

Lack of volunteers could lead to 'contingency plan'

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getting more people and getting them trained."

Recruitment efforts to come

New training officer Marc Reckmann will help the fire district with recruitment and training efforts.

"He has opened the door for everyone to come in whenever he's here to do additional training," Benedict said. "He's going to be a valuable asset for us."

Benedict will continue to highlight a firefighter each month for their commitment and the fire district plans to work with interns.

"There are pieces that we're already doing to help supplement the core that we



CANNON BEACH FIRE AND RESCUE

Cannon Beach volunteer firefighter Shaunna White, Anjanette Kucera Moon, Keaton Walde, Frank Swedenborg and Matt Benedic, at an emergency medical services training in early January.

have," board member Linda Beck-Sweeney said. "I think we need to keep focusing on that until we can figure out a larger plan."

If recruitment efforts are unsuccessful, board members suggested potential next steps, such as joining another district, revamping the district's bound-

aries or changing the fire district's bond levy to make room.

"I think we owe it to the taxpayers to look at that and have a contingency plan in place in case we can't maintain the volunteers for this district," Smith said. "You've got a really good core to work with. I just think we need to be proactive ... Everyone knows this area is not an inexpensive area to live in."

Board members said it was difficult to attract young families to Cannon Beach due to housing costs and lack of a school.

"That was a huge blow to us," board member Sharon Clyde said.

Smith suggested a future work session on recruitment. Beck-Sweeney said the matter could be part of the fire district's upcoming strategic plan.

More than fires

Volunteers provide services to the community beyond firefighting. Structure fires only happen in Cannon Beach two or three times a year, Benedict said.

The Cannon Beach fire district responded to 422 calls in 2016, most for emergency medical services.

Volunteers responded to a wide range of incidents last year, including motor vehicle accidents, the Manzanita tornado, injured hikers, bird rescues, shark attacks, tree removal, a missing person, storm preparedness and more.

Volunteers also help at community events like the holiday lamp lighting ceremony and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire departments and the Cannon Beach Police Department.

Benedict said fire agencies nationwide are responding to more incidents, many of them medical calls due to "the age and health of individuals."

The Seaside Fire Department has had similar problems attracting volunteers. The department is taking applications for new volunteers until March and Fire Chief Joey Daniels put out a call for volunteers in October.

Those interested in volunteering and upholding the fire district's mission to "protect life, property and the environment" in Cannon Beach, Arch Cape and Falcon Cove communities can pick up an application at the Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue station. Volunteers must be more than 18 years old and undergo a background check and interview process.



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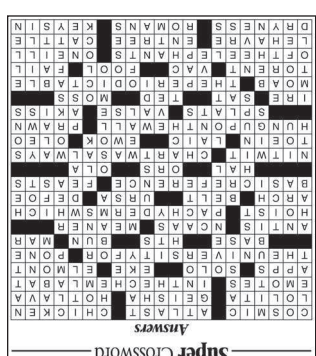
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20 Nabokov novel
21 Obi-wearing companion
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23 Is a hammy actor
24 Start of a riddle
26 Extras for iDevices
27 See 8-Down
29 — out a win (just prevail)
30 Long Island town with a Triple Crown racetrack
31 Riddle.
36 Corn bread
37 Barracks site
38 Shaker — (city in O.)
39 Sweet roll
41 Scuff up, e.g.
42 Opposing voters
45 March Madness, with "the"
48 More spiteful
51 Jack up, e.g.
52 Riddle, part 3

DOWN

1 Shoe gripper
2 Pizzazz
3 Skiing locale
4 Mirage carmaker
5 Ending for Manhattan
6 Black currant liqueur
7 Like tumblers

57 Brow shape
58 Boxer's prize
59 Astral bear
60 "Robinson Crusoe" novelist
61 Riddle, part 4
65 Banquets
66 "Alfie" lyricist — David
67 Scrubs sites, for short
68 Ending for pay
69 Blockhead
73 Riddle, part 5
81 Front wheel convergence
82 Not of the cloth
83 Jedi's furry friend
84 Butter lookalike
85 End of the riddle
89 Shrimplike crustacean
90 Exploding water balloon sounds
91 Triple-time dance, in Dijon
92 Ira Levin's — Before Dying
93 Angry feeling
96 Used a sofa

97 Danson of "Cheers"
98 Trunk growth
100 Seat of Grand County, Utah
102 Start of the riddle's answer
110 Apartment window sign
112 Hoover offering, for short
113 Blockhead
114 Go bankrupt
115 End of the riddle's answer
119 Nobel winner Eugene
121 Northern French port
122 Prix fixe part
123 Moo makers
124 Arid quality
125 Eternal City citizens
126 Enters, as a PIN

8 With 27- Across, Pavarotti number, e.g.
9 Ignited, as a fire
10 Fire leftover
11 Bedclothes
12 In bad taste
13 "Evita" role
14 Grand slams, e.g.
15 "— cost ya"
16 Put in a vise
17 Blast sound
18 Actress Lynch of four Harry Potter films
19 Talk on and on
25 Playboy founder, familiarly
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32 Publisher Condé —
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56 "— So Fine" (Chiffons hit)
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69 Extreme degree
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71 With 99-Down, brunch time, often
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86 Big dishes
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94 Housetop laborer
95 A bit crude
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108 Palmer or Lehmann
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