

Keep your vacation home safe

Break-ins more common in wintertime

By Lyra Fontaine
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Empty homes in Cannon Beach can attract burglars during the city's quieter winter months, but homeowners can take preventive steps if they plan on leaving town.

During the winter, Cannon Beach seems to get more burglaries because there are less people in town to fill vacation homes, hotels or motels and be "extra sets of eyes," according to Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn. "We have

the vacation rentals that don't fill up this time of the year, and without someone in the house, they're easier targets."



Jason Schermerhorn

Homeowners can keep lights on when they are away, and when their neighbors are out of town, watch their homes. If asked by a resident, Cannon Beach police are also able to check on unoccupied houses.

"The biggest thing is having people check and keep an eye on your house when you're not there, and you

can always notify the Police Department when you're out of the town," Schermerhorn said. "We put them on a list and drive by to make sure everything looks OK."

Many second and third homes in town are not properly lit, which homeowners can remedy by putting timers on lights to help illuminate the house.

Cannon Beach police have dealt with several recent burglaries, but nothing different from previous years. Burglars have broken into Cannon Beach homes through garages and entered hotel rooms through sliding glass doors that were left open, allowing perpetrators to take easily accessible items such

as a wallet, keys, phones or purse, Schermerhorn said.

Phone scams are another seasonal crime to watch out for. Scammers have been calling local hotels to ask guests for their credit card information.

Through Facebook, Cannon Beach police are reminding hotels to not put callers through to rooms without verifying that the caller knows the party, and reminding guests to not give out personal information over the phone.

"If you have any financial or personal business with the front desk, do it in person and not via the phone," the Police Department posted Saturday.

Landslide on Mill Creek leads to motorcycle trail closing

ARCH CAPE — A rapidly moving landslide has shut down a motorcycle trail along Arch Cape Mill Creek after a rapidly moving landslide triggered by a record 26 inches of rain this fall.

According to the Oregon Department of Forestry, debris settled and was mostly contained on the slope within the 250-foot-wide forested stream buffer. Because of continual movement of the debris

during rainstorms throughout the winter and the remote location of the slide, no action will be taken.

As a result of the landslide, ODF is reviewing aerial data which indicates a history of

ground movement in the area. This information will be helpful in future planning efforts.

Re-routing or re-opening the trail is pending future surveying and planning of the site.

Pot shops in Cannon Beach

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In all, more than 50 cities and counties across Oregon considered banning marijuana sales on Election Day.

In Cannon Beach, manufacturing and processing remain prohibited since the city has no industrial zoning, Kucera said.

Residents may grow a specified number of plants on their own properties in accordance with Oregon Liquor Control Commission licensing guidelines.

Cannon Beach councilors must take up one more aspect of the law by modifying its business license.

"Currently our business

license states if you're not in compliance with state and federal law, you will be denied your business license," Kucera said. "Now that the voters have spoken on the initiative, we need to change that business license so we don't have that federal regulation in there."

"We're going to try to get the business license changed by about the new year," he added. "Once that's changed, they'll be able to move ahead. Typically, I'd want to say a business that started out now with the process, if they're not building, if they're just opening a shop, they'll probably be open by spring, summer."

Pot shops may carry on in Manzanita

Prohibition fails by wide margin

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MANZANITA — Recreational marijuana is still legal to sell and buy in Manzanita.

While Cannon Beach citizens brought the marijuana question to voters, the Manzanita City Council decided to put a measure on the ballot asking voters whether recreational marijuana sales and processing businesses should be prohibited within city limits.

The ban failed, with 308



FILE PHOTO

Manzanita voters said no to a proposed marijuana retail sale prohibition.

Manzanita voters, about 67 percent, against it and 149 votes in favor of prohibition.

Manzanita is part of the Pine

Grove precinct, which voted in favor of marijuana legalization in 2014. However, it was unclear how many of those who voted "yes" were Manzanita residents, which led to the council to bring the question to voters, said Kristin Grasse, city of Manzanita administrative assistant.

There have been no marijuana business applications since the recent failing of the ban.

If the ban had passed, Oregon Coast Cannabis would have only been able to sell medical marijuana, not recreational. The Manzanita shop has been selling both.

"That was all just pending on what the city's final decision was, whether they would be able to continue selling the recreational or if they would have to cease," Grasse said.

While the two cities had similar proposals, Manzanita's margin of victory surpassed that of Cannon Beach.

"I wasn't surprised," Cannon Beach City Manager Brant Kucera said. "We had a very engaged citizenry behind the initiative. If you look at Manzanita, they had a similar (measure). The council put it on the ballot, and it went down by a far, far greater margin than ours did."

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Oct. 30

3:51 a.m., Spruce and Wahanna: Welfare check. Officers made contact with a male subject who was sitting on the curb with his head lowered into his knees. The subject was upset over breaking up with his girlfriend. The subject's mother came to talk to her son. Officers cleared.

Oct. 31

11:53 p.m., 2300 Block Beach Drive: Assisted Seaside Police Department with domestic disturbance. Stood by as cover. Determined to be verbal in nature and male subject left.

Nov. 1

4:43 a.m., 900 Block Third Avenue: Assisted Seaside Police Department with a report of a male with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

1:27 p.m., 100 Block West Taft Street: Short-term rental code violation; no rental permit or business license.

10:20 p.m., Highway 101/Sunset: Motor vehicle accident

Nov. 2

12:48 p.m., Elk Court/Glenwood: Driving while suspended.

1:01 p.m., 1200 Block Evergreen: Civil landlord and tenant issue.

Nov. 3

11:25 a.m., Highway 10/Milepost 27: Assisted citizen with vehicle stalled out at the top of the north hill on Highway 101. Subject was out of gas and a friend brought some for him.

10:08 p.m., 3300 Block South Hemlock Street: Traffic complaint. Report of vehicle crossing the center line and failing to dim headlights. Made contact with driver, who was not impaired, and advised them of complaint.

11:00 p.m., 700 Block Oak Street: Suspicious circumstances. Report of possible gunshots. Spoke with neighbor who observed what appeared to be fireworks. Unable to locate.

Nov. 4

6:46 a.m., 100 Block West Gower Avenue: First-degree burglary. Purse stolen from motel room.

1:24 p.m., Second Street men's restroom: Third-degree criminal mischief.

Nov. 6

11:02 a.m., 3500 Block Ocean: Complaint of a vehicle parking in a private driveway. Officer arrived on scene and made contact with the vehicle owner, a neighbor. The vehicle was moved and officer cleared.

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