



Fifth-annual fundraising event brings thousands



Hundreds of corgis and their owners gathered in Cannon Beach for the fifth annual Oregon Corgi Beach Day. The event started with just a few dozen corgis and their owners and has ballooned in size in recent years.

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Hordes of corgis and their owners inundated Cannon Beach Saturday, July 29, as a part of the fifth Corgi Beach Day.

The short-legged dogs with faces that seem to be perpetually smiling came in all shapes and sizes, with some even dressed up as dog-sized tacos, sushi rolls and mermaids.

What started out five years ago as a group of 30 friends from Portland with a shared passion for corgis now attracts more than 1,200 owners and 500 corgis from all over the country, event organizer Jennifer Robinson said.

"I'm blown away by how fast it has grown," she said.

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The Oregon Corgi Beach Day raised funds to support the Oregon Humane Society.

Weed rules lead to unintended outcomes

City votes to keep marijuana out of mixed-use facilities

By Brenna Visser
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In a 3-2 vote, city councilors affirmed an ordinance Tuesday that forbids marijuana retailers from moving into buildings that can house both residences and businesses.

Reevaluating the ordinance that dictates retail marijuana dispensaries cannot be located in mixed use buildings in Cannon Beach was brought to the city after Matt Ennis, a resident at 140 S. Hemlock, told city councilors at a July council meeting his landlord planned to evict him to rent the commercial space under him to the marijuana retailer Five Zero Trees.

The change would have allowed marijuana stores to apply for permits in buildings that also have residences, a setup that is found often in downtown Cannon Beach.

The vote affirms that future applications from marijuana retailers will not be considered at mixed use locations, which follows the community's desire to keep marijuana out of residential areas. The vote also means the landlord will evict the three tenants currently living at 140 S. Hemlock St. to comply with the ordinance and allow the Five Zero Trees to rent the commercial space below.

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Former CEO steps up to protect puffin population

Species decline spurs fundraising for research

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John Underwood has been coming to Cannon Beach with his family for the majority of his life. For the past 10 years, every time he and his wife, Ann, would take a walk on the beach they would approach the observer tasked with counting seabirds on Haystack Rock and ask the same question.

How are the puffins this year?

Every year, the answer he received was grim. But this year, when the observer said he'd seen only seven that day, Underwood and his wife walked back to their house and decided something needed to be done.

"I remember coming down to Cannon Beach as a kid to look at the rock, and remember hundreds of puffins," Underwood said. "We can't let this icon of Cannon Beach just disappear. We felt like we had to get engaged, to raise awareness."

'Protect our Puffins'

Haystack Rock still is home to Oregon's largest tufted puffin colony. But research has shown a significant decline in the population of the small, black bird with golden plumes on its head and a bright orange beak.

After some brainstorming and a meeting with Haystack Rock Awareness Program coordinator Melissa Keyser, Underwood decided to donate \$10,000 to launch the "Protect our Puffins" campaign this summer.

Soon, visitors and residents will see "Protect our Puffins" sweatshirts for sale at local businesses, Underwood said. All of the proceeds will go to fund informational brochures, research and an event next summer to raise awareness of the "puffin problem."

"Hopefully it will have an impact on the birds," said Underwood, a Bainbridge Island, Washington, resident and retired CEO of Darigold. "Each of us need to contribute in our own way, but we need to make people aware of what's going on first."

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Family at the farmers market

Cannon Beach farmers market sees new hours, new faces

By Brenna Visser
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With summer in full swing, the Cannon Beach Farmers Market is back with new hours and a few new faces.

More than 20 vendors from all over the region served one of the largest opening day crowds in June, jumping from around 800 to 1,200 this year, Farmer's Market coordinator Philomena Lloyd said.

Unlike past years, all vendors are open from 1 to 5 p.m. — not just prepared food booths and musicians, Lloyd said.

With the new time comes a few new vendors, one of whom is Tami Peterson. Peterson sells all things cranberries from

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Christine Cayot and Krista Bennet keep a close eye on the grill as they prepare food for customers at the Cannon Beach Farmer's Market.

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