

# Pot: Local business featured on a map called 'Kush Tourism'

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So far, the only marijuana store to close was Sweet Relief's Port Astordam location, damaged by an explosion and fire in the adjacent Higher Level Concentrates, a grow site and hash oil processor, in October. Hi Astoria is also temporarily closed for a renovation.

"Astoria, in the grand scheme of things, has been very professional and gracious — somewhat friendly to the industry," Nelson said.

The city has largely welcomed each new marijuana store popping up, except for West, a proposal by partners Daryl Bell and Terrell Buckner to open a joint art gallery-marijuana store. Bell echoed Nelson's comments that there are fewer barriers to entry along the coast. "I do think there is a saturation issue," Bell said, adding that many marijuana store owners will be in for a rude awakening during slower winters when they depend more on locals.

Even with its plethora of marijuana stores, Astoria falls behind some other tourist destinations farther south.

According to most recent figures from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Seaside and Tillamook each have three active recreational licenses, one for approximately every 2,100 and 1,600 people. Lincoln City and Newport each have six recreational licenses, one for every 1,400 and 1,700 people. The number and concentration of marijuana stores drops off farther south along the Oregon Coast.

Larger cities such as Portland, Eugene and Bend,

which have much higher populations and overall numbers of marijuana stores, each average fewer than one marijuana store for every 5,000 people.

## Tourist draw or accoutrement?

Linea Gagliano, a spokeswoman for the Oregon Tourism Commission, said cannabis tourism is on the agency's radar. "We don't really feel it's going to be the impetus for someone's trip," she said.

She said the commission focuses on culinary and outdoors tourism, with the understanding that people might imbibe while visiting.

North Fork 53, located along the Nehalem River on the southern edge of Clatsop County, was one of the first marijuana-infused tourism businesses to open locally. The bed and breakfast focuses on farm-to-table culinary tourism and offered guests several rooms outfitted with paraphernalia in which they could consume their own cannabis.

Brigham Lee, who owns the lodging with Ginger Edwards, said North Fork 53 gave the offering up in May, unable to make much money and facing both resistance from Clatsop County and difficulties in creating smoking spaces that complied with the Clean Air Act. "We didn't feel like we needed to be the martyrs to show what cannabis tourism could look like."

He said cannabis tourism could be a wonderful industry, but would take a concerted lobbying effort by the cannabis industry to change social consumption laws, similar to what vintners have done for wine.



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Sweet Relief Dispensary budtender Grant Osborn packages up marijuana for a customer Friday.

While tourists aren't a staple of Sweet Relief's business, Nelson said, they're the "icing on the cake."

"We advertise in a flier that goes out to all the cruise ships," he said, estimating a 15 percent bump in sales when a cruise ship is in town. "There's also a map called Kush Tourism that we're" on.

Nelson said he holds the trademark on Smoke the Coast and he has bought a tour bus, which he hopes will one day take "smoke-friendly" people around the area. "The tourism part is going to be huge as this market gets stabilized."



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On Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., a hearing will be held by the Seaside Planning Commission at Seaside City Hall, 989 Broadway. They will be reviewing the following request: **17-015CU** is a Conditional Use request by Oregon Conference Adventist Churches to add an assembly area to the existing church at 1450 N Roosevelt (T6 R10 S15CB TL: 11000, 12500, 12600, 12700). The new assembly area (approximately 2,378 sq. ft.) will replace the area inside the existing structure that has historically been used as the sanctuary. The property is zoned medium density residential (R-2) and the expansion, along with the associated improvements, are conditionally permitted in the zone. A highway overlay zone request (**17-014HOZ**) has also been submitted in conjunction with the applicant's conditional use application.

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**AB6148 Clatsop County Housing Authority Board Meeting**

The Clatsop County Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting at 5:00 pm at the Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, OR on February 22, 2017. Agendas available upon request. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Echo Klein 501-861-0119/111 or 1-800-735-2900 TTY.

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The review will be conducted in accordance with Section 3.400, Appendix G of the Transportation System Plan, Article 6 and Article 10 of the Seaside Zoning Ordinance which establishes the review criteria and procedures for the request.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings and submit oral testimony in favor or in opposition to the request. During the hearing, individuals that wish to offer testimony will be called to a microphone by the Chairman of the Planning Commission and asked to state their name and address for the record before they testify. Written testimony is also welcome and will be submitted to the Planning Commission at the time of the hearing. Comments may be delivered to the Community Development Department located at 1387 Avenue U or mailed to 989 Broadway, Seaside, Oregon 97138. A copy of the application, applicable criteria, documents, and evidence relied upon by the applicant are available for review at no charge. Likewise, a staff report will be available for inspection 7 days prior to the hearing. These materials can be reviewed at the Community Development Department. Copies of these materials will be provided at a reasonable cost.

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