

# From one coast to another Gazette introduces a new editor

The Cannon Beach Gazette welcomes a new editor to its staff this week. R.J. Marx joins the paper, replacing recently retired editor Nancy McCarthy.

Marx comes to the north Oregon coast following an 18-year tenure at The Record-Review, a weekly headquartered in Katonah, New York, about 40 miles north of New York City. Important stories over the years included the devastation of Hurricane Sandy in 2012; the Bedford Central School District's "Satan Suit," a legal challenge which helped define the parameters of public school curriculum; and the celebrity adventures (and misadventures) of local residents Martha Stewart, Richard Gere and Donald Trump. Marx managed coverage of land preservation initiatives; the growth of a regional grassroots effort to promote sustainable energy and reduce greenhouse emissions; and the fair and affordable housing settlement between affluent Westchester County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Under his helm, Marx helped guide The Record-Review to editorial and design awards at the New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest in 2014. In years past, the newspaper was awarded the prestigious John C. Dorman award for "Best Overall" weekly newspaper in New York four times since 1997.

"I feel I can relate to the North Coast demographic and the community in terms of the issues that are really important here — specifically, the environment, social issues and affordable housing," Marx said Tuesday. "I'm really looking forward to joining this very strong staff and great bunch of people. So far, my experience has been really terrific in the area, and I really invite everybody to reach out and introduce themselves."

"Journalism is important to me because journalists, by nature, have to be brave. They have to ask the tough questions. This can lead to change, confront wrongs, and do something positive for the world we live in. I look at



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**R.J. Marx at the office of the Cannon Beach Gazette on Tuesday morning.**

journalism as a day-in and day-out process. There are many great moments, but you always know that tomorrow's going to be another story and another

adventure. And I think what I feel proud about is that I'm able to maintain a steady and strong record that I feel proud of over the years."

# LUBA upholds county's liquefied natural gas pipeline ruling

The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on April 29 voted to uphold Clatsop County's 2013 ruling rejecting an application for construction of 41 miles of pipeline to serve a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal in Warrenton.

There is a 21-day window for the applicant, Oregon Pipeline LLC, to appeal LUBA's ruling to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

"In October 2013, the board of commissioners determined the application submitted by Oregon Pipeline LLC for the construction of a 41-mile high-pressure pipeline through Clatsop County did not comply with our Comprehensive Plan. Today we are pleased to learn that the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals upheld our decision to deny the application," said board chairman Scott Lee.

LUBA rejected all or part of five of the eight "assignments of error" claimed by Oregon Pipeline and examined by the appeals panel for Wednesday's ruling. They included findings by the board of commissioners that the proposed project fell

short of county standards for compatibility with nearby residential uses, conflicts with other uses in aquatic land-use zones, and potential adverse impacts from construction of the pipeline using horizontal directional drilling.

The county commissioners originally approved Oregon Pipeline's consolidated land-use application in November 2010, but two months later the board, with three new commissioners, voted to withdraw that approval. Following a lengthy legal process, in October 2013 the board formally rejected the application.

Oregon Pipeline appealed the decision to LUBA, which ruled last June that former commissioner Peter Huhtala demonstrated bias when he voted for the 2011 withdrawal and the 2013 denial, and directed the county to reconsider the application. Clatsop County appealed LUBA's ruling to the Oregon Court of Appeals, which overturned LUBA's bias ruling and directed the state panel to examine the remainder of Oregon Pipeline's petition

# Chamber board looking to fill up to 3 vacancies

The terms of three Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors members will expire in June, and the board's Nominating Committee is now accepting applications to fill the upcoming vacancies.

Some of the candidate criteria are:

- Must be a member of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce in good standing
- Period of service is 3 years
- Must attend at least 75 percent of board meetings (nine per year, out of 12 total)
- Can be eligible for two consecutive terms of three

years maximum

- Election to be held after Nominating Committee of President, Vice President, and Past President review applications and submit them to the membership for vote within 10 days after nominations are closed
- Announcement of election results will be declared at the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting in June

For applications, please contact Executive Director Courtland Carrier at 503-436-2623 (phone), 503-436-0910 (fax) or CourtC@cannonbeach.org.

# County pursues permanent hazardous waste facility

Clatsop County is moving forward this year with the centerpiece of its Household Hazardous Waste Program — the development of a permanent collection center for the disposal of toxic, flammable and corrosive items.

The facility, targeted for construction at the Astoria Transfer Station in Astoria, will collect hazardous products such as pesticides and herbicides, paint, cleaning solvents and other materials not suitable for disposal with standard household trash. The facility is expected to open in April 2016. As a result of the project, the county will no longer sponsor the yearly

household hazardous waste collection events held each May. Until the new collection facility is operating, residents who need to dispose of hazardous products may find other options at [www.co.clatsop.or.us](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us).

The household hazardous waste collection facility will be open at least eight times a year to collect waste items from county residents and qualifying small businesses. The center will be funded through a grant from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and a surcharge on garbage collection rates.

Many home and yard products when not completely

used up accumulate in our cabinets, garage shelves, or outdoor sheds exposing children and pets to toxic chemicals. Hazardous wastes should not be put down home drains, street storm water drains, discarded in the garbage or poured on the ground.

The dangers of improper disposal may not be immediately obvious, but this pollutes our waters, places harmful chemicals in the sewage/septic systems that aren't designed to remove chemicals, and exposes waste haulers and fire fighters needlessly to hazardous conditions.

Below are ways to reduce hazards year-round:

- Reduce the amount that may sit in your cupboards by purchasing only what you need.
- Before buying, read the labels so that you can choose to purchase non-toxic products whenever possible.
- Look into green alternative products and give them a try. Most work as well as toxic chemicals and are much safer.
- When storing your hazardous products put them in a safe place away from children and pets, and keep them in their original containers.
- Share unused product with a neighbor or friend to get rid of it all.

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