

Join the South Slough Scramble on Saturday

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park hosts the sixth annual free South Slough Scramble Sept. 26, at 10 a.m. at Netul Landing. The date is also National Public Lands Day, an annual event to encourage everyone to visit federal lands, when admission to all National Park Service sites is free.

With the South Slough Scramble, the Lewis and Clark National Park Association, Providence Seaside Hospital, and Sunset Empire Parks & Recreation District are teaming up for diabetes awareness. This Outpace Diabetes hike/run includes a health fair

with information about diabetes, nutrition, and heart-healthy habits. The starting line will be at the park's Netul Landing, 1 1/2 miles south of Fort Clatsop.

Runners and hikers can register for one of two options, a 5K and a 10K loop. Both loops take participants along the ups and downs of the South Slough Trail into the coastal hills, and along the Lewis and Clark River. Rain or shine; no strollers or pets. Pre-register for free at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center or online at www.sunsetempire.com, or register the day of the event from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Tune in live to the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup

Coast Community Radio will broadcast live from the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup on Saturday, Sept. 26, in Astoria. The event is organized and presented by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, with proceeds benefiting local downtown revitalization efforts. There will be live

music, food vendors and fun activity for kids.

Coast Community Radio broadcasts along the Oregon and Southwest Washington coast. Listen at KMUN 91.9 Astoria, KTCB 89.5 Tillamook, on the website coastradio.org and from your mobile device on the TuneIn app.

Participate in 'Giving Back'

The Daily Astorian's Giving Back publication is designed to give area nonprofits and the corporations that support them a platform for exposing their mission and their fundraising needs. This resource guide will in-

clude contact information for volunteering as well as for charitable giving. Contact Betty Smith or Holly Larkins at (503) 325-3211 or bsmith@dailyastorian.com or hlarkins@dailyastorian.com. Deadline is Oct. 2.

Ribbon-cutting at North Fork 53

North Fork 53 presents an autumn evening with local farmers and fishers, chefs and friends. The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 10, 4 to 9 p.m. at 77282 Highway 53 in Nehalem. Highlights include dinner, drinks, live music, ribbon-cutting store and farm tours, along with regionally sourced meats,

seafood, vegetables and fruits. Proceeds from this event will directly support local farmers and be used to grow a North Coast grown distribution and marketing cooperative.

To learn more about North Fork 53 or tickets for the Oct. 10 event, visit www.northfork53.com.

Visitors from 'floating cities' come to Cannon Beach

By R.J. Marx
Cannon Beach Gazette

They're called "floating cities" and can carry crews of 1,000 people and 3,000 visitors. Unleashed into the Port of Astoria, visitors are offered their choice of 17 local and historic excursions in the regions. The Coral Princess arrived Sept. 19, carrying 1,974 passengers. Two hundred of those visitors signed up to travel on one of the motor coaches to Cannon Beach, Seaside and destinations south.

The "Ultimate Coast Tour" is among the most popular tours offered by Sundial Travel in Astoria, which books many of the excursions.

"One of the first coastal villages you'll pass is Seaside," is how Sundial describes the tour. "This charming resort offers boutiques, art galleries, miles of beach and not a single parking meter. Continuing southward, you'll pass Cannon Beach, famous for the natural phenomenon known as Haystack Rock. Composed of basalt, this 235-foot-tall rock formation is the home to puffins, sea gulls and cormorants."

The excursion travels over Neahkahnie Mountain to Tillamook for the dairy experience before heading back northward to Cannon Beach. "Immerse yourself in this quaint coastal town noted as a 'photographer's paradise,'" Sundial writes. "You have several options at your own leisure, a quick stroll on the beach and shopping."

Jim Paino of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce meets visitors on their arrival at the Visitor Center. He said he never knows how many visitors will arrive as excursion tickets are sold up to the last minute. "People will come in to Astoria and make their decisions then," he said.



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Buses lined at the Seaside Convention Center awaiting cruise ship passengers.

"With only an hour to see the sights, visitors walk downtown or to the beach "to get a quick sense of what Cannon beach is all about," he said.

Each guest is greeted with a bag of candy from Bruce's, flyers and coupons.

Twenty to 25 new cruise ships come into Astoria from the Mediterranean and Caribbean, Cruise Marketing Manager Bruce Conner of Sundial Travel said in a cruise ship report to the Port of Astoria Commission earlier this year. Conner figured about 80 percent of passengers leave the ship. Each couple spends about \$125, translating to about \$150,000 for a 3,000 passengers.

Fees for the excursion are almost \$78 per passenger, not including tax and fees.

A typical tour leaves Astoria at 11 a.m., stops in Cannon Beach, comes up to Seaside and arrives back in Astoria at 3 p.m. Since the tours use local school buses to transport passengers, when school is in session weekday tours take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity for school bus drivers to drop kids off in the morning and to pick students up in the afternoon.



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Astoria resident and coach driver Denise Richardson waits for tourists to return in Seaside. Next stop: Cannon Beach.

What are visitors looking for? "They want exclusivity, they want to feel they're getting something nobody else is getting," Jon Rahl of the Seaside Visitors Bureau said at a meeting of the Seaside Downtown Development Association this month. "It's a challenge to keep it fresh."

Jeff Ter Har of Ter Har's in Cannon Beach and Seaside suggested a guide system to direct visitors through South County communities. "It's a matter of time," he said. "They're all worried

about how much time they have. The big thing is getting them into the businesses. We need to give them a path."

Along with the Coral Princess, Jewel of the City arrived in Astoria Sept. 20, with 1,916 passengers. The Oosterdam will follow Sept. 28, with 1,916 visitors and the Norwegian Pearl arrives with 2,394 passengers Sept. 29, and the Norwegian Pearl will be carrying 2,394. The Noordam comes in Sept. 30, carrying 1,916 visitors. The Norwegian Jewel arrives Oct. 1 bearing 2,376 passengers.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
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CITY MANAGER: Brant Kucera

MEETINGS OCTOBER 2015

6	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
13	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
15	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
22	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, September 1, 2015

- Proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week in the City of Cannon Beach;
- Proclaimed September 3, 2015 as Arbor Day in the City of Cannon Beach;
- Discussed dune grading permitting;
- Approved a new lease with Charter Communications;
- Appointed John Maddocks to serve on the Budget Committee and Katie Voelke to serve on the Public Works Committee;
- Approved the forms and schedule for the annual review of the City Manager.

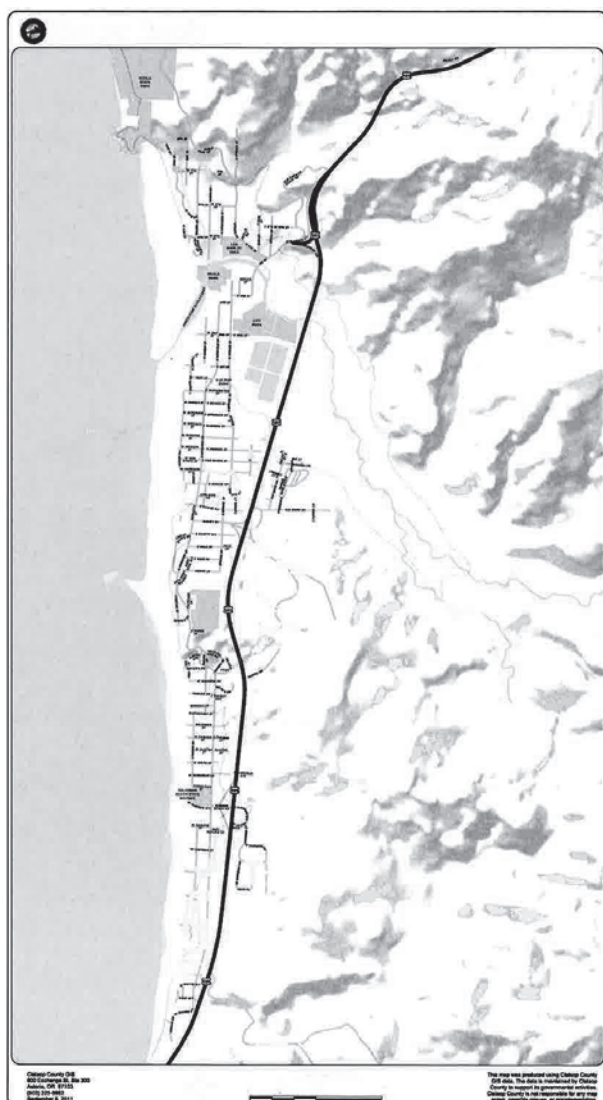
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with the Tourism & Arts Commission, September 2, 2015

- Met with the Tourism & Arts Commission to discuss the Tourism & Arts Fund and to review the program. Agreed to make no changes to the program.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, September 8, 2015

- Listened to presentations by Mike Manzulli of the Ecola Creek Watershed Council and members of the Surfrider Foundation;
- Finance Director Laurie Sawrey presented an overview of the FY 2014-15 financial report;
- Discussed recently passed HB 3400 which amended both the

Oregon Medical Marijuana Act and the Control and Regulations of Marijuana Act. The Council agreed



to defer more discussion until after the City Attorney has had a chance to attend the upcoming League of

Oregon Cities conference which will address this issue in detail;

- Discussed the strategic plan process.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

- A team of City employees participated in the recent 'RACE the WAVE' 5K & 10K Fun Run/Walk held here in Cannon Beach, Sunday, September 13th. This was the second annual tsunami awareness and preparedness initiative and proceeds benefited the Cannon Beach PreSchool and Children's Center;
- The City Manager attended the League of Oregon Cities Conference September 24 - 26, as did Mayor Steidel, Councilors Higgins and Vetter, and the City Attorney;
- City Recorder Riggs attended the Oregon Association of Municipal Records annual training and conference September 15-17;

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

- At their September 17, 2015 meeting the Design Review Board discussed:
- DRB 15-12**, Cannon Beach Conference Center, Application for Construction of a New Building at 289 N. Spruce Street.
- Approved with Conditions**
- DRB 15-13**, New Cingular

Wireless PCS, LLC, Application for Reconstruction and Expansion of an Existing Building at 315 S Spruce

Street. **Approved**

PLANNING COMMISSION - At their September 21, 2015 meeting the Planning Commission discussed: **AA 15-0**, Johnson and Siebert-Wahrmund Appeal of Administrative Decision Approving DP 15-02, Neikes Development Permit. **Continued.**

The Planning Commission also held a work session to discuss the tree ordinance.

Cannon Beach Farmers Market

The last Cannon Beach Farmers Market of the season will be Tuesday, September 29th. You won't want to miss it!

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

If you have signed up for CERT, the first training will be Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Cannon Beach Fire Station, 188 Sunset Blvd, Cannon Beach.

Attention all City of Cannon Beach Committee, Board and Commission Members!

Save the date: Wednesday, October 14th. The City would like to honor its volunteers who serve on city committees, boards and commissions - you know who you are!. We will be having a Pizza Night get-together at the Chamber of Commerce Community Hall beginning at 5:30 pm. We hope to see you there!