

## CHIP-in, improve Cathedral Tree Trail

ASTORIA — Astoria Parks & Recreation's Citizens Helping Improve Parks (CHIP-in) program is set to clean and improve the Richard Fencsak Cathedral Tree Trail on Saturday, June 18.

Interested volunteers are invited to attend the CHIP-in event at Cathedral Tree Trail

from 1 to 4 p.m. The trail runs from the 2800 block of Irving Avenue through urban forest to the Astoria Column.

Volunteers will work with Lewis and Clark National Historic Park to cut brush, repair tread and enhance the trail. All tools will be provided. Dress for the weather

and the outdoor work.

Meet at the trailhead on Irving Avenue. Park along the road; carpooling is encouraged.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact grounds coordinator Randy Bohrer by calling 971-704-4812.

## Murder, mayhem, birthday surprises take over the Coaster Theatre stage

CANNON BEACH — The Coaster Theatre kicks off its summer season with "9 to 5: The Musical" Friday, June 17.

Based on the 1980 hit movie, "9 to 5: The Musical" is set in the late 1970s and is the hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. Pushed to the boiling point, three co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying bigot they call their boss. Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy: giving their boss the boot!

On June 24, the second summer show "Let's Murder Marsha" opens. It's a comedic romp about murder, double crosses and birthday surprises. Marsha is addicted to reading murder mysteries and overhears her husband discussing

her upcoming birthday surprise with an interior decorator. To her ears it sounds like they are planning to murder her! When her mother shows up for her birthday a day early, Marsha thinks she is in on the scheme. Just when you'd think it would all clear up, they discover what Marsha has supposed and decide to teach her a lesson.

At the helm of the summer season are directors Lisa Fergus ("9 to 5: The Musical") and Ryan Hull ("Let's Murder Marsha"). Fergus has participated at the Coaster Theatre as a performer, choreographer and director having previously directed and choreographed the 2014 production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." Hull is also a regular director and performer at the theater.

He previously directed the 2015 summer play "It Could Be Any One Of Us."

The cast of "9 to 5: The Musical" is Jean White as Violet Newstead, Cindy Karr as Doralee Rhodes, Allison Johnson as Judy Bernly, Aaron Harris as Franklyn Hart Jr., Katherine Lacaze as Roz Keith with ensemble members Ben Faubion and Carolyn Anderson.

The cast of "Let's Murder Marsha" is comprised of veteran actors Frank Jagodnik, Ellen Jensen, Richard Bowman, Sue Meyers, Ann Bronson, David Sweeney and newcomer Gigi Chadwick.

Performances are June 17 to Sept. 4. Tickets for "9 to 5: The Musical" are \$18 or \$23; tickets for "Let's Murder Marsha" are \$15 or \$20.

## Find blues music at The Birk

BIRKENFELD — The Birk will host two blues bands this weekend: Orphan Jon & The Abandoned and the Bruce Katz Band.

Central California coast band Orphan Jon & The Abandoned will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Orphan Jon & The Abandoned is an American roots and blues band formed in the winter of 2014. The group will not only perform a wide variety of blues stylings but also take listeners on a journey through the ups and downs of love and everyday living. The group tries to capture the essence of what the blues is all about: hard work, rough life, grinding days, moving souls, touching hearts and heartfelt love.

Frontman Jon English, aka Orphan Jon, can be moving, emotional, heartfelt and intense at one point and then soothing, soulful and desiring at another point in his body language, lyrics and vocals. Adding to Orphan Jon's performance are the journeymen experiences of Bruce Krupnik's flowing and harmonious guitar playing, Will Anderson's steady and driving bass, and Tanner Byrom's energetic, captivating drums.

The Bruce Katz Band



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Orphan Jon and The Abandoned will bring American roots and blues to The Birk on June 18.

will bring original instrumental and vocal music on the Hammond B3 organ and piano at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19. Admission is \$20 at the door.

Bruce Katz was an associate professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston for 14 years, teaching harmony, Hammond organ labs, private instruction and blues history. While blues is an important part of his music, Katz's sound has more angles and influences, occupying a space where blues, soul-jazz, jam-band rock and Americana collide.

Besides leading the Bruce Katz Band, Katz performs regularly with the Delbert

McClinton Band, Jaimoe's Jasssz Band, John Hammond and other artists. He was a member of the Gregg Allman Band from 2007 to 2013. Katz's 2008 CD, "Live! At the Firefly," was received with critical acclaim. The CD rose to No. 11 on the National Living Blues Radio Chart and received substantial play on XM/Sirius Satellite Radio. His 2014 CD, "Homecoming," is receiving international acclaim and wide radio play.

Katz is a four-time nominee for the Blues Music Award "Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year" by the Blues Foundation of Memphis, Tennessee.

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