

CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

# Environmental, safety concerns cited in paving project

## Neighbors unanimous in support of street-paving project

By Dani Palmer  
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The Cannon Beach City Council approved a neighborhood paving project Oct. 6 that will have residents of North Eighth Street paying 80 percent of the cost to pave their gravel road. The city will pay the rest.

"This is one of the first requests following the update of the street standards," Public Works Director Dan Grassick said.

The project consists of a 14- to 15-foot wide paved street section on Eighth Street between Ecola Park Road and Oak Street — predicted to be finished by the end of October. The estimated cost is \$7,700.

Residents made the request because they were concerned about dust and hazardous driving conditions with potholes.

"This improvement does improve the health of resi-

dents," Eighth Street resident Les Wierson said.

Neighbors also noted loose gravel is being carried into the stormwater system. Grassick added the gravel is being dragged onto Ecola Park Road.

"It's a nightmare for us," he said.

There are 10 affected property owners. Eight returned a questionnaire providing support for the paving and two indicated verbal support, Wierson said.

Cannon Beach resident Jan Siebert-Wahrmund asked questions and noted she's not "a fan of more asphalt" as it can produce more heat and have a negative impact on the environment.

The Environmental Protection Agency calls it the "heat island effect."

During an August work session, Grassick noted staff had utilized council members' recommendation to add language regarding health hazards and environmental effects that can occur with paving.

The street standards policy was revised earlier this year. It included recommendations the Public Works Committee gave to implement the gravel street renovation program.



Intersection of Ecola Park Road and 8th Street, where street paving is about to begin.

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### In other City Council news:

- An easement vacation was approved for Old Highway 101.

- The council declared October Domestic Awareness Month.

- A contract between the city and Chamber of Commerce was extended.

Executive Director Court Carrier and business owners asked the council to move faster on room tax allocation. It

should be ready for approval in November, City Manager Brant Kucera said.

- The purchase of a front-end loader was approved.

# Homeowners' dune-grading appeal deemed too late for review

## Too late to protest dune grading limits, councilors say

By Dani Palmer  
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On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the Cannon Beach City Council dismissed an appeal to conditions tacked onto the Planning Commission's approval of dune grading at Breakers Point after councilors agreed it was "untimely." The council did not delve into the substance of the appeal as members said it had been filed too late to be considered.

Breakers Point homeowners Frank and Janet

Patrick, a member of the Planning Commission who had recused herself from the hearing process, appealed two conditions of the plan requiring the Breakers Point Homeowners Association to wait on further dune grading projects until the city has approved a revised sand management and Breakers Point's revegetation plan has established success. These could be up to 18 to 24 months after the project's start, according to planning commissioners.

The Patricks argued the conditions are "improper restrictions" as they have no specific end date

and supersede Oregon law. The decision, they said, amounts to a moratorium,



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### Breakers Point in Cannon Beach.

which would be illegal under existing statutes.

The city's consulting attorney Carrie Richter with the law firm Garvey Schubert Barer Richter wrote the decision was within the city's right. "Since there is no denial or delay,

there is no moratorium and any such allegation is premature," she said.

Executive Director of the Oregon Coast Alliance Cameron La Follette wrote a letter asking the council to dismiss the Patricks' appeal because it was five days late and "impermissible to appeal conditions without appealing the decision underlying the conditions."

Cannon Beach ordinance states a decision to the Planning Commission may be appealed within 20 days of the final order being signed.

The City Council decided the final order was effective Aug. 27, the night of Planning Commission approval, rather than Sept. 1, when the 13,700-cubic-yard dune

grading project decision was mailed out. The Patricks' appeal was filed Sept. 21, outside the date property owners may appeal.

La Follette wrote that the Sept. 1 memo stating the "applicant or parties may appeal within 20 days of the date of this letter" was inaccurate as it did not follow the timeline allowed by city code. Councilor Mike Benefield said he believed the final order was signed on Aug. 27, and suggested the council dismiss the appeal.

The decision was unanimous. Councilor Melissa Cadwallader was absent.

The city is in the process now of drafting a new ordinance that would prohibit

dune grading until Cannon Beach's sand management plan update is complete. The ordinance could take up to 60 days to implement, City Planner Mark Barnes said.

He estimated a time frame of roughly 18 months for adoption of the new sand management plan. The Aug. 27 Planning Commission approval of a Breakers Point request for dune grading will not be impacted if it is approved.

Breakers Point will grade 13,700 cubic yards of sand west of the development to restore views and improve beach access. Future dune grading requests will be possible, but only after completion of the city's sand management plan.



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The Cannon Beach Police Department partook in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Sept. 25, with help from city employees.

Challenged by American Legion Post 168, the Cannon Beach Police Department participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Sept. 25,

with help from city employees. The department challenged fellow local law enforcement agencies to do the same and donated \$100 to the ALS As-

sociation. The American Legion was challenged by local artist Susan Simon, whose son, Adam, an U.S. Air Force veteran, has ALS.

# Farmers Market celebrates end of season

By Dani Palmer  
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The Cannon Beach Farmers Market wrapped up another successful year on Tuesday, Sept. 29. This summer, the market introduced a children's Passport Program, showing the kids where their food comes from. Margaret Christians

served as a volunteer for it. Her husband, Darrel, greeted market customers.

On Sept. 29, they were honored as Volunteers of the Year during an after-party celebration. Market Manager Philomena Lloyd said they'd done a great job over their two seasons. Margaret has volunteered at numerous organizations since she

was a child, encouraged by her parents. She was just "crusing by, walking my dog" when she saw the market and made an inquiry. She started the next week.

The Cannon Beach Farmers Market is always looking for volunteers.

"It's all about having fun and enjoying yourself," Margaret said.

# Tickets on sale for Iron Chef Goes Coastal event

Tickets are on sale now for the eighth annual Iron Chef Goes Coastal, which will take place at the Seaside Convention Center Nov. 3.

Tickets can be purchased at U.S. Bank branches, the United Way of Clatsop County office at 10th Street and Marine Drive in Astoria, or at [www.brownpaper-tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper-tickets.com). General admission is \$35 (\$40 at the door), and reserved seating is \$65.

The event consists of 10 or 12 restaurants that provide appetizers and desserts to attendees. Attendees vote on the restaurant appetizers and desserts and select a People's Choice winner in each category.

As part of the evening's entertainment, there is a visible kitchen set-up where four chefs in teams of two have an hour to prepare a meal and are judged by a panel of five judges.

The team that wins returns to compete the following year. People's Choice winners also participate in the next year's event.

The Nov. 3 Iron Chef Goes Coastal opens at 5 p.m. and usually wraps up around 8:30 p.m. Guests have the opportunity to taste a wide variety of gourmet food and watch professional chefs at work. TV personnel who interview competitors record the

event throughout the evening.

A silent auction will also take place during the event. The highest-bidding winners receive great baskets of prizes all while knowing they are also supporting the United Way.

For more information, contact United Way of Clatsop County Executive Director Stacey Brown at 503-325-1961 or [uwccdirector@pacifier.com](mailto:uwccdirector@pacifier.com), or visit [www.clatsopunitedway.org](http://www.clatsopunitedway.org).

# Fall quilt exhibit in Cannon Beach Saturday

Join the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum and Cathy Erickson on Saturday, Oct. 24, for the opening of Erickson's solo show "What Remains: Japanese Americans in Internment Camps." For more than a decade, Erickson has

focused her artwork on the hardships Japanese-Americans faced in camps during World War II. The exhibit explores the stories, experiences and history behind Japanese internment camps in America during World War II through textile art.

An opening reception takes place at 6 p.m. and the exhibit will be on display through February.

The museum is located at 1387 South Spruce St.; for more information call 503-436-9301 or visit [cbhistory.org](http://cbhistory.org).

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