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Ayden Molyneux tries his hand at the bean bag toss during the party at Cannon Beach Academy on Monday.

Cannon Beach Academy party

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The most recent accomplishment, however, was having the academy's first- and second-graders teach the kindergarten students how to dance to "the Monster Mash."

"That is leadership at its finest," Moore said. "Watching these kids branch out and build relationships has been rewarding."

For second-grader Satchel Parker, he said there is a lot

to like about to school, but recess is probably his favorite.

"But I think every kid would say that," Parker said.

For the night he was dressed as a Special Forces soldier. When asked, he said he wasn't really sure what inspired him to choose the costume, other than a vague interest "in this stuff."

But he had a clearer opinion about the party.

"I like the candy, and the food," Parker said. "And the people."

'Citizen scientists' help gather data at Cape Falcon

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and Manzanita, was set aside for conservation and scientific research in 2012. It is one of five marine reserves in Oregon. They are, as the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve have described them, "underwater parks," or "living laboratories," in the words of Chrissy Smith, coordinator for the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve.

The Cape Falcon site is Oregon's northernmost marine reserve. Three of the area's five cormorant colonies are easily visible from above Sappington would sit above Devil's Cauldron, a cove surrounded by steep cliffs where ocean swells turn the water below turquoise and milk-white with froth.

For the past two summers, the Audubon Society of Portland and Fish and Wildlife Service, in collaboration with Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve and the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, have trained volunteers to monitor seabird nesting success. Volunteers also watch colonies at sites in the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve farther south.

Volunteer scientists are also called "citizen scientists" and they could be anyone — that's the point.

"Citizen science, you can do a lot with it," said Liebezeit. But, he added,



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Citizen scientists can be important to research projects.

simplicity is key.

The cormorants are also monitored as an indicator species, said Shawn Stephensen, wildlife biologist with Fish and Wildlife, "helping us understand ocean conditions and food availability for many different seabirds." But, given the citizen science component, cormorants were chosen because they are commonly found off the Oregon Coast, they are easy to spot, difficult to confuse with other sea birds and they build distinct, separate nests that volunteers can peer into with their spotting scopes and binoculars.

Monitoring the cormorants is an activity Sappington and other volunteers say they find to be very peaceful. The normal pace of his life slows, Sappington said. At the same time, though, the birds he has been watching seem to grow up overnight.

"All of the sudden what once was an egg is now a bird and it's getting ready to leave the nest."

Marijuana debate still blazing

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Procedure

City Planner Mark Barnes said he was not aware the property at 140 S. Hemlock St. was mixed-use when property owners Bruce and Max Ritchie applied for a land use compatibility statement last year.

The city does not have a registry of mixed-use buildings or any formal way of keeping track of them, Barnes said. The property is listed under commercial zoning, where retail is allowed.

In Cannon Beach, there is no code provision that addresses how land use compatibility statements are evaluated, so it is not an inherent code violation if there is false information on the form. Because these forms are submitted so early on the process, the information serves as a general road map subject to changes, Barnes said.

The accountability comes when retailers apply for a business license. At that point, the city will inspect the business to make sure it is in accordance with the city's design standards, zoning, building and other regulations.

"We still have an opportunity to enforce all provisions of the code when they come for a business license," Barnes said.

Comprehensive plan

Frei argues approving Five Zero Trees at the Hemlock location is a violation of aspects of the comprehensive plan, the city's constitution for development.

The comprehensive plan promotes "small-scale, family-owned" businesses, and Frei said the fact Five Zero Trees operates stores across Oregon means it doesn't meet the definition. Introducing a marijuana store so close to a residential area would also be out of step with the plan's goal to promote a "unique character of downtown," he said.

The last major inconsistency is the plan's goal to "encourage the provision of permanent housing in downtown by providing zoning incentives for mixed-use structures which incorporate housing," he said.

"Because of code requirements regarding mixed use, this business is taking away a mixed-use building (with three apartments) to make it into a commercial building, eliminating the apartments in affordable-housing-challenged Cannon Beach," Frei said.

City councilors tentatively are scheduled to review the comprehensive plan and



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Chris Hess at the Five Zero Trees store in Cannon Beach on Friday. Owners of the store are planning a soft opening in a few weeks as two other recreational marijuana retailers look at opening stores in Cannon Beach.

Cannabis retailers eye Cannon Beach

New stores dealing with ownership, design challenges

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

As Five Zero Trees eyes a soft opening in a few weeks, two other marijuana retailers have also been working to establish a presence in the city.

Oregrown Inc. co-founder Aviv Hadar said the Bend-based retailer still has intentions to open a store at the location of Purple Moon Boutique on Hemlock Street. He and the other founders of the company have "struck a deal" with building owner Gene Cope to purchase the property.

The team had its designs approved by the Design Review Board this summer and is in the process of obtaining a license from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. The store opening will depend on when Abbas Atwi, the owner of Purple Moon Boutique, is ready to go, Hadar said.

"We're going to let this play its natural course," Hadar said. "When we do something it's very methodical. Every little tiny nook and cranny needs to be perfect and thought out. If it takes a year to get the place open, so be it."

Atwi declined to comment.

Daryl Bell's plans to open a marijuana store at 3115 S. Hemlock St. in Tolovana, however, are stalled. The Design Review Board rejected his application Thursday be-



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A third marijuana retailer has applied to operate at 3115 S. Hemlock St. in Tolovana.

cause it lacked detail and failed to address parking issues board members cited two months ago at his last hearing.

The parking spaces are drawn onto the city's right of way, City Planner Mark Barnes said, and would need to be redesigned in order to be in compliance.

"The parking situation at this location is something that would need to be addressed for anyone with commercial use," Barnes said.

Nancy Benson, operations manager of PPC Holdings, represents Bell and said that redesigning the parking layout was too costly to do in the time allotted. But they intend to reapply to the Design Review Board in the future.

"We're still hoping to open at that location," Benson said.

ordinance in early December to take a deeper look at Frei's arguments.

"I question whether this violates the comprehensive plan or not," City Councilor Nancy McCarthy said. "I feel like we've been shutting (the Ecola Square Homeowners Association) down."

Case Van Dorne, the

co-owner of Five Zero Trees, hopes to alleviate the concerns residents have about his business by the way he operates, he said.

"We have families of our own. I've been visiting Cannon Beach for 42 years. We want to work with the community and prove we won't be a negative influence on Can-

non Beach," he said.

Van Dorne has another Five Zero Trees in Astoria, where he said they are active in beach cleanups, food drives and other community service. He hopes to do the same in Cannon Beach.

"We're not a faceless business. We're people who care," he said.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Nov. 6

City Manager Community Forum, 7 p.m., Surfstrand 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.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Cannon Beach Academy Board

of Directors, 5:30 p.m., Cannon Beach Academy, 3781 S. Hemlock.

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.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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

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