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Christen Allsop, director of the Cannon Beach Yoga Festival.

## A SPIRITUAL SETTING

### Christen Allsop leads seventh annual fest

By R.J. Marx  
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In a city that values aesthetics, fitness and the spiritual, the Cannon Beach Yoga Festival appeals to devotees of all three.

The seventh annual festival arrives Feb. 24-27 as a result of a grant from the Tourism and Arts Commission to the Friends of Haystack Rock. More than 200 visitors are expected for classes, workshops and concerts at Tolovana Hall, Cannon Beach Chamber Hall, Hallmark Resort and Tolovana Inn.

Christen Allsop of Cannon Beach Yoga Arts founded and manages the festival, which she described as offering round-robin shuttles, scenic strolls, shopping and “lovely places to fall into for a lovely meal.”

And don’t forget the yoga. “We’ve invited some world-renowned teachers on the yoga teaching and conference circuit,” Allsop said Monday.

Featured instructors include Judy Gudmestad, Alan and Sarah Finger,

Aadil Palkhivala and Sarahjoy Marsh. “They’re people I’ve worked with and really hold in high regard,” Allsop said. “They’re hand-picked because I want to have the best people coming from a number of different fields.”

Classes focus on poses, alignment, energy work and the psychology of yoga. Meditation, philosophy, dance and art as well are integrated into the weekend events.

Allsop’s brother, Cannon Beach artist and teacher David Kinhan, offers Saturday and Sunday classes in figure drawing.

“We’re offering a well-rounded scope that will allow something for everyone,” Allsop said. “I’m a firm believer if you put yourself in front of the best teacher, you’re going to get something wonderful from that teacher. That’s why I think it’s important for even beginners to study with masters.”

Yoga has a long tradition in Cannon Beach, Allsop said.

“There have been lots of great teachers who have come through Cannon Beach,” Allsop said, including festival presenter Sarahjoy Marsh, teaching “Yoga for the

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Julie Yanko models at a yoga figure drawing class. The class will be presented again this year taught by Cannon Beach’s David Kinhan.

## Academy locks in school site

### Permit renewal granted by Planning Commission

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The Cannon Beach Academy charter school locked in its proposed location at 171 Sunset Boulevard for at least one more year.

The request for a permit renewal, presented at the Planning Commission Thursday, Jan. 26, provides the academy an opportunity to operate a public charter school in a portion of the site’s commercial building. The proposal calls for kindergarten, first and second grades next fall, growing to kindergarten through fifth grade by fall 2020. Maximum enrollment would be 75 students the first year, rising to 150 students by 2020. Maximum staffing would start at six, reaching a maximum of 10 by 2020.

“This proposal is similar to one you approved a year ago that has since expired,” City Planner Mark Barnes told commissioners. “Your conditional use permits are good for a year unless acted on. This was not acted on and it died from inaction, so they are starting the process again with a new conditional use permit.”

Revised plans for the charter school were approved by the Design Review Board last spring. Board members had hoped to open this school year, but the application was delayed when issues with Seaside School District arose. “Those issues have been resolved,” Phil Simmons, the director of startup operations, said. “We’re ready to open this fall. We’re ready to get the permits and open the school.”



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Phil Simmons, director of startup operations; Kelly Dewey, president; and Barb Knop, treasure of the Cannon Beach Academy, at the Thursday, Jan. 26 Planning Commission meeting.

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## Short-term rental rules made simple(r)



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A short-term rental property managed by Vacasa.

### Planning Commission considers changes to revocation procedure

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Seeking clarity in the city’s short-term rental code, the Planning Commission met Thursday, Jan. 26, to develop and recommend code changes focused on procedures, administration and enforcement.

Under current rules, short-term rental property owners must receive six violations before a permit is revoked. The amendment would reduce that to four.

Permits are also redefined in the code. Previously all permits were defined as “vacation home rental occupancy requirements.”

While requirements for homeowners would not change, categories were recommended to more specify new terminology for the three categories of permits: lifetime, unlimited permits; five-year unlimited permits; and 14-day permits.

The changes are a result of a directive from the City Council’s strategic plan to provide “clear, understandable short-term rental regulations.”

City Planner Mark Barnes said the changes were mostly administrative, not substantive, as he enumerated them for commissioners.

One of the substantive changes addressed violations.

“They were already delineated,” Barnes said after the meeting. “We renamed them in a more descriptive manner. The intent is to make it a little more user friendly.”

Lifetime permits remain transferrable only by inheritance; upon sale or transfer the rental permit is void. The city maintains 92 unlimited rental permits. Property owners may put their name on the waiting list at any time. If selected to receive the unlimited permit by random selection, they can opt for their permit with 180 days.

Fourteen-day permits are not capped. “Everyone who asks for one, gets one,”

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## Red Cross to recruit Cannon Beach volunteers

### Trainings, outreach coming in spring

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After the Manzanita tornado in October, residents like Larry Wiedenhoft, an emergency volunteer corps of Nehalem Bay member, sprang into action. Volunteers responded to the scene in various ways, from watching traffic, removing trees and finding shelter for displaced people to helping the Red Cross conduct an official damage assessment.

“The community was there within minutes,” said Monique Dugaw, communications director for the American Red Cross Cascades Region. Manzanita’s recovery process has been “outstanding” due to the

immediate response of trained volunteers, she added.

“It was amazing because everyone just came and did whatever job needed to be done,” said Wiedenhoft, who has American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team and emergency medical services training. “We all know each other and we know what each other can do.”

To strengthen its partnership with Cannon Beach, Red Cross will hold a general recruitment session on March 30 at the Cannon Beach Chamber Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Residents will learn from Red Cross disaster program managers about the organization, how the training works and can sign up to volunteer.

“We believe individuals in Cannon Beach are resilient and

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Members of Cascade Red Cross. The Red Cross will be conducting training in Cannon Beach in coming months.