

GIVING BACK TO THE EARTH:

Phone Book Recycling and
Earth Day Traditions

By Kim Bossé

The old telephone directory recycling program that was operated in Astoria, Seaside and Cannon Beach in January and February this year was a success. US West sponsored the program that collected 8,544 phone books. This is the first year that the three cities collaborated with US West to collect phone books. The City of Cannon Beach has independently operated phone book recycling programs in the past and is proud to have participated in a joint effort to help reduce our tonnage at the local landfills. Cannon Beach residents brought in 3,400 of the 8,400 pounds collected in the county. US West will send the old directories to Daishowa Paper Mill's Recycling Plant in Port Angeles, WA, to be processed into new phone books. This means that in Clatsop County we have eliminated 8,400 pounds of refuse from our landfill. Special thanks and many hugs to our wonderful Postal staff members who donated space & time to this project. Not to mention all the great folks at City Hall, the volunteers, local businesses and everyone who took the time to bring in their phone books. This is a great example of how each of us can contribute to an environmental issue and make a difference.

Mark your Calendar: Saturday, April 22, is the 25th Annual EARTH DAY. This of course is a major holiday in my household. It ranks up there with the traditional celebrations that surround Christmas, Thanksgiving, Arbor Day, Easter, Summer Solstice, Birthdays and any other excuse to cook, laugh, reflect and commune with family and friends. I realize that not everyone celebrates Earth Day yet, so for those of you who would like to start new traditions, I'll offer a few ideas. If you like organized and/or educational activities there are many events scheduled around the state. OMSI, the Forestry Center, Washington Park Zoo, and many cities in Oregon and elsewhere have special programs planned that are fun for all ages. If you want to stay home and pay homage to your own backyard, try planting a tree, picking up litter on the beach, building a home compost bin, or look for ways to reduce your consumption of products. How about going on a picnic or a hike, watching the sky, looking for whales, or riding your bike and leaving the car at home. Basically get outside and absorb the very earth we are celebrating. One of the things I like to do is make Earth Day cards out of recycled junk I find. I send these to friends as a way of sharing the good fortune and joy I feel at being exposed daily to the natural beauty that surrounds me and sustains my life. The bottom

line is that we live in a society that clings to and enjoys traditions. Here's a chance for each of us to create new traditions that demonstrate respect and value; an opportunity to give a little back, and to have fun!!

(-ed note. We must however note that last year at a cost in excess of \$100 the phone books collected from Cannon Beach were hauled to the landfill. We are told this was because of a lack of storage space at the recycling center. We are also told that even though phone book recycling is part of the recycling program, and always has been, it is being "de-emphasized". We are not amused. This is the kind of short term bureaucratic thinking that has no place in Cannon Beach. The volunteers who built the original recycling center now see their labors in the service of police storage and general stuff, while recyclable material goes to a landfill. We, the taxpaying, volunteering citizens are being poorly served when this sort of attitude prevails. When a person lugs a stack of old phonebooks to the post office, where the workers voluntarily placed a barrel, then another volunteer helps get them to the recycling center, and then they are hauled to a landfill. . . well, it would save more energy to just throw them in the garbage can in the first place. No, this must not happen ever again, and an explanation and an apology should be forthcoming from those responsible.)

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**City Council Worksession
February 28**

- + The City Council held a worksession to discuss the Storm Drainage Master Plan; Oregon Department of Transportation tourist-oriented directional signs and the recommendations of the county-wide E-911 response committee.
- + Brad Moore of Kramer Chin & Mayo, the city's engineering firm, and members of the Public Works Committee reviewed the storm drainage proposal with Councilors.
- + Tom Halsey and Cheryl Gribkov of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) answered questions for Councilors regarding a new "tourist-oriented directional (TOD) signage" program which would permit certain tourist-oriented businesses to have signs placed along Highway 101, in addition to the gas, food and lodging signs already in place. The ODOT staff will provide the city with additional information on the number and types of existing signs; City Councilors were told by Halsey and Gribkov that since the city rather than the State now has full responsibility for Hemlock Street, the city can determine whether it wishes to retain the directional signs that are currently in place at Sunset Blvd and Hemlock Street.
- + Council received a report from Police Chief Dave Rouse on the work and recommendations of the E-911 Committee. Based on information from Rouse, the Councilors expressed concern that funding for the creation of a new E-911 service center might be based on assessed property valuations which would leave Cannon Beach and Arch Cape paying a disproportionately high percentage of the overall costs relative to the size of the south county population using 911 services. Councilors discussed the feasibility of maintaining our present 911 services through the Seaside dispatch center by forming a south county service district.

**CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 7**

- + Held a public hearing on Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies request for Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance text amendments to permit the establishment of the oceanfront setback line for lots as part of the subdivision approval process. Council tentatively approved the changes, pending preparation of an ordinance to be considered at Council's April 11 meeting.

+ Held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to establish off-street parking standards in a defined downtown C1 zoned district. After the public hearing, Councilors decided to discuss the proposal further at a worksession on March 27.

+ Held a public hearing on a City of Cannon Beach application for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Background Report and to the Comprehensive Plan policies regarding parks and recreation. The proposed amendments consisted mainly of housekeeping changes and updates to reflect actions already taken in the area of parks over the last several years. Councilors offered several amendments to the proposal and tentatively voted to adopt the changes, pending preparation of ordinances to be considered at the April Council meeting.

+ Discussed whether to accept a COPS FAST grant, available through the federal crime bill, which would partially fund the salary for an additional full time police officer over a three year period. Grant funds total approximately \$75,000 and a minimum of \$25,000 in city matching funds would be required over the three years. Councilors determined to seek additional background information on the grant program and consider the request further as part of the budget process.

+ Considered a resolution prepared by the county-wide Emergency 911 Committee recommending support for consolidation of the present two 911 centers (Seaside and Astoria) into a single "enhanced" 911 center. Councilors had discussed this issue at an earlier worksession and voted to not adopt the resolution and to direct staff to notify the county's 911 Committee that Cannon Beach would not find the concept of a new center acceptable without assurance

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- MARCH, 1995**
- 27 PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY COUNCIL WRKS., 7 P.M.
- APRIL, 1995**
- 10 BLUE RIBBON SPACE NEEDS PUBLIC FORUM, 7 P.M.
 - 11 CITY COUNCIL, 7 P.M.
 - 13 PUBLIC WORKS CMTE., 4:30 P.M.
 - 19 ENERGY CMTE., 8:30 A.M.
 - 20 PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, 9 A.M.
 - 20 DESIGN REVIEW, 6:30 P.M.
 - 27 PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 P.M.

that funding for the center would be based on population rather than assessed valuation.

+ Accepted a report and recommendations from an ad hoc Police Housing Committee. The committee, comprised of former mayor Herb Schwab, present city councilor George Shields and former city councilor Frank Little, recommended that the city eliminate the requirement for police officers to live within eight miles of the Cannon Beach city limits if, in negotiation with the police bargaining unit, there is agreement that officers' compensated time will not include travel time when called back to duty in Cannon Beach.

+ Received a report of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Future Space Needs of Cannon Beach and directed staff to schedule a forum to gather public input on the Committee's recommendations. The public forum will be held April 10 at 7:00 pm at City Hall; see additional information in this issue of Muni Memo.

+ Received a Storm Drainage Master Plan that was developed by the city's engineers, Kramer Chin Mayo, and subsequently reviewed and reviewed by the Public Works Committee. Council will discuss the plan further with the Public Works Committee members at the March 27 worksession and will consider funding of the plan components during the budgetary process.

+ Appointed Nancy Littell to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee.

+ With a 3-2 vote, did not adopt a resolution stating support for the Oregon Transportation Funding proposal which includes an increase in the gas tax to fund highway and bridge improvements throughout the State.

+ Unanimously adopted final findings of fact updating the Planning Commission's denial of a request for approval of the Holland Addition, a proposed subdivision to create 11 lots from a 4.04 acre parcel of land. (A)

+ Heard a report by Vic Stamm urging the City Council to take action to study alternatives to the north entrance to Cannon Beach. Stamm favors consideration of development of 2nd Street into the main means of egress from the city to Highway 101. The city is investigating funding possibilities to permit further study of the issue.

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING, FEB 9**

+ Recommended approval of a sign variance request from Sea Sprite Motel located at 280 W. Nebesna. (B)

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23**

+ Continued a public hearing on the Scanlan Kemper Bard Companies' application for tentative plat approval of a 19 lot subdivision, known as the Chapman Point Subdivision, on 36 acres of property owned by the estate of John Yeon. The Planning Commission tentatively approved the subdivision request, subject to many conditions; final findings of fact approving the subdivision plat, with conditions, were subsequently adopted at a special Planning Commission meeting on March 7. (C)

+ Held a public hearing on a City of Cannon Beach application for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Background Report and to the Comprehensive Plan policies regarding parks and recreation. The proposed amendments consist primarily of housekeeping changes and updates to reflect actions already taken in the area of parks over the last several years. Commissioners voted to recommend adoption of the amendments to City Council.

+ Held a public hearing on Bingham application for a five foot front yard setback reduction in conjunction with the construction of a garage on property located at 3116 S. Pacific. The Planning Commission approved the request which requires demolition of an existing garage structure that encroaches into the street right of way and permits construction of a replacement garage within the Bingham's property boundaries. (D)

+ Held a public hearing and approved a conditional use request by the City of Cannon Beach to permit the construction of a children's play area at Tolovana Wayside Park. The park property is owned by the State of Oregon; the State Department of Parks and Recreation has given permission for use of park property and has offered assistance in the preparation of the site for locating the play structure. (E)

+ Continued consideration and voted to deny an after-the-fact setback reduction application by Earl Twilmeyer for property located at 447 N. Larch Street. (F)

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MARCH 9**

+ Held a public hearing on Steve Martin application for modification to the Stephanie Inn East Parking Lot buffering and screening requirements. The property is located at 2740 Pacific. (G)

+ Held a public hearing on the City of Cannon Beach application for a children's play structure at Tolovana Wayside located at Hemlock & Farnwood. (E)

+ Considered the placement of a sculpture for Pavilion at The Courtyard located at 219 North Hemlock. (H)

+ Considered the placement of a Valley Bronze sculpture at Sandpiper Square located at 168 N. Hemlock. (I)

**PUBLIC FORUM
CANNON BEACH
FUTURE SPACE NEEDS
MONDAY, APR 10, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Cannon Beach City Council has received a set of recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee regarding future community space needs of Cannon Beach. The Blue Ribbon Committee has been meeting weekly since July to consider more than two dozen potential sites for a school, arts center, sports park, public works facility and open space reserves. The Blue Ribbon Committee was chaired by Bud Kramer. Committee members include Duane Johnson, Jim Oyala, Richard Pavlik, Molly Schausten, James Weber, Rod Graham, Doug Dougherty, Bill David, John Bosse, Jay Raskin and Kirk Anderson.

The City Council wishes to hear public comment and recommendations regarding the space needs of the community and has scheduled a public forum for Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The forum will be held at Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street. Interested members of the community are encouraged to attend. Call 503-436-1581 for more information or a copy of the Committee recommendations.

**SHORT TERM RENTAL
PUBLIC FORUM HELD**

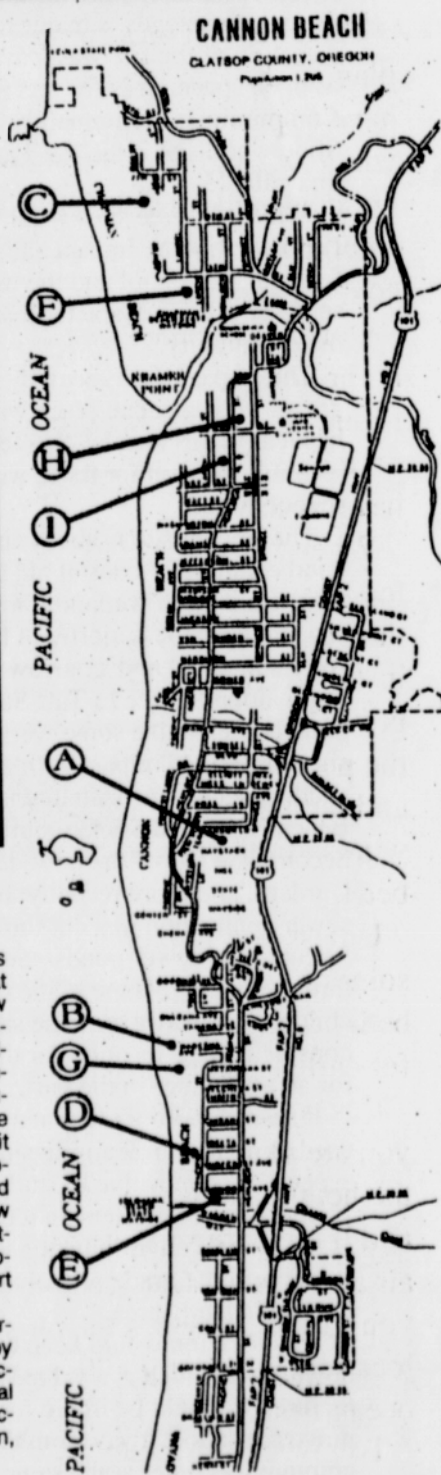
A Public Forum on Short Term Rentals was held on Saturday, February 18 at City Hall. The Short Term Rental Review Committee had made several recommendations to City Council which included establishing stronger local management requirements; making the occupancy limitations of each rental unit more realistic in relation to the size of the unit and the parking spaces provided, establishing a system for random room tax and building safety audits; continuing to allow the licensing of existing short term rentals for another three years beyond February, 1997 but allowing no new short term rentals.

The recommendations have been forwarded to the Planning Commission by the council where they will identify necessary amendments to the Municipal Code to implement any or all of the recommendations. For further information, call 503-436-1581.

**RECYCLE SCHEDULE
APRIL 1995**

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