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STAY COOL!

RECORD HEATWAVE CALLS FOR SPECIAL MEASURES AS **THE NORTH COAST SWELTERS**



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People cooled off in the waters off Cannon Beach as Cannon Beach and Astoria set new record highs.

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**
The Daily Astorian

As temperatures punched into the 90s up and down the North Coast on Wednesday, everyone was telling each other to, “Stay cool.”

“Stay cool!” said vendors at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, their faces shining with sweat as they passed corn dogs, cotton candy and cold drinks to sweating customers.

“Stay cool out there!” chimed a nurse at an assisted-living center in Astoria as doors swung open and visitors walked from an air-conditioned entryway straight into a wall of hot air.

It was an order nobody could obey as smoke from wildfires in British Columbia stained the sky gray and purple, spread along the Columbia River and hid Washington state from view.

Astoria saw a high of 93 degrees Wednesday afternoon, beating a previous record for Aug. 2 of 88 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. On this same day last year, the high was a more familiar 68 degrees. Cannon Beach logged a 95-degree day Wednesday, breaking a record there as well. The record for the hottest day in Astoria still belongs to July 1, 1942, when temperatures hit 101 degrees.

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93

Wednesday's high temperature in Astoria, which beat the previous record of 88 degrees.

101

the temperature reached during the hottest day on record in Astoria on July 1, 1942

95

Wednesday's record-high temperature in Cannon Beach.

Johnston steps down as Astoria Police chief

Resigned earlier as assistant city manager

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Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston announced his retirement Wednesday after 25 years with the police department.

In a message posted on Facebook, Johnston, who had also served as assistant city manager, said he was moving on to other opportunities. He described his departure as “sudden, but necessary,” but did not offer any other explanation.

Astoria City Manager Brett Estes said he received Johnston's notice Wednesday. Johnston's retirement is effective immediately and Deputy Chief Eric Halverson will take over his duties until an interim chief is found. The city plans to begin recruiting for a new police chief soon.

“Eric is doing a great job at filling in at this point in time,” Estes said.



Brad Johnston

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Five Zero Trees now makes six in Astoria

New pot store opens

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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The faded red canopy and yellow walls of the former clothing stores at 1161 and 1169 Commercial Street have gone black, emblazoned with a large, white sign for Five Zero Trees.

The Portland-based marijuana store recently opened a new location in Astoria, joining five other such businesses around the city.

Co-owner Case Van Dorne said he and his business partners Jason Cain and Joel Jennings have long been coming to Astoria to visit and fish and had been looking to locate a store locally for about a year, noticing how quickly the city was blooming into a destination. He started the company with Jennings in 2013 in southeast Portland.

The company is also trying to open a location in Cannon Beach, hopefully in the fall, Van Dorne said.

At 5,000-square feet split between two storefronts, Five Zero Trees is one of the largest marijuana stores in the city.

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Sunset-seekers at the Astoria Column were disappointed by clouds of smoke drifting south through the region from wildfires in British Columbia.

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Bone appetit: Pup-friendly bistro in Cannon Beach

The Bistro offers fine dining for Fido

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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CANNON BEACH — It may not be the Vietnamese-style caramel chicken or the pear-brined pork chop, but at The Bistro, dogs can now get more than table scraps.

Jack Stevenson has introduced a gourmet dinner option for dogs to his upscale menu. The “Bistro Dog Food Offering” lists an entree of chicken, brown rice, sweet potatoes,

carrots, peas, tomatoes, olive oil and salt all garnished with a sprig of parsley for \$4.50.

Cannon Beach is already known as dog-friendly, the restaurant owner said, but he thought he would take it a step further.

“What can we do for dogs? Businesses around here all have snacks, so I decided to do what I hadn't seen yet: to make dog food,” he said.

Stevenson said he has been surprised by the buzz the new menu item has created since he unveiled it last week. Already he has had 30 dogs order the meal, with more emails and calls coming in every day asking about it.

“I've gotten a lot comments like, ‘Are you kidding?’ and, ‘Oh, my gosh!’ from customers when they see the menu,” he laughed. “But so far it has been very well received. People who love their dogs really love them, so they like the idea of feeding them healthy, nutritious food.”

Gary Hayes brought his Wheaten terrier mix, Gracie, to try the new dish when it was first introduced. He's a regular at The Bistro, partly because there is dog-friendly outdoor seating, so the idea his dog could join him for dinner as well was exciting.

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Patrons of The Bistro restaurant in Cannon Beach who bring their dogs with them now have a new menu to choose from after owner/chef Jack Stevenson decided to offer gourmet dog food as an option in the already canine-friendly community.

