

# Election 2016: A voter’s guide

## Election from Page 1A Councilor at large

Three residents stepped forward for two City Council seats in 2016. With the terms of Wendy Higgins and Melissa Cadwallader expired, candidates Herb Florer, Nancy McCarthy and Brandon Ogilvie are on the ballot in Cannon Beach Nov. 8.

**Herb Florer**, a 12-year-resident, is an emergency preparedness committee member and former Port of Astoria deputy director, budget committee member and planning commissioner. He considers long-term planning and resiliency to be important in emergency preparation. In October, he said short-term rentals have little effect on affordable housing, and city government could help search for affordable housing solutions before stepping in directly.

**Brandon Ogilvie**, a 24-year resident, is a carpentry contractor and affordable housing task force member who previously served as Planning Commission chair. “My job as a builder helps me understand certain land use issues,” he said this summer. He said he is “a champion of civic participation on both sides, not just the people that are in city government but actual citizens that live here.”

**Nancy McCarthy**, a 10-year permanent resident, spent nine years reporting and editing for local newspapers. She hopes to balance the needs of year-round residents and the tourism industry. “I’d like to see Cannon Beach retain its village atmosphere ... and still have a healthy

business sector,” she said this summer. “To do that, I think we have to work together a lot more closely.” The “influx of people,” affordable housing and emergency planning are important issues, she said.

## State, federal reps

House District 32 includes Clatsop County, part of Tillamook and Western Washington counties. Candidates for state representative include:

**Bruce L. Bobek** (Republican)

**Deborah Boone** (Democrat/Independent).

The First Congressional District includes Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Yamhill counties and part of Multnomah County. Candidates for U.S. representative include:

**Brian J. Heinrich** (Republican)

**Suzanne Bonamici** (Democrat/Independent)

**Kyle Sheahan** (Libertarian)

## City measures

Despite the success of state Measure 91 allowing recreational sale and possession of small amounts of marijuana — approved by 63 percent of Cannon Beach voters in November 2014 — the city only licenses businesses which abide by local, state and federal law, which excludes cannabis. After hearing opinions from both sides of the issue, councilors considered an array of options, including to opt out of state law and maintain a ban on marijuana sales.

**Measure 4-179** is a ballot measure, put forth by a citizen initiative, to prohibit recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers in Cannon Beach. Voting “yes” is a vote to prohibit. If this measure is approved, the city will be ineligible to receive distribution of state marijuana tax revenue and unable to impose a local tax or fee on the production, processing or marijuana sale.

**Measure 4-182** is a ballot measure, referred to voters by City Council, to impose a 3 percent tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items by retailers. Voting “yes” is a vote in favor of the tax, which would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the retailers. This local tax measure would only be effective if voters approve it and Measure 4-179 prohibiting certain marijuana facilities is not approved.

## District measure for Seaside School District

The district includes residents between Sunset Beach and Arch Cape, including Cannon Beach.

**Measure 4-185** is a measure to issue \$99.7 million in bonds to relocate and build or expand three Seaside School District schools to withstand earthquakes and increase safety. If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership. Three schools are currently located inside the tsunami inundation zone and rated with high probability

of catastrophic collapse in an earthquake. The three schools average 65 years of age and are in state of deterioration: rusted pipes, leaky roofs, asbestos, inadequate fire protection systems, aged electrical, heating and ventilation systems.

If approved, bonds are expected to fund:

- Closing obsolete buildings in inundation zone and relocating them to donated land at higher elevation;
- Renovating and expanding elementary school; constructing middle and high school;
- Increasing school safety with fire protection systems, locking systems, security cameras, emergency communications;
- Remodeling and affiliated construction costs: land/site development, infrastructure, demolition, furnishings, equipment and technology for classrooms;
- Bond issuance costs.

The Seaside School District is first on the waiting list for \$4 million in state matching funds if voters approve this measure.

Bonds mature in 31 years or less; may be issued in series. Estimated cost is approximately \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Independent citizen oversight committee to ensure bond funds spent as intended.

## Drop site

Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election day voting takes place 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Information for this report was compiled by Lyra Fontaine.



SUBMITTED DRAWING

Red markings indicate damage to homes in Manzanita.

# Manzanita cleans up after tornado

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a contractor could remove the roof from the damaged building across from the post office.

The Manzanita City Council meeting on Nov. 9 will provide an update and “we’ll see where things are at,” Grassetth said.

## Shop Manzanita

Haag invited Seaside chamber members to show their gratitude to first responders, utility workers, city employees and local contractors, among others, at a breakfast held Saturday at the Pine Grove Community House in Manzanita.

“We’re very fortunate,” Haag said. “We have a very



R.J. MARX/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

**Manzanita Visitors Center Manager Dan Haag.**

well-oiled, well-prepared emergency response team. Everybody jumped right into action.

The best way to help with the recovery, he added, is to come to Manzanita.

“Come visit your favorite shop, have a meal at your favorite restaurant, say ‘Hi’ to your local merchants,” Haag said. “They’ll love you for it.”

# Cannon Beach observes Tsunami Awareness Day

In recognition of World Tsunami Awareness Day on Nov. 5, the Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee reminds citizens and businesses that programs are in place to train employees on the importance of swift evacuation, following established evacuation routes and assisting customers to do the same. The pre-deployed con-

tainer program is available to all for storing warm clothing, rain gear, food, tents, sleeping bags on high ground at our cache sites. Inquire at city hall.

The committee offers emergency tips. If you feel an earthquake, evacuate immediately. Do not wait for the siren warning and do not pause to call your fire or police de-

partment seeking to confirm the need to evacuate. Do not attempt to use your car. It is common to encounter gridlock with cars stranded on bridges, or on the roadway to a bridge that may no longer be standing. During floods and tsunamis, people in cars constitute 70 percent of the drowning deaths that occur. Build an emergency kit

for your family and make a family communications plan.

Learn your evacuation route from your home, school, and place of work. Being prepared is the best way to keep you and your family safe. For further information, visit [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us) and click on emergency preparedness, or contact city hall at 503-436-1581.

# Mark Andres paints quaint coastal town

The latest exhibit in Cannon Beach Gallery features the vibrant paintings of Mark Andres. Andres is a multimedia artist fluent in drawing, painting, animation and film. Stylistically, his color pallet evokes comparisons to Fauvism, and his work pays some tribute to German Expressionism.

In his depiction of Astoria, Andres balances a sentimental affection for the town’s quaintness with the matter-of-fact inclusion of harsher, lest picturesque elements in much the same way the town balances leisure and industry.

The exhibition will be on display from Oct. 22 to Nov. 27. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; [cannonbeacharts.org](http://cannonbeacharts.org) or 503-436-0744.

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# Albatrosses of the Oregon Coast

The albatross holds a special place in maritime lore and superstition, depicted as a sacred creature in Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” Wildlife biologist Ted Chu promises to share a real-life albatross story that is just as enthralling when he appears as guest speaker at the Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. following the meeting of the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council.

Chu had the brief op-

portunity to volunteer on the Midway Atoll albatross nesting grounds, frequented by the black-footed and Laysan albatrosses that forage off the Oregon Coast.

In addition to a slide presentation highlighting these iconic birds, Chu will be giving away a signed copy of Carl Safina’s book “Eye of the Albatross” as a door prize. The presentation will be held at the Pine Grove Community House, 225 Lameda Ave, in Manzanita.

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