

Authors take the stage in lecture series

As we welcomed the holiday season this windy and rainy winter, we at the library celebrated our annual Holiday Tea on Dec. 5. A part of the Haystack Holidays events, the tea is our way of thanking one and all for supporting us throughout the year! Our quilt drawing was done at the Tea, and the lucky winner is Andrea Mace, a local resident.

Other library events for December were the Haystack Rock Awareness program series and Cannon Beach Reads. Northwest Author Series will resume in January 2016 and the library membership meetings will resume in February 2016. On Dec. 9, Jesse Jones was the speaker at the HRAP event. Jones, formerly of the Necanicum Watershed Council, is now affiliated with Surfrider. His

AT THE LIBRARY
CARLA O'REILLY



interesting lecture focused on "Perspectives on Ecola Watershed Health."

Cannon Beach Reads met Dec. 16 to discuss *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown. Subtitled "Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics," the book tells the story of the eight-oar crew team from the University of Washington. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, they were successful in winning the Olympic Gold Medal against all odds. The group will meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 20 — save the date

Future Haystack Rock lecture series programs for the 2015-16 season include: Wednesday, Jan. 13, Joshua Saranpaa, director, Wildlife Center of the North Coast, "A Sanctuary for Oregon's Seabirds"; Wednesday, Feb. 10, Dr. Debbie Duffield, Oregon State University, "Marine Mammals, the Marine Mammal Stranding Network and Marine Reserves"; Wednesday, March 9, Mike Patterson, former teacher and ecological consultant, "Birds of the Pacific Northwest"; and Wednesday, April 13, Neal Maine, biologist, wildlife photographer and educator, "It's Not Just a Beach: Rethinking the Beaches."

The Friends of Haystack Rock lecture series is held the second Wednesday of each month from November to April

at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St. Programs start at 7 p.m.

Just a reminder: Our library hours will change slightly in December, as we will be closed Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve Day, and New Year's Day in order to celebrate with our families and friends.

And if you're looking for a few last minute gifts, remember to stop in to see our lovely handmade socks, hats, and mug warmers. We also have lots of books for sale, both on the Christmas sale table and in our ongoing book sale room.

Finally, no matter which winter holiday you will be celebrating, the library staff would like to extend warm wishes for joy, happiness, and especially peace to one and all!

Home for the Holidays camp

The Coaster Theatre Playhouse will hold its 2015 Winter Kidz Camp this December with the theme Home for the Holidays.

The Coaster Theatre Playhouse holds two to three Kidz Camps each year. Each camp focuses on three common aspects of theater arts: acting, singing and dancing. This theater camp can improve confidence and creativity, and campers are exposed to teamwork, respect and unlimited imagination while creating a show of their own. In addition to singing, acting, and dancing, the Home for the Holidays camp will have a theatrical makeup component. Each camper will create and apply their own unique makeup designs.

The camp is for ages 8 and up. It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, to Thursday, Dec. 24. A camp performance will take place Dec. 24, at 3 p.m. for parents and families to enjoy. Registration is \$95 per camper. Download the camp registration form at coastertheatre.com. For more information email executivedirector@coastertheatre.com or call 503-436-0609.



RAIN DAY

The view south from Ecola State Park Saturday, Dec. 13.

R.J. MARX PHOTO/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Take a tour of 'Seeing Nature'

The Cannon Beach Arts Association invites the public to join a guided tour of "Seeing Nature" at the Portland Art Museum. The event takes place Thursday, Jan. 7.

The "Seeing Nature" exhibit includes landscape masterworks from the Paul G. Allen Family Collection. The tour's guide will be eminent art historian Bill Ittman. Attendees will meet at the exhibit's entrance at 2 p.m.

A round-trip bus ticket is \$34, to be purchased in advance. The bus leaves at 8:50 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. For bus information, call 503-436-0251.

Museum tickets are \$19.99 online at portlandartmuseum.org or at the door.

The Harbor offers support for women

The Harbor's Sexual Assault Peer Center will be offering a multi-week support group for women who are survivors of sexual violence. This group meets Wednesdays through Jan. 27, from 4 to 5 p.m.

For more information and to register call Sharon at The Harbor: 503-325-3426, ext. 106, or visit www.harborow.org.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
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COUNCILORS: Wendy Higgins, Melissa Cadwallader, Mike Benefield & George Vetter
CITY MANAGER: Brant Kucera

MEETINGS JANUARY 2016

5	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
21	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, December 1, 2015

- Adopted Ordinance 15-04, for the purpose of amending Municipal Code Chapter 1.16.010, 1.16.040 and 1.16.050, Judicial Procedure;
- Adopted Resolution 15-13, for the purpose of approving increases and decreased to the FY 2015-2016 budget by making an intrafund Transfer of Appropriations;
- Authorized the Mayor and City Man-

Electric;

- City Attorney presented more information to Council on the medical and recreational marijuana laws.

CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, December 4, 2015

Council met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (b) to consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, December 12, 2015

- Met to discuss the merits of having a Council retreat/goal setting in January when Council and Staff will be meeting for strategic planning early next year.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT -

- The City has received applications from several well qualified applicants for the Receptionist/Court Clerk position. The City is hoping to have the selected candidate start at the first of the new year.
- The Friends of Cannon Beach Trees and the City are finalizing the application for the Tree City USA designation.
- There is a Toys for Tots box located in the City Hall lobby just waiting to be filled for some lucky boys and girls. Please feel free to add to it.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The November 19, 2015 scheduled meeting was cancelled.

The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet December 17, 2015 at 6:00pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION - At their November 23, 2015 meeting the Planning Commission discussed:

- V 15-03,** Rowley Request for a Lot Coverage Variance in Conjunction with a Building Addition at 188 Fernwood Street - Denied
- Tree Ordinance Work Session:** This was a work session to discuss possible amendments to the Tree Removal section of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 17.70. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 21, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Helpful tips from your Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Winterize Your Home:**
- Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
 - Winterize your house, barn, shed or any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock or equipment. Clear rain gutters; repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.
 - Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
 - Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
 - All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside and kept clear.
 - Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
 - Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
 - Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
 - Hire a contractor to check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work

To prepare for a winter storm you should do the following:

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency for a complete list of recommended products.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Sufficient heating fuel. You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a Family Communications Plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.
- Download FEMA's Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings for a summary of notifications at: www.ready.gov/prepare. Free smart phone apps, such as those available from FEMA and the American Red Cross, provide information about finding shelters, providing first aid, and seeking assistance for recovery.
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy.

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 April and the end of June. Meeting times vary.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: ONE (1) vacancy.

The Design Review Board reviews development proposals that are subject to the design review provisions of the City's zoning ordinance. There are five members on the Design Review Board, and each serves a four year term. The Design Review Board holds its regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and may also schedule work sessions as needed.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: THREE (3) vacancies.

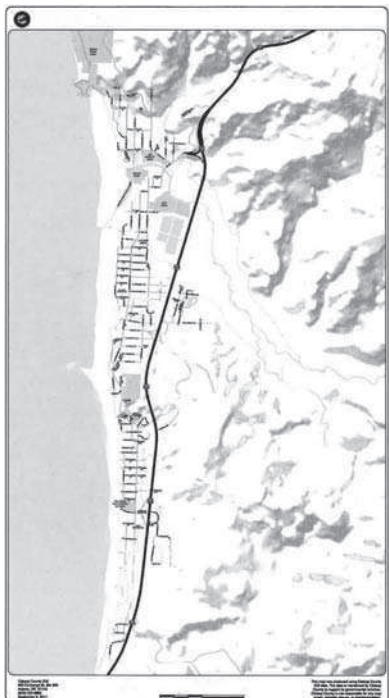
The primary responsibility of the Emergency Preparedness Committee is to promote the citizen preparedness through education and make recommendations to the City Council. The Emergency Preparedness Committee holds its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and may schedule work sessions as needed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: TWO (2) vacancies.

The seven-member Planning Commission's primary responsibility is to review and consider land use matters and make determinations and recommendations regarding appropriate and orderly physical development of the City through the application of accepted standards and criteria. The term of office is four years. The Planning Commission holds its regular meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and work sessions are scheduled monthly as needed.

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, or on-line at 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 by Monday December 28 at noon. For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday & Friday December 24th & 25
as well as Friday January 1st
The recycle center will also be closed these days**



ager to sign an agreement with the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce for a promotion program;

- Ratified the action of the City's Special Land Use Counsel in entering into the stipulated peremptory writ affirming development permit DP 15-02 approval of a dwelling for the Robert Neikes Trust;
- Authorized the City Manager to sign the contract awarding an RV Park Electrical Contract to Cannon Beach