

First-ever Coast Community Festival features cook-off, concert

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach's first-ever Coastal Community Festival is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12, with an outdoor marketplace featuring arts and crafts, food vendors, a farmer's market, live music and a unique Blue Barrel chef's cook-off planned for the day-long event at Cannon Beach City Park (207 N. Spruce St.).

The festival offers a fun way to build awareness for safety and emergency preparedness.

Events kick off at 9 a.m. with a Safety Fair lineup that includes the police department, fire and rescue, Life Flight and Medix.

"This is an opportunity for community members of all ages to connect with local officials through fun safety activities such as a Bike Rodeo," Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said. Other programs represented include water safety



Haystack Rock

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education, pedestrian safety, poison safety and household safety from Pacific Power and Northwest Natural Gas.

The Blue Barrel Challenge will include celebrity chefs competing on site to create the best dish from non-perishable food items typically found in emergency preparedness barrels stored in disaster cache sites around town.

The chefs will need to

build and maintain a fire, as well as prepare and cook their meals using the contents in the barrel. Each barrel will contain a mystery ingredient as well as other local fresh-foraged foods. The cooking competition begins at 1 p.m.

Throughout the day — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — the festival will feature a farmer's market with arts and crafts, as well as home and garden vendors.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program will be selling their handmade jewelry as part of their "Trash Talk" project. Fashioned from microplastic marine debris, the unique jewelry pieces tell a story and inspire HRAP support. Visitors are encouraged to collect beach debris and bring it in to make a necklace for themselves. Artists from

the area will give classes on using unique mediums to create beautiful works of art throughout the day.

To close the festival, the musical talent of blues guitarists Mary Flower, Mark Shark and Thad Beckman will join forces for an evening concert of lively acoustic music. The concert begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m.

The Coastal Community Festival is free and sponsored by the City of Cannon Beach.

For more information, call the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce at 503-436-2811 or visit the Chamber's events website at cannonbeach.org/events/Entertainment/Coastal-Community-Festival.

Enjoy art in the park

FORT CLATSOP — The art, dance and music event known as "Sunday in the Park with Art," an experience combining hiking and art at Fort Clatsop within the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, takes place May 6.

This season, the event takes the form of a play with two "acts" along the Netul River Trail, a two-mile round-trip stroll.

Act I begins at 1 p.m. at the Netul Landing north shelter. Music, dance and art installations will entice the walking audience northward along the trail to the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center picnic area. There, participants will enjoy an interactive intermission and ready themselves for Act II and walk southward back to the Netul River parking lot, starting at 2:30 p.m. A different experience of music and dance will greet the audience during this segment as new performers take the place of the Act I artists.

Those who have attended previous events will notice the ease of traveling along the art/hike this year, the third installation of this event. The smooth, flat river trail is a departure from the longer curvy, rocky and sometimes steep Kwis Kwis trail on the west side of Fort Clatsop Road.

The organizers are excited that this year, artists and hikers will experience the ecology of the river and the riparian zone, which provides a home to thousands of plants and animals and plays a critical role between upland areas of Fort Clatsop and open water.

"Ready yourselves



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Hikers will encounter art installations on their hike.

to be taken over by the incredible talent in our area," organizer Marco Davis said. "These artists bring their expression and share it with us as we connect to the earth and the elements and their art and each other."

"Sunday in the Park with Art," an all-ages, family-friendly event, happens rain or shine. Come dressed for the elements and feel free to add flair. Arrive early to purchase a pass at the Visitor Center, \$5 for ages 16 and older, free for anyone under 16.

For more information, call the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center at 503-861-2471, or keep up to date on the "Sunday in the Park with Art" Facebook page.



Join us at the 2018 Coastal Community Festival for an all day free event for the whole family with music, arts and crafts, a safety fair, food, celebrity cook off, Farmers Market and so much more.

May 12, 2018, 9:00am to 7:30pm
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