# Studying the visitors to a bluebird's nest

ast weekend, instead of getting outside to bird, I sat at home on my chair in front of my window reading a book. But soon my attention was taken away from the book by a bird in a tree out the window. It was a male English sparrow. He bounced from the branches to the nearby

to the nearby bluebird nesting box, going back and forth several times and then disappearing. He was soon back with his mate.

They continued the ritual of jumping back and forth from the tree, checking out the opening and the insides of the nesting box and then disappearing again.

I got a couple of pages read when more movement caught my eye and yet another bird was in the branches of the tree bouncing back and forth between the box and the tree. This time it was a black-capped chickadee. I couldn't tell if it was a male or a female. I don't know the difference in that species. I enjoyed watching this bird go through the same routine, from branch to nesting box and back several times. One difference was the chickadee took a few extra minutes in the branches to pick the tiny flies it likes to eat. But alas after several moments this bird was gone as well. So back to the book. I may never finish it at this rate.

This may be the most popular spot in my back-yard today because just now a pair of dark-eyed juncos stop by to check out the nesting box. I wonder who's going to end up nesting in there this year? It's been a pair of barn swallows since

I put up the box several years ago.

Maybe I should put up a few more boxes!

Remember to come by the Necanicum Bird Day on April 1 at the Bob Chisholm Center in Seaside and then the Fifth Annual Birdathon Fundraiser for the Wildlife Center of the North



Coast. We are opening it up to a 24-hour period as a celebration. Starting at noon on April 8 and wrapping up noon on April 9. Find all the details at the Wildlife Center's website at coast-wildlife.org.

Right after that, we'll be celebrating more outdoor adventures with Cannon Beach's unique 12 Days of Earth Day, including lectures, plantings, clean-ups and a parade and street fair. Details on the website at twelvedaysofearthday.com

And don't forget the First Sunday Cannon Beach Bird Walk. The next one will be on April 2, join a small group at 9 a.m. at the Lagoon Trail on Second Street. Bring binoculars and wear appropriate clothing. Everyone is welcome!

Susan has spent her life enjoying the great outdoors from the lakes and woods of northern Minnesota, Mount Adams in Washington and now the Oregon beach environs. After spending many pleasurable hours driving her avid birder parents around, she has taken up birding as a passion. She resides on Neawanna Creek in Seaside, where her backyard is a birder's paradise.

#### Georgiana F. Hay

April 1, 1926 — Feb. 8, 2017

I'm sorry to advise everyone of the death of Hallmark Inns & Resorts co-founder, Georgiana F. Hay, on Feb. 8, 2017. Mrs. Hay was 90 years old.

Mrs. Hay and her late husband, Bill Hay, first entered the hospitality business when they purchased property in Cannon Beach, Oregon, in 1948. The property contained a single house with a four-car garage and, almost immediately, Bill converted the four garage units into hotel rooms.

A year later Bill, with help from his father, Glen Hay, constructed another 18 units, and the Surfview Motel opened for business. This property is the site of the current Hallmark Resort & Spa in Cannon Beach. With the success of the Surfview Motel, other motel ventures followed. Over the next 50-plus years, over 40 hotels were either newly constructed or acquired and renovated.

Mrs. Hay was very active with the business, and always



Georgiana Hay

traveled with her husband to scout locations for new hotels, or to look at existing hotels. Bill Hay passed away in 2002. Mrs. Hay is survived by a son, Gary A. Hay; daughters, Lynda J. Allred (William Allred) and Pamla MacLean (Frank); seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Per Mrs. Hay's instructions, no funeral will be held, but a celebration of life will be held in mid-April when everyone in her family, and friends, can attend.

#### **Natalia Fife Torres**

Jan. 28, 1928 — March 3, 2017

Natalia Fife Torres (née Galvani) passed away on March 3, 2017.

She was born Jan. 28, 1928, in Seaside, Oregon. Natalia (Pat or Patsy to her friends) grew up in Seaside, where her father, William H. Galvani, was mayor.

She is survived by her children Regan Lee, Alicia Torres, Dorian Torres Mullnix and Alan Mark Torres; and three grandchildren, Gabriel and Shannon Mullnix and Vivianne Torres. She also leaves behind her beloved dog Lucy.

Natalia loved the Oregon Coast and moved to Newport after living in California for several years. She moved to Long Beach, California, after a stroke, where she was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Dorian.

Natalia loved music, and played classical piano, was an avid reader and lover of



Natalia Torres

mystery books and crossword puzzles, and loved dogs. She worked hard raising four children and became a registered nurse to support her family. We will miss our mother, who was funny, irreverent and smart and took care of her family with hard work and sacrifices. We will miss her very much, but know she is now in a better place, free of pain.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Dorothy Mae 'Dolly' Hutchinson

Sept. 26, 1926 — March 7, 2017

Dolly Hutchinson was born in Akron, Ohio, to R. Earl Hutchinson and C. Evangeline Dye Hutchinson, who were originally from Oregon City. She was the last surviving grandchild of Charles Henry and Eva Emery Dye, early Oregon historians and activists.

Soon after Dolly's birth, the family moved to South Gate, California, where her father worked at the new Firestone Tire plant. Dolly graduated from South Gate High School, worked in industry during World War II, then attended USC. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1949, and later earned her master's degree there.

She remained in Southern California, and retired after 36 years as a school-teacher in Montebello. She loved the outdoors and spent several summers running Girl Scout camps at Big Bear and Catalina Island. She loved cooking, modern design, art pottery, debating politics and public policy.

Her lifelong love of Oregon, where she spent many childhood summers with family, drew her back there, and she spent most summers since 1973 in Cannon Beach, where she purchased a cottage with her friend Mary Westmorland. She became a devoted member of the History Center there, spending many hours volunteering and contributing some of her family's archives and memories of old Oregon. Her last three years were spent living on the Oregon Coast, then Beaverton,



Dorothy Mae "Dolly" Hutchinson

where she passed away following a stroke.

She is survived by her loving family: sister-in-law Lynne Hutchinson of Downey, California; nephews Charles "Rick" Hutchinson of Clovis, California, Kenneth Hutchinson and Thomas Hutchinson, both of Downey, and Charles Hosterman of Ramsey, Minnesota; nieces Nancy Brubaker of Los Altos, California, and Gretchen Cleveland of Rogers, Minnesota; and many great-nieces and nephews.

The family thanks Dolly's great friends, Amy and Sharon, who helped her tremendously in the past year. Services have been held

at Rose Hills Memorial Park, in Whittier, California.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Cannon Beach History Center, P.O. Box 1005, Cannon Beach, OR 97110 (http://cbhistory.org); or the McLoughlin Memorial Association, 713 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045 (www.mcloughlinhouse.org).

#### **Obituary Policy**

The Cannon Beach Gazette publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include a small photo and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. The deadline for all obituaries is 9 a.m. the business day prior.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Death notices and upcoming services will be published at no charge. Notices must be submitted by 9 a.m. the day of publication.

Obituaries and notices may be submitted online at www.dailyastorian. com/forms/obits, by email at ewilson@dailyastorian.com, placed via the funeral home or in person at The Daily Astorian office, 949 Exchange St. in Astoria. For more information, cal 503-325-3211, ext. 257.

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#### MEETINGS APRIL 2017

- City Council Regular Meeting
  City Council Work Session
- 20 Design Review Board
- 27 Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

#### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, March 7, 2017

Adopted Ordinance 17-03; for the purpose of Adopting
Planning Commission Recommended Amendments to the Zoning
Ordinance and
Comprehensive

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Plan;

• Adopted Resolution 17-03, for the purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2016-17 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transportations

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• Adopted Resolution 17-04, for the purpose of Approving Increases and Decreases to the FY 2016-17 Budget by Making an Intrafund Transfer of

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• Adopted the 2017 City Council Rules

and Procedures;
 Voted to begin enforcement of Ordinance 17-02 at the beginning of the new fiscal year;

July 1, 2017;

• Appointed David Doering to the Design Review Board, to start his term April 1,

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#### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, March 14, ZO 17-01, City of Cannon Beach request for Zoning Ordinance text amendment

- HRAP Coordinator Melissa Keyser introduced this year's staff;
- Discussed the Construction Excise Tax and directed staff to present a draft ordinance at the April meeting;
- Public Works Director Dan Grassick preconted the Water/Wastewater Master Plan
- sented the Water/Wastewater Master Plan;

   Public Works Director Dan Grassick and

consultant Matt Wadlington, PE, of Civil West Engineering Services, Inc. presented the result of the utility rate study;

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The February 16, 2017 meeting was cancelled. At their March 16, 2017 meeting the DRB discussed:

**DRB 17-02**, Hospitality First, LLC dba. Inn at Cannon Beach, is requesting approval for construction of a new 18-room addition to Inn at Cannon Beach. **Approved with Conditions** 

The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet April 20, 2017 at 6pm.

#### PLANNING COM-MISSION - At their February 23, 2017 meeting the Planning Commission dis-

cussed:

SR 17-01, Rich

Elstrom Construction Inc., on behalf of the property owner,

Richard Hune et al, request for a setback

reduction to permit a front yard setback of thirteen feet and a south side yard setback of four feet; in conjunction with foundation repair under an existing structure **Approved** 

D 17-01, City of Cannon Beach request for Zoning Ordinance text amendment; revision of Municipal Code Chapter 17.77, Short-term Rentals. The proposed amendments address short-term rental permit administration, enforcement, inspection, revocation, and standards **Referred to** Council

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet March 23, 2017 at 6pm.

#### Of Interest...

The Cannon Beach **Recycle Center** is open Tuesday - Sunday, 8am - 4pm for residential and

#### CITY OF CANNON BEACH

BUILDING OFFICIAL
Job Announcement

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Building Official. The position is under the direction of the City of Cannon Beach City Planner and is a regular benefited position with a yearly salary of \$70,000-\$80,000, depending on qualifications. This position may assist the City of Manzanita in the Building Official capacity up to 15 hours per week.

Requirements: Possession of a State of Oregon Building Official's Certification, Residential Plan Review Certification, "A" Level Plan Review Certification, "A" Level Plan Review Certification, "A" Level Mechanical and Structural Inspector, and Manufactured Home Certifications are required for this position. Residential Plumbing Certification and preferably "A" Level Commercial Plumbing Certification and Fire Life and Safety Plan Review. Must pass criminal background check post job offer. Must possess a valid driver's license and have a safe driving record. Previous experience as a building official desirable.

Duties include general department operation, plan review and field inspection of construction work within the City, issues permits, preparation and reporting to State Building Codes Division, support to the construction community, city and state building code enforcement and cooperative work exchange support to neighboring jurisdictions. This position requires some crawling and climbing as part of the field inspection work.

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The successful candidate will exhibit a professional attitude, enjoy working with the public, and take pride in their work.

Download an application form and full job description from our website: http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/jobs.html. Send application, cover letter and resume to Jennifer Barrett, barrett@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

Open until filled.

as needed.

#### NOTICE OF VACANCIES CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy** to fill a four-year term. The EPREP Committee meets regularly for the purpose of providing evacuation planning and public education regarding emergency preparedness. The Emergency Preparedness Committee normally holds its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 10:00am. and may schedule work sessions

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: TWO (2)

vacancies to fill four-year terms. The primary responsibility of the Public Works Committee is to review all public works projects and make recommendations to City Council. The Public Works Committee holds its regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00am.

To be eligible to serve on a City committee, applicants must have resided within the city or its urban growth boundary during the one year immediately preceding appointment; or at the time of appointment, shall have owned real property located within the city or its urban growth boundary for at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Council has implemented an interview process consisting of a set of questions particular to each committee/board or commission and written answers must be submitted with the application. Applications with questions are available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, by email addressed to riggs@ci.cannon-beach. or.us, or online at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us. For consideration at the April 4, 2017 City Council meeting, applications must be returned to Colleen Riggs, Assistant City Manager, Cannon Beach City Hall, at P.O. Box 368, Cannon Beach, OR 97110 by 4:00 p.m., March 24, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

#### HAYSTACK ROCK AWARENESS PROGRAM

Do you like to talk to people? Do you love Haystack Rock? What about Cannon Beach? Show your civic pride and become a volunteer for HRAP!

http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/hrap/page/become-hrap-volunteer

Rocky Shore Interpreter Volunteer Training Event - April 8, 2017 9:30a-5:00pm @ Cannon Beach City Hall

Please contact for more information or to R.S.V.P. for the event: Lisa Habecker, Education & Volunteer Coordinator 503.436.8064, habecker@ci.cannonbeach.or.us

#### RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers to train and respond to local, regional and national disasters. Training is available for new and existing volunteers. No previous experience necessary.

Learn about Red Cross services in our community. How to get involved in local, regional and national disaster responses. Complete volunteer registration and sign up for training at the same time.

Date: April 27, 2017 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Location: Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, Community Hall, 207 N. Spruce St., Cannon Beach,

For more information, contact Jenny Carver: 503-528-5713 or jenny.carver@redcross.org