

# Older Americans Act poised to return

It's been five years since the first baby boomers turned 65, and each day 10,000 more Americans reach that age.

It has also been five years since Congress allowed the Older Americans Act (OAA) to expire. A Senate bill to reauthorize the act passed the U.S. House in March.

As the population of older adults continues to increase and Americans live longer lives, our nation's policies need to keep pace.

The growing need to have effective programs that help seniors live with dignity is why I recently took a lead role in helping the House improve and pass an updated Older Americans Act.

Originally a part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, the OAA funds programs that provide services to seniors in urban, suburban and rural communities throughout the country. The law supports nutritional and transportation services, in-home and legal assistance, protections against elder abuse and family caregiver support. Taken together, Older Americans Act programs make it possible for millions of older adults to remain independent and healthy, and to age with dignity in their homes and communities.

At home in Oregon, I have seen how OAA programs help seniors remain connected to their communities and avoid costlier long-term care. Many homebound seniors receive their only hot meal of the day from programs like the OAA-funded Meals on Wheels, and the volunteers who deliver these meals may provide the only chance for social interaction. I've packaged and delivered meals to older adults and have seen how important that contact is, especially for those in isolated or rural areas.

Recently I joined hundreds of seniors to celebrate the re-opening of the newly renovated Astoria Senior Center. This vibrant community hub, and

others like it in my district, show the tremendous benefits of—and need for—social programs for our seniors.

## GUEST COLUMN

U.S. REP. SUZANNE BONAMICI

The new and bipartisan Older Americans Act also increases funding for other programs to meet the growing need for supportive services. Importantly, this legislation takes several meaningful steps to combat elder abuse.

According to the Elder Justice Coalition, there are more than 6 million victims of elder abuse every year — roughly 1 in 10 people over age 60. Victims of elder financial abuse lose an estimated \$2.9 billion a year, which sometimes includes their entire life savings. We should do all we can to make sure older adults are not robbed of their resources or denied the dignity they deserve.

But like any compromise, my colleagues and I made sacrifices in order to move this legislation closer to the finish line. We will need to continue to modernize OAA programs to reflect the increasing diversity among older adults, and in particular work to remove barriers that prevent older adults — including LGBT elders and older individuals from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds — from fully accessing the programs that keep them healthy and engaged in their communities.

The passage of the bill in the House is significant because it shows a bipartisan commitment to seniors by members of Congress, but we have a lot more to do. I'm proud of what we've accomplished, and I will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to strengthen programs for older Americans in the future.

*U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore., has served in the House since 2012.*

## 2016 National Safe Digging Month

Now that the sun is shining, many homeowners will be digging into do-it-yourself projects. Whether planning to install a fence, mailbox or plant a garden, NW Natural reminds homeowners to call 811 before they dig.

Calling 811 two business days before starting a project to locate underground utilities is not only the safe thing to do, it's the law. Unfortunately, the majority of pipeline damage is due to a homeowner or contractor digging without the proper locates done in advance.

No damage to a pipeline is too small to report to NW Natural, even a dent or scratch could compromise the system. If you smell rotten eggs, see or hear gas escaping, leave the area immediately. Call 911 and the NW Natural 24-hour emergency line at 800-882-3377.

Remember to "call before you dig" to keep the communities safe.

**Teresa Brownlie**  
Astoria

## Vote yes

Perhaps someone from *The Daily Astorian* should have talked to craft distillers in Clatsop County before declaring that we oppose the initiative to allow liquor sales in Oregon grocery stores ("Liquor initiative has a dirty little secret," April 5). I strongly support it, and so do other craft distillers here.

The initiative is simple. It will allow Oregon consumers to buy liquor in grocery stores that already sell beer and wine, just like consumers in most other states. It ends the post-Prohibition era state distribution monopoly that creates hurdles for many Oregon craft distillers, hurdles Oregon craft brewers and wine makers don't face.

The editorial argued that craft distill-

ers would "lose their access to a statewide retail network." In fact, under the current system, small distillers can't compete on a level playing field with large manufacturers because the state controls our pricing, distribution and sales. The initiative will allow us to set our own prices, and sell direct to local stores and restaurants, instead of forcing all our distribution through the state warehouse.

The editorial claims there's something hidden in the initiative because it doesn't address state liquor revenues. It's ridiculous to suggest that the legislature would allow tax-free liquor if the initiative passes, and give up more than \$200 million a year that supports state and local budgets.

The Office of Legislative Counsel assured legislators in February that they have time in 2017 to determine the best method for replacing liquor revenues when the state is out of the liquor business. Whatever method they choose, it will be more transparent and accountable than today's system, where liquor revenues are determined by unelected political appointees instead of elected lawmakers.

The initiative would help craft distillers like me. I encourage people to join me in signing the petition and voting yes in November.

**Larry Cary**  
Owner and craft distiller, Pilot House Distilling  
Astoria and Seaside

## A thank-you from Hickman family

The family of Ray Hickman would like to thank the Cannon Beach Police and Fire Departments; the Coast Guard; the Search and Rescue teams from Clatsop, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties; Mountain Wave Search and Rescue; all the volunteers, neighbors and friends who spent time

and effort in such inclement weather to search for Ray when he went missing on Jan. 30. Many of you are still looking as time permits and we appreciate that so much.

We'd also like to thank everyone who donated money and the man from Hamlet who lent the use of his drone.

We've learned that many Cannon Beach and Seaside restaurants donated food for the searchers. And we know that many from the community donated food for the searchers and for us. Thank you all.

Such an outpouring of support from the entire community has been just overwhelming, and very special. It keeps us going every day. We appreciate all of it so very much.

**The Hickman Family**  
(Anita, Holly, Michael and Maya)  
Cannon Beach

## Vote for McIntosh

Judge Phillip Nelson is retiring in January 2017 after 24 years on the Clatsop County bench. Dawn McIntosh is the best person to fill his shoes.

Dawn was born and raised in Banks, Oregon and attended Willamette Law School. She has been a trial attorney for 24 years, 12 years as a prosecutor in Multnomah and Clatsop counties, and 12 years in private practice for civil and criminal matters in Clatsop County and throughout Oregon. As a trial attorney she has earned the respect and endorsement of judges, attorneys and clients. No other candidate possesses Dawn's experience in the courtroom.

Dawn is well versed in both criminal and civil law; she is intelligent and is a tireless worker. She is the most qualified candidate to succeed Judge Nelson. I enthusiastically endorse Dawn and urge everyone to vote for her when ballots come out later this month.

**Blair Henningsgaard**  
Astoria

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### Friday, April 29

**Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee**, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, May 3

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Monday, May 9

**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District**, 6 p.m., Fire Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Blvd.

### Tuesday, May 10

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Monday, May 16

**Ecola Creek Watershed Council Meeting**, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, May 17

**Cannon Beach Public Works**, 9 a.m., City Hall 163 E. Gower St.

**Seaside School District**, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

### Thursday, May 19

**Cannon Beach Design Review Board**, City Hall, 6 p.m. 163 E. Gower St.

### Thursday, May 26

**Cannon Beach Planning Com-**

**mission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Friday, May 27

**Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee**, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

### Tuesday, June 7

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District**, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Blvd.

### Tuesday, June 14

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E.

Gower St.

### Monday, June 21

**Seaside School District**, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin St.

### Tuesday, July 5

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District**, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

### Tuesday, July 12

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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CITY MANAGER: Brant Kucera

## MEETINGS MAY 2016

<b>3</b>	<b>City Council Regular Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>City Council Work Session</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Design Review Board</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, April 5, 2016

- Municipal Court Judge Ron Woltjer swore in new Cannon Beach Police Officer Matthew Nunnally;
- Approved Proclamation 16-01 declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month;
- Approved Proclamation 16-02 declaring April also as National Child Abuse Prevention Month;
- Took no action on a proposed ordinance to ban Medical Marijuana Processing Sites, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Recreational Marijuana Producers, Recreational Marijuana Wholesalers and Recreational Marijuana Retailers, and refer the item to the voters of Cannon Beach at the November 2016 election.
- Approved Ordinance 16-02 and its companion Resolution 16-03 to refer to the Cannon Beach electors at the November 2016 election, the question of imposing a three percent tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and marijuana items by a marijuana retailer;
- Approved Ordinance 16-03 for the purpose of repealing Ordinance 14-05 and Cannon Beach Municipal Code Chapter 3.18 in its entirety. Ordinance 14-05 had imposed a 10% tax on recreational marijuana and marijuana items.
- Authorized the Mayor and City Manager to sign a new jail agreement with Clatsop County accepting the County's new fee structure;
- Upheld the Public Works Committee decision to deny a utility relief request from

the Sand Castle Home Owners Association;

- Upheld the Public Works Committee decision to deny a utility relief request from Mr. Tutmarc.

### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION, April 12, 2016

- Held a public hearing and upheld the Planning Commission's denial of a request by Tolovana Architects on behalf of property owners Fred and Margo Silvester for setback reduction at 159 Center Street, Map/TaxLots 51030DD/4600 and 4400;
- Discussed the vacation rental program.

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - At their April 14, 2016 meeting the DRB discussed:

- DRB 16-06**, City of Cannon Beach, Landscape Modifications to East City Hall Parking Lot Located at 163 E Gower Street. **Approved with Conditions**
- DRB 16-03**, Dave Norstedt, on behalf of Wayfarer Restaurant, Exterior Modifications to Existing Restaurant Located at 1190 Pacific Drive. **Continued**

### PLANNING COMMISSION - At their March 24, 2016 meeting the Planning Commission discussed:

- V 16-01**, Frank and Valerie Swedenborg Request for a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and Setback Reduction at 587 and 595 Antler Streets. **Denied**
  - CU 16-02**, Cannon Beach Distillery Conditional Use Request for 1315 S Hemlock. **Approved**
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

### Tourism & Arts Fund Grants

Tourism and Arts Fund Grant Applications are available at Cannon Beach City Hall or online at [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us). Non-profit organizations providing programs/projects that further tourism and the arts in Cannon Beach are invited to apply. All applications must be received at City Hall by 2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

### A Message from the City Manager Regarding



I'd like to thank all of the residents who have already completed their Citizen Survey and would like to encourage those who have not to take time over the next week to do so. Responses received by the end of April will be a part of the final report that will be used to help with the City Council's strategic planning process. This is your chance to have your opinion heard!

The NCS is a nationally acclaimed community livability assessment tool. It was developed by experts to produce clear, unbiased and accurate results. Although many questions are applicable to all cities you will notice that there are also questions specific to our community.

The NCS will assist council and staff in prioritizing city services that citizens feel are most important. Rarely do we hear from more than a handful of residents on any given topic, the NCS will be your opportunity to have your voice heard. You will have the option of completing the survey either online or in a paper format.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's office at (503) 436-8050.

Remember that your response is completely anonymous. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Volunteers Needed for the Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps

#### MISSION:

The Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps (CBMRC) mission is to protect the health and safety of our community by maintaining a pool of healthcare professionals and support staff that are trained and ready to respond during an emergency where local capabilities are not sufficient. The CBMRC is dedicated to promoting community resiliency and providing emergency health-related services.

The vision of the Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps (CBMRC) is to enlist citizen volunteers to assist in the establishment of an organized pool of resources capable of being deployed to support Emergency Medical Services already in place in the event of a major emergency. The goal of the CBMRC will be that of a support role in providing volunteer medical professionals and resources to augment those services in the community that are engaged in the health and welfare of the citizenry.

#### CBMRC GOALS:

1. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Unit is sponsored by the City of Cannon Beach and is intended to supplement the resources of the existing community emergency medical response system. The MRC unit will not replace or supplant the existing emergency medical response system or its resources. During emergencies, MRC volunteers may also provide an important "surge" capability to perform some functions usually performed by emergency medical response teams who have been mobilized. CBMRC volunteers can also augment medical and support staff shortages at local medical or emergency facilities.
2. The CBMRC is supported by the Cannon Beach Mass Care Planning Group that is comprised of various government and community stakeholders. The CBMRC Mass Care Planning Group will assist the City staff with planning its response to numerous health-related situations. Examples include, Mass Care response and recovery, animal care during disasters, distribution of pharmaceuticals as well support numerous tasks to help the City manage public health issues when there is a shortage of regular healthcare providers or healthcare support staff because of a local, human made or natural disaster.

For more information, or to register as a volunteer with the Cannon Beach MRC, please contact CBMRC Coordinator, Lila Wickham at (503) 504-0193 or by email [lilawickhamrn@gmail.com](mailto:lilawickhamrn@gmail.com).

**Interested? Please attend the CBMRC 'meet & greet' event April 25th 6pm-8pm at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Community Hall.**