

A powerful voice in tourism

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TRAVEL OREGON**

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CANNON BEACH — The tourism industry has a way of intertwining with almost every aspect of Ryan Snyder's life.

Whether it be managing one of his five hotels and restaurants as president of Martin Hospitality, or picking up trash anytime he walks along the beach with his family, keeping Cannon Beach special seems to always be at the forefront of his mind.

Starting in July, that mindset will help him serve as the chairman of Travel Oregon and one of the most influential voices in tourism. The organization, created by the state Legislature in 2003, is responsible for promoting Oregon's attractions, including the "7 Wonders of Oregon" campaign that highlighted the Oregon Coast.

As chairman, he will lead the Oregon Tourism Commission, a nine-member board which approves and oversees the budget and strategic plan for the state's \$10.8 billion tourism industry. It will also be his job to articulate the mission of the Governor's Office while offering guidance to Travel Oregon CEO Todd Davidson.

Sustainable tourism

Snyder has served on the commission since 2011, and became vice chairman last year. While he anticipates more responsibility and a higher frequency of meetings to attend, he said his commitment to sustainable tourism will remain the same.

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Ryan Snyder, the president of Martin Hospitality in Cannon Beach, gives a tour of the Public Coast Brewery on Monday. Snyder will become the chairman of Travel Oregon in July.

'This city is very important to me. When it comes to making decisions, if it's not good enough for the state, than it's not good for Cannon Beach, and vice versa.'

Ryan Snyder

president of Martin Hospitality, who will serve as the chairman of Travel Oregon starting in July

Cannon Beach on the Oregon Coast.

Arch Cape still hopes for design review

Technicality sends appeal back to county

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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ARCH CAPE — Arch Cape residents fighting to retain oversight of key development decisions saw a victory last week at the state level.

For the second time, the Land Use Board of Appeals has sent the decision to dissolve the Arch Cape Design Review Committee back to Clatsop County, leaving county commissioners to either keep the committee in place or vote to dissolve it again.

The design committee makes recommendations on development within the



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The Arch Cape Design Review Committee received a reprieve from the state's Land Use Board of Appeals after a decision on the committee's future was sent back to the county.

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Taylor Christie swims during single-pool-length drills at the North Coast Swim Club practice at the Astoria Aquatic Center in 2015. The club will now have to pay \$1 per lane per hour.

Swim teams now to pay \$1 lane fee

Some worry it will be too much for youth and their families

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The Astoria Aquatic Center will begin charging youth swim teams a fee to use lanes, a decision one group worries could discourage participation or even shut down its swim club entirely.

But city staff, faced with a more than \$100,000 budget shortfall in the Parks and Recreation Department, says it is a necessary move. The department already plans to cut some community programs such as an annual Easter egg hunt and Summer Movies in the Park and faces other tough decisions in the coming weeks.

Parks Department Director Angela Cosby said the city considered shutting down the Aquatic Center in 2008 and "that is something we're having to look at again." The lane fee, while not adding a substantial amount of money to the budget, is one way to bring in additional funding, she said.

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Oregon Legislature

Republican Brian Boquist of Dallas works at a desk at the state Senate.

State Senate OKs gun ban for people at 'extreme risk'

Bill motivated by veterans' suicides

By **PETER WONG**
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SALEM — People deemed at imminent risk of killing themselves or injuring others could have their guns taken away under a bill the state Senate passed Monday.

Senate Bill 719, which goes to the House, was approved largely along party lines, 17-11.

But 16 Democrats were joined in support by Republican Brian Boquist of Dallas, who lost his oldest son, a U.S. Navy veteran, to suicide more than a year ago. Boquist also lost three soldiers under his U.S. Army command to suicide after they returned from the Iraq War more than a decade ago.

Ten Republicans were joined in opposition by Democrat Betsy Johnson of Scappoose, a strong advocate for gun rights. Two others were absent.

"Everyone wants to promote this as a gun bill. It's not," said Boquist, the bill's main floor manager.



Sen. Betsy Johnson

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