Debate rages over use of room tax revenues

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"It's going to be very significant," City Manager Brant Kucera said.

Councilors asked for further discussion before committing those funds specifically to the center when the increase goes into effect.

"To me there's three funds happening at this point," Vetter said. "There's the information center, which we've had for 20 years, then there's the TAC (Tourism and Arts Commission) money we've had for seven years, and now we have the new money, and to me they're very different."

"I've questioned it to begin with, because it said 'visitor center,' not 'chamber," Councilor Wendy Higgins said of the new allocation. "But all of those things are shared. The Web site is shared. The building is shared. The services are shared. When we first heard it, everyone was saying 'chamber,' nobody was saying 'visitor center.'

Since the room tax increase has yet to go into effect, there is time for further discussion, Kucera said.

"I think it's a mistake to try to fold that new money into the information center,' Vetter said. "I think that convolutes things. There should be separate measurables."

Mayor Sam Steidel said since the tax goes into effect Oct. 1, the new contract must be accepted at the September council meeting.

Steidel and councilors Vetter and Higgins voted to approve the year's first quarter payment, Steidel asked the council to take up the matter at the council's next work session, which would provide an opportunity for changes before the room tax increase goes into effect. "In August we can hammer out what we want," he said.

Market sure to be 'very festive, very fun'

Market from Page 1A

This year, 28 vendors, including four booths where prepared food is served, plan to sell at the market. Products range from fresh produce to salad dressing and also include hummus, flowers, fruit, hard cider honey, cheese, pastries, meats and candy.

Several vendors are new to the market this year. Among them are Hello Waffle, selling sweet and savory waffles; Reverend Nat's Hard Cider, providing hand-crafted ciders; Seaside Kombucha, brewing a fermented beverage of black tea and cane sugar; Columbia River Smoked Salmon, caught by local Native American fishermen in the Columbia River; Nature's Wild Harvest, featuring wild mushrooms; and Sleepy Monk's cold press coffee, available at the Dough Dough Bakery booth.

Neroni, from Bob **EVOO** Cannon Beach Cooking School, also will demonstrate how to use products from the market. He will be stationed at the Gales Meadow Farm booth.

"It's opening day, and opening day is the best day for a farmers market," said Bill Cole, wild mushroom gatherer and operator of Nature's Wild Harvest.

"People have been in hibernation all year and they're ready to come out and shop," Cole added.

Although this Cole's first day at the Cannon Beach market, the Vancouver, Wash. resident sells his wild mushrooms, as well as syrups made from wild berries, at several other markets.

Also new to the market is the Taste of Place booth, operated by the Oregon State University Extension

Miki'ala Souza, nutrition educator for the extension service, whipped up a radish salad, with radish-



Shoppers crowded into the Cannon Beach Farmers Market. which opened Tuesday. Products ranged from organic produce to salad dressings, locally raised meats, fruit, honey and smoked salmon. At least four new vendors joined the market this year. Prepared food vendors serve lunch beginning at 1 p.m. Tuesdays; other vendors are open at 2 p.m. The market is on the corner of Hemlock and Gower streets in midtown.

es from Kingfisher Farm, which sells produce at the market. She supplied visitors a taste of the salad, as well as recipes for other radish dishes.

"Hopefully, we're inspiring people to cook for themselves," Souza said. "It's a collaboration between the extension service and the farmers. The farmers are selling the produce, and we're using what they have and getting new ideas for recipes."

A new slogan, "Between the Rock and a chard place," tells visitors where the market is: between Haystack Rock and local produce stands where the leafy green vegetable is sold. Submitted by Allison Short, who works in Cannon Beach, the slogan won a contest conducted by the Cannon Beach Farmers Market Committee.

"Ultimately, the slogan will be on the next set of T-shirts for the farmers market," said Lloyd, who picked up the idea at a recent conference. A conference presenter suggested to farmers market managers that they should develop a short phrase that described what made their



NANCY MCCARTHY PHOTO A new vendor this year, Hello Waffle, sells sweet and savory waffles.

markets unique. Haystack Rock Cannon Beach's icon, Lloyd noted.

Lloyd is especially excited about another new offering this year: the Children's Passport Program. Beginning in July, Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn; his children, Jasmine and Jackson; and Capt. Matt Gardner, of Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, will conduct activities for kids, ages 5 to 12, to show where their food comes from.

Those involved in the passport program will be given \$2 worth of tokens every week to buy food from the vendors. Money for the program will come from a drawing where the



University Extension Service, prepares a salad with radishes from Kingfisher Farm, which sells produce at the farmers market. The extension service, which operates the Taste of Place booth, will offer food demonstrations and recipes using food from the market through the summer.

prize is a two-night stay at Hallmark Resort. The resort donated the gift in honor of employee Darrel Christians. He and his wife, Margaret, are farmers market volunteers. Tickets for the drawing are being sold for \$5 each at the market every week until the drawing, slated for the weekend before Labor Day.

This is Lloyd's second year as market manager, a part-time position she calls a "dream job" that combines her interest in food and enjoyment of working outdoors. She is assisted by 27 volunteers and a five-member committee, headed by Sandi Lundy. The market is sponsored by the city of Cannon Beach. To volunteer for the market, visit cannonbeachmar-

If the other seven seasons are any indication, an average of 1,400 people will visit the market every week, with more than 2,000 per market in July and August. Of those, about 60 percent are local residents. according to previous sur-

With the sun shining, visitors swarming the City Hall parking lot and vendors showing off their products, the market's opening day pleased Lundy.

"I think we're off to a real good start this year,' she said.

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