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Jordan Lathan grinds on a ramp at the Armory Skatepark Monday. The skate park, located in the basement of the Astoria Armory, is Astoria's first indoor skateboarding park.

Is Hood to Coast worth it?

Some businesses don't hang out 'Hood to Coast' welcome mat

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Beloved event or costly nuisance?

Those were the polar extremes epitomized in local reaction to Hood to Coast. The Seaside City Council held a workshop Monday in response to a call from 74 Seaside businesses requesting a rescheduling of the annual 198-mile relay event running from Mount Hood to Seaside.

The race was launched in 1982 by founder Bob Foote, who continues to preside over the organization with his daughter, Felicia Hubber, serving as president. The event first came to Seaside in 1989.

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UNDER THE SKATING RINK

Astoria Armory Skatepark helps skateboarders stay dry, fly high

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

A glow emanated from an open garage door on Duane Street below the skating rink of the Astoria Armory Monday night, as a small group of youths queued outside.

Inside, onlookers watched skateboarders traverse a series of three mini half pipes running the width of the garage. A lone guitarist from San Francisco played a surf rock instrumental in one corner of the room, and organizers of the skate park sold drinks, snacks and sloppy Joes in the other.

On the landings above each pipe, a queue of skaters waited patiently to descend into their runs. Each took a turn, alternately building momentum and riding up the pipes to flip, spin, slide or otherwise contort their boards and bodies before hopefully landing smoothly and building momentum for the next jump.

In shoot-'til-you-miss etiquette, once a skater bailed from their board and cleared the way, the next one took off.

Such has been the inconspicuous start at the Armory Skatepark, a little more than a month old. The park



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Gabe Sutton does a trick off a ramp at the Armory Skatepark Monday.

held a special party Monday to celebrate an expansion of the park local skateboarders created.

A better basement

"We grew up skating other people's ideas; now we finally get to give other people a chance to skate our ideas," said Tyler Little, a projectionist at the Columbian Theater.

He is part of the group of local skateboarders who designed and built the modest park in a week and a half for the kickoff party last month.

Little said Brad Smithart, a friend and owner of the Arc Arcade, had let skaters set up an invitation-only ramp in his basement, available whenever it rained or was too late to skate the uncovered bowls at Tapiola Park.

MORE INFO

The Armory Skatepark, located at 1636 Exchange St. in the Astoria Armory and accessible from Duane Street, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday. It costs \$3 for three hours of skateboarding.

But with Smithart preparing for laser tag below the arcade, the skaters had to find a place for their ramp.

On Aug. 1, the same day they took the ramp apart, the skateboarders connected through Coldwater Surf & Skate owners Julie and Russ House with the Friends of the Armory Board, which leased them a small offshoot of the building's spacious basement and gave them a month to prove their concept.

The ramps, multiple layers of thin plywood topped with Masonite fiberboard, are a crash course in geometry, designed specifically, skater Kai Dakers said, to give 6 feet of transition from horizontal to vertical travel, with humps next to each pipe

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It's all about being prepared

Filipino envoys visit Cannon Beach to share disaster tips

By DANI PALMER
EO Media Group

Cannon Beach residents and business owners are expected to play a big part in the city's emergency response plan. That community approach attracted nine delegates from the Philippines to Cannon Beach Thursday to learn about preparedness and response.

"It means that we're out there. We're noticed as an aware community," Cannon Beach Mayor Sam Steidel said. "That's important."

Seeking better response

The delegates, with backgrounds in law enforcement, emergency management and government, asked questions and offered suggestions for improvement.

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Playbook outlines first 14 days after the quake

By HILLARY BORRUD
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SALEM — Oregon is sending updated checklists for the aftermath of a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami to state and local emergency response agencies across the state.

The document, called the Cascadia Playbook, details how state officials should respond in the first 14 days following a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami off the West Coast. Actions listed in the plan range from the steps necessary to initiate a federal disaster declaration, to collecting bodies and transporting supplies to survivors in areas where roads were

destroyed or clogged with debris.

The playbook provides a single checklist for state officials based on numerous federal, state and local emergency response plans, which will also be carried out during the earthquake and tsunami.

"During an emergency or disaster, you have a lot of different things coming from a lot of different directions and it's easy to be overcome by the scope," said Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and Oregon Military Department. "So this really helps the policymakers or decisionmakers at state government to remain focused on what they need to." Gov. Kate Brown and other

state officials held an event to publicize the latest version of the playbook last week, and Grogan said the state is sending the document to public agencies across Oregon.

A hundred pages

The Cascadia Subduction Zone runs off the West Coast, from Vancouver, British Columbia, down to northern California.

Researchers at Oregon State University have found the Pacific Northwest is overdue for a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami. In 2012, those researchers published a study that found there were 19 earthquakes from 8.7 to 9.2 along the zone over the last 10,000 years. During the same time frame,

there were 22 earthquakes that might have been closer to magnitude 8.0.

The state began working on the playbook in 2013, and published the first version in 2014, said Cory Grogan, a public information officer for the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The latest version is the product of workshops with a range of emergency responders which concluded this spring, and the state plans to continue refining the plan in future years.

The 100-page document contains 27 pages of emergency contact numbers for employees at state and local governments, plus utility companies and other private organizations. The state will issue updated versions on

an annual basis.

Although Oregon developed the playbook for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, the state could also use it to guide responses to other disasters such as smaller inland crustal fault earthquakes or oil spills, Grogan said.

Magnitude 9.0

For planning purposes, the Oregon Military Department and Office of Emergency Management based the Cascadia Playbook on a magnitude 9.0 earthquake that could cause up to five minutes of severe ground shaking, a tsunami, landslides and soil liquefaction. The earthquake and ensuing

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