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Port finally activates stormwater treatment

Project cost more than $2 million

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After several fits and starts, and about 14 months behind schedule, the Port of Astoria has activated a new stormwater treatment system on Pier 3.

The system is required by the state Department of Environmental Quality to limit copper from entering the Columbia River and harming salmon and other aquatic life.

Pumps throughout the central waterfront move water to a series of settling ponds on the foot of Pier 3. Suspended solids are settled out of the water in the first two ponds, after which it flows to a vegetated area with plants meant to leach out metals and other materials. The treated water is then pumped through a pipe at the end of Pier 3.

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Volunteers help out in the kitchen during the annual 'Helping Hands' community Thanksgiving meal in Seaside.

Volunteers serve Thanksgiving food, friendship in Seaside

Logan Gandy delivers dessert to a table at the Bob Chisholm Community Center.

More than 400 meals prepared

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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Volunteers at a community Thanksgiving dinner in Seaside had a lot on their plate Thursday afternoon, but the meal had plenty of helpers — and food — to go around.

More than 40 volunteers at the Bob Chisholm Community Center served an estimated 400 meals at the dinner, Helping Hands Chief Executive Officer Alan Evans said.

"It's amazing how many people want to come together and have this meal," Evans said.

The annual dinner has grown from its inception 15 years ago, which was held at the Helping Hands office and included a small handful of volunteers and two to three cooked turkeys.

"We'd serve those and be done," said Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn, one of the early volunteers. "It's turned into a great community event."

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Cannon Beach Academy seeks volunteers

School reaches out to provide student services

By BRENNA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Three months in, the Cannon Beach Academy is operating much like the other schools in the region. Parent-teacher conferences are around the corner, and the students are gearing up for the winter holiday program.

But unlike most, many functions of the charter school are done by volunteers. And the lack of volunteers is creating stress for the academy's four full-time staff members, said Amy Moore, the academy's executive director, at a recent board meeting.

In order to adequately serve the school's 21 students, Moore needs at least one person in the morning and one in the afternoon for breakfast and lunch five days a week. But the number of volunteers and how much time they can donate varies each week, often leaving Moore running the breakfast service on her own.

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The 'Turkey Torrent'

Runners convene in Seaside on Thanksgiving holiday

First-place finisher Alex Van Slyke of Seaside with second-place runner Denis Glenn of San Francisco.

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SEASIDE — A little rain wasn't about to keep anybody away.

Applause and cheers greeted runners and walkers who braved the elements in Seaside's annual Turkey Trot, a 5K run from Quatat Park to the Prom, down to Avenue S, east to Edgewood and back to the park.

Formidable winds added to the challenge for runners.

"I thought it would slow them down, but I think it's even almost more fun because it's raining," said Grace Smith of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District. "It's a little more excitement."

Sunset Rec Executive Director Skyler Archibald joined the cast of about 70 runners, his third year as a participant.

Out-of-towners included the Tingley family, who visit

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Women's race winner Ginny Meadway of Seaside finished with a time of 19:55.

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