

A Glimpse Inside

# Tougher, more punk rock than you thought

An occasional feature by MATT LOVE

I had an hour to kill in Cannon Beach before being interviewed for a top-secret documentary film.

Why not kill that hour with a beer? Why not kill it inside the Cannon Beach Hardware and Public House, or Screw and Brew as it's colloquially known. I'd never been there before, heard great things about it, and well, I also needed some batteries for my camera.

I walked inside and took a seat in the bar area. I instantly dug the décor: funky, kitsch, utilitarian, a little Bohemian, a little cheeky, too. The condom packages posted on either side of a mounted, painted, crosscut saw blade were an especially amusing touch. Maybe Cannon Beach is a little more ribald than I thought.

ents sipped margaritas in silence.

Coloring is dead. The beer arrived, and it tasted good. The NBA finals were underway on television, and I heard someone waxing about the Portland Trail Blazers, circa 1977, and how Larry Steele was his favorite member of the franchise's only league championship. My favorite Blazer on that legendary team was Herm Gilliam, quite possibly the last NBA player to wear white canvas Chuck Taylor hightops while winning a title.

I glanced around some more. Almost all the servers sported tattoos. There was even a local young woman with a turquoise streak in her blonde hair. They looked good, kind of tough, kind of punk rock. Maybe Cannon Beach is



PHOTO BY MATT LOVE

The Screw and Brew adds a little punk rock to Cannon Beach.

There was even a lending library near a window, which soothes my soul as an author. Naturally, I stashed one of my books in there. Maybe someone will steal it.

An ale brewed in some desert city of Eastern Oregon appealed to me. I ordered it and looked over to a table hosting an attractive family of five with three children under the age of 8 or 9. Every one of the kids was fiddling on a fancy phone while the par-

a little tougher and punk rock than I thought.

An hour elapsed, and it was time to hit the road. I walked to the truck and drove away. Five minutes later, I realized I had forgotten the batteries.

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# Evaluate your disaster kit at Camp Prepare!

Camp Prepare! on Saturday, Aug. 1, offers an opportunity to test your disaster kit and see what it would be like to survive after a calamity. Conceived by the American Red Cross Cascades Region in 2014, the event aims to get people to live off their disaster kit for one night by camping out. The idea is to spend one night living without

the comforts of electricity, running water or technology.

Common items used for camping such as water, canned food, flashlights, extra batteries and first-aid supplies are just a few of the items that should be in a disaster preparedness kit. While the Red Cross recommends at least a three-day supply of food and water, larg-

er disasters may require people to have enough supplies to live comfortably for several weeks as may be the case when the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake hits.

To participate and become an official "camper," visit [www.redcross.org/campprepare](http://www.redcross.org/campprepare). In addition to camping registration, the website offers

information about what belongs in a typical preparedness kit and what to do before, during and after common disasters. Registrants who submit a photo, or post to Facebook and "share" with the Red Cross, will be entered in a drawing for a Red Cross T-shirt. For more information, visit [www.redcross.org/cascades](http://www.redcross.org/cascades).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rethink school move

Dear Citizens of Seaside: I recently read *The New Yorker* article, "The Really Big One," by Kathryn Schultz regarding the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and what will happen to the Pacific Northwest coast when it ruptures.

A section of the article mentioned Superintendent of Schools Doug Dougherty's efforts to pass a failed bond measure in Seaside that would have built a new K-12 school above the tsunami-inundation zone. What are you thinking? Why would you not face this issue, and deal with it, to prevent the loss of your community's most vulnerable members and your most precious asset — your beautiful children?

I lived in Florida for 30 years before moving to Wisconsin. I've been through multiple hurricanes. You must do what you can to mitigate natural disasters, whether they arrive in your lifetime or in 100 years. It's so worth it. Please reconsider.

And lastly, not doing this paints your community in a very poor light. Bad public relations for Seaside, for sure.

Julie Garrett  
Madison, Wis.

### Need our own PUD?

The Seaside/Gearhart area suffered an embarrassing six-hour power outage during the evening of the 4th of July. Pacific Power later explained that a balloon had caused a transformer to short out and a repair crew had to be dispatched from Portland. Besides the inconvenience to residents and the 40,000 visitors, tens of thousands of dollars in sales were

lost, hundreds of employees lost wages, traffic was snarled for hours and personal safety was jeopardized. Over the last 10 years, Cannon Beach has also suffered numerous power outages as a result of the tenuous electrical infrastructure Pacific Power has installed to service this area.

Pacific Power provides power to Clatsop County from its coal-fired plants in Wyoming. Over 20 jurisdictions in Oregon have opted out of Pacific Power to form their own electric public utilities all of which reduced the cost of power to their customers. In the event of a Cascadia earthquake

it is predicted that the Clatsop County area will be without electrical power for three to six months if we don't have a local source of power. Pacific Power is well aware that their service area in Clatsop County is vulnerable to competition since successful public utility districts, such as those in Tillamook and Clatskanie, border it. Pacific Power has responded by putting former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen on one of its advisory committees.

Why not replace Pacific Power with our own public utility district? Cannon Beach residents must hate knowing that they purchase coal-fired

electricity. We have so much local logging slash piled up in south Clatsop County that it has created, through spontaneous combustion, numerous forest fires. Cannon Beach has just closed its Ecola Reserve because of fire concerns. A biomass power plant is a time tested alternative energy source that will provide 24/7 inexpensive, reliable, alternative power, 75 family wage jobs, increased forest fire safety and a million dollars of waste steam to heat local schools, hospitals, recreation facilities, convention facilities and sewage plants.

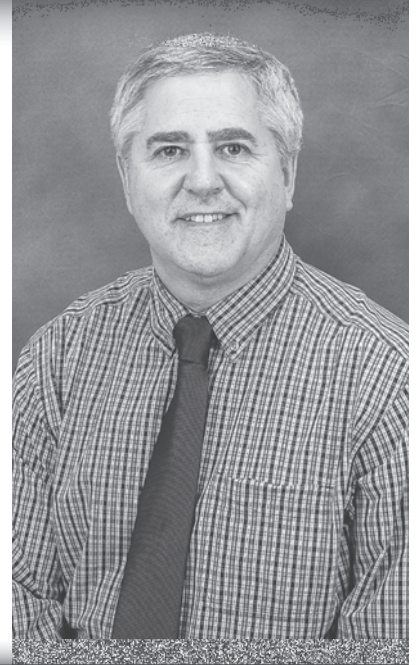
John Dunzer  
Seaside

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## MEETINGS AUGUST 2015

4	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
20	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
27	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, July 7 2015

- Council recognized Police Officer Devon Edwards for her service to the City. She has taken a position in Washington;
- Council proclaimed August 4, 2015 as National Night Out Day in the City of Cannon Beach;
- Council proclaimed the month of September as 'Be College Ready' month;
- Council approved the implementation of the Strategic Plan beginning with a Citizen Survey;
- Council approved the FY 2015-16 Tourism & Arts Fund grant awards.
- Council approved a letter of support to Department of Land Conservation (DLCD) and Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) for a grant submission;
- Council approved the new contract with the Police Guild for the Cannon Beach Police Department.

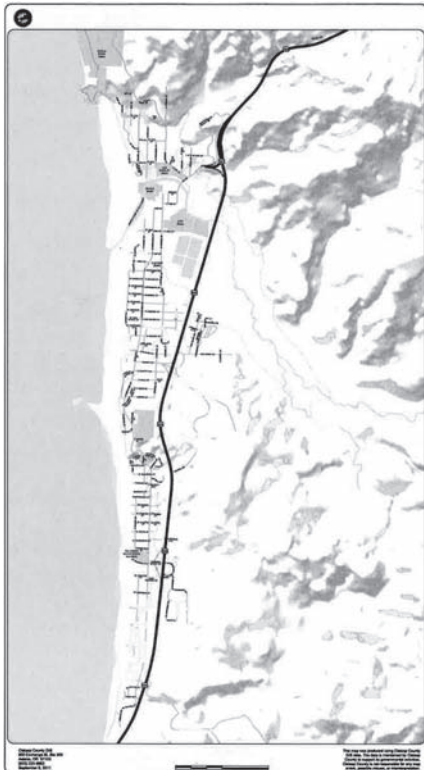
### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & WORK SESSION July 14, 2015

- Council approved the City Manager and Mayor to sign a new franchise renewal with Pacficorp in the Special Meeting portion of the meeting;
- Council reviewed the FY 2015-16 Community Grant Award recommendations from the Parks and Community Services Committee;
- The City Planner discussed with Council the implications of a FEMA Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the City;
- The City Manager and Council discussed the progress of Cannon Beach becoming a member of Tree City USA. The proclamation will be read at the September City Potluck;
- Council discussed the 1% transient room tax to

- include the required ordinance;
- The City Planner led a discussion regarding future dune grading and the upgrading of the sand management element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - At their June 18, 2015 meeting the Design Review Board discussed:

- DRB 15-08;** Application for major modifications to an exterior walkway of an existing commercial building at 251 N. Hemlock Street. **Approved**
- The DRB met July 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and discussed:
- DRB 15-09;** Application for Major Modifications to an Existing restaurant, the Lumberyard, at 264 E 3rd Street. **Approved**
- DRB 15-10;** Application for a New Commercial Building, Pelican Pub, at 1371 S Hemlock Street. **Approved.**



### PLANNING COMMISSION

- At their June 25, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission discussed:
- SR 15-03;** Construction Headquarters, Inc. Request for a Setback Reduction in Conjunction with a Remodel at 163 E Chisana. **Approved**
- The Planning Commission met July 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and discussed:
- SV 15-02;** Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and City of Cannon Beach Request for a Sign Variance for an Emergency Locate Sign. **Approved**
- V 15-02;** Request for a Height and Floor Area Ratio Variance in Conjunction with a Remodel at 172 W Harrison St. **Denied**
- CU 15-03;** Request for a Dune Grading West of the Breakers Point Condominium Development. **Continued to 8/27/15 Planning Commission Meeting.**

### Haystack Rock Awareness Program

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program invites you to the HRAP Summer Potluck. This year's theme is 'Sea Bird Monitoring and Marine Reserves' with guest speakers: Amelia O'Conner & Nadia Gardner. It is a free Public Event! Join us at the Cannon Beach City Hall, Saturday, August 8th at 6:00pm.

### Cannon Beach Farmers Market

The Cannon Beach Farmers Market will be held Tuesdays through September from 1-5pm. The prepared food and live music are open from 1-5pm and the vendors are open from 2-5pm.

The Cannon Beach Farmers Market Children's Passport Program will continue Tuesdays through August 25th at 3pm. Jason, Jackson and Jasmine Schermerhorn along with Matt Gardner will lead the group. Participants will receive \$2 in tokens at each market they attend and keep a record of their purchases. They will have the opportunity to meet the farmers and learn more about where their food comes from. There will also be fun activities and cooking demonstrations by Taste of Place, operated by the Oregon State University Extension Service. If you or someone you know is interested please email [cbfm.manager@gmail.com](mailto:cbfm.manager@gmail.com) or call 503-436-8044.

### NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

**BUDGET COMMITTEE: ONE (1)** vacancy to fill a three-year term.

The primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is to review and recommend the proposed annual budget for the City. The Budget Committee meets on several occasions between the end of April and the end of June. Meeting times vary.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: THREE (3)** vacancies to fill four-year terms.

The primary responsibility of the Emergency Preparedness Committee is to plan emergency response on a city-wide basis and make recommendations to the City Council. The Emergency Preparedness Committee holds its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and schedules work sessions as needed.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: One (1)** vacancy to fill a four-year term beginning August 1, 2015.

The primary responsibility of the Public Works Committee is to review all public works projects and make recommendations to City Council. The Public Works Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

To be eligible to serve on a City committee, applicants must have resided within the city or its urban growth boundary during the one year immediately preceding appointment; or

at the time of appointment, shall have owned real property located within the city or its urban growth boundary for at least one year immediately preceding appointment.

Applications are available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, by email addressed to [riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us), or on-line at [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us). Applications should be returned to Colleen Riggs, City Recorder, Cannon Beach City Hall, and P.O. Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110. no later than August 21, 2015 for consideration at the September 1, 2015 City Council meeting. For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

### Community Grants

The Parks and Community Services Committee met Thursday, June 18, 2015 to review grant applications and prepare recommendations. The City Council reviewed the grant award recommendations at their work session Tuesday, July 14, 2015 and final consideration of the awards is scheduled for the City Council meeting on Tuesday August 4, 2015.

There will be a City Potluck at the Chamber of Commerce Community Hall in September to present the awards.

### Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

The City of Cannon Beach sponsors CERT training for citizens residing in Cannon Beach. CERT trains citizens to be prepared for disasters and respond to emergency situations within their communities. Trained CERT volunteers are able to give critical support to their family, neighborhood, first responders and provide immediate assistance to disaster victims. CERT volunteers also help with non-emergency projects that increase our community's preparedness and resilience.

CERT courses consist of a series of classes that focus on preparedness, hazards in the area, fire safety, basic disaster medical skills, and light search and rescue activities. Each course concludes with a mock disaster drill that tests the participants' training. First responders teach the CERT courses.

For information about the classes schedule and to enroll, please contact Laura Yokoyama at [yokoyama@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:yokoyama@ci.cannon-beach.or.us) or (503) 436-2811.

### 2nd Annual National Night Out

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year, the Cannon Beach Police Department has organized the 2nd Annual National Night Out in Cannon Beach inviting everyone to come to this fun and informative event. It will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at City Park and the Chamber of Commerce.