

Haystack Rock program seeks volunteer applicants

Cannon Beach is seeking qualified applicants for rocky shore interpreters and lead rocky shore interpreters for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program. These seasonal, part-time positions run February through October under the supervision of the HRAP coordinator.

HRAP is a stewardship and environmental educational program whose mission is to protect, through education, the intertidal and seabird ecology of the Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

Interpreters educate the public about intertidal and seabird ecology, support school field trip programs, promote stewardship, redirect visitors engaging in prohibited activities, set-up and break down HRAP's mobile education unit, collect accurate data, and maintain equipment off the beach. Beach program schedule varies daily around low tide, therefore applicants must be willing to work early mornings, mid-days, evenings and weekends. Work schedules are coordinated one month in advance.



CANNON BEACH GAZETTE/FILE PHOTO

Haystack Rock in Cannon Beach

Interviews will begin in May and will continue until all positions are filled.

To apply, send a completed city application available at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us along with your cover letter or CV, resume and at least three references to Melissa Keyser, HRAP Coordinator, City of Cannon Beach, PO Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110 or email hrap@ci.cannon-beach.or.us.

CEDR workshops in the South County

Clatsop Economic Development Resources has several upcoming workshops in May to help local businesspeople.

"Excel: Level 1" teaches people how to use Microsoft Excel, an electronic spreadsheet program widely used to organize financial data. The class is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. May 10 at the South County Campus, and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Towler Hall Room 105 on the college's main campus, 1651 Lexington Ave. in Astoria. Basic computer skills are expected. The class costs \$15.

"Excel Level 2" will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. May 24 at the South County Campus and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Towler Hall Room 105. The class costs \$15.

"Ready, Set, Start Your Business" teaches people how to turn their ideas into a business. The class is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. May 17 in Columbia Hall Room 219 on the college's main campus; \$20.

Preregistration is required for each class by emailing SBDC@clatsopcc.edu or calling 503-338-2402. Payments are made by check or credit card at class.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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.

Wednesday, May 11

Cannon Beach Affordable Housing, 11 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Budget Committee, 5:30 p.m., 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.

Wednesday, May 18

Cannon Beach Parks Master Plan Advisory Committee, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Budget Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 26

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 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.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day, City Hall closed.

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.

LETTERS

Don't want Nicholson development plan

We read, "Nicholson property now listed for sale" and felt compelled to respond. This appeal is by no means frivolous, and makes sense given the merits of our legal arguments and the widespread opposition for this development.

The vast majority of citizens do NOT want this plan, and have spoken with loud, clear voices.

There just isn't any local support, except the Realtor who has listed the lot for sale. Nicholson started this debacle by threatening the city legally after his third denial in 2014, and he still has that lawsuit on hold as leverage.

The city simply made a bad decision trying to avoid his lawsuit. One bad decision begets another, and once you start down that path, the steep slopes get slippery.

With this listing, one must wonder how the mayor, councilors, and staff feel, after bending our laws over backward to avoid the applicant's legal threats.

The only reason any of us are still spending money and still fooling with this ill-suited project is because Nicholson didn't withdraw his 2014 lawsuit against the city.

If Nicholson now truly intends to abandon his hugely unpopular PUD and simply wants to sell the parcel as a single lot, as he now has it listed, then why doesn't he withdraw his 2014 appeal threat?

It is quite telling that the city intends to make it "unambiguously clear that the slope-density restrictions ... apply to situations like Nicholson's" (Planner Mark Barnes, Oct. 7, 2015) when this all over.

Similarly, our mayor has promised to re-write or remove the PUD code so these bad precedents can't be repeated. It does not appear that the city really wants this

development, either. Friends of Cannon Beach is currently accepting contributions of any amount to help fund this appeal. Please contact friendsofcannonbeach@gmail.com or visit any US Bank. Thank you for your continued strong support.

Jeff Harrison
Friends of Cannon Beach

Vote for Ron Woltjer

I am voting for Ron Woltjer for Judge of the Circuit Court, 18th District, Position 2.

I have known Judge Woltjer from my years in the Astoria Regional 9-1-1 Center, collaborating on audio evidence while he was senior deputy district attorney, through his years as judge for several municipalities in Clatsop County. I suggest all voters review the voters' pamphlet, because it provides important details.

I think his background, experience and temperament will shape his performance as an excellent circuit court judge. I recommend you vote for Ron Woltjer.

Dick Lang
Astoria

Don't give up on charter school

I have been part of the effort to start a charter school since the closure of our grade school in 2013. I understood that the district didn't have the funds to maintain the building or to move it out of the tsunami zone. It seemed that a tuition free charter school would help the district and our children since Seaside wouldn't have to build, purchase or maintain a building, and we would still have 5 to 10 year old children attending school in town.

The district openly opposed us at first, but then changed tactics and said they would allow us to operate. They presented us with a list of negotiable terms. Even though the norm is less than four conditions, they gave us

11. We thought we could work with those. We didn't know there would be no negotiation, no cooperation, no working together. Saying they supported us was actually a plan to stall and weaken our efforts, while making it appear they cared about Cannon Beach grade school students staying near their families.

They very much want Cannon Beach to support their efforts to build schools in Seaside, but they did not once meet with the charter school board to come to any sort of compromise.

Please don't believe our efforts have been as incompetent as they would have you believe. Many have worked very hard to overcome the numerous and varied obstacles to opening a charter school. Any board member would be happy to tell you what we have accomplished. As an example, when the Seaside board said we were significantly short of funds, they didn't count the money the school district will have to give us to operate. For some unfathomable reason they felt we should have their state mandated funds in the bank. We had all of our building costs, curriculum funds, supply costs, payroll funds and more than the 10 percent extra that they required. We have been good stewards of the funds this community has donated to us.

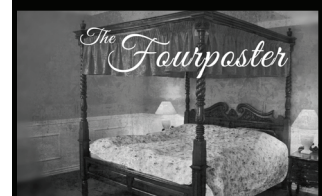
Of course we want better, safer junior and senior high schools in Seaside. We also don't want five year olds taking 45-minute bus rides (one way), we want to be able to easily volunteer at our local school, bring forgotten lunches, backpacks and homework.

We want to be able to get them quickly if they are ill. Not everyone can easily leave work and run to Seaside, not everyone has a vehicle to do this. I don't even want to imagine how long a five year old will be separated from their family when an earthquake collapses roads and bridges.

In 2014 we had a wonderful vision, which the Cannon Beach City Council members shared when making plans for our school to share property they purchased south of town; plans for not just a school, but also a community center for gatherings of all kinds. The possibilities are endless if we all work together. Please don't let this dream die. Thank you to all who continually support our efforts.

Patti Rouse
Cannon Beach

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