



The sand dunes piling up at Chapman Point were blocking homeowners' views of the beach in 2014.

Dunes: Native plants have a different root system that would grow the dune more horizontally

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Barriers to this approach would be financial and political, Barnes said.

"When you do work in the summer, you're going to be in conflict with recreation," Barnes said.

Grass is always greener

To help mitigate dunes getting too tall, Allan said, suggested replacing the European beach grass introduced in the 1950s with the native variety.

"European beach grass creates dense structure, grows vertically, and is effective at



If people down on the beach can't see much of the homes on Chapman Point, then the homeowners probably can't see much of the beach, geologist Tom Horning said in 2014.

trapping sand," Allan said. "It actually helps build dunes taller."

Native plants would still help mitigate erosion but have a different root system that

would grow the dune more horizontally.

Commission member Robin Risley said in previous years the city has asked to plant native grass, but Oregon

State Parks asked them to keep planting the European variety because its dense structure dissuades erosion.

Barnes said the city also plans to consult marine and plant life professionals before crafting a policy.

No matter which recommendations the city chooses, because of climate change and variations within El Niño and La Niña years, many of the weather patterns that predict how dunes grow and shrink are changeable, Allan said.

"It's important to have an adaptive management approach. There is still a lot of uncertainty," Allan said.

Gearhart: Mayor open to evaluating ordinance yearly

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According to Brown, nowhere in the ruling did it mention "anyone misrepresented anything."

"It's pretty clear that she used most of what was in ours for her final ruling, so to say it was 99 percent changed is just playing games," Brown said.

Challenges loom

The ballot title debate is one of several challenges the city will face in months to come. A state Land Use Board of Appeals decision awaits after an appeal by two groups of homeowners. And if supporters of the ballot initiative are successful in obtaining necessary signatures within 90 days of the election, the issue could be on the November ballot.

Widdop, in a letter to the editor, said repeal of the rules could lead to "unlimited rent-

als throughout Gearhart." A change in occupancy limits to an "unlimited number age 12 and younger" as proposed in the replacement ordinance could overburden septic systems. She also wrote in support of parking rules and 24-hour owner notification.

So far, about 84 property owners have registered for short-term rental permits, City Administrator Chad Sweet said.

Brown said the short-term rental rules passed last fall are "going amazingly well," with inspections leading to septic systems and safety measures to fire egresses or escapes and smoke detectors.

Brown also attributed the rules to the availability of new long-term rentals for full-time residents.

"These new residents are families, young professionals, and retired folks many of whom have chosen Gearhart

because of its quiet residential nature," Brown said. "Two of the top Realtors in Gearhart have told me that the full-time market in Gearhart is the hottest they've seen in a long time. And home values for full-time residences are going up. This is good news for all of our citizens and those worried that less STRs or common-sense regulations would in some way lower property values."

A 'good document'

Opponents of the rental rules have called for a repeal of restrictions limiting transfer of short-term rental permits other than by inheritance.

"I was ecstatic last year that the council grandfathered in all existing rentals instead of cap (the limit) at 35, which was on the table," Brown said. "That was the right thing to do and a wonderful compromise, but I'm also OK with that

number going down a bit to make way for more full-time residents."

Brown said the city was "probably looking at around 285 short-term rentals for all zones," or 15 to 20 percent of total dwelling units.

Brown said he would be willing to evaluate the ordinance every year. He invited Townsend others to an "open and honest dialogue about fixing it."

"We've spent years and years and years hashing over this and we came up with what we feel is a very good document," Widdop said.

Property owner and repeal advocate Jim Whittemore said the rules discriminate. "We are not trying to eliminate regulations on vacation homes, merely establish a fair playing field for all Gearhart homeowners," he said. "The current ordinance discriminates against rental homes."

Outbreak: 'We're doing the best we can with the resources we have'

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Officials will reassess data at the end of June to determine how to continue combating the outbreak, Clatsop County Public Health Director Michael McNickle said.

"It's sort of like an iceberg," he said. "We're just seeing the tip of it."

Spread by contact

Syphilis is spread by contact with sores during vaginal, anal or oral sex, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mothers can also transmit the infection to unborn babies.

One of the challenges in fighting the infection's spread is that a syphilis case can either be undetectable or have the appearance of a different disease, McNickle said.

Also, not everyone is willing to be tested. Some may not want to admit, for various reasons, they had sexual contact with someone possibly infected. Once someone tests positive, offi-

cials attempt to contact their recent sexual partners so they may be tested as well.

"It's like playing telephone," McNickle said.

The infection is particularly prevalent among those who use methamphetamine. In the past few months, the Health Department has conducted screenings for those booked in the jail on such charges.

After a Clatsop County Jail inmate recently tested positive, officials were able to test his pregnant girlfriend at the Clark County Jail.

"It was a big win for us," McNickle said. "We're doing the best we can with the resources we have."

Screenings will continue at the jail through at least June, and tests are available at any time at the county Health Department in Astoria.

Providence Seaside Hospital will hold clinics from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, as well as May 31, June 14, June 21 and June 28. Walk-ins are welcome.



Michael McNickle

Pay equity: Once Gov. Brown signs the bill, it will become law

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been illegal, pay inequity persists. House Bill 2005 makes great strides towards a more equitable and prosperous Oregon," Gov. Brown said Monday.

Senators amended the House bill to win support from the business community, which had previously opposed stiff penalties in the original bill.

The safeguard applies to women and all other protected classes, including minorities, older people and people with disabilities. The bill also prohibits employers from asking a job candidate for wage or salary history.

The amended bill provides a phased-in effective date and removes punitive damages when employers can show they have conducted a pay equity analysis in the past three years and made progress toward equal pay.

Another concession allows unequal pay when the inequity results from an

employer paying a worker more to match another employer's offer.

An analysis of state executive branch salaries and wages by the Center for Public Service showed a consistent pattern of pay gaps between men and women and minorities and non-minorities. Women were estimated to earn \$380 less a month than men, the analysis showed.

The House passed the original bill in March by a 36-24 vote. The Senate unanimously approved the amended bill Wednesday, after the bill's sponsors negotiated changes with businesses and advocates.

"We are paving the way today and showing people we can come together in a bipartisan way to pass a stellar piece of legislation," said Rep. Jodi Hack, R-Salem.

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Evening listings
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TUESDAY EVENING												MAY 23	
A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach													
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Downward (N)	Dancing With the Stars (SF) (N)					KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Downward (N)	Dancing With the Stars (SF) (N)					KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Great News (N)	Gr. News (SF) (N)	The Voice "Live Finale" The winner is revealed. (SF) (N)				KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Off the Grid"	Bull "Benevolent Deception" (SF) (N)	48 Hours: NCIS (N)				KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Off the Grid"	Bull "Benevolent Deception" (SF) (N)	48 Hours: NCIS (N)				KIRO News	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Great News (N)	Gr. News (SF) (N)	The Voice "Live Finale" The winner is revealed. (SF) (N)				KGW News at 10	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "Finish Line" (SF) (N)	American Epic "Blood and Soil" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half			KGW News at 11	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Victorian Slum House "The 1890s" (N)	American Epic "Blood and Soil" (N)	Frontline "Bannon's War" (N)				Pacific Heartbeat	Next Goal Wins
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Brooklyn (SF) (N)	10 O'Clock News				11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDX	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Family Guy	Family Guy			American Dad	Cleveland Show
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Brooklyn (SF) (N)	Q13 News at 10				Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			Conan (N)	
22	KZJN	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9				Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball S.F./Chi.C. (L)		MLB Baseball (L)				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball Con./Min. (L)		SportsCenter				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Game Shakers	Full House	Full House			Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live
32	DISN	(32) Andi Mack	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck Charlie	Stuck in Middle	Good Luck Charlie	Tangled-Series	K.C. Undercover			Friends	Friends
34	FAM	(34) Famous in Love "Found in Translation"		Pretty Little Liars "Power Play"		Liar "In the Eye Abides the Heart" (N)	Famous "Found in Translation" (N)	Truth & Iliza (N)	Young & Hungry			Jessie	Jessie
35	FNC	(35) (5:00) Anchorman 2: The Legend Con...		(20) ★★ I Think I Love My Wife ('07) Kerry Washington, Gina Torres, Chris Rock.		(15) FXM Presents	★★★ Sucker Punch	(11, Fant) Vanessa Hudgens, Abbie Cornish, Emily Browning.				The 700 Club	
36	LIFE	(36) Little Women: LA "Shady Business"		Little Women: LA "Baptism Blowout"		Little Women: LA "Fractured Friendships" (N)	Little Women: LA (N)	LW Atlanta "Unexpected Ending"				Little Women: LA	
38	ROOT	(38) (4:00) MLB Baseball Sea./Wash. (L)		Post-game		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Washington Nationals Site: Nationals Park -- Washington, D.C.		Post-game				NCAA Baseball ACC Tournament	
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) Boxing Premier Champions		MLB's Best (N)		MLB Whiparound (L)		Speak for Yourself				Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:30) Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.		★★★ Now You See Me (2013, Crime Story) Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg.		★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.							
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			Problematic (N)	South Park
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "The Falcata"		Forged in Fire "The Pata"		Forged in Fire "Talwar" (N)		Forged in Fire (N)				(05) Forged in Fire "The Naginata"	(05) Forged in Fire
46	A&E	(46) Hoarders "Lonnie and Linda"		Hoarders "Terry/Adelle"		Hoarders "Celia and Nathan"		Hoarders				Born This Way "New Man in Town" (N)	(05) Hoarders "Leza and Linda"
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress		7 Johnstons "Loose Lips Sink Surprises"		L.P. "Just Take It As It Comes" (N)		Little People "All the Unknowns" (N)				7 Little Johnstons "I Just Tinkled" (N)	(05) Little People "All the Unknowns"
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Crushing Blows"		Deadliest Catch "Bad Moon"		Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)				Cooper's Treasure (N)	Deadliest Catch
49	NGEO	(49) Genius "Einstein: Chapter Two"		Genius "Einstein: Chapter Three"		Genius "Einstein: Chapter Four"		Genius "Einstein: Chapter Five" (N)				Breakthrough "Game of Drones" (N)	Genius "Einstein: Chapter Five"
60	TNT	(60) (5:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs		Inside the NBA		The Dunk King "Finals" (N)		Race "The Divided States of America"				Animal Kingdom	Judas Kiss
61	AMC	(61) (5:00) ★★ The Perfect Storm '00 Mark Wahlberg, Diane Lane, George Clooney.		★★★ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.		★★★★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows						Team Ninja War. "Qualifying Week 6"	Chrisley Knows
62	USA	(62) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.		Chopped "Grill Game" (N)				Chopped "Grill Game" (N)	Chopped "Big Barbecue" (N)
63	FOOD	(63) Chopped "Drawing a Flank"		Fixer "School Spirit Spurs Home Search"		Fixer Upper		Fixer "Rustic Italian Dream Home"				Home Town (N)	House Hunters
64	HGTV	(64) Fixer Upper		Fixer "School Spirit Spurs Home Search"		Fixer Upper		Fixer "Rustic Italian Dream Home"				House Hunters	House Hunters
65	FX	(65) ★★ Colombiana (2011, Action) Michael Vartan, Callum Blue, Zoe Saldana.		★★★ Lucy (2014, Action) Morgan Freeman, Analeigh Tipton, Scarlett Johansson.				The Americans (N)				The Americans	
66	CNN	(66) (5:00) ★★ Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon
68	FNC	(68) The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		The Five				Tucker Carlson Tonight	
61	Shark	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Murchinson-Hume"				The Profit "The Lano Company"	Paid Program
63	BRVA	(63) Below Deck "Who's the Boss?"		Below Deck "Three's Company"		Below Deck: Mediterranean		Below Deck: Mediterranean (N)				Below Deck: Mediterranean	WatchWhat (N)
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★ Gone With the Wind (1939, Epic) Clark Gable, Olivia De Havilland, Vivien Leigh.		(15) ★★ San Francisco ('36, Romance) Maude Allen, Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable.		(15) ★★ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006, Action) Famke Janssen, Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.		(15) Test Pilot ('38, Drama) Clark Gable.				(15) Test Pilot ('38, Drama) Clark Gable.	(15) Blade ('98)
65	SYFY	(65) Movie		The November Man (2014, Action) Olga Kurylenko, Eliza Taylor, Pierce Brosnan.				★★ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006, Action) Famke Janssen, Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.				(15) Blade ('98)	
69	RFD	(69) (5:30) Cattlemen (N)	Chasing-Madison	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox		Rural Eve. News				Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen
												Chasing-Madison	Product Showcase