary Clinton tagged as "the Deplorables" had reason to complain about their falling economic and social status in the New Economy.

Prior to President Richard Nixon nominating Lewis Powell in 1971 to a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court, the future justice had chaired the Richmond School Board when Virginia was resisting

court-mandated school integration in the late 1950s.

From 1964 to 1971 Powell served on the Philip Morris board of directors and also represented the Tobacco Institute and several tobacco companies in many legal cases. In 1971 he wrote a confidential memorandum for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that outlined a strategy for undermining the growing regulatory state in the 1970s and 1980s, personified by Ralph Nader, a young activist lawyer focused on environmental and industrial safety issues.

The "Powell Memorandum" attracted Nixon's interest in appointing Powell to the Supreme Court and, in the 1970s and 1980s, captured the attention of wealthy ultra-conservative heirs of the robber barons, particularly Richard Mellon Scaife (banking, oil, mining) and Charles and David Koch (petrochemicals, pulp and paper, pipelines, finance, ranching).

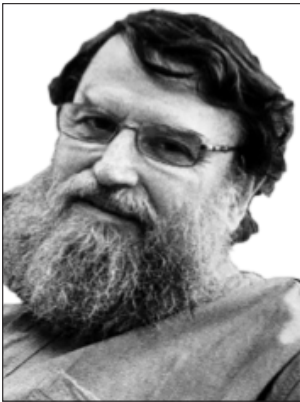
Powell emphasized the importance of business creating a conservative intellectual counterculture by seriously financing such think tanks as the sleepy Hoover Institution at Stanford and the Heritage Foundation, Business Roundtable, American Enterprise

Institute and Cato Institute in Washington D.C.

These think tanks supported conservative scholars and graduate students at top private and flagship public universities, brought like-minded researchers together for conferences, subsidized publications and introduced conservative scholars with like-minded legislators and matched graduates to staff positions in state and federal offices.

Of special interest to this counterculture is the creation of law and economics programs at major law schools, programs focused more on politics than law. This new field was based on ideas crafted by Robert Bork and his libertarian colleagues at the University of Chicago to make economic efficiency and constitutional originalism determinative in deciding cases.

Both approaches to the law limit what values can be applied in decisions. Moral,



Joseph Bernt

social and humanistic values do not lend themselves to the mathematical precision of economic equations. Similarly, the founders' definition of constitutional language stopped in 1787, perhaps eliminating meanings developed during the past 233 years.

The 1980s saw more than 70 law and economics programs established, many of them supported by funding from the Olin Foundation in 1982, the year of John Olin's death.

In "Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America," Kurt Andersen tracks the influence of a small group of industrialists and their erosion of the all-boats-rise economy that had supported American life from the end of the Second World War to about 1980 and the election of Ronald Reagan.

Based on his extensive research, Andersen convinced this reader that life in the United States in the past 40 years has devolved from

what it had been during the 35 years between the end of WWII and 1980.

Let me share some of Andersen's observations.

Television arrived in Portland in 1952, seven years after the end of the war in the Pacific, and the programming was free. I now pay slightly under \$201 a month for mid-grade programming from Spectrum.

In 1980, income above \$700,000 was taxed at 70 percent by the federal government; today it would be taxed at 33 percent.

Today the tax rate on dividend income is 22 percent rather than the normal tax rate of 37 percent.

Profits from selling stocks generally are taxed at 20 percent now, about half the rate applied in 1970.

Before 1980, all American incomes rose at the same pace as the overall economy. Since 1980, though, only people with incomes between \$180,000 and \$450,000 have experienced this. People with incomes above \$450,000 (the top 1 percent) received incomes greater than overall economic growth.

Since 1980, the incomes of the top 1 percent have nearly tripled.

Since 1980, no matter

what the metric, the wealthiest Americans have seen their incomes and wealth rise and their tax rates decline more than has been the case for less fortunate Americans.

Let me polish off this column with a few announcements of upcoming virtual library events.

On Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m., Elaine Trucke, director of the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, will present "Let's Talk Haystack Rock: Tales of Haystack Rock." Hear some crazy stories via Facebook-Live@friendsofhaystackrock. Sponsored by Friends of Haystack Rock.

On Wednesday, January 20, members of Cannon Beach Reads will meet via Zoom at 7 p.m. and each member will read and discuss a favorite poem. I plan to read a tribute by Ho Chi Minh I recently discovered in an antiwar memoir I was reading for a research project I've been chasing this past year.

On Saturday, January 23, at 2 p.m., local author Jennifer Greer will discuss "A Desperate Place," her debut crime thriller, set in Medford. Sponsored by the NW Authors Series.

At the Tennis Courts

Tennis: The best recreational sport for during pandemic

The Texas Medical Association categorized playing tennis as the safest recreational sport for Covid times. It was rated in line with going camping or pumping gas, and just ahead of playing golf or walking with friends. In Cannon Beach, there has been a small cadre of tennis players enjoying summer, fall and now winter doing just that.

Courts are 120 feet long by 60 feet wide and, even with four people for doubles, space is plentiful. Just add other precautions for more safety.

Mike Morgan has accumulated a substantial group of players over the years. Some are Cannon Beach locals. Others are tennis passionate Nor'Coasters. Still more are the part-time owners that might text ahead to arrange a game while in town. Over the years, the repeat visitors include: an award winning San Francisco restaurateur, the tennis director from a distinguished Hawaii tennis resort, a tennis club owner from Olympia, and even the ex-GM of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves. The regulars include the Seaside City Council Chairman, Randy Frank; the North Coast Land Conservancy President, John Mercereau; and Cannon Beach's own 'Norm, from Cheers' - Ken Quarles.

The CB tennis courts are a great asset for the tourists to enjoy. There are only four public and well maintained courts in the whole county (two in Cannon Beach and two in Gearhart.) Morgan's rag-tag group of tennis bums try to do their part in keeping summer congestions to a minimum. They avoid peak tourist play time (fortunately only the locals know it is too windy to play in the afternoon!) Some players ride their bikes to the courts to ease parking - or an old scooter for Ken. The group also moves their play to Gearhart where parking is less of a scarce resource

and the Hwy 101 congestion is less of a hassle for those living further north. Besides the fish fry smells from Ecola Seafood can be so distracting. Our courts still seem to fill up with couples, families and weekend warriors! Utilization seems to mirror the town's parking - feast or famine.

It has been a fun summer for the little group. Playing rain or shine, warm or cold and always at a playing level much lower than those of their youth! However there are some stars. Several of the guys have earned top level senior rankings in the Pacific NW region. Terri Neal was a multiple finalist/champion at USTA's mother/daughter Nat'l tournaments and periodically plays the Senior National Husband-Wife National Tournament with her spouse, Randy. However, we are still hoping to get former college player and tennis legend, Jason Menke of Sea Level, out to play...haha!

Looking ahead, there are a more things to look forward to. The city is exploring for options to add pickleball lines and the tennis group has been trying to help influence that effort (see accompanying story.) Morgan is always hoping to improve his game. The rest of the group are awaiting their vaccinations to more easily enjoy their post-match frosty brews from local downtown pubs like Seasons (closest!), the Driftwood or Bill's Tavern.

City Hall have tourists asking "where are the pickleball courts?" There are even rumblings that there are locals who would like to play!

The Parks Committee has another session in January to discuss adding a pickleball option at one or more of the tennis courts. Also in January, the City Council will begin hear inputs on how best to utilize the Cannon Beach Elementary School, the city now owns. Local pickleball player and Sea Ranch RV owner, Carmen Swigart, will propose the gymnasium allow space so that 'indoor' pickleball can be played as one of the sport options within (rollaway nets, of course.) Cannon Beach has few (no?) indoor sports for those winter months and rainy days. She says the old school gym would be a perfect solution.

Pickleball is easy to learn, so it is great for families with kids. Points and games are fast and quick. The quick rotations make the game very social and easy to meet new friends. The court is much smaller so it is gentler on the knees and body. This makes very popular with the 'experienced' generation needing fitness options. Two thirds of all pickleball players are over the age of 55.

Even the tennis group is involved. Several already play periodically with the Gearhart group and some second home owners play back in Portland. One third of all pickleball players are current or former tennis players. It is even easier to learn for them. The tennis group would like to see a pickleball configuration like the one Gearhart implemented in 2019. They also support Carmen's indoor option for the school. They've been reaching out to local residents about rumored interest in pickleball - and that list is growing. The Menke family, Sea Level Bakery owners, are anxious to see it happen. Stay tuned.



Pickleball: Coming Soon to Cannon Beach?

Pickleball is touted as the "fastest growing sport in America." Courts are springing up everywhere. Nehelem just dedicated four courts. Manzanita has one. Gearhart added lines to one of their two tennis court for another two courts last year. There is also a push for court space in Seaside. Cannon Beach's Chamber of Commerce and

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Clatsop State Forest delivers \$22.7M for county, local services

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) released a report to state forest trust land counties highlighting economic, environmental and social accomplishments in fiscal year 2020, including distributing \$22.7 million in revenue to Clatsop County and local service providers.

The Clatsop State Forest consists of about 147,000 acres in Clatsop County, with small portions in Tillamook and Columbia counties. In addition to Clatsop County, other local service providers receiving revenue include the Clatsop Care Health District, Clatsop Community College, Jewell School District, Rural Law Enforcement District, Port of Astoria and numerous other providers of fire protection, public transit and other services residents of Clatsop County use and value.

ODF recently released its Council of Forest Trust Land Counties annual report, which highlights the array of economic, environmental and social contributions from approximately 729,000 acres of actively managed state forestland. It includes a recap of timber sales and revenue distribution, conservation and forest health activities, and recreation use, including popularity and number of visitors, among other statistics.

Statewide, counties and local governments received record revenues of \$69.2 million in fiscal year 2020, collected from timber sales on state-owned forests. Revenues are distributed based on timber sales within a particular jurisdiction. Other highlights include replanting more than 3 million trees and hosting more than 22,000 campers at ODF campgrounds.

Counties and local service providers receive approximately 64 percent of net revenues from timber harvests on state forests. The remaining revenues finance virtually all aspects of state forest management, including ODF's recreational offerings, environmental enhancement projects, replanting after timber harvest, and forest road maintenance. The state's share of revenue was approximately \$38.3 million in fiscal year 2020.

"The economic, environmental and social successes detailed in this annual report highlight the broad scope of benefits healthy working forests provide to Oregonians and communities," State Forester Peter Daugherty said.

As part of ODF's commitment to conservation, the Clatsop State Forest protects some 373 miles of fish-bearing streams and 959 miles of non-fish bearing streams. About 4,700 acres are protected as habitat for marbled murrelets and Northern spotted owls.

Other report highlights statewide include:

- 238 million board feet of timber harvested through management activities
- 4.9 miles of fish access restored
- 20 fish barriers removed
- 389 miles of trail maintained
- 1,015 woodcutting permits issued
- 29,472 visitors to the ODF Tillamook Forest Center. The TFC's physical location was closed for most of the 2020 season to reduce spread of COVID-19.



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State forests managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry are distributed across 15 counties, with the largest being the Clatsop and Tillamook state forests on the north coast, the Santiam State Forest in the northern Cascade Range, and the Gilchrist and Sun Pass state forests in Klamath County. Other scattered tracts can be found throughout western Oregon. Many State Forests employees also are part of Oregon's complete and coordinated fire protection system, providing critical resources and expertise during fire season.

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City councilors sworn in, meeting time changes beginning in February

Hilary Dorsey
For The Gazette

Cannon Beach City Councilors Nancy McCarthy and Brandon Ogilvie were sworn in during a city council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 5. Both councilors were reelected in the Nov. 3 general election and will serve additional four-year terms.

Cannon Beach Municipal Court Judge Ron Woltjer was the presiding judge of the virtual event. McCarthy and

Ogilvie both took the oath of office. The oath of office includes an oath to conduct themselves faithfully and honorably to the office of Cannon Beach Councilor. It also includes supporting the constitution of the United States and the constitution and laws of the state of Oregon.

“Thank you and congratulations,” Woltjer told each councilor after they took their oath.

The council elected a council president. Councilor Mike Benefield was nominated to



Nancy McCarthy



Brandon Ogilvie

continue as council president. The council agreed unanimously to elect Benefield.

The council also passed Resolution 21-01 for the Purpose of Amending the City Council Rules of Procedure. City Manager Bruce St. Denis said this would move all workshops and regular city council meetings to 6 p.m.

“At this year’s council retreat, staff recommended that the start times for both the monthly regular and workshop meetings be changed to provide consistency with other

city government meetings,” St. Denis stated in a staff report.

The council agreed to change the start time to 6 p.m. for the monthly city council regular meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month, as well as the monthly workshop meeting, held the second Tuesday of the month.

St. Denis said the start time change would begin at the February city council meeting.

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\$400,000 grant puts Rainforest Reserve within reach

With announcement in late November, of a \$400,000 grant award from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) is now appealing to the community to complete fundraising for the Rainforest Reserve, a landmark conservation project under way on Oregon’s North Coast.

“Once again the Rainforest Reserve rises to the top because of the incredible place it is,” said Katie Voelke, executive director of North Coast Land Conservancy. “The Murdock Trust is the last big funder we have reached out to, and after a rigorous screening process,

they chose to support us generously. This grant is a win for all who love the Oregon Coast.”

The proposed Rainforest Reserve is a 3,500-acre tract of forested coastline south of Arch Cape, adjacent to Oswald West State Park and above Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. When completed, the Rainforest Reserve will create an uninterrupted 32-square-mile conservation corridor stretching from the summits of 3,000-foot peaks—the horizon you see looking south from Cannon Beach or north from Rockaway Beach—to Short Sand Beach and the sandy seabed

and rocky reefs of the near-shore ocean.

Creeks high in the proposed Rainforest Reserve provide drinking water to local communities. Allowing this stretch of temperate rainforest to grow to maturity will help mitigate the effects of climate change locally and globally by drawing down carbon dioxide from the air and storing it in the trees for centuries to come.

“We believe the strongest and most sustainable solutions come from a spirit of collaboration,” said Steve Moore, executive director of the Murdock Trust. “Organizations like the North Coast Land Conservancy help our communities thrive by working to build solutions that serve the common good through an inclusive approach. We are grateful for their efforts to help preserve and protect the natural beauty of our region while also modeling a collaborative method to find solutions.”

With support from the community, NCLC hopes to complete fundraising and take ownership of the Rainforest Reserve by the end of 2021. Gifts from individual donors, public agencies, and private foundations such as Murdock have now contributed \$9.3 million toward the campaign goal of \$10 million, leaving



Onion Peak in the proposed Rainforest Reserve. Photo by Tom Horning

\$700,000 yet to be raised.

“This grant award launches us into the last stretch of this marathon campaign,” Voelke added. “It’s all hands in now. Every donation counts.”

More information about the Rainforest Reserve and a donation link can be found at [NCLCtrust.org/creating-a-rainforest-reserve](https://nclctrust.org/creating-a-rainforest-reserve)

NCLC launched its campaign to conserve the Rain-

forest Reserve in November 2016 with signing of a purchase and sales agreement with Ecotrust Forest Management (EFM), a forestland investment management company that had just purchased the property. NCLC had been negotiating with EFM and previous landowners for nearly a decade, attempting to find a way to conserve this biologically diverse landscape

harboring rare plant and animal species. The effort to put this land into conservation actually began in the first half of the last century with Samuel Boardman, Oregon’s first state parks superintendent, who envisioned creating “one of the great natural parks in the nation” but who was not able to achieve that vision before his retirement.

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

Max Kirkendall
Country Media

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

Gov. Brown said, Jan. 4, the 12,000 doses a day goal will “put (Oregon) on track to deploy every vaccine we have in our hands.”

“This is an all-hands-on-deck effort, and I have directed OHA to partner as widely as possible to ensure we are using all available resources to ramp up Oregon’s vaccinations rapidly,” Gov. Brown said.

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

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

Allen said getting vaccinations done as quickly as possible is a top priority for OHA because Oregon is considered vulnerable to the virus as far fewer people have contracted it compared to other states in the U.S.

Last week, Oregon received 34,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine

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

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

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

Dr. Hargunani detailed the plan that includes expanding partnerships and administration sites. The five steps include:

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

Expanding federal phar-

macy partnerships to reach more nursing home residents and staff members.

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

Leveraging all Public Health agencies to help with administering vaccines.

Supporting innovated partnerships.

Dr. Hargunani said the COVID-19 has proven to be a little more difficult to distribute compared to the flu shot. Some issues OHA has had to overcome includes: Adapting to distribution during a pandemic, which provides challenges like finding a controlled, safe space for administration; the Pfizer vaccine requires ultra cold storage. OHA is currently working to get more of this storing units in more hospitals; and Oregon

does not have enough doses for everyone right now, which has caused the need to prioritize who gets access to it first.

To overcome some of these challenges OHA is hoping to rely on partnerships with local agencies. One of these new partnerships was announced by Joe Ness, chief operations officer of OHSU Healthcare.

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

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

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

Unger said they are “excited to collaborate to expand vaccine distribution to more frontline workers.”

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

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

Governor Brown’s statement on defiance of COVID-19 executive orders

Governor Kate Brown today issued the following statement regarding planned defiance of her Executive Orders, which have reduced the spread of COVID-19 across Oregon:

“Oregon’s health and safety measures are in place to protect Oregonians, save lives, and keep our hospitals and health care workers from becoming overwhelmed by COVID-19.

Oregonians have made incredible sacrifices throughout this pandemic and, now, many communities across Oregon are reducing the spread of COVID-19 and moving into risk levels that

allow restaurants and businesses to reopen to at least some indoor service.

“If businesses reopen too early and instead create new spikes in COVID-19 cases, the actions of a few business

owners could set entire communities back and keep them in the Extreme Risk category for even longer.

“It’s unfortunate and irresponsible that some local politicians are choosing to willfully mislead business owners into jeopardizing public health and risking fines, instead of working with their communities to help stop the spread of COVID-19 so that we can reopen businesses, schools, and more quickly return to normal life.

garg my emergency orders or to authorize anyone else to do so. Any businesses that reopen in violation of state risk level requirements for their county will be subject to fines and enforcement.

Undoubtedly, those same local elected officials who are encouraging businesses to fully reopen and flagrantly disregard public health are unlikely to have the backs of businesses when faced with fines and penalties, nor are they likely to be willing to be held responsible for the public health impacts their actions create.

“I am urging all Oregon businesses to put the health of their communities first by following the guidance we have in place for their counties. A large majority of businesses continue to do the right thing to protect their communities. However, when Oregonians don’t take COVID-19 seriously, and don’t take steps to reduce the spread of the disease, they put all of us at risk.

“I have directed Oregon OSHA and the OLCC to deploy all available re-

sources to ensure businesses are in compliance. I expect enforcement agencies to continue to use an education first approach, but Oregonians need to understand that these rules are enforceable under law. For businesses that refuse to comply, OSHA and OLCC staff are empowered to take administrative action including issuing citations, fines, and Red Warning Notices if necessary.

“Oregon has led in our response to COVID-19, and help is on the way for struggling businesses. I proposed new resources for rent relief for businesses in the third special session, and I expect a new round of federal aid to be delivered soon. We can’t waiver in our response to the virus now, when the end is finally in sight and resources are on the way. We are better than this. As we head into the new year, I am asking all Oregonians, yet again, to commit to making smart choices and to take seriously their individual responsibilities during a public health emergency.”

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