

## *What is a favorite* summer memory?'



"Going on vacation, on a cruise to the Bahamas. Loved getting away and getting some rest and relaxation. We went to a lot of places ashore. Just all of it was special."



Bonnie Hellberg, Astoria

"We just made one recently. Our family went to a trap shooting event in Olympia, Wash. My boys participated and learned a lot, and there were a lot of great trap shooters there who took the time to help our bovs out.'

#### Paul Williams, Astoria



"Six weeks in Denmark when I was 19. I met my grandmother's mother on the Tobiesen family farm, which had been in the family for 200 years."

Norm Davis, Astoria

# 'Frankendunes' need grading, homeowners say

**By DANI PALMER** EO Media Group

CANNON BEACH — A new plan to grade sand dunes next to Breakers Point could make the beach safer, restore views and improve quality of life, according to the many homeowners who came to last Thursday's Planning Commission meeting.

About 20 people stood up to show support for the dune grading project, including a handful of residents who do not live in Breakers Point.

"It's been tragic," said Leland Larson, a Breakers Point resident. "It's like some form of water torture to see the gradual erosion of views and the quality of life."

#### An experimental plan

Rather than move the unprecedented 73,400 cubic yards of sand originally proposed and then denied by the City Council in March, Breakers Point is asking for a conditional use permit to grade 13,700 cubic yards west of the development, south of West Fifth Street and north of Ecola Creek.

"There's been a lot of sand accumulation going on," Tom Horning, a geologist with Seaside's Horning Geosciences said.

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#### Leland Larson resident, Breakers Point

tall dunes would blow into the

forest, but it is getting caught

on European beach grass, he

The new Breakers Point

proposal includes deposit-

ing graded material onto the

middle-upper beach area to

the west, to be reincorporat-

ed into the littoral drift, and

the planting of native species

to restore native dune prairie

around some of the vegetation

to deter elk, though Bruce

Francis, property manager of

the homeowners association,

said that aspect may be nego-

residents are calling the

changes a restoration to "what

once was." The European

grass was a man-made prob-

lem, they say, caused by the

planting of the non-native

Fish and Wildlife's Newport

office lent a letter of support

nt asked how long the grading

would last. Horning answered

Bob Lundy expressed con-

cerns about sand blowing

onto neighboring properties,

but was told it would go into

The Oregon Department of

Commissioner Joseph Ber-

President

grass in the area.

for the project.

eight to 10 years.

Commission

Breakers Point staff and

A fence would be placed

said.

ecosystems.

tiable.

Normally the sand that is the forest. piling up to nearly 50-foot-

Commissioner Lisa Kerr asked if the Breakers Point grading request would be one of several over the next few years to eventually complete the originally proposed 73,400 cubic yards.

If it works, Francis said, then Breakers Point would likely come back with subsequent requests to stop sand inundation.

"I'm anticipating success to be able to continue restoration," he said.

Kerr requested a time line to judge that success. Francis said it would take about six months to a year.

#### Hours of testimony

Many who spoke at the five-hour meeting said they themselves or loved ones are unable to traverse the dunes anymore because they are so high.

"What used to be a fairly leisurely stroll along the dunes, and then a gentle descent to the beach, is no longer possible for me," Breakers Point resident Michael "Mick" French said. After recent knee surgery, that descent is now steep and difficult to navigate, he added.

Breakers Point attorney Dean Alterman said the growing dunes not only impact the development's homeowners, but other Cannon Beach residents and visitors.

Activists rappel off Portland

French said some in Cannon Beach feel the development should never have been built in the 1980s, but added that is an "old, invalid argument." If taken seriously, he said, much of the city never should have been developed.

Because the city approved Breakers Point after a long development process, Albert Thompson, a Breakers Point resident said, it now has a moral obligation to the residents.

If sand blew onto the streets, he added, city staff would remove it. The same safety measures should be implemented at the beach, as well.

Other residents talked about beach hazards, including being unable to monitor their children at play and fears that a dune may one day bury a child.

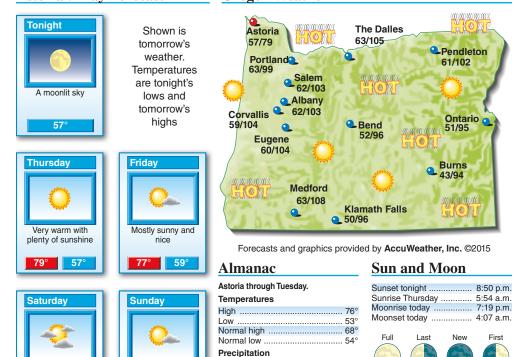
The spectacular views Breakers Point provides were also mentioned numerous times, views some residents feel they have invested in and subsequently watched disappear.

Susan Neuwirth said she used to "laugh at the rich, spoiled people at Breakers Point because they wanted their stupid view," but then she accepted a job as a secretary for the development's office and saw the effect firsthand

"It's like being buried alive," Neuwirth, who does not live in Breakers Point, said. "It's literally like being in a coffin."

If the "frankendunes" had been naturally caused, she said, she wouldn't feel the same

#### **ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** Astoria 5-Day Forecast **Oregon Weather**



**By STEVEN DUBOIS** Associated Press

PORTLAND — Environmental activists rappelled off Portland's tallest bridge early Wednesday in an effort to stop a Shell Oil Arctic icebreaker from leaving the city.

Thirteen protesters dan-

hoist themselves to allow other marine traffic to pass.

bridge to stop Shell icebreaker

The Royal Dutch Shell PLC icebreaker Fennica arrived in Portland for repairs last week. The vessel was damaged earlier this month in the Aleutian Islands when it struck an underwater obstruction, tearing a gash in its hull

that can stop gushing oil.

Opponents of Arctic drilling worry that the area's remoteness and rough conditions will hamper cleanup efforts should a spill occur.

"These climbers hanging on the bridge really are at this point the last thing standing between Shell's plan to drill in the Arctic and the Arctic, The icebreaker is a vital Leonard said. part of Shell's exploration Shell spokesman Curtis and spill-response plan off Smith said in an email the Alaska's northwest coast. It Fennica will return to Alaska protects Shell's fleet from once final preparations are ice and carries equipment complete.



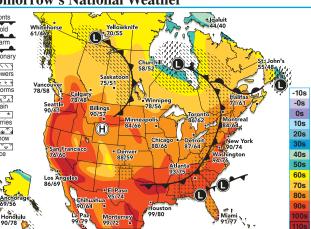
#### **Regional Cities**

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Baker City	86	40	S	92	45	S	Olympia	90	52	S	93 52	S
Bend	88	52	s	96	57	s	Pendleton	94	61	s	102 65	S
Brookings	85	59	s	79	60	s	Portland	95	63	s	99 64	s
Eugene	100	60 (	s	104	60	s	Roseburg	103	65	s	107 67	S
Ilwaco	73	61	S	73	60	S	Salem	99	62	S	10363	S
Klamath Falls	92	50	s	96	55	s	Seaside	77	58	s	79 58	s
Medford	104	63	s	108	70	s	Spokane	88	60	s	95 64	s
Newport	72	54	s	71	54	s	Vancouver	95	61	s	99 62	S
North Bend	78	58	S	74	57	s	Yakima	97	56	S	101 61	S

#### **National Cities**

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Boston	88	73	S	90	71	рс	
Chicago	88	65	рс	88	66	s	
Denver	86	57	t	88	59	t	
Des Moines	85	66	S	89	68	S	
Detroit	89	65	t	87	64	s	
El Paso	95	73	рс	95	74	t	
Fairbanks	71	54	рс	69	54	sh	
Honolulu	92	79	рс	90	78	рс	
Indianapolis	89	64	t	84	65	s	
Kansas City	83	65	r	86	66	рс	
Las Vegas	104	81	S	101	80	t	
Los Angeles	85	68	рс	86	69	t	
Memphis	98	80	S	93	72	рс	
Miami	92	78	t	91	77	рс	
Nashville	92	76	t	90	68	рс	
New Orleans	95	79	t	92	77	рс	
New York	95	78	s	90	74	t	
Oklahoma City	95	73	S	93	71	t	
Philadelphia	94	77	s	90	75	t	
St. Louis	92	70	t	90	70	S	
Salt Lake City	86	60	s	92	64	s	
San Francisco	82	60	S	76	60	рс	
Seattle	87	61	s	90	61	s	
Washington, DC	92	78	s	94	76	t	

#### **Tomorrow's National Weather**



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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gled from the St. Johns Bridge while another 13 remained on the bridge as lookouts. Greenpeace USA executive director Annie Leonard said the activists have enough water and food to last for days, and can

#### On the record

Aug 14 Aug 22

July 31

**Under the Sky** 

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

Astoria / Port Docks 
 Time
 High

 12:29 a.m.
 8.9 ft.

 1:58 p.m.
 7.4 ft.

Aug 6

Tonight's Sky: Arcturus, the leading star of Bootes the Herdsman, is in the west tonight.

**Tomorrow's Tides** 

AccuWeather.com

Time

7:35 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

Low

-1.2 ft. 1.9 ft.

#### Crash • At 4:57 p.m. Sunday, Or-

egon State Police responded to a driving complaint on a vehicle traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 30. Shortly after, the vehicle drove off the roadway and crashed into a hillside. The driver and two

passengers were transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital, with one of the passengers having injuries. The driver, Tara Lynne Killam, 34, Portland, was cited for reckless driving.

**DUII** arrest

• At 2:17 a.m. Sunday,

Oregon State Police arrested Jamev Shane Wilson, 21, Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton. Wilson's blood alcohol content was measured at 0.14 percent, according to OSP.

#### Death

July 28, 2015 waukie. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mor-GOODENBERGER, Margaret Josetuary in Astoria is in charge of the phine, 91, of Milwaukie, died in Milarrangements.

#### Lotteries

**OREGON Tuesday's Pick 4:** 1 p.m.: 9-5-5-6 4 p.m.: 2-9-5-3 7 p.m.: 4-2-0-1 10 p.m.: 2-9-0-6

**Tuesday's Daily Game: 5-5-4** Tuesday's Keno: 07-10-12-14-16-43-48-53-55-57-59-60-63-64-68-71-74-76-78-80 Tuesday's Match 4: 0211-19-23 Tuesday's Mega Millions: 08-35-61-68-75, Mega Ball: 15

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

#### **Public meetings**

THURSDAY **Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory** Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Ex-

#### change St. **Cannon Beach Planning** Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.

#### FRIDAY

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.

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