

Council discusses how to proceed on gravel roads

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in a public hearing people (outside the neighborhood) can say they don't want it paved," said Councilor Mike Benefield, who added that those who don't live in the neighborhood shouldn't have that much control.

But Mayor Sam Steidel noted that second-homeowners who might live in larger cities where all the streets are paved and who think their neighborhoods should also be paved might not understand that it is within Cannon Beach's character to have gravel roads.

"I want to make sure the public has the right to say that they don't want the streets to be paved," Steidel said.

Councilor George Vetter also expressed concern that the public — and the City Council — might have too much say over what a local neighborhood

has agreed it wants and is willing to pay for.

"I fear we're making an adversarial situation for ourselves," Vetter said.

"It makes me a little uncomfortable telling them

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George Vetter, Cannon Beach city councilor

they can get their street paved, but maybe not," he added.

But Councilor Wendy Higgins noted that "people want to be heard."

"Yeah, sometimes it gets emotional, but that's our job," she said.

City Manager Brant Kucera agreed. "If you're asking people to pay 20 percent of the cost, they have a right to be heard," he said.

But, he added, "People across town aren't going to be affected. I would hope that the government body takes into account that 98 percent of the neighborhood wants it."

Councilor Melissa Cadwallader noted that, if the City Council is required to make the final decision, then "We have to hear all sides."

Cadwallader also asked Grassick whether the vegetation in the neighborhood would be taken into account when the street design is drawn. Grassick said the paving would generally follow the existing right of way. Local roads that wind around trees now will remain that way, even if they are paved, he said.

Prescription card program offers discounts

Clatsop County has joined a new program to help county residents manage the cost of prescription medications.

Through a partnership with the National Association of Counties, the free prescription discount card program provides Clatsop County residents with a card that can save them an average of 24 percent off the retail price of prescription medications.

The card is available for use regardless of age or income and can be used by those who do not have insurance or who have prescriptions not covered by insurance.

The card can also be used to save money on some pet medications. It is accepted at 65,000 pharmacies nationwide including all the major chains like Wal-Mart, CVS/pharmacy, Walgreens, Giant, Safeway and Rite Aid.

Participating pharmacies also include the majority of community-based, independent pharmacies.

The prescription discount cards are available in Clatsop County at numerous locations. For a complete list of locations go to www.co.clatsop.or.us. The cards can also be printed from www.nacorx.org. Residents can locate the nearest participating pharmacy from the same website or call toll-free at 1-877-321-2652 for assistance with the program.

The program is administered by CVS Caremark.

It is not an insurance plan.

"We are pleased to work with counties across the country to bring cost-saving programs to those who need them," said Riki Hokama, president of the National Association of Counties. "Our ultimate goal is to help counties and their residents, and efforts like this offer them an important service."

Clatsop County joins more than 1,400 counties across the country offering the prescription discount card program to residents. Since the program's inception in 2005, participating counties have saved their residents more than \$586 million on the cost of their prescriptions.

Reception set for artist Angela Woods

A reception for artist Angela Woods is planned from 5 to 6 p.m. March 27 in the Northwest By Northwest Gallery, 232 N. Spruce St.

Woods' paintings will be on display through April 10 as part of the gallery's exhibition of contemporary western oil paintings.

Her vision comes from a love of the West, enhanced

by a childhood spent riding horses and playing with Navajo children while her mother worked as an anthropologist. Woods' experiences influenced her world view and encouraged respect for the land, animals and humans.

"I would like my paintings to evoke a feeling or memory through simple

compositions," Woods said.

She has won awards for her contemporary oil paintings, and her work has been published.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Contemporary western oil painter Angela Woods developed her love for animals as a child. A reception is planned from 5 to 6 p.m. March 27 at Northwest By Northwest Gallery.



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Oil painting by Angela Woods will be on display at Northwest By Northwest Gallery, 232 N. Spruce St. from March 27 through April 10.

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