



CLEANING UP

in Cannon Beach



BRENNIA VISSER/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Christina Miller from Hillsboro inspects plastic beads in her sifter in front of Haystack Rock during the SOLVE cleanup event, April 1.

What comes in when the tide goes out

By Brenna Visser
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Never turn your back on the ocean. It's the rule the crowd of 400 standing in the parking lot of Cannon Beach City Hall heard over and over as a way to keep safe during the SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup. It also serves as a salient metaphor for the work the nonprofit seeks to accomplish: to restore and maintain the beaches the public enjoys. Jeneé Pearce-Mushen has been a volunteer to help

organize the clean up in Cannon Beach for SOLVE for the past 10 years, and said one of her favorite aspects is being able to see parents bringing their children to help. "This matters to everyone. It's important to have beaches be clean and to protect them," she said. "Twice a year we can give a little extra that we have to help our children understand why we do this." This year, bags were filled with various forms of disintegrated plastics and trash from Arch Cape to Ecola State Park. This effort spanned all of the Oregon Coast in 45 locations from Fort Stevens to Brookings, which resulted in the removal of 56,000

pounds of litter total. Erin Coffin traveled with a group of her coworkers from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America from Portland as a way to give back to a community she enjoys. "If I plan to camp on the coast all summer, I should help pick it up," Coffin said. Her coworker, Shay Florian, came out for similar reasons, though she had a personal, added bonus. "It's pretty cool to see the ocean for the first time," she laughed. For more information about additional volunteer opportunities, visit solveoregon.org.

Students wanted Fall academy opening may be up in the air

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With a building lease and recent grant award in hand, plans to open the Cannon Beach Academy this fall are starting to fall into place. But a few aspects are still up in the air. One, most notably, is that not enough students are enrolled. For the academy to open its doors, a provision in the contract between the academy and the Seaside School

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Cannon Beach scores at CEDR awards ceremony

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While businesses spanning all through out Clatsop County were recognized at this year's Clatsop Economic Development Resources award ceremony, Cannon Beach businesses got extra time in the spotlight. Four out of nine businesses awarded are based in Cannon Beach, including The Wine Shack and Provisions 124, Coaster Construction, Pelican Pub & Brewery and Martin Hospitality. Each business represented excellence in small business entrepreneurship, community service, job creation and economic impact, respectively. So what makes Cannon Beach special? Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Court Carrier said he attributes it to a city-wide culture to preserve the personality of the town. "When you have a small town like ours, and 300 businesses, it is extremely gratifying to see an active, vibrating community prioritizing the culture of Cannon Beach," Carrier said. "They deserved it." Businesses are nominated and then chosen by a board in March, CEDR Executive Director Kevin Leahy said. He said he sees CEDR awards as a way for local businesses to network and get more exposure in their community, as well as to reward them for innovation and creativity. "It's great to give awareness about businesses that are doing well," Leahy said. The city's success "speaks to the vibrancy of their economy." Leahy also noted that many businesses in Cannon Beach are invested in community volunteerism. John Nelson, the manager at Coast Construction who accepted the "Business Service to the Community" award on behalf of the Clark family, is an example of just that. Nelson said he attributes the company's work to financially and logistically support the Sandcastle festival, as well as their work to retrofit an emergency center in case of a natural disaster is what made them stand out. "It was an honor to receive this award. The Clark family has always been in the background of Cannon Beach, supporting the community," Nelson said. This multi-generational family business has been in the community since 1973.

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CEDR Board Vice President Alisa Dunlap presents an award to Ryan and Stephanie Snyder of Martin Hospitality.

CEDR Award Winners

- Entrepreneurship – Small Business:** The Wine Shack & Provisions 124 in Cannon Beach, Steven Sinkler, owner
- Outstanding Customer Service:** Hillcrest Inn in Seaside and Ruth Swenson, manager
- Visionary Award:** Astoria Coffee House and Bistro/Cargo/Carruthers, Jim DeFeo, owner.
- Business Service to the Community – Small Business:** Kathleen Deland Peterson of Seaside
- Technological Advancement:** Gustafson Logging of Astoria, Mark Gustafson, owner
- Business Service to the Community – Large Business:** Coaster Construction in Cannon Beach, John Nelson, general contractor
- Job Creation:** Pelican Pub and Brewery of Cannon Beach, Jim Prinzing, CEO
- Entrepreneurship – Large Business:** LEKTRO of Warrenton, Eric Paulson, owner
- Economic Impact:** Martin Hospitality of Cannon Beach, Ryan Snyder, CEO

* Awards to Cannon Beach businesses in red

CITY COUNCIL

No more 'musical cars'

City council could introduce timed parking in Cannon Beach

By Brenna Visser
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Cannon Beach city council voted to adopt the amendment to municipal code to lay the groundwork for introducing timed parking in Cannon Beach's downtown core. The council voted to change the wording of the ordinance now to clarify that a person moving a car within the same block or parking lot does not count as starting over with the new time limit. The old language was less specific, and defining it allows the city to enforce parking rules more readily, city manager Brant Kucera said. Currently there is no timed parking in Cannon Beach. Kucera said. "It basically prevents musical cars," Kucera said. The ordinance change, which was passed unanimously April 4, was inspired by a goal in the city's strategic plan to create 50 parking spaces in the downtown district. The solution to that, Kucera said, is contracting out a parking study to evaluate the percentage of time parking spaces downtown are vacant or unoccupied. The consultant firm already has started counting cars on Spruce and Hemlock Streets between First and Third avenues. "What will happen is by timing parking we will create more spaces. It will be a more effective and efficient use of space," Kucera said. A report is to be produced by mid-May outlining an accurate picture of how parking is used downtown. Then a calculation factoring the difference between the occupancy without timed parking versus occupancy in a timed space will determine the vacancy rate, which translate into the number of new parking spots created. The cost of the study isn't to exceed \$13,700, he said.

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