



## Academy wins lease, still needs work

### Academy hopes to be up to code by mid-August

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The city voted unanimously to approve a lease agreement with Cannon Beach Academy Monday night, leaving the school about a month to secure a building permit to tackle major renovations necessary for the school to open in the fall.

The city has fast-tracked this process ever since the academy was forced to change locations to the former Preschool and Children's Center at 3781 S. Hemlock St. after a cost estimate at the original location on Sunset Boulevard was \$150,000 over the board's \$90,000 budget.

When the board decided to pursue the former children's cen-

ter, supporters heralded the space as a great alternative because it was already designed to host children. But a report done in early June by an independent contractor shows the building is in "substantial code non-compliance" to become a school as it stands, which could drive up costs. At one point, the report suggests that the city "weigh the options of removing

the building versus conducting work on these major code resolutions."

City Planner Mark Barnes said this particular inspection should be considered a draft, and that a more tailored assessment will come after Cannon Beach's newly hired building official reviews the academy's building plans. Neither former City Manager Brant

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**Jim Oyala, co-owner of Bill's Tavern & Brewhouse, speaks before the Cannon Beach city council Monday to express his opinions about plans to implement timed parking downtown.**

## Timed parking? Never mind.

### Parking solutions to be discussed after summer

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After about a half-hour of impassioned arguments from the community, city councilors voted to table any discussion of timed parking or any other parking solutions until after the summer. On Monday, Brian Davis from Lancaster Street Lab presented the parking study he was hired by the city to conduct. The study spurred city councilors two months ago to experiment with timed parking downtown.

Three-hour parking limit signs on Hemlock Street between First and Third avenues, as well as on First, Second and Third streets between Hemlock and Spruce were suggested by city council in May as a pilot program to see whether or not timed parking increases turnover in parking spots. This was a way to help the city reach the goal of creating 50 new spots by the end of 2018.

But many business owners and community members at the meeting rejected the idea that timed parking would increase business and felt they were shut out of the decision-making process.

Last month, a petition arguing that timed parking would "negatively impact the relaxing atmosphere" of the town, "increase traffic congestion when cars need to be moved," and "not allow visitors enough time to enjoy the restaurants and browse through the local shops" circulated town and gathered 120 signatures.

"If there is a spot a tourist can park in, let him park there," Dueber's Variety and Shorelines owner Jay Shepard said during the meeting. "If there are employees parking there, that can be solved with education. But the last thing we want to do is make this town unwelcoming."

### Why timed parking?

"There is a method to my madness," Davis joked.

His method was to walk around 24 block faces in Cannon Beach to track how occupied the town was, how long cars stayed and the number of unique vehicles that would enter the space between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. He conducted his study over two days — March 31, the last day of Oregon's spring break, and April 15, the last day of Washington's spring break — as representative samples.

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## WE Love A PARADE!



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Members of the Lewis and Clark Fire Department join the Cannon Beach July Fourth parade.

## Cannon Beach celebrates traditions, patriotism

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**T**hirty years ago, the Fourth of July parade in Cannon Beach consisted of one family marching on Monroe Street with a mission to celebrate patriotism.

It was Bob Teagle, a local and a veteran, and his former wife, Leah, who started to bring red, white and blue to the streets of the resort town.

Thirty years later, Teagle's wife, Nancy, and the American Legion have taken the reins of carrying on a tradition that blossomed from neighborhood fun to thousands lining Hemlock and Spruce streets.

Nancy Teagle started helping with parade organizing when she met Bob in 1996 and watched as the event grew larger each year. After Bob died in 2005, she chose to carry out the parade in the "enthusiastic and patriotic" spirit of her husband.

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Cannon Beach Fourth of July parade organizer Nancy Teagle throws out taffy to paradegoers.

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## El Corazon wreck removed from the beach

### Debris sent to landfill

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The 40-foot sailboat that washed ashore near Cannon Beach was removed and compacted Tuesday, June 27, and headed for a landfill.

The El Corazon washed ashore June 8 after the vessel lost propulsion about 15 miles off the coast of Cannon Beach. While en route to the Tillamook Bar, waves were breaking over the bow of the sailboat and by 4:48 a.m. the on-board bilge pumps were full of water. The U.S. Coast Guard deemed the vessel unsafe, removed the three people aboard and cut the tow line.

According to state law, the owner of a boat has 14 days after

a wreck to remove the debris, Oregon Shores Permit Coordinator Jay Sennewald said. It took the owner the duration of this period to work with his insurance to pay for the removal, otherwise the vessel would have been seized by Oregon State Parks at the owner's expense.

Coastal Towing & Salvage finished removing the sailboat by noon. By then, many parts of the boat, such as the steering wheel and the navigation equipment, were missing.

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said the Cannon Beach Police received many calls with reports of people taking items, but the thieves were gone by the time police arrived.

The Coast Guard called in a hazardous materials team to address the fuel and any possible environmental issues the day the ship washed ashore.



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The El Corazon lies stranded on the beach near Ecola State Park after it ran aground June 8. The vessel was in distress after losing power and spent weeks on the beach before being removed.