

Cannon Beach adopts first strategic plan

Some residents call for more public input

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CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach City Council has adopted the city's first strategic plan, though some residents called for the council to wait another month to allow for more community input.

"I am very proud of the council and staff and the amount of dedication and work they put into this," City Manager Brant Kucera said after last Tuesday's vote. "It's the foundation we're going to need to move forward as a community. There is no good reason to delay this."

The plan, a five-year roadmap for the city that will be revisited every two years, is a way to "align our human resources with our budgetary

resources to ensure that these priorities get done," he said.

The city's top focus is affordable housing, with goals that include adding 25 units by 2018. Officials also prioritized infrastructure planning and maintenance, emergency management, relationship with the community and effective government.

City councilors and staff removed the goal of temporarily suspending new vacation lottery rentals, a topic debated at Planning Commission meetings last month.

At meetings in May, councilors and city department directors analyzed citizen survey results, discussed city issues, identified priorities and set measurable goals for each priority.

"This is a working document describing our council's direction to staff and ourselves for the foreseeable future," Councilor Mike Benefield said.

Goals include establishing a mass care site at the city-owned South Wind property, decid-

ing whether to purchase the elementary school site by the end of the year, creating more downtown parking, adopting financial policies and more.

Moving the goal of creating clearer short-term rental regulations from the "affordable housing" priority to "effective government" was another change before adopting the plan.

The Planning Commission no longer needs to consider the suspension of new short-term rental lottery permits at its upcoming meeting, since the council eliminated that part from the plan, City Planner Mark Barnes said. The commission could still consider moving the short-term rental program from the zoning code to a stand-alone ordinance at its August meeting.

The strategic plan is not legally binding and is separate from the city's comprehensive plan, City Attorney Tammy Herdener said. She said 85 to 90 percent of each item "will

come before the public by law in the future as we implement the plan."

For example, the budget committee would vet the goal of saving money each year for South Wind infrastructure, and any zoning code change would go to the Planning Commission first, Herdener said.

"It will come back to the community," City Councilor Wendy Higgins said.

Public involvement

The strategic plan was shared with the public at two open houses in July.

Some residents criticized the timing of the open houses and the citizen survey.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund suggested the city allow another month for public input, and hold an evening open house for residents who work during the day, before adopting the plan.

"This plan would have a substantial impact on our community," Siebert-Wahrmund

said. "It's complex. It's dealing with very large proposals. There could be more community ownership if you involve the public in the process from the beginning."

Angela Benton and Linda Beck-Sweeney agreed that the council should wait for further community input.

"It's really important not just for the local community, but for the second homeowners to have an opportunity to provide input on the strategic plan," Benton said.

The strategic plan open house was "poorly announced," during the busiest week of the year and "explained the attempt of what I see as manipulation of the public," Beck-Sweeney said.

Kucera said the city advertised the open house in advance. City Councilor George Vetter said public input was intended to come from the survey, which had a 40 percent return rate.

"The purpose of this open house was not necessarily for

the public to change the plan, but rather for the public to become aware of the survey results and interviews with staff and council," Vetter said, adding that a better time could have been chosen.

Survey criticized

Siebert-Wahrmund said the survey was not "real public involvement."

Mayor Sam Steidel also opposed the survey.

"I don't put a whole lot of weight in surveys because I know that surveys muddle things," Steidel said. "I grew up in Cannon Beach, I know that people like to talk about things. Having a process that actually counters one of the topics in the survey, which is relationship with community, is disturbing."

"A survey is the only way of getting as much input as possible in a statistically valid method," Kucera said.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work

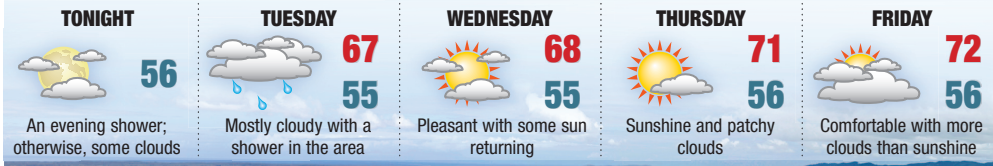
session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S Main Ave.

Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/low 66°/53°
Normal high/low 69°/54°
Record high 87° in 1939
Record low 46° in 1946

Precipitation
Sunday 0.19"
Month to date 0.24"
Normal month to date 0.17"
Year to date 40.58"
Normal year to date 37.36"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:35 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 6:08 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:10 p.m.
Moonset today 11:28 p.m.

First Full Last New
Aug 10 Aug 18 Aug 24 Sep 1

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: At the head of Cygnus, we find the double star Albireo, approximately 380 light years away.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

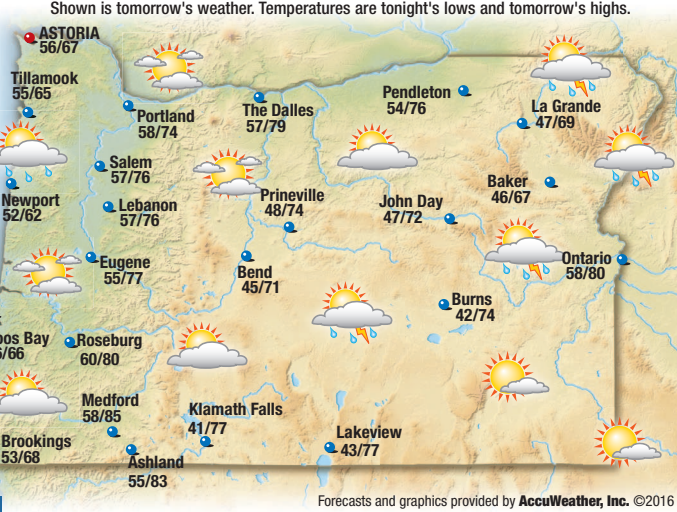
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6:37 p.m.	7.4 ft.	12:13 p.m.	1.5 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	Tues.	W
Allentown	89	73	t	85	72	t		
Boston	84	68	s	82	69	s		
Chicago	84	68	pc	88	70	pc		
Denver	91	62	t	93	62	t		
Des Moines	83	67	pc	88	73	pc		
Detroit	84	64	s	88	72	s		
El Paso	100	75	pc	98	74	pc		
Fairbanks	71	53	c	63	52	sh		
Honolulu	89	77	c	88	77	pc		
Indianapolis	88	69	pc	90	73	pc		
Kansas City	80	70	r	86	73	pc		
Las Vegas	108	81	s	103	79	s		
Los Angeles	81	64	pc	81	62	pc		
Memphis	93	75	pc	94	77	pc		
Miami	88	79	t	89	78	t		
Nashville	92	73	pc	89	74	t		
New Orleans	90	79	t	90	78	t		
New York	87	69	s	88	73	s		
Oklahoma City	97	75	t	98	75	pc		
Philadelphia	88	69	pc	89	73	s		
St. Louis	84	73	c	90	75	pc		
Salt Lake City	96	74	pc	98	68	s		
San Francisco	70	56	pc	73	55	pc		
Seattle	69	57	sh	72	58	c		
Washington, DC	89	71	pc	87	75	pc		

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

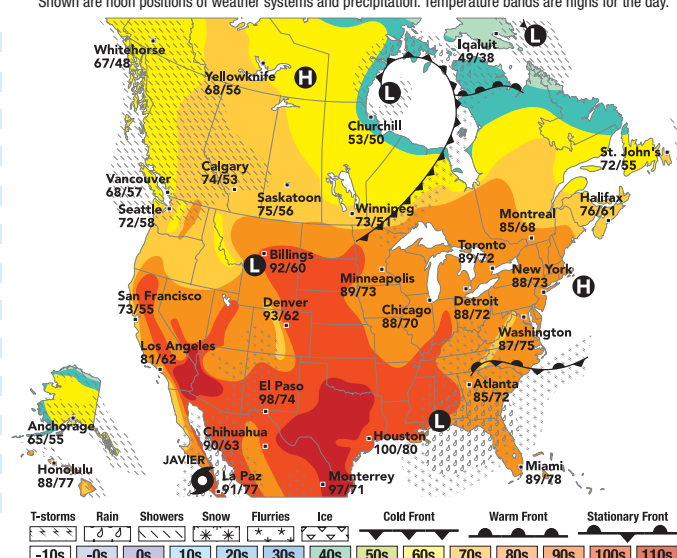
REGIONAL WEATHER



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City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	Tues.	W
Baker City	75	46	pc	67	38	t		
Bend	71	45	pc	71	43	pc		
Brookings	66	53	pc	66	53	pc		
Eugene	77	55	c	77	51	pc		
Ilwaco	63	56	sh	63	56	c		
Klamath Falls	76	41	s	77	43	pc		
Medford	86	58	pc	85	56	pc		
Newberg	70	55	sh	73	53	pc		
Newport	61	52	sh	62	52	pc		
North Bend	67	56	c	66	53	pc		
Olympia	70	53	sh	72	53	c		
Pendleton	76	54	pc	76	52	t		
Portland	70	58	sh	74	59	pc		
Roseburg	80	60	pc	80	56	pc		
Salem	73	57	sh	76	55	pc		
Seaside	64	55	sh	65	56	c		
Spokane	74	53	pc	72	54	pc		
Vancouver	77	58	pc	77	52	pc		
Yakima	77	53	sh	82	54	pc		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Landwehr

Astoria

April 5, 1942 — July 18, 2016

Richard Charles Landwehr, 74, died Monday, July 18, 2016, in Astoria.

He was born April 5, 1942, in Astoria, to Donald W. and Agnes K. (Hendrickson) Landwehr.

He attended school at Lewis & Clark Elementary and Astoria High School, where he graduated in 1960. While in high school, he joined the naval reserve his junior year, and then served active duty from 1960 to 1962 aboard the USS George Clymer APA-27 Troop Transport ship.

In October 1963, he joined the Oregon State Police. His first duty station was Klamath Falls, Oregon. There he met and then married Laurie Bruns in 1965. They had two children, Kevin and Lisa. After more than 20 years of marriage, they later divorced.

After moving to Astoria in 1973 as a detective for the Oregon State Police, he served until

his retirement in 1992, a total service time of 29 years.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Yvonne; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Fay; two grandsons, Brendan and Taylor; and a granddaughter, Madison, all of Astoria. He is also survived by numerous nephews, cousins, extended family and special friends, Mel and Miki Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa, in 2015; and a dear companion, Sigrid Searle in 2009.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion, 1132 Exchange St., Astoria, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lower Columbia Hospice, in care of Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, OR 97103.



Richard Landwehr

Alice May Schmitz

Astoria

April 23, 1929 — Aug. 3, 2016

Alice M. Schmitz, 87, a longtime resident of Astoria, Oregon, passed away Aug. 3, 2016, in Seaside, Oregon.

Alice was born April 23, 1929, in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, to John and Alma (Orth) Strobel. They moved to Kalama, Washington, in 1941, and later settled in Astoria, where she graduated from Astoria High School.

She married Maurice Schmitz in 1951, and raised five children.

She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Parish, Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society. She loved her community and enjoyed volunteering at local food banks and meal sites. She also loved crocheting, camping with family, canning and square dancing. She enjoyed traveling with Maurice to many countries overseas.

Alice is survived by sons Mike and Steve

of Astoria; daughters Judy Stephens of Florida, Diane (Sam) Bradsher of Oklahoma and Laura (Kile) Haugland of Minnesota; brother Ray Strobel of Warrenton; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice; and her parents, John and Alma.

A recitation of the holy rosary will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church. A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the Mass at the Star of the Sea school auditorium.

A private graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in

Astoria.

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