

Cannon Beach cannabis: Councilors seek people's 'will'

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The Cannon Beach City Council laid it out to voters: write an ordinance regulating marijuana dispensaries or hold a vote in November 2016 giving voters the chance to opt out of sales.

During a work session earlier this month, no decisions were made, but the council seemed to lean toward an ordinance by the end of the night.

"This is something the majority of our residents have voted for," Council President Me-

lissa Cadwallader said. "I want to see us as a council try to do what we can to make the retail not necessarily easier, but something that fits our community."

Councilor Mike Benefield said a vote in 2016 would give residents "another chance to voice their opinion," but noted a ballot would take time and money.

Cannon Beach's business license ordinance currently requires businesses to abide by local, state and federal law, prohibiting marijuana dispensaries. Medical and recreational marijuana is now legal in Oregon,

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but still considered a controlled substance by the federal government.

By relying on the current ordinances alone, the city could be at risk of being sued, city attorney Tammy Herdener said.

Other municipalities have been sued over similar ordinances

and while the cities have prevailed at a lower court level, cases are in the Oregon Court of Appeals and could move to the state's Supreme Court.

"So that's shaky ground," Herdener said. "If the council said, 'We don't want any businesses selling marijuana in Can-

non Beach, let's just rely on our business license ordinance,' I'd recommend against that."

Because Measure 91, legalizing recreational marijuana in Oregon, received so much support from the public, Herdener said, Cannon Beach "voters would have to approve any attempt to ban these businesses" under House Bill 3400.

Cannon Beach residents showed their support for Measure 91 in the 2014 General Election, 453-264.

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said his concerns were the security of retail dispensa-

ries and a potential increase in impaired drivers.

However, council members said any added risk could be mitigated eliminating potentially unsafe driving to retail outlets outside of the city. City Manager Brant Kucera said the passage of Measure 91 was the "will" of state voters and questioned the need for a new vote in 2016. "And now you're talking about, 'Let's try again. Make sure,'" he said. "How many times do you do that for anything else?"

The conversation will be continued at October council meetings.

Sword-wielding burglar sentenced

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The convicted felon who burglarized a Warrenton residence in June with a katana sword was sentenced last week in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Albert J. Burkleo, 34, was sentenced to three years in prison for a previous theft case and five years probation for the sword incident. Both sentences will be served at the same time, so Burkleo will still be on probation for two years after prison.

If he violates that probation, he will be sent back to prison for five years.

He was charged in December for first-degree theft, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of methamphetamine. Officers found three rifles, a silencer, nearly 2 ounces of marijuana, scales, packaging materials related to the sale of methamphetamine and other evidence connected with drug sales inside Burkleo's Warrenton residence.

The same week he pleaded guilty to those charges, he broke into a small travel trailer on the 100 block of Northwest

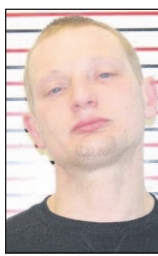
Birch Avenue and attempted to stab a man with the sword.

The man told Warrenton Police he received a cut on his left hand as a defensive wound when Burkleo was attempting to stab him.

"During the incident (the victim) was dodging the sword blade and at one point used his left hand to deflect the stabs and suffered a laceration on his left hand," police wrote in their report.

Burkleo, who entered the trailer unannounced and uninvited, also damaged the trailer during the incident. He reportedly stabbed the man's stereo speaker, door divider, security camera screen and two lawn solar lights. The damaged items are valued at more than \$600.

When he left the trailer, Burkleo told the man that if he called the police he would kill him, according to the police report.



Albert J. Burkleo

Charter building catches fire

The Daily Astorian

A fire that started outside of the Charter Communications building on Gateway Avenue near the Port of Astoria Friday was quickly extinguished, but not before some items inside the building caught fire.

A dumpster on the south side of the building caught fire and melted, causing adjacent pallets to go up in flames. The fire radiated through the metal-clad Charter building, heated the insulation and ignited some signs and Charter equipment within. The black smoke could be seen from many areas of town.

The cause of the fire is officially undetermined, Astoria Fire Chief Ted Ames said Monday.



The fire began Friday outside the Charter building near the Port of Astoria.

The Astoria Fire Department was dispatched at 12:55 p.m. Friday and declared the fire under control at 1:09 p.m. Lewis & Clark Rural Fire

Protection District responded on scene, and Olney Walluski Fire and Rescue were staged at Englund Marine & Industrial Supply.



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Firefighters survey the damage outside the Charter building where the fire started.

It is too early to know the full cost of damages, Ames said. "If I was a betting man, I would probably put the loss to the building, the structure itself, around \$5,000," he said, adding that he would estimate the damage to the building's contents at \$1,000. He said he would check with Recology to learn the dumpster's value.

No injuries were reported.

Astoria man torches car, gets probation

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

An Astoria man who torched his own car with his clothes inside after a dispute in July was sentenced Friday in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Stephen George Foxon, 49, pleaded no contest to second-degree arson and was placed on 18 months probation.

The arson incident occurred July 19 when Foxon was living with his ex-wife at her home on the 35000 block of U.S. Highway 101 Business in the Miles Crossing area. The landlord was selling the home and came by to see the property. Foxon screamed at the landlord because they were selling the home.

His ex-wife was embarrassed and wanted him to stop yelling. When she called police, Foxon took a can of gasoline and torched his blue,

mid-sized vehicle. He then threw a rock through the car's window to increase the flames.

A neighbor came out and doused the car with water. Foxon then tried to fight the neighbor.

Foxon apparently told his ex-wife, "Now you can't have the car." He said several times to the police that he was not sorry for what he had done, according to Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard. The car was about five feet from the house.

"This is a scary incident and the defendant showed absolutely no remorse," Buzzard said.

Foxon was charged with first- and second-degree arson,

first-degree criminal mischief and attempted fourth-degree assault. The charges, except the second-degree arson, were dropped Friday as part of his plea agreement.

Defense attorney Kris Kaino admitted his client's behavior was stupid, but not necessarily illegal, considering Foxon set his own car on fire and it did not spread to the homes.

"Lighting your own car on fire with all of your clothes in it is a pretty stupid act," Kaino said. "He didn't burn down the house of these people. He was upset, threw his stuff in his car and torched it."

At the hearing, Foxon's ex-wife spoke over the phone, and claimed Foxon did intend to burn her home down.

"The only reason the house didn't catch fire is because the neighbor came over and put water in the car," she said. "It makes me feel like he had ev-

ery intention to go ahead and have the house catch on fire. It was very close to the house."

Judge Cindee Matyas ordered Foxon to have no contact with his ex-wife and three neighbors involved in the incident.

Foxon's arrest in July violated his probation from a previous theft conviction. Judge Matyas questioned whether another probation sentence would be enough for Foxon.

Buzzard said both sides agreed on probation in the plea agreement and she was willing to give Foxon the opportunity to stay out of trouble. However, Buzzard had some concerns.

"I have no faith that he is going to be successful. I'm worried he is going to hurt someone or burn something down," Buzzard said. "I think it's good he is on probation and that there is going to be someone watching him."

Want to join Boy Scouts?

The Fort Clatsop District Boy Scouts are hosting joint nights Monday and Tuesday for Clatsop County boys in the first through fifth grades.

The schedule for the local packs' joint nights is as follows:

Knappa Pack 507: 6:30 p.m. today, Hilda Lahti School, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30, Knappa.

Seaside Pack 540: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Tsunami Sandwich Co., 11 Broadway, Seaside.

Astoria Pack 211: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, John Jacob Astor Elementary School Cafeteria, 3550 Franklin Ave., Astoria.

Warrenton Pack 509: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Calvary Assembly of God Church, 1365 S. Main Ave, Warrenton.

A free Cub Scout book is included with every registration, and scholarships are available.

For questions, contact Karlen Gill at 503-325-2990.

Outstanding Seaside High School graduates get their due

Hall of Fame to grow with ceremony Saturday

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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SEASIDE — Numerous Seaside High School students over the years distinguished themselves, both during high school and after graduation. The Seaside High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee is ready to induct more Sept. 26 at the Seaside Hall of Fame Banquet.

"There are a lot of people that quietly work behind the scene that are very accomplished individuals — our job is to find them," said committee member Jay Bandonis, a 1964 graduate who was inducted in 2006 into the hall as an individual and also as a member of 1962 football team.

This year, the Hall of Fame will grow with the induction of seven graduates, two teams, two businesses and a couple city awards. The event opens at 5 p.m. at the high school's cafeteria for visits and tours. The program and dinner start at 6 p.m.

Each inductee will be recognized with a permanent plaque to join the group of 106 currently lining the top of the walls by the school's gymnasium.

The Seaside High School Hall of Fame started in 2001 as the brainchild of a group of teachers and coaches who wanted to honor graduates who did great



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Seaside High School's Hall of Fame is set to grow this year with the induction of several new individuals, teams and businesses. Plaques for each inductee line the top of the wall near the high school's gymnasium and trophy cabinets.

things at the high school and also displayed excellence later in life. The hall originally focused on athletes and sports teams, but "along the way, it was determined there are things other than sports," and those should be honored, as well, Bandonis said.

Candidates must meet various criteria. For instance, they must be alumni, who have been out of school at least five years; they must be supporters, sponsors, coaches or other individuals or educators in the Seaside community who supported and advanced Seaside students; or they must be teams or individuals who earned state championships or recognition.

"I think it's viewed as an honor, it really is," Bandonis said. "We all strive to do the best we can. It's nice to be recognized."

The committee may expand its membership or ask for inductee suggestions in the future, Bandonis said.

"I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who should be

inducted who have not been," he said.

There is no cap on how many people can be inducted every other year.

"We want to honor as many people as are deserving," Bandonis said.

While the highlight of the Hall of Fame induction is the banquet, the event is accompanied by other activities during the weekend. Traditionally, the new inductees will be announced during half-time at the Friday football game the night before the banquet.

Another addition made in 2013 was for a group of past and present inductees to give lectures at Seaside High School during the school day before the ceremony.

On Friday, the speakers include Seaside graduates Jill Gann; Polly Campbell; Ben Archibald; Ed Johnson; Jordan Lewis; Becky Olson; Dan Clark; Michelle Hawken Wunderlich; Kellie Truax Taylor; Karl Marlantes and Jorjette Strumme.

Bandonis said it can be inspirational for the students to hear from successful individuals who once sat where they now sit and participated in the same sorts of activities, studies and sports.

"We try to get it early in the school year to get the students fired up," he said.

The cost to attend the dinner is \$20 for general admission or \$10 for children 12 years and younger.

Proceeds fund two \$500 Hall of Fame scholarships awarded every year in the memory of Bob Mork.

To reserve a dinner ticket, call James Folk at 503-956-

1670. Nominations to the Hall of Fame may be made in writing to the committee and sent to P.O. Box 2101 Gearhart, OR 97138.

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