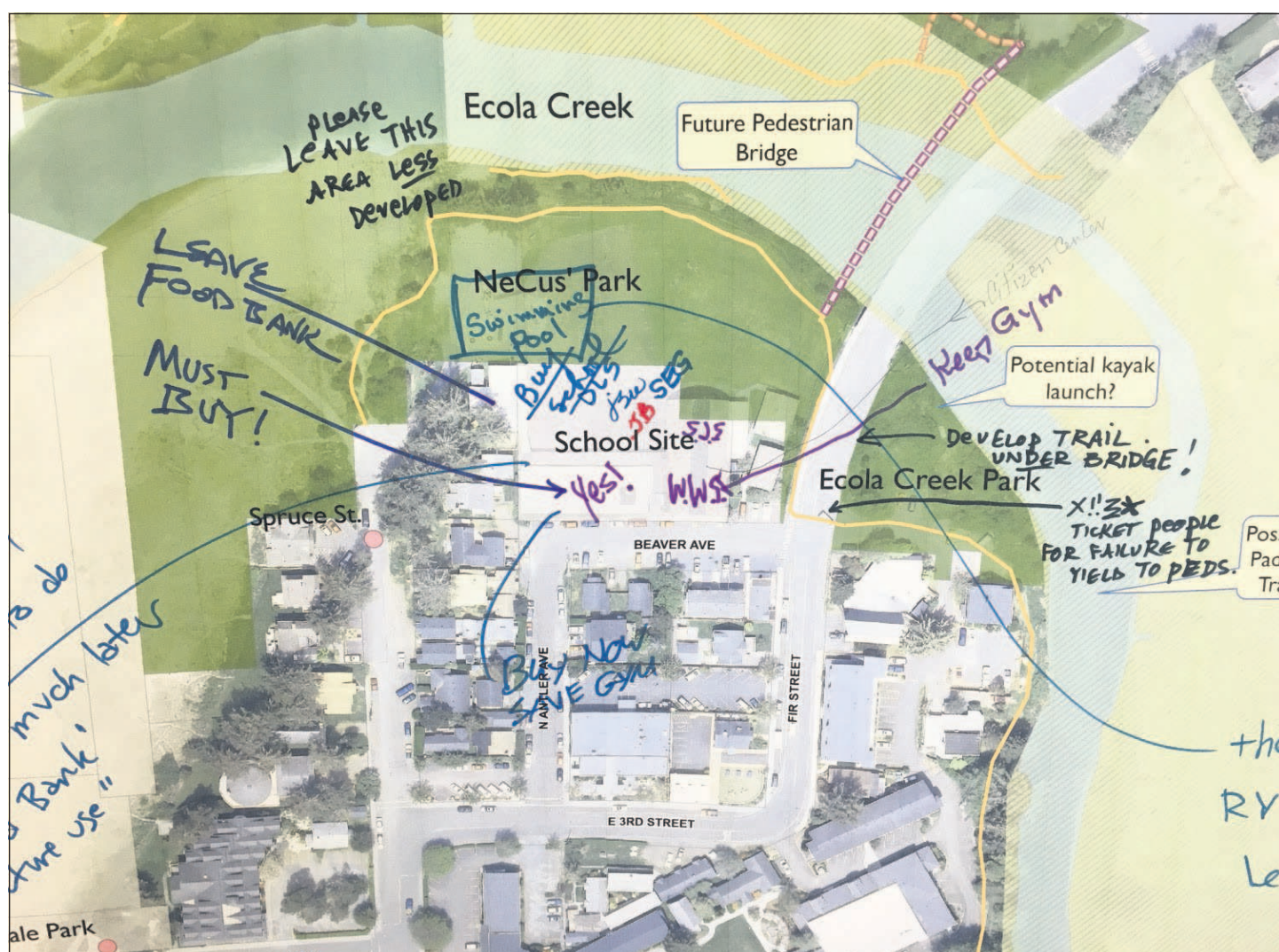


## HOW DOES YOUR PARKS PLAN GROW?



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Cannon Beach park maps include comments from area residents.

## Cannon Beach ponders pocket parks, trail, city acquisitions

By LYRA FONTAINE  
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CANNON BEACH — A community garden, stream restoration and no bathrooms on the beach are all on residents' parks wish list.

At an open house for the city's parks master plan, people marked their ideas for Cannon Beach parks, beach access and trails on large maps and spoke with planners from design firm Otak.

"Park planning is one of our favorites," said Glen Bolen, Otak's senior planner. "It's rewarding."

Planners said community input gives validity to the parks master plan, making the city more likely to get grants and funds, and provides a way for residents to share what they want the city to invest in.

According to the marked-up maps, some would like the city to acquire the former elementary school land near NeCus' Park and obtain Tolovana State Park from Oregon State Parks and



Submitted Photo

See PLAN, Page 10A Residents review potential park plans at a Cannon Beach open house.

## Flavel's M&N Building has new owners

Warrenton couple hopes to lease storefronts

By ERICK BENDEL  
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A Warrenton couple has purchased the building owned by Mary Louise Flavel at Ninth and Commercial streets, an investment that could help improve an eyesore downtown.

Marcus and Michelle Liotta, who moved to the area from Portland earlier this year, bought the vacant building Friday for \$135,000. They plan to set up their own businesses eventually in two or three of the five storefronts and lease the others.

"We chose that building because we see potential in it. We know the history of it. We'd like to invest in Astoria and put something into the community," said Marcus Liotta, a 35-year-old technology marketing specialist at Ticor Title. "We both feel, by restoring a building like that, given its historical significance, that we will be contributing to the city."

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## Summer, holidays put stress on Seaside officers

Short-staffed department seeks to beef up ranks

By R.J. MARX  
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SEASIDE — Six months after the shooting death of Sgt. Jason Goodding in Seaside, the Police Department remains short-handed

five officers, despite recent hires, among them second-in-command Lt. Bruce Holt and Officer Bethany Workman, who starts today.

The July Fourth holiday put particular strain on the department, Chief Dave Ham said at Friday's Seaside Chamber of Commerce breakfast. "It was basically one big shift for all of our officers." Retirements and Goodding's death in



Dave Ham

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## Guide dog gives Warrenton man freedom

Hartley finds a friend, navigator in Grover

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George Hartley, a man legally blind since 2007, decided last year it was time to get a service animal.

"I'm bullheaded and stubborn," said the 67-year-old Warrenton resident, who talked it over with his wife, Roxanne, and a family friend. "I knew I needed one. So I said, 'Yeah, it's time.'"

Now Hartley and Roxanne live with Grover, an almost-2-year-old yellow Labrador retriever. And the guide dog

has changed his life.

"He's simply amazing," Hartley said. "I couldn't get along without him anymore."

Hartley found Grover in May through Guide Dogs for the Blind, a donor-funded nonprofit that pairs trained canines with visually impaired people.

Though they became fast friends, Hartley and Grover had to earn their bond: For two weeks, they became

acquainted with each others' moves and signals at the Guide Dogs' campus in Boring.

The dog helps Hartley move through the world — especially the world of Warrenton, where Hartley has lived since he was 5 years old. Strapped in a harness, Grover finds doors and seats, takes him up and down curbs, stops for cars, and winds through stores, shopping centers and whole city blocks.

"He's my eyes, basically," Hartley said.

A playful pup with the tamest temperament, Grover is a near-constant companion for



George Hartley and his guide dog, Grover, a yellow Labrador retriever, on the back porch of their Warrenton home.

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