

# A 12-year endeavor bears fruit

By David Robinson  
Cannon Beach Community Church

This is a story of a Steinway. As a hand-crafted musical instrument comprised of more than 12,000 parts, a Steinway grand piano takes a full year to build. A Steinway grand piano takes at least 12 years to arrive. The people of Cannon Beach Community Church first dreamed of bringing a concert quality grand piano to Cannon Beach in 2005, the year we celebrated our 75th anniversary as a local church. The North Coast has relatively few quality performing arts venues, and even fewer concert quality grand pianos. The renovation of the Liberty Theatre, completed in 1998, including the addition of a 9-foot Steinway Model D grand piano, added a much needed quality musical venue with a concert quality grand piano to our region. As of August, Cannon Beach Community Church has done the same.

The story of a Steinway in Cannon Beach begins in 1930, the year Cannon Beach Community Church was chartered, 27 years before Cannon Beach was officially incorporated as a city. I came to Cannon Beach with our family of five in 1993

to begin serving as lead pastor of Cannon Beach Community Church. At that time, Community Church had a tired, old electric organ and a decent Yamaha upright piano. As a pastor, worship leader, and jazz pianist, I knew we needed to upgrade our musical instruments at some time in the future. In 1997, we remodeled and expanded the sanctuary of Community Church, producing a mid-sized performing arts venue with high-quality acoustics and a beautiful sacred worship space that seats 200. In 2004, a couple in the congregation donated a new Rodgers Artist's Series digital organ in memory of their daughter who died of cancer. The \$35,000 organ they donated was a major upgrade from our previous instrument.

In January 2005, at our annual congregational meeting, I announced to the people of Community Church that we hoped to bring a grand piano to celebrate our 75 years of ministry and worship, but we had not budgeted the \$50,000 for this instrument. I asked the people to join in the search for a grand piano. In June 2005, the director of the Coaster Theatre called me asking if we wanted a baby grand piano "on permanent loan." We received

the gift of an older Young Chang baby grand piano that year. Eleven years later, in 2016, a widowed friend asked what it would take to bring a concert quality grand piano to the church to replace the baby grand loaner piano. She offered the first \$10,000 to kickstart our grand piano fund in December 2016. Over the next eight months, the people of Cannon Beach Community Church donated over \$50,000 towards this grand piano fund. We received a wide variety of financial gifts, large and small, from young people who love the upbeat music of our contemporary worship band, gifts from elderly widows who love singing the wonderful old hymns, and gifts from people on the Cannon Beach Community who love the sanctuary as a performing arts venue. One such donor, the Cannon Beach Chorus, celebrates 30 years of choral music this year, with weekly rehearsals held on Monday evenings at Cannon Beach Community Church, drawing singers from up and down the Coast.

Our grand piano taskforce began shopping for a new grand piano in June 2017. We discovered a concert-quality Steinway Model B Grand Piano built in 2008, on sale at

Michelle's Piano Company, Home of Steinway in Portland. Compared to the many grand pianos we tried, this 2008 Steinway Grand Piano sang with such depth, richness, warmth, and clarity that we knew it was meant to come home to Cannon Beach. The Steinway Model B is "often referred to by pianists as 'the perfect piano.' It is a wonderfully balanced and versatile instrument that does extremely well in midsized venues."

We presented this 2008 Steinway Model B grand piano to the congregation because it was beyond our fundraising price range, but within a week, an additional \$10,000 arrived unexpectedly from several unknown donors, allowing us to purchase the instrument.

Our Steinway Model B grand piano was delivered on Aug. 3, and has begun her service of providing depth, richness, and warmth to our weekly worship services, including during our Sunday contemporary worship at 9 a.m., during our Sunday classic worship at 10:45 a.m., and at our twice a month Evensong (Taize-style) worship on the first and third Sundays at 6 p.m.

Stephen Beus will play a free 30-minute "Kid's Concert" on Friday, Oct. 20, at 6



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This Steinway piano is a treasured addition in Cannon Beach.

p.m. at Cannon Beach Community Church, a half-hour interactive, "child-friendly" piano mini-concert, free and open to the public, especially younger kids and their parents or grandparents.

David Robinson is a resident of Cannon Beach, serving as lead pastor of Cannon Beach Community Church since 1993, and also a jazz pianist, and author of numerous books on spirituality.

## Stage classic 'Blithe Spirit' at Coaster Theatre



SUBMITTED PHOTO

David Sweeney, Karen Martin, Ellen Jensen in "Blithe Spirit"

This fall Noel Coward's supernatural comedy, Blithe Spirit haunts the Coaster Theatre stage weekends through Oct. 28.

Socialite and novelist Charles Condomine, invites the eccentric medium and clairvoyant, Madame Arcati, to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book. The scheme backfires when he is haunted by the ghost of his temperamental first wife, Elvira, after the séance. Elvira makes continual attempts to disrupt Charles's marriage to his current wife, Ruth,

who cannot see or hear the ghost. As the (worldly and unworldly) personalities clash, Charles risk being haunted into perpetuity.

This charming romantic comedy features North Coast actors Evelyn Isakson (Edith), Katrina Godderz (Ruth), David Sweeney (Charles), Thomas Ryan (Dr. Bradman), Cathey Ryan (Mrs. Bradman), Karen Martin (Madame Arcati), Ellen Jensen (Elvira) and is directed by Edward James. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 and can be purchased online at coastertheatre.com or by calling 503-436-1242.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### Thursday, Oct. 26

**Cannon Beach Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### Monday, Nov. 6

**City Manager Community Forum**, 7 p.m., SurfSand Resort, 148 W Gower Ave, Cannon Beach, OR 97110

#### Tuesday, Nov. 7

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 8:30 a.m., executive session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 8

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 8:30 a.m., executive session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 14

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., meeting and work session,

188 Sunset, Cannon Beach.

#### Thursday, Nov. 16

**Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee**, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

**Cannon Beach Design Review Board Meeting**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 21

**Seaside School District Board of Directors**, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 5

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

#### Monday, Dec. 11

**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District**, 6 p.m., 188 Sunset, Cannon Beach.

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### MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2017

7	City Council Executive Session	8:30 a.m.
8	City Council Executive Session	9:00 a.m.
14	City Council Combined Regular Meeting & Work Session	5:30 p.m.
16	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
21	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING, October 3, 2017

- Council discussed Ordinance 17-09, Establishing Policies for Criminal History Records Checks Concerning Applicants for Employment, Appointed Volunteers and City Licensing and requested some changes and clarification be added. It was scheduled for consideration at the October 17th special meeting;
- Adopted Proclamation 17-06, Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Cannon Beach;
- Approved the panel organization and schedule for the City Manager interviews taking place in November;
- Emergency Management Consultant Stacy Burr gave a presentation to the Council regarding a mass care site at the South Wind property, in accordance with the adopted strategic planning goals of 2016. Council asked for more input by the end of the year to help them define this priority;
- Council decided not to apply for a Department of Land Conservation & Development pilot program which could assist with getting the South Wind property into the Urban Growth Boundary by emphasizing affordable housing.

#### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION October 10, 2017

- New Assistant Public Works Director, Karen LaBonte was introduced to the Council;
- The new Beach Wheelchair initiative was presented to Council;
- A schedule for meeting with City Advisory Boards in the new year was discussed;
- Council directed staff to apply for a Transportation System Plan grant again, and to see what traffic improvements can be done prior to receiving a grant.

#### CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, October 11 and 12, 2017

Council met in executive session to conduct City Manager semi-finalist interviews.

#### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, October 17, 2017

- Considered Ordinance 17,09, Establishing Policies for Criminal History Records Checks Concerning Applicants for Employment, Appointed Volunteers and City Licensing
- Council announced the finalists for the City Manager position. The interviews are scheduled for the first week in November.
- Considered a pavement preservation contract for FY 2017-18.

#### CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, October 17, 2017

Council met in executive session to discuss City Manager recruitment.

#### CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, November 7, 2017

Council will meet in executive session to conduct finalist interviews for the City Manager position.

#### CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, November 8, 2017

Council will meet in executive session to select the candidate of choice for the City Manager position.

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD** - The Design Review Board meeting scheduled for September 21, 2017 was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet October 19, 2017 to discuss:  
**DRB 17-08**, Endreson et al, Application for External Modifications to a Duplex at 163 W. Orford.  
**DRB 17-03**, Bell, Request to establish a retail marijuana store at 3115 S. Hemlock.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - The Planning Commission met September 28, 2017 and discussed:  
**AA 17-02**, Boyce Tree Removal Appeal for One Pine Tree Located Adjacent to 232 Gulcana. Application was withdrawn at the meeting.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet October 26th for a work session between the Planning Commission and Staff to discuss an update of the ForeDune Management Plan, and possible amendments to the tree cutting ordinance.

#### CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

As part of the City Manager finalist interview process, the City of Cannon Beach will host a Community Forum on Monday, November 6th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the SurfSand Resort ballroom, located at 148 W Gower Ave. The forum will include a panel segment featuring pre-submitted questions from the public, followed by a brief meet-and-greet reception. Light refreshments will be provided.

Members of the public are welcome to submit suggestions for questions to be answered by the finalists. Questions may be submitted in writing at City Hall, or via email to riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us. The deadline for submittals is October 31st at 5:00pm.

#### POLICE OFFICER - JOB

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Police Officer.

**SALARY:** \$22.90 to \$29.22 Hourly  
**OPENING DATE:** 10/11/17  
**CLOSING DATE:** 11/10/17  
Health Benefits (Medical, Dental, Vision), PERS Retirement, Holiday, Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits, Certification Compensation  
**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Cannon Beach Police officers work independently and cooperatively to provide the community law enforcement services, problem solving, public safety and education, and responding to calls for service. Officers ensure protection and crime prevention consistent with community policing objectives. Officers conduct investigations of crimes which lead to identification, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals. This description is an example only and may include other similar duties.

For more information: <http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/police/page/police-officer-job>

#### NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

By now, residents of Cannon Beach with a post office box in either the 97110 or 97145 zip code area have received a post card informing you to expect a written survey soon from the National Research Center (NRC). You will receive a survey in paper form in the mail after October 11th and a second paper copy will be mailed after October 18th. If you do not receive either copy, or wish to fill out a survey in Spanish, you are welcome to fill it out online. Also, if your post office box is registered as a business, but you use it for personal mail as well, you will not receive a survey packet. We are not surveying businesses, but we are surveying residents. You will still have the opportunity to fill out the survey online. The link to the survey will be posted on the City of Cannon Beach website.

Please take the time to fill out your survey and return it to the NRC. Surveys need to be completed and returned to them by November 21st to be processed and analyzed. Your input is valuable to the City Council when prioritizing

the many tasks before the City. The results of this survey will guide your elected officials and city staff in their strategic planning process early next year. Rarely do we hear from more than a handful of residents on any given topic. Not everyone can attend City Council meetings. The National Citizen Survey is your opportunity to have your voice heard.

Please remember that your response is completely anonymous. We look forward to hearing from you!

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

The City of Cannon Beach has immediate openings for the following vacancies:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EPREP) COMMITTEE: THREE (3) vacancies open immediately** to fill four-year terms. 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 9:00 a.m. and may schedule work sessions as needed.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: ONE (1) vacancy open immediately** to fill a four-year term. 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 9:00 a.m.

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, or email addressed to riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us, or online at [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us) For more information, please contact Colleen Riggs by email or phone at (503) 436-8052.

#### RITE AID FLU SHOT CLINIC AT CITY HALL

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
**TIME:** 11:00am - 1:00pm  
**LOCATION:** City Hall Council Chambers  
Be sure to bring your medical insurance card!