

## Wayfarer patio causes friction with neighbors

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A privacy screen was not installed and removal of shrubbery along the south property line was not approved, the letter stated.

Sears added that a concrete patio less than two feet from the shared property line replaced what was once hedge and grass providing visual and sound buffers between the two properties.

The patio, adjacent to the main living area and ocean front yard, has ruined his view, he said. When he purchased the property in 2008, the restaurant had a small wood patio on the side of his property and seated 20. The wood patio and seating remains, with an additional patio area with a 50-diner capacity.

"The negative impact of the new patio on my property is substantial," he said. "I lost the landscape buffer that previously existed, I lost all visual privacy. Imagine being 1 1/2 feet away from a 50-person outdoor restaurant where everybody is looking through your yard to see Haystack Rock. The noise generated by the new patio when it is in use can be heard inside my house even with the windows closed."

He called Martin Hospitality's response "arrogant" and said the new patio is preventing his duplex from being sold at full market value.

"I understand when people disagree with a decision," Sears added. "I disagreed with the decision to approve the new patio, but as a law-abiding citizen, I had to live with its existence until the city had time to review my complaint and take action. They are intentionally taking the value of my property for the profit of their business."

### Peak season profits

In a second letter sent July 24, the city followed up on its July 2 correspondence, asking the Wayfarer not to seat anyone on the new patio until proper approval was given.

City Manager Brant Kucera warned Martin Hospitality the restaurant would be in violation of municipal code and fined \$400 per day beginning July 27 if it didn't stop using the outdoor patio.

Snyder said the company received the city's letter in early July and did not receive a date to appear on the Design Review Board agenda until September, despite a request to be heard at the board's August meeting.

The company is willing to go through the Design Review Board process, he noted, but has no plans to curtail use of the new outdoor patio in the meantime. Every day the patio would be closed, Snyder said, would result in lost revenue, particularly during busy summer months.

Martin Hospitality will "not allow that to happen," he said.

He added that the restaurant has been in the same location since 1977, with a patio since 1997, so Sears knew what he was getting into when he bought a property next door.

"I think the complaint is self-serving," Snyder said.

Sears called the dispute between himself and Cannon Beach's largest employer a "David and Goliath" one.

Even if police enforce the city's fine, Sears said, a court may ultimately decide whether Martin Hospitality pays or not.

The Design Review Board will examine the Wayfarer's patio plans later this month.

## New truck hauls it all at Haystack Rock

By Dani Palmer  
Cannon Beach Gazette

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program is wrapping up a successful beach season, in part thanks to a new, big red truck.

The truck "hauls a trailer with everything" staff and volunteers need for the beach, including signs, brochures and bird-watching telescopes, said Melissa Keyser, the program's interim coordinator.

Volunteers utilize the tools to educate the public about Haystack Rock and help protect its marine garden environment.

The group purchased the Ford 250 in March because its old truck would often break down, canceling beach time, Keyser said.

The new truck was specifically chosen because it sits higher off the ground and has an enclosed engine, preventing salt water and sand from spraying into it.

"It just made more sense cost-wise to buy a new truck," Keyser said.

Friends of Haystack Rock Chair Stacy Benefield said the final cost was \$29,425. The truck was purchased from Northside Ford in Portland. The city provided \$13,000, Friends raised about \$2,675 during weekend beach shifts and the Oregon Community



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The Haystack Rock Awareness Program celebrated the purchase of an F-250 Ford pickup to help beach cleanup and research programs.

Foundation granted the group \$13,750. That money came from the late Gainer Minott's endowment fund.

Friends of Haystack Rock Treasurer Barb Knop said the money's source was "very fitting" as Minott was "dedicated to the environment and education," having served on the Seaside School District 10 Board of Directors at one point.

"She was a longtime resident of Cannon Beach," Benefield said. "She loved Cannon Beach and she loved Haystack Rock."

She added that Friends of Haystack Rock board members worked hard on the grant and are "just thrilled to be able to help them get the truck they desperately needed to do what they do on the beach."

"The truck is integral to the program," she added. "They can take their classroom to the beach. It's the program in a trailer."

Later this month, staff will unload trailer items. Sept. 27 has been marked on the calendar as the truck's last day out.

It'll be stored at Public Works over the winter. Bene-

field noted city staff will occasionally drive it so it doesn't just sit. Maintenance money comes out of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program's general budget.

The truck will be back on the beach early next year, used "every day during low tide, daytime hours" when weather permits from February to September, Keyser said.

"It's allowed us to have a more successful season," she added. "We've been able to reach more people because we have a truck that works."

## Sudden summer windstorm pounded region

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A storm blew over the North Coast last weekend, blowing down trees, wreaking havoc on the Hood to Coast Relay finish, stripping the Astoria Column restoration and closing access to Coxcomb Hill.

Saturday's storm toppled several trees, along with many limbs and branches, in Cannon Beach, according to Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn.

There was a tree downed near Les Shirley Park, another on Ecola Park Road and three on the highway in midtown.

"The dayshift officer was kept busy responding to these incidents," he said.

After a calm Friday, a hurricane-like swarm of clouds brought winds gusting as high as 85 mph down on the Lower Columbia region. The National Weather Service increased its previous gale warning to a storm, remaining in effect through noon Saturday.

By late Saturday morning, gusts were reported as high as 84.8 mph on Radar Ridge in Pacific (Wash.) County, 78.2 over the Astoria Bridge, 70 mph on Washington's Cape Disappointment and 60 mph above Clatsop Spit. The

winds built seas to between 14 and 16 feet, closing the Columbia River Bar to recreational traffic, and with it much of the Buoy 10 salmon fishery. A gale warning remained in effect through Saturday night.

The winds stripped off tarps on the scaffolding placed around the Astoria Column for its restoration and blew down trees and closed access to Coxcomb Drive through the weekend. Meanwhile, Hood to Coast organizers in Seaside had to cancel the relay's beach after-party and establish gathering space inside the Shilo Inn.

The storm knocked out power to nearly 3,600 residents around Astoria Saturday, along with others on the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula and in South County.

The winds stayed above 20 mph at the National Weather Service's monitoring station at the Astoria Regional Airport between 3 a.m. and 7 p.m. Another smaller storm surge kept winds between 10 and 15 mph between 12:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

The National Weather Service lists August as typically Cannon Beach's warmest month, and also its driest. November is statistically its wettest.

## Arts Association issues a call for artists

The Cannon Beach Arts Association is seeking volunteers to assist the organization in fulfilling its mission to support, fund and enhance the arts and artists in Cannon Beach and the surrounding region through education, events and exhibits.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit since 1986, the arts association operates the Cannon Beach Gallery, located at 1064 S. Hemlock St., in a space shared with Bald Eagle Coffee House and Eatery.

The Cannon Beach Gallery hosts exhibits that feature the work of emerging and established career artists and is staffed by volunteer docents.

Docent responsibilities include interacting with gallery visitors and patrons, making art sales, answering phone calls, and light clerical work. Gallery retail experience is not necessary; training is provided. Docents may be eligi-

ble to show artwork on the gallery's dedicated docent wall space with a sustained commitment of six hours of volunteering per month.

Volunteers with accounting skills, grant writing ability, as well as those with an interest in fundraising and interacting with the local business community, are needed to meet the administrative needs of the organization.

Additional programs of the CBAA include a high school scholarship award, summer art camp, individual artist grant, summer internship and arts in education program for supporting the arts in area schools.

There are many ways to get involved and help support the arts on the north Oregon coast.

For more information contact CBAA program director Jane Brumfield at cannonbeacharts@gmail.com or 503-436-0744; www.cannonbeacharts.org.

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