

IN BRIEF

Transit district selected for emissions reduction program

The Sunset Empire Transportation District was selected for an Oregon Department of Transportation program that will assist with reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The transit district will receive guidance from a consultant – Jacobs Engineering Group – on tracking and reducing emissions, as well as developing resources for fleet electrification.

The program will last for a year.

Seaside names new code compliance official

SEASIDE — Anne McBride, the city’s emergency preparedness coordinator, has taken on an added role as the city’s new code compliance official.

McBride has replaced Jeff Flory, who was named planning director after the retirement of Kevin Cupples.

The compliance official, part of the Community Development Department, is tasked with vacation rental ordinance enforcement, dwelling inspections and dealing with all city issues related to the city’s more than 400 vacation rentals.

“This is a new assignment for me and one which I have been involved with in a support role since I started at Community Development almost four years ago,” McBride said. “Many of the properties are familiar, and I am well acquainted with the ordinances that govern the short-term rental policies.”

The official provides backup support for other members of the building and planning departments and works with the police department and courts as it relates to escalated complaints and violations.

McBride has served as the city’s emergency preparedness coordinator and community development assistant, taking the lead with emergency preparedness, planning and response.

The Astorian recognized with several awards

The Astorian was recognized with several awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association for work published in 2021.

In the annual Better Newspaper Contest, announced last week in Welches, The Astorian won first place for Page One design for the work of page designer Matthew Vann, editor Derrick DePledge and former associate editor Jonathan Williams.

The newspaper won first place for Graphics for the work of production manager John Bruijn.

The Astorian took second place for editorial page and third place for overall website.

The Astorian was third for general excellence.

Several reporters earned individual awards.

Nicole Bales was second place for enterprise reporting.

Erick Bengel was second place for writing.

Ethan Myers was second place for education coverage.

Williams was second place and Elleda Wilson was third place for local column.

Reporters were also recognized for their work at other newspapers last year.

Bales was second place for education coverage while at The Bulletin in Bend.

Abbey McDonald shared first-place awards for enterprise reporting and coverage of business and economic issues while at the Malheur Enterprise.

The Seaside Signal won first place for design and second place for editor R.J. Marx for editorial column.

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ON THE RECORD

DUII

• Richard Paul Braskett, 52, of Camas, Washington, was arrested on Monday at W. Marine Drive and the roundabout in Astoria for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Gregory Edward McCollum, 62, of Gearhart, was arrested on July 30 for DUII and public indecency in the Sunset Beach area.

• Iris Rose Dougherty, 34, of Portland, was arrested on July 29 on U.S. Highway 26 near West Humbug Creek

for DUII and reckless driving.

• Brian Uriel Macias-Diaz, 24, of Portland, was arrested on July 27 on U.S. Highway 30 near the Taylorville Road intersection for DUII and reckless driving.

• Walter Douglas Fowler, 30, of Warrenton, was arrested on July 23 at the Sunset Beach approach for DUII.

• Robert Alvarez, 65, of Beaverton, was arrested on July 22 at the entrance to Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria for DUII.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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CORGI DAY

TOP: Corgis were back at Cannon Beach on Saturday in a benefit for the Oregon Humane Society. **RIGHT:** ‘Willow’ was scooped up by Lauren Kuperstein at the corgi races. **BELOW:** A corgi wearing goggles trotted along the beach.

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FINN FEST

Aila Hazen took part in the opening ceremonies of the Naselle Finnish American Folk Festival over the weekend.

Patrick Webb/Chinook Observer



ROUNDING THE TURN



Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

Delaney Gray, of Chinook, riding ‘Murphy,’ rounded a turn in the barrel racing event at the Long Beach Rodeo over the weekend.