

Contest began locally, now draws thousands

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The Sandcastle Contest, began in 1964 as a small community affair to boost spirits after a tsunami, before becoming a marketed event. The day continues to draw thousands of visitors each year.

For one day every year, the beach transforms into a place where visitors of all ages can enjoy skillful sand sculptures, cheer on teams of children and teens, and use tools and teamwork to build towering structures. The weekend-long event also included a parade, live music and a 5k fun run/walk.

Despite brief rain, the sun shone for most of the contest, which included about 50 teams in all skill levels. The seven masters teams received money and medallions for their work.

Second-place winners Form Finders sculpted the Queen of Hearts, a "drink me" bottle and other familiar Alice in Wonderland scenes.

The team is from Olympia and has been building sand sculptures together for 8 years.

"We've wanted to do Alice in Wonderland for awhile because of its cool characters and elements," team member Shiloh Kauzlarich said, adding that the theme made for some "neat cutouts."



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The team Form Finders, from Olympia, won second place in the masters division for their sculptures of Alice in Wonderland characters.

For "Roamin' Aquaducks," the MyGrains team sculpted small ducks on top of ancient Roman aqueducts, earning a third-place award.

The team of relatives from Portland, Seattle, California, Idaho and Colorado has been building sandcastles for 25 years.

"It's always a race to the finish," team member Roseanne Torkelson said.

Businesses like Coaster Construction, Cannon Beach Property Management, Mariner Market, Columbia Bank, Basketcase, EVOO, Cannon Beach Vacation Rentals, 94.9 The Bridge, Puppy Love, Dogs Allowed and Seaside Outlets sponsored sand lots.

Local restaurants, Friends of Haystack Rock and Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue helped provide food and beverages.



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Team Tie Dye took first place in the large group division.

Sandcastle builders came from all over the West Coast and the country.

"It's my father-in-law's 60th birthday," said Lauren Kleck, an Arizonian and member of Sandchiladas, which competed in the large

group division. "He lived in Oregon for years and wanted to do this for his birthday."

Sandchiladas, ranging in age from eight months to 60 years, shaped a taco, sombrero and cactus in the sand to represent their state.

David Long, member of the masters team Moonstone Sandcastle Club that sculpted a monster creating a road detour, traveled to Cannon Beach from Arcadia, California.

"I flew up here to play in the sand," he said.



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December 2015 storms that show waves coming up to the foredune. The waves led to subsequent beach erosion remediated by Cannon Beach and Breakers Point.

Emergency dune grading

Dunes from Page 1A

La Follette filed a complaint in January with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which issued a notice of violation in May to the Breakers Point Homeowners Association and the City of Cannon Beach for modifying and removing sand from the ocean shore at a dune complex located west of the Breakers Point condominiums.

No improvements can be made within the ocean shore, a state recreation area, without a permit.

"Breakers Point and Cannon Beach were co-partners and collaborators in this emergency dune grading," La Follette said. "Breakers Point was fully involved in the situation. Both parties should be held jointly responsible."

Although removing private sand would have been permitted, the violation came from the two parties taking sand from public-owned and state-managed ocean shore to fill the hole.

The violation occurred during emergency sand removal and dune alteration in December, after a storm left underground utilities exposed.

Following the storm, Breakers Point Homeowners Association requested emergency assistance from the city after a storm eroded a bank adjacent to the condominiums and exposed a natural gas main.

In the notice of violation, Oregon Parks and Recreation required that the city and homeowners association take corrective measures by November to completely restore the dune by returning sand, restoring its topography and replanting European beach grass.

If the corrective actions are not completed by that time, the city and Breakers Point could be fined civil penalties up to \$10,000 per day.

The city responded to the notice by submitting a remediation plan that Oregon Parks and Recreation approved, City Manager Brant Kucera said.

City Manager Brant Kucera said the removal of sand from a state recreation area was "a simple mistake." "We felt like it was an emergency. We were compelled to move sand to stop erosion."

"The issue boils down to where the sand was taken from," City Manager Brant Kucera said. "Sand was moved

from an area that would have needed approval from Oregon Parks and Recreation. We did not intend to take sand from that far into the dune."

In response to the notice, Breakers Point Homeowners Association requested a hearing and stated that the violation did not apply to them because the city "did the work to improve public and emergency access to the beach."

"Breakers Point expects to work with the city and the state to resolve this matter," the homeowner association's attorney Dean Alterman said in an email. "The association has requested a hearing before Oregon Parks and Recreation Department as a precaution, in case we can't solve it amicably."

The letter requesting a hearing asked the state department to consider that Breakers Point Homeowners Association "did not remove sand from the ocean shore or alter any dunes west of the statutory vegetation line; the City of Cannon Beach performed the work on its own initiative."

The alliance would like all involved parties to bear responsibility for removing a dune in front of Breakers Point and transferring the sand to the Ecola Creek edge without requesting Oregon Parks and Recreation permission, La Follette said.

"The financial planning and restoration responsibilities should be placed on both parties who participated in illegally grading the public sands," she said.

Farmers Market is back in season

Highlights include music, children's program and new vendors

By Lyra Fontaine
Cannon Beach Gazette

The Cannon Beach Farmers Market opened Tuesday at the City Hall parking lot in midtown with fresh food, music and fun activities. The market will run every Tuesday afternoon through September.

Prepared food and music run 1 to 5 p.m. Other vendors are open 2 to 5 p.m.

Shoppers can expect a variety of items, including flowers, produce, pasture-raised meat, organic cheeses, smoked salmon and baked goods. One new vendor is Northwest Roll and Bowl, offering sushi and noodle bowls. The sweet and savory waffles from Hello Waffle and Middle Eastern cuisine from O Falafel are among this year's returning vendors.

Farmers market visitors can enjoy local music during each market. On the opening day Tuesday, Two Crows Joy will play.



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Shoppers at the 2015 Cannon Beach Farmers Market. The market is open Tuesdays at 1 p.m. with music, food and community booths.

For the second year, the market will have a children's program, spearheaded by Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn, for kids ages 5 to 12.

"They meet farmers and learn about where their food comes from," Market Manager Philomena Lloyd said.

Each child receives \$2 in tokens they can spend or save on items of their choice at the market. A goat from a local creamery will also make an appearance.

At most weekly markets, an Oregon State University program will offer food

demonstrations at the "Taste of Place" booth.

"They will showcase how easy and quick it can be to prepare healthier versions of our meals," Lloyd said.

Community booths will be present at each market. Groups interested in signing up can view the "calendar" on the Cannon Beach Farmers Market

website, cannonbeachmarket.org, for open dates. Interested groups may contact Bob Lundy through the farmers market phone or email.

Volunteers are always needed. Those interested in volunteering may contact Philomena Lloyd at 503-436-8044 or info@cannonbeachmarket.org.

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