

Cannon Beach's rocky roads may get smoothed

Council considers 'joint-venture' program to pave gravel roads

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CANNON BEACH — Residents who live in Cannon Beach neighborhoods with gravel streets may soon be able to get their streets paved — with the city footing a portion of the bill.

The City Council is considering a "gravel street renovation policy" (still in draft form) that would set up a joint-venture paving program between residents and the city. The policy would allow property owners to petition the Public Works Department to pave their streets, provided that all of the property owners who would financially contribute to the paving project agree on how to cover their end of the costs.

Conceivably, "if you had eight to 10 people on a block, you could have one or two property owners pay for the whole thing under this kind of a construct," Public Works Director Dan Grassick said.

More than 50 percent of the affected property owners, however, would need to consent to the project as well. "They don't all have to pay, but they have to agree that they want to have their streets paved," he said.

For its part, the city would contribute between 15 and 25 percent of the contractor costs for laying the asphalt.

Until 1993, the city had a similar "fair share" program, built into its comprehensive plan, where the city paid 50 percent of paving costs. The council decided to discontinue the program because of "funding limitations," Grassick wrote in a staff report.

Since then, gravel streets have been paved in town only during new development or the extension of subdivisions, like in the Haystack Heights neighborhood, he said.

The council discussed an early draft of the policy at its Dec. 9 special meeting and will continue discussion at its work session Jan. 13.

If the council approves the policy, a final version could be implemented as early as February, Grassick said.

North-end proposal

Property owners in the north end, midtown and Tolovana have already approached the city, asking what it would take to pave their streets, Grassick said. A few live in sloped areas where gravel roads present some danger to drivers.

In the north end of town, Les Wierson is one of two homeowners on Eight Avenue — a gravel road where five property owners live — proposing to have the avenue paved between the intersections of Oak and Ash streets.

If their plan comes to pass, Wierson and his neighbors may see Eighth Avenue become a 15-foot-wide, two-lane asphalt road, he said.

Having a paved street in place of a gravel one will likely reduce instances of gravel plugging up culverts and storm drains in the area, he said.

Wierson's engineering career taught him that "it's more costly to maintain a gravel street than it is to maintain an asphalt street," he said.

He and the other homeowner involved in spearheading the north-end paving project plan to discuss the proposal with their neighbors on Eighth Avenue and Oak Street "to make sure they're OK with it," he said.

Maintenance headaches

The Public Works Department carried out a complete road evaluation in summer 2013. Of the 26 miles of streets in Cannon Beach, about 4.5 of those miles are still gravel roads, Grassick said.

The policy objective is *not* to pave *all* of the city's remaining gravel streets. "There are a few gravel streets that are perfectly fine," he said.

The ones that are flat, have low traffic volume and don't unravel during the winter or dust up during the summer will probably be left alone, he said.

The paving policy is for the gravel streets that, from a maintenance standpoint, are "a constant headache for us." For example, a short, uphill segment of gravel road on Pacific Street at the bottom of the S-curves spreads rocks across Hemlock Street every time it rains.

Paving projects are intended "to solve localized problems," Grassick said. A newly paved street "will connect to existing pavement, and it would be an extension of existing asphalt network."

Class keys on child issues

Hope House presents a two-part class on child treatment issues — mental health approaches as well as caregiver style — from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 22 and 29 at the Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St. The class covers current research and practice in the field of child therapy, including information and protocols for working with child trauma and issues of attachment.

The presenter for this interactive workshop is Liz Covey, a trauma and attachment specialist and a licensed counselor at Hope House who specializes in the treatment of trauma in adults and children.

This class is open to the public, and is targeted for people who work with children and parents, as well as parents themselves, and anyone else who is interested in learning and discussing issues of child development, psychology,

trauma and up-to-date research in these areas.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per class, but no fee is required for attendance. No childcare is available for this event.

For questions, or to register (which is not required), call Hope House at 503-325-6754.

Medical assistance requested after arrest

The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office requested Medix respond to 38410 U.S. Highway 30 about 11 a.m. Sunday. According to a deputy on the scene, a man was acting suspiciously, then allegedly trespassed and damaged property. The man did not comply with law enforcement, the deputy said.

The man, Julian Manuel Archaleta, 44, was arrested and booked for second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

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New pulse of tsunami debris coming ashore



Courtesy of Russ Lewis

Beach cleanup volunteer Russ Lewis has been finding a number of probable tsunami-related items on the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula in recent days. Others are reporting finding glass fishing floats and other items as winter storms push objects toward land.

County budget department earns presentation award

The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Budget and Finance Department recently earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

This is the second consecutive year the budget department received the honor.

The award recognizes the commitment of the Clatsop

County Board of Commissioners and staff to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentations.

The guidelines assess how well the county's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device. Budget documents must meet 14 mandatory criteria in those categories to qualify for the award.

A total of 1,424 entities have been selected for the award. Clatsop County received the award for the first time last year.

"The Board of County Commissioners and the dedicated staff and management team deserve great credit for this achievement," County Manager Scott Somers said. "This award is something we should all be proud of."

The award will be presented to Budget and Fi-

nance Director Monica Steele at the Board of Commissioner's Jan. 14 meeting.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving more than 18,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

Its Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

On the record

Assault arrest

• At 1:24 a.m. Friday, Warrenton Police arrested Daniel Andrew Luttrell, 34, Warrenton for fourth-degree assault on the 2000 block of Southeast Huckleberry Road.

DUII arrest

• At 12:46 a.m. Thursday, Warrenton Police arrested Krissy Lare Dahl, 22, Bright-

wood, for DUII at Fort Stevens parking lot A. Police responded to a vehicle parked without permission in a day use area of Fort Stevens, when they discovered Dahl appearing intoxicated. She admitted to drinking earlier in the night, and was arrested and booked. Her blood alcohol content was 0.13, police said.

TOWN HALL

RIVERFRONT VISION PLAN - BRIDGE VISTA AREA



Tuesday, January 6, 2015
6pm to 8pm

Holiday Inn Express, Riverview Room #2
204 West Marine Drive

Please join us to discuss preliminary strategies for updating the City's development code to implement the Riverfront Vision Plan for properties in the Bridge Vista area.

Recommendations will include possible changes in allowed land uses; revised provisions related to building heights, sizes and setbacks; design standards and guidelines for future new developments and major renovations; and possible changes to requirements associated with landscaping and off-street parking areas associated with future development.

City Staff and Consultants will make a brief presentation at 6:15pm, followed by Q&A and comments. Light refreshments will be provided.



Knappa water flushing on tap

KNAPPA — The Knappa Water Association is flushing water mains from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting Tuesday. Users may expect periods of low water pressure and/or cloudy water. If these conditions persist, call the Knappa Water office at 503-458-6461.

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