

Sroufe Fountain finds new home

Fountain honors legacy of James Harley Sroufe

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A 40-year-old memorial fountain in Cannon Beach is relocating to a more prominent home. The Cannon Beach public art committee repaired and moved the Sroufe Memorial Fountain next to the Cannon Beach Library. The fountain will be more visible to the public on the city-owned property adjacent to the sidewalk. The fountain, a piece of public functional art and memorial to James Harley Sroufe, was originally erected in the city park that Sroufe helped create, moved near the Christian Conference Center for a time before moving to the most current location between the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce and the tennis courts on East Second Avenue.

The public art committee, an informal city committee composed of local artists, gallery owners, members of the parks and community services committee and other locals, decided the out-of-the-way location wasn't doing justice to the legacy of Sroufe and proposed the relocation to the city. Members of the committee had hoped to have the project finished by April, before tourist season began, but the project wasn't approved until May and started the first week of June. The project was de-



RUTH ZSCHOMLER PHOTO FOR CANNON BEACH GAZETTE
Workers in front of the library will be the new site of the Sroufe Memorial Fountain.

layed when the library board decided to include a landscape update plan with the fountain relocation, according to Public Works Director Dan Grassick.

"The fountain operating mechanism was removed, repaired and re-installed. The exterior surface was cleaned and polished," Grassick said. "The project will be finished in time for our annual Fourth of July weekend used book sale," Library Manager Buddie Anderson said.

According to Anderson, the library covered the cost of the landscaping, landscaper designer Beth Holland handled the design and installation of the new soil and plants and the city covered the cost of the installation of the fountain, plumbing, and excavating. "The city has been so generous working with us to make this whole project possible," Anderson said.

Project manager Tracy Sund was instrumental in

getting this relocation done, Anderson said.

The landscape design includes a new stone pathway and a complete array of full plants and ornamental grasses. "It is a work in progress," Holland said.

The drinking fountain hasn't worked for some time now, but "should be a fully functional water fountain when the install is completed," Grassick said.

The new installation includes an underground steel support frame to handle the weight of the marble structure. Harold Van Winkle, President of Cannon Beach Construction, the contractors hired for the job, said the fountain is very heavy and delicate to move. As a result, it needs the stainless steel frame to sit in to keep it stable and also to be able to remove the fountain if repairs are needed.

Van Winkle said the base of the fountain weighs around 600 pounds.

"There is also a well underneath that can be accessed through the step area to repair plumbing issues that may arise," Van Winkle said.

This is something the fountain previously lacked. Van Winkle said the fountain installation should last for many years without major issues.

The artistic drinking fountain was designed by the late John Yeon, former Portland architect and Cannon Beach resident and was built and dedicated in the honor of Sroufe, another prominent Cannon Beach citizen, shortly after his death in 1964. Sroufe owned Sroufe's Grocery on North Hemlock Street from 1951 until his death, and was a member of the city parks committee.

The inscription on the marble base of the fountain reads: "Drink to the memory of Harley Sroufe. A toast from his friends. 1964." Now, more people will continue to benefit from Sroufe's legacy.

Former Mayor Mike Morgan was involved in the initial stages of the relocation process. "Although the memorial was to Harley Sroufe, his wife, Margaret, was a volunteer at the library for many years," he said. "The new location is fitting in all aspects."

The city will continue to maintain the fountain, according to an agreement between the city and the library.

"The library is honored to be the new home for the Sroufe Memorial Fountain," Anderson said.

Cannon Beach Police Log

June 1

2:25 a.m. 1400 block of South Hemlock Street: suspicious circumstances. Received a report of a person banging on doors. Subject was intoxicated and locked out of room. Reunited with girlfriend.

June 2

1:05 a.m. Tolovana Wayside: camping within city limits. Subject warned for unlawful lodging.

3:47 p.m. 20 block of Promenade in Seaside: assistance provided to Seaside Police Department. Witnesses believed subject was selling drugs from his vehicle. Officer made contact with subject and was given consent to search vehicle with K-9 Officer Gunner. Gunner did not alert. Cleared.

June 4

12:22 a.m. Second Street sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects contacted and warned for overnight camping.

12:49 a.m. Sandpiper parking lot: camping within city limits. Subjects contacted and warned for overnight camping.

June 5

12:29 a.m. Tolovana Wayside: camping within city limits. Subjects warned for unlawful lodging.

1:22 a.m. West Van Buren Street: camping within city limits. Subjects warned for unlawful lodging.

2:38 a.m. Second Street sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects warned for unlawful lodging.

10:56 p.m. Second Street sewer ponds: camping within city limits. Subjects contacted about overnight camping.

June 6

6:35 p.m. Pacific Street and Brallier Road: assistance rendered. Male subject called requesting help. Subject indicated that he had been riding his bike, which now had a flat tire, and he had become lost. He was trying to locate where he was staying with friends. Officer gave subject a courtesy ride. Subject was reunited with friends.

9:02 p.m. 1900 block of Pacific Drive: camping within city limits. Report of subjects setting up tent on beach, possibly for camping. Officer contacted subject and advised that camping was not allowed on the beach or in the city

12:47 p.m. East 2nd Street. Camping within city limits. Two subjects warned for overnight camping.

2:09 p.m. Request by Seaside Police Department to assist with

uncooperative, intoxicated, male. Diverted upon arrival to search for domestic assault suspect/victim.

2:29 p.m. Report of domestic assault walking southbound from Ave. A. Male was observed striking female. Police were unable to locate the subjects described.

4:40 p.m. 1200 Block S. Hemlock, warrant arrest. Subject arrested for misdemeanor warrant out of Clatsop County Sheriff's Office for contempt of court. Subject transported to Clatsop County Jail without incident.

5 p.m. Highway 101, mile-post 33 traffic complaint. Caller reporting person hanging out of passenger window. Officers were unable to locate vehicle.

11:47 p.m. 2nd/Sewer Ponds; Camping within city limits. Subject contacted for camping and escorted to North Cannon.

June 8

3:08 a.m. Pacific/Susitna, driver charged after failure to carry or present license.

9:39 a.m. Beach/Susitna, property found. A cell phone was found and returned to owner.

12:02 p.m. Ecola Court, assistance rendered. Report of stolen/lost purse. Subject initially requested tow to get vehicle back to Seaside due to keys being in purse that was stolen or misplaced. prior to arrival.

June 9

12:19 a.m. 2nd St Sewer ponds, Camping within city limits.

12:23 a.m. 2nd St Sewer Ponds. Camping within city limits.

12:31 a.m. 2nd St. restrooms. Camping within city limits.

8:58 p.m. Hemlock/Forest Lawn. Dog at large. Reported dogs running at large in the roadway. Officer arrived on scene but was unable to locate the animals. Officer cleared.

1:12 p.m. Sleepy Monk, complaint of an elderly, confused male in the shop. Officer arrived. Subject was not confused, only transient and passing through town on his way to California. Officer directed him to the bus stop.

1:29 p.m. Mo's in Tolovana Park. Suspicious circumstances; complaint of a subject lurking about parked vehicles. Officer arrived on scene.

2:55 p.m. Hemlock and 2nd; Dog at large. Report of dogs that ran from owners on the beach. The owners chased the dogs through town and eventually captured them in the downtown area.

3 p.m. RV resort; Dog at large. Report of a found dog. Officer picked up dog and transported it home to owner.

June 10

12:15 a.m. Beach/Gower. code violation. Report of a paintball course set up on the beach. Officer arrived and advised the organizer that paintball guns could not be discharged, per city ordinance. Officer cleared.

2:58 p.m. 200 block, S. Hemlock. Police rendered assistance to a citizen with a child locked in vehicle. Gary's Service Center called to unlock the vehicle.

3:41 p.m. Property found. Found wallet and cell phone on bench outside business. Phone contact made with employer, per business card in wallet. They said they would advise owner. Owner claimed property a short time later.

June 11

12:26 a.m. 2nd Street/Sewer Ponds. Subject warned for camping within city limits.

10:59 a.m. Highway 101, traffic complaint. Complaint of road rage on Highway 101 from Seaside to Cannon Beach. Suspect vehicle was a maroon Eclipse, partial plate 914, turned off at Hallmark exit into Cannon Beach.

4:32 p.m. 100 Block Tyee. Parking complaint. Subjects renting vacation home called requesting officer response as neighbors had complained to vacation rental company that they had parked a camper on the street, in violation of city code. Officer arrived and determined the camper was parked in a side driveway and was in code compliance. No action taken.

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