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Funds 4 Kids

More than \$32,529 from the former Cannon Beach Food Systems, which has disbanded, will go to buy food for the Food 4 Kids program in Seaside. Gathered to celebrate the donation are members from both the Cannon Beach and Seaside groups. The Cannon Beach Food Systems once was a 501 (c) (3) organization that administered the Cannon Beach Backpack program, which donated food to low income children on weekends and holidays. The backpack program was discontinued when Cannon Beach Elementary School was closed in June 2013. Food 4 Kids, which now serves youngsters from both Cannon Beach and Seaside, started three years ago through a grant from the Cannon Beach program. Pictured are, back row, from left: Jim Casterline, Carole Whitlock, Bill Bennett, Martha Bennett, Linda Beck-Sweeney, Judine Brooks, Lianne Thompson, Carol Ertwine, Sharon Clyde, Karen Hoyt, Al Peinhardt, Brandy Cook, Marty Schwab Harris and Liz Freer. Front row, from left: Maureen Casterline; Coral Cook; Rosemary Kemper-Riddock.

Burr jumps into role vacated by Vanderberg

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plans specifically for mass sheltering and mass care. She has lent her expertise to the cities of Eugene and Florence; Lane, Linn and Benton counties; the American Red Cross of Oregon; the Regional Tribes of the Northwest; and the Oregon Department of Justice.

A hiring committee — composed of Kucera, Mushen, Vetter, Mayor Sam Steidel, Public Works Director Dan Grassick, Capt. Matt Gardner of Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, and emergency preparedness committee member Doug Wood — chose Burr from a pool of 10 applicants.

Those 10 were initially shortlisted to five candidates, who underwent hour-long interviews over a two-day period in mid-January. It ultimately came down to Burr and one other applicant. After lengthy discussion, Burr became the group's unanimous choice, Kucera said.

"I think she's going to be extremely helpful," Vetter said. "She's very knowledgeable. She's very personable. She's impressed us all as a go-getter."

'True collaboration'

Burr said the hiring process was "one of the more forward-thinking" she's ever experienced.

Usually, "I just sit down with the city manager," she said. But this time she faced "quite a robust group" of disaster stakeholders.

And, quite often, "you either have city officials that are really on point with disaster management and they're dragging the community behind them, or it's the opposite," she said.

In Cannon Beach, both the city and the community seem to be on the same page, she said.

"It's so refreshing to have this 21st century concept of true collaboration," she said. "That rarely happens."

Haystack Gardens to build apartments for workforce

Ground may be broken this month for housing that could offer shelter to 10 to 14 people

By Erick Bengel
Cannon Beach Gazette

Haystack Gardens may break ground on a new

workforce housing project on East Gower Street this month, pending approval of a building permit application.

The proposal calls for a three-unit residential apartment building with attached garages. Two four-bedroom units will occupy the second floor above the garages, and a smaller studio will sit on the ground floor.

The project was approved

by the planning commission in December and the design review board in January, City Planner Mark Barnes said.

He estimates that anywhere from 10 to 14 people could occupy the building, which will comprise 2,405 square feet on the first level and 1,999 on the second level, totaling 4,404 square feet.

The project team includes

Mike Skidmore, a Seattle architect; Cannon Beach Landscape Service; and civil engineers from HLB Otak, a Gearhart company.

Additional work will need to be done to reconfigure and re-landscape Haystack Gardens' manicured lawn area, just west of where the apartments will sit. This will involve relocating the wedding trellis, according to site plans.

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