

## Registration now open for CoastWalk Oregon

North Coast Land Conservancy, headquartered in Seaside and one Oregon's leading nonprofit land trusts, has opened registration for its inaugural CoastWalk Oregon, scheduled for Sept. 23-25. Participation is limited to the first 50 registrants.

The supported walk is part of the conservancy's 30th anniversary celebration. It will follow the route of the Oregon Coast Trail, beginning at the Columbia River's south jetty and ending in Cannon Beach—30 miles total, or

roughly 10 miles per day. Participants receive refreshments at day's end at McMenamin's Sand Trap Pub in Gearhart and the new Public Coast Brewing in Cannon Beach as well as shuttles, a gift, and a raffle ticket for a luxurious coastal getaway package.

Most of the \$300 registration fee is tax-deductible and will help NCLC achieve its 30th anniversary-year goal of raising \$30,000 for coastal conservation. For details or to register, visit CoastWalkOregon.org.

## Training open for HRAP volunteers

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program is hosting its first volunteer training of the season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the City Hall Council Chambers, 163 E. Gower St. To attend, an RSVP is requested.

The awareness program aims to educate visitors at Haystack Rock about the diverse wildlife at and around the rock. An environmental interpreter's job is to protect,

through education, the intertidal and bird ecology of the Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

The awareness program wants to ensure that all volunteers, or interested volunteers, fully understand how they can participate in the program.

To RSVP for the training, or for information, call 503-436-8095 or email hrapvolunteer@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

### LETTERS

#### Survey not needed

In completing the survey for which the City of Cannon Beach is spending \$30,000, we found that its questions were designed to apply broadly to any city in the country.

If the present city management lived in this small community, got acquainted with the citizens, took part in community activities and walked around the neighborhoods, they would know the answers to all these questions.

This expensive exercise is a poor substitute for good governing.

**Rex & Diane Amos**  
Cannon Beach

#### A thank-you to district fire board

Thank you to the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District Board for your dedicated service to the community, volunteer firefighters, rescuers and EMS providers.

I have attended several of the public board meetings over the years since I began volunteering in 1999. I have witnessed firsthand some of the challenging situations and decisions that you have been tasked with assessing and acting upon in the interest of the district, its citizens and visitors. I consistently observed that you attempted to understand the gravity of your decisions and placed your service above personal interests.

Recently, one such required action created considerable controversy with some members of the community. Being a leader sometimes means doing the unpleasant in an effort to fulfill board obligations to the district and its constituents. These actions have become even more unpleasant when faced with the realities of modern society and it became prudent to act under the guidance of legal counsel. Knowing you, I'm confident that your preference would have been to proceed more sensitively.

Again, thank you for your service and commitment to the district, its citizens and to those of us that volunteer. I'm hopeful

that the mindful citizens agree your service is worthy of continuation for as long as you're willing to serve and make the tough decisions on our behalf.

**Mark R. Morgans**  
Cannon Beach

#### Give old papers

Do you purchase or subscribe to The Daily Astorian, Cannon Beach Gazette, Seaside Signal, The Oregonian, or any other newspaper? Do you shop at or donate goods to the Warrenton Goodwill? If so, after reading your paper, instead of putting it into the recycling or garbage, put it into a bag or box and give it to Goodwill the next time you go.

They always have a need for unsoiled newspaper with which to wrap breakable purchases. The only way they get the paper is if you give it to them. They do not get it from anywhere else, and are not given money by the corporate office to purchase paper, so they run out sometimes. It doesn't cost you anything, and I bet you get a big smile and thank you to brighten your day.

**Diana Talarsky**  
Warrenton

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# Friends rally to support of Cannon Beach resident Harold Van Winkle

## After he suffers a stroke, they step up to help

By Lyra Fontaine  
Cannon Beach Gazette

Friends have started a fundraiser to support the family of longtime Cannon Beach resident Harold Van Winkle, who recently suffered a stroke.

Van Winkle, 64, had a stroke in February that fully paralyzed his left side and left him unable to stand, sit or move without assistance, Van Winkle's stepson and business partner Matthew Verley said.

Kim Villeneuve, a friend, began an online GoFundMe fundraiser this month to raise money for the family, who has been devastated by the stroke and medical expenses.

"This is a person who's been such an integral part of the Cannon Beach community. He's done an enormous amount for the city," Villeneuve said. "Our family immediately thought, we absolutely want to support him.



Harold Van Winkle

Nobody deserves to have this happen."

Van Winkle will need to undergo months of physical therapy and has incurred \$200,000 in medical expenses not covered by health insurance. He was just seven months shy of qualifying for Medicare at the time of his stroke.

By Wednesday, the GoFundMe drive had raised \$4,345 from 27 people.

"They say 'It takes a village,' so we, as friends are rallying to build 'Harold's Village' to help support him on his road to recovery," Villeneuve wrote.

**'He'll come at the drop of a dime to help. He's just been so responsive and generous and very kind!'**

Kim Villeneuve,  
speaking of Harold Van Winkle

Van Winkle and his wife, Cathy, have been fixtures in Cannon Beach for more than 15 years.

He is president of Cannon Beach Construction, which he started in 2002 after working as a general contractor on the coast since 1975.

Van Winkle's quality craftsmanship can be seen in construction projects throughout the city, just one of his contributions to the community.

His team's work includes installing the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain to the Cannon Beach Library, re-

modeling City Hall, building three bridges on the Cannon Beach nature trail and repairing many public access beach stairs, Verley said.

Van Winkle has worked with Villeneuve's family for more than a decade, remodeling their home, deck and more.

"He does everything for our house. He'll come at the drop of a dime to help," Villeneuve said. "He's just been so responsive and generous and very kind."

Donations can be made to gofundme.com, "Hope for Harold."

## Join in and celebrate 12 Days of Earth Day

### Seventh annual celebration to include first marine debris art show

By Lyra Fontaine  
Cannon Beach Gazette

As the sun starts shining brighter, now is the time to get outside and learn more about the planet. Earth Day isn't just one day in Cannon Beach, but rather almost two weeks

of environmentally conscious activities and educational opportunities, including lectures, tree planting, paper shredding and cleaning up the beach.

The unique 12 Days of Earth Day celebration, organized by a committee of volunteers, takes place April 11 to 22. This is the seventh year for the event.

The Marine Debris Art Contest is a new event this year that encourages participants to collect beach debris and use it to create art. Artwork can be brought to Cannon Beach Chamber Commu-

nity Hall between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on April 11. All pieces of art will be displayed at the hall and judged by a panel. The winner will be announced and presented with the Steve McLeod award at the City Potluck on April 15.

Individuals and businesses can celebrate Earth Day by shredding old documents at the Cannon Beach Shreds event in the Midtown parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 22.

Portland State University research professor and cultural geographer Dr. Doug Deur,

known for his studies on U.S. National Parks histories and Native American land and resource traditions, will speak at both the City Potluck and the Cannon Beach History Center.

Cannon Beach Friends of Trees will plant trees on the Oregon Department of Transportation right-of-way on Highway 101 from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 14. Middle school students from the Sunset Parks and Recreation Department will plant trees along the Cannon Beach lagoon trail at 3 p.m. on April 20.

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