

Cannon Beach wants to move power lines underground

Discussion part of long-term city planning

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CANNON BEACH — Tangled and downed power lines could lead to blocked roads and chaos during an emergency.

The city is in the midst of an effort to get those lines underground, lessening the impact from outages and removing ugly poles from the streets.

The Cannon Beach City Council has discussed the possibility of eventually converting downtown businesses to underground services.

This would mean power lines would be placed underground and overhead poles and wiring would be removed.

The council primarily wants to move power lines

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underground to improve downtown aesthetics and scenery, Public Works Director Dan Grassick said, but safety is another reason.

“When we have an earthquake, the biggest obstacle that occurs to evacuation routes is downed power lines,” Grassick said.

When lines shake loose and come down, they will pull adjacent lines down as well, blocking roadways and escape routes.

“The best thing that coastal communities can do

is put power lines underground,” Grassick said. “It’s better to have the power system come undone underground than above ground.”

If the city chooses to move forward with the project, it would take several years to complete because of its large scope, which may include new street lights and sidewalks.

A 2010 Cannon Beach tsunami evacuation meeting pointed to the need for underground utilities to prevent emergency evacuation

routes from being blocked by downed power lines in the aftermath of a quake or tsunami.

Last fall, at an emergency management meeting, Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said while trees and telephone poles are concerns for Cannon Beach officials, downed power lines are greater risks.

A 2015 Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan describes similar projects in Linn County, Benton County and elsewhere as ways to “enhance safety and reduce losses” during storms and other emergencies.

It is still unclear what putting power lines underground would cost Cannon Beach or downtown businesses.

“Because this is a beautification measure, all costs would be borne by the city,” Pacific Power regional business manager Alisa Dunlap said.

Pacific Power will soon report to the council the cost of a project estimate.

City Council shifts money from cemetery to parks software

Mayor, police chief also swear in new officer

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria City Council voted Monday night to spend more than \$126,600 on new point of sale and registration software for the city’s Parks and Recreation Department.

The recreation management system is expected to improve efficiency.

The City Council had approved \$55,000 toward the new system in this year’s budget. Councilors decided Monday night, however, to shift about \$72,000 in the budget for weed eradication at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton to help finance the new software.

Councilors in December chose not to release the money

for weed eradication at Ocean View because some worried the funds would be wasted if parks staff did not keep up with maintenance.

In other business Monday night:

• The City Council, acting as the Astoria Development Commission, asked staff to study an amendment that would add Bond Street to the Astor West Urban Renewal District.

The move could help the city finance improvements and potentially reopen Bond Street to two-way traffic. The area has suffered through landslides.

• Mayor Arline LaMear and Police Chief Brad Johnston swore in Kevin Berry as a new police officer.

Berry is an Astoria High School graduate who has worked at the Oregon Department of Forestry. His mother, Diane Berry, is the owner of Bloomin Crazy Floral.

Warrenton Police appoint first full-time detective

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

With two new officers on patrol, Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman now has the flexibility to add a detective position to the department.

Workman recently assigned Officer Cliff Bussert as the department’s first full-time detective.

Bussert will work with detectives from other agencies on the Clatsop County Major Crimes Team. The detective position will be on a three-year rotation.

Creating the position has been a goal for more than a decade, Workman said. The department tried adding a detective over the years, but never seemed to have enough staffing.

“It’s been about 12 years that we have been trying to do something like this,” Workman said. “We had officers unofficially named ‘detective.’ It’s not the

same. A lot of times they are not available because they are on a patrol schedule.”

Bussert will be taken off patrol to focus on detective work.

In addition, Workman plans to add a permanent day shift position to work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The day-shift officer will be freed up to spend more time in the high school and grade schools.

Eventually, Workman hopes the day-shift officer gets an officer in one of the schools, where students and teachers can visit at scheduled times.

The officer will act as a liaison to the schools, Workman said, which will be great for improving relationships between the schools and police department.

Warrenton Police have 12 sworn position, including Workman, and one administrative position.

State rules in place to protect snowy plovers

The Daily Astorian

The state Department of Parks and Recreation is warning springtime visitors about snowy plovers nesting on beaches.

The tiny shorebird, protected under state law and under the federal Endangered Species Act, usually begins nesting along in mid-March. The birds nest in dry open sand, in tiny, shallow, well-camouflaged scrapes. The nests are easy to miss, and plovers will abandon their eggs if repeatedly disturbed by activities they consider a threat.

The Department of Parks and Recreation, which has legal agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, manages sites where snowy plovers actively nest, and sites where the habitat has been designated as conducive to nesting. Based on this, recreation restrictions vary.

Riding bicycles or driving is not allowed during nesting season on any stretch of beach managed for plovers. Where plovers actively



EO Media Group/File Photo

A snowy plover stands on the beach near a small chunk of wood in Leadbetter Point, Washington.

nest, the dry sand around the nesting area is signed to keep people from accidentally crushing the well-camouflaged eggs. Recreation is limited to the wet sand portion of the beach. Kites and dogs (leashed or unleashed) are not allowed anywhere in active nesting areas until the

end of the nesting season on Sept. 15.

Most plover breeding areas in Oregon range from Florence south to Bandon. In recent years, though, a smattering of nests have popped up at some North Coast beaches, a sign that holds promise for the animal’s overall popula-

tion in Oregon and Washington state. The 2-mile Nehalem Spit, just south of the entrance to Nehalem Bay State Park, will restrict vehicles, dogs, and kites from until Sept. 15. The northern 3 miles of beach in the park are open to kites, dogs, bikes, horses and all other recreation.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Parting Shot" (N)		Of Kings and Prophets (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Parting Shot" (N)		Of Kings and Prophets (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Battles" (N)		Heartbeat "Pilot" (P) (N)		Chicago Fire "Short and Fat"		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Resonable Doubts" (N)		NCIS: New O. "Means to an End" (N)		Limitless "A Dog's Breakfast" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S.Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Resonable Doubts" (N)		NCIS: New O. "Means to an End" (N)		Limitless "A Dog's Breakfast" (N)		KIRO News	(35) S.Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Battles" (N)		Heartbeat "Pilot" (P) (N)		Chicago Fire "Short and Fat"		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "Trajectory" (N)		iZombie (N)		KGW News at 10	(35) Access H.	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Finding Your Roots "Maps of Stars"		American Masters "Carole King"		Frontline		Afropop: Ultimate	"Chindas"
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	New Girl (N)	Grandfathered	Brooklyn 99	The Grinder 1/2	10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Walking Dead "Clear"		Walking Dead "Arrow on the Doorpost"	
13	KCPQ	(13) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	New Girl (N)	Grandfathered	Brooklyn 99	The Grinder 1/2	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	Modern Family
20	TBS	(20) 2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Separation Anxiety "Kelia and BJ"		Conan (N)	
22	KZJN	(22) Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) 30 for 30 "The Two Escobars"				NFL Insider "Owners' Meetings"		30 for 30 "Guru of Go"		NBA Tonight	Scoreboard	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live
31	NICK	(31) The Thundermans	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	The Thundermans "A Hero Is Born"		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Liv Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Jessie	Austin & Ally	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	K.C. Undercover	Friends Whenever	Bunk'd	Girl Meets World	K.C. Undercover	Friends Whenever
34	FAM	(34) (15) *** The Proposal (2009, Comedy)		Ryan Reynolds, Betty White, Sandra Bullock				Shadow "Blood Calls to Blood" (N)		Stitchers "2.0" (SP) (N)		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Twilight Saga: Breaking D...		(10) *** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (12) Robert Pattinson.		(20) FXM Presents	*** Knowing (2009)	Sci-Fi Chandler Canterbury, Rose Byrne, Nicolas Cage.		(50) FXM Presents			
36	LIFE	(36) Pitch Slapped		Pitch Slapped		Dance Moms: Dance and Chat		Dance Moms (N)		Mother Daughter Exp. (N)		The Rap Game	
38	ROOT	(38) (4:30) Gymnast	Red Bull Air Race "Gdynia"			West Coast Customs (N)		Snowboarding U.S. Open		Snowboarding U.S. Open Men's Slopestyle Final			
39	F51	(39) UFC Flashback	UFC Flashback	UFC 162		Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Best I Heard (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports	Fox Sports Live	Fox Sports Live
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) Ink Master "The Epic Finale"		Ink Master "Initiation"		Ink Master "One Man's Trash"		Ink Master "Salt in the Wound"		Ink Mstr "The Devil's in the Details" (N)		Ink Master (N)	Ink Master
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Nikki Glaser (N)		The Daily Show (N)	Nightly Show (N)
45	HIST	(45) (5:00) To Be Announced		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		(05) The Curse of Oak Island	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Snapped/ Fallen Angel"		The First 48 "Hit List/ Hand in Hand"		60 Days In "Unusual Suspects"		60 Days In "First Timers"		60 Days In "Cell Shock"		The First 48 "Desperate Moves"	
47	TLC	(47) Dateline NBC "The Fugitive Millionaire"		Jill Jessa Count "Counting One More"		Jill and Jessa: Counting On		Jill and Jessa: Counting On (N)		The Willis Family "Puppy Love" (N)		Jill Jessa "Date Nights and Bright Lights"	
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Sabotage"		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "A Season in Hell" The triumphs and betrayals of the season. (N)		Rocky Mountain "The Hills Have Eyes"		Rocky Mountain "Hilltop Homicide"	
49	NGEO	(49) Alaska Troopers "Crawl Space Capture"		Rocky Mountain "Contraband Corridor"		Rocky Mountain "Fugitive Manhunt"		Rocky Mountain "Hilltop Homicide"		Rocky Mountain "The Hills Have Eyes"		Rocky Mountain "Hilltop Homicide"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Houston vs Oklahoma (L)		NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		Inside the NBA				NBA Basketball Houston vs Oklahoma			
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** The Day the Earth Stood Still (08) Jennifer Connelly, Keanu Reeves.		*** The Bourne Identity (2002, Action) Franka Potente, Brian Cox, Matt Damon.						*** Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines			
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hate"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N) Chrisley Knows		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "A Bunny Thing Happened"		Chopped "Pigging Out"		Chopped "Bacon Baskets!"		Chopped "Bacon Boys"		Chopped "The Bold And The Baconful"		Chopped "Chopped Gastropub"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer "School Spirit Spurs Home Search"		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters	Good Bones (N)	
55	FX	(55) (5:00) *** X-Men: The Last Stand (06) Patrick Stewart.		*** Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman.				O.J. Simpson "A Jury in Jail" (N)		People v. OJ Simpson "A Jury in Jail"			
57	CNN	(57) America's Choice 2016		America's Choice 2016		America's Choice 2016		America's Choice 2016		America's Choice 2016		Early Start	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Billion Buy "I'm Betting on Ya!" (P) (N)		The Profit		The Profit		The Profit		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Beverly Hills "Not Easy to Love"		Beverly Hills "Objection, Your Honor"		The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		Tour Group (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Beverly Hills
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Apartment Jack Lemmon.		(35) *** Soldier in the Rain (63, Com) Steve McQueen, Tony Bill, Jackie Gleason.		*** M*A*S*H (1970, War) Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman, Donald Sutherland.				(15) Lawrence of Arabia Peter O'Toole.			
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) *** Batman Returns (92) Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer, Michael Keaton.		**** Superman (1978, Sci-Fi) Gene Hackman, Margot Kidder, Christopher Reeve.						Colony "Zero Day" (N)			
102	RFD	(102) (5:30) Cattlemen	American Harvest	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen		American Harvest	Product Showcase

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