

City wants to move power lines underground

Discussion part of long-term city goal

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Tangled and downed power lines could lead to blocked roads and chaos during an emergency.

The city is in the midst of an effort to get those lines underground, lessening the impact from outages and removing ugly poles from the streets.

The Cannon Beach City Council has discussed the possibility of eventually converting downtown businesses to underground services.

This would mean power lines would be placed underground and overhead

poles and wiring would be removed.

The council primarily wants to move power lines underground to improve downtown aesthetics and scenery, Public Works Director Dan Grassick said, but safety is another reason.

"When we have an earthquake, the biggest obstacle that occurs to evacuation routes is downed power lines," Grassick said.

When lines shake loose and come down, they will pull adjacent lines down as well, blocking roadways and escape routes.

"The best thing that coastal communities can do is put power lines underground," Grassick said. "It's better to have the power system come undone underground than above ground."

If the city chooses to move forward

with the project, it would take several years to complete because of its large scope, which may include new street lights and sidewalks.

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A 2010 Cannon Beach tsunami evacuation meeting pointed to the need for underground utilities to prevent emergency evacuation routes from being blocked by downed power lines in the aftermath of a quake or tsunami.

Last fall, at an emergency man-

agement meeting, Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said while trees and telephone poles are concerns for Cannon Beach officials, downed power lines are greater risks.

A 2015 Oregon Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan describes similar projects in Linn County, Benton County and elsewhere as ways to "enhance safety and reduce losses" during storms and other emergencies.

It is still unclear what putting power lines underground would cost Cannon Beach or downtown businesses.

"Because this is a beautification measure, all costs would be borne by the city," Pacific Power regional business manager Alisa Dunlap said.

Pacific Power will soon report to the council the cost of a project estimate.

Portland man dies in crash on Hwy. 101

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A 63-year-old Portland man died in a single-vehicle crash Saturday, March 12, on U.S. Highway 101 near Cannon Beach.

Paul Raymond Kipp was traveling southbound in his Volvo sedan around a curve when he lost control, crossed the oncoming lane and went off the shoulder, according to the Oregon State Police. The car went into a ditch, where it crashed into a set of trees. The car came to a stop between the trees, where it was overturned on the driver's side.

Kipp was pronounced dead at the scene. No passengers were in the car.

Cannon Beach Police and Fire and Rescue initially responded at about 8 p.m. Oregon State Police, Seaside Fire and Rescue, Medix and Oregon Department of Transportation units assisted at the scene.

The Oregon State Police is continuing its investigation.

Cannon Beach Chamber seeks volunteers for info center

As summer approaches, the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce is beginning preparations for the large numbers of visitors that stop at the information center. During the high season as many as 400 a day will ask for directions, recommended activities, destinations, lodging, dining and more. In 2014, more than 10,000 people stopped in during the month of August alone.

To help meet the demand and to ensure a positive experience for everyone, volunteers are needed to serve as Cannon Beach Ambassadors, help with events both large and small, greet arriving tour groups and provide assistance to visitors in the Information Center. Anyone interested in sharing their knowledge of Cannon Beach and the Oregon coast is invited to stop by the Information Center on

Spruce Street to pick up a volunteer registration packet.

The largest and most popular of Cannon Beach events is the annual Sandcastle Day in June, which, upon its 50th anniversary in 2014, was designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition by Oregon State Parks. Volunteers are always needed to answer questions, point the way, direct parking and much more.

Volunteers will be asked to track their hours, and the chamber will hold an appreciation dinner in September after the vacation season draws to a close. Details of the event will be finalized in August, and all volunteers will be invited.

Volunteer packets are also available on the chamber's website at cannonbeach.org/visitor-center. The information center is located at 207 N. Spruce Street next to the city park.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Feb. 10
12:45 a.m.: 101/Rippet Road. Subject arrested for DUII.
3:57 a.m.: 1300 Block Cascara Lane. Assist other agency with a structural fire.
2:25 p.m.: 500 Block Vine Maple. Request for a welfare check on relatives. Officer made contact and found they were fine.
4:30 p.m.: 1300 Block Cascara. Burglary: lost purse reported.
9:17 p.m.: 1300 Block 11th Ave. Assisted Seaside units in locating intoxicated female involved in a domestic.
Feb. 11
4:43 a.m.: Fir Street/Kite Factory. Suspicious circumstances. Van belonging to the Conference Center, dome light on.
9:02 p.m.: 1600 Block N Roosevelt

Dr. Heroin possession. Assist Oregon State Police.
9:13 p.m.: 3400 Block S Hemlock 233. Suspicious circumstances. Contacted staff at resort regarding a couple who was knocking on doors intoxicated. The couple were staying at the resort but seemed to be having difficulties locating their own room. Problem was solved for couple without further incident.
Feb. 12
7:56 p.m.: Hemlock/Orford. Subject arrested for DUII.
9:48 p.m.: Hemlock/Jefferson. Suspicious circumstances: Drunk male subject laying on sidewalk, another male trying to get him up.
Feb. 13
6:58 a.m.: 7th/Oak. Suspicious circumstances. Report of campers in a vehicle. Contacted, warned, cleared.
9:40 a.m.: Ocean & Jackson. Found

vehicle with Washington plate.
12:09 p.m.: Post Office. Found keys turned in.
5:56 p.m.: 3700 Block E. Chinook Street. False alarm. No signs forced entry. Activated by dog. Unable to contact responsible.
6:48 p.m.: 3500 Block Pacific/Siuslaw. Assist Cannon Beach Fire District on medical call.
Feb. 14
1:24 a.m.: Wahanna/Whispering Pines Road. Assisted Gearhart Police Department with traffic stop on vehicle suspected of stealing items off a neighbor's porch.
6:55 a.m.: Highway 101/Hug Point. Assist other agency. Received a report of a sinkhole on 101. Checked from Arcadia Beach to tunnel and back.
10:13 a.m.: Highway 101/MP 33. Traffic complaint. Report of an in-

toxicated male at the Arcadia Beach Wayside. Male had a green Subaru and was advised by park ranger that shouldn't drive. Checked in area. Unable to locate. Advised dispatch, who placed an attempt to locate out on the vehicle. Later indication that the vehicle was seen/stopped in Manzanita.
1:36 p.m.: 300 Block Elk Creek Road. Suspicious circumstances. Female came to police department concerned because she had found the words "CIA MIA MA" written in sticks on the road behind the Public Works yard going to the water tower. Unable to locate.
11:27 p.m.: RV Resort/Elk Creek. Subject arrested for DUII. BAC of .016 percent provided.
Feb. 15
5:22 a.m.: 100 Block N. Laurel. Subject(s) warned for unlawful lodging.
10:00 p.m.: Arch Cape. Assist other agency. Subject accidentally shot himself in the right calf w/.30 caliber pistol. Wound was through and through. Arrived and ensured the scene was safe for Fire Department entry.
Feb. 16
10:47 p.m.: 300 Block Elk Creek Road. Assisted female with ride to Family Market.
11:17 p.m.: 300 Block S Roosevelt Dr. Assist other agency. Verbal disturbance between three males on S. Lincoln. Located intoxicated male at bus stop in front of McDonald's.
Feb. 17
1:20 a.m.: Tolovana Wayside. Subject(s) warned for unlawful lodging.
6:42 p.m.: 500 Block Beech Street. Report of man selling meat door to door on the north end. Unable to locate man.

Feb. 18
4:24 p.m.: 3900 Block Ocean. Welfare check on female.
Feb. 19
4:42 p.m.: 100 Block Taft. Assisted person locked out of residence.
6:29 p.m.: 200 Block E. Dawes. Phone harassment. Trespass notice issued and telephonic harassment case started.
11:21 p.m.: 400 Block Elkland Road. Assist other agency with medical call. Female transported.
Feb. 20
2:40 a.m.: 200 Block Broadway, Seaside. Assist other agency. Received a report of a male attempting to start a fight with other patrons at business. Arrived post-taser deployment and stood by with Seaside officers until they transported subject to Clatsop County Jail.



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<p>8205 NEHALEM RD</p>  <p>Manzanita • \$529,000</p>	<p>388 1ST (CONDO)</p>  <p>Manzanita • \$486,900</p>	<p>4241 S HEMLOCK</p>  <p>Cannon Beach • \$439,000</p>	<p>123 S HEMLOCK (CONDO)</p>  <p>Cannon Beach • \$419,000</p>	<p>3664 S HEMLOCK</p>  <p>Cannon Beach • \$398,000</p>
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