



## Santa Claus has come town



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Charlie Clifford, 2, poses for a photo at the “Pictures with Santa” event put on by Cannon Beach Library Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Chamber Community Hall.



### Pictures with Santa event held at Chamber Community Hall

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Children in Cannon Beach were able to meet Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the “Pictures with Santa” event hosted by the Cannon Beach Library. After taking a photo with Santa by the fire place at the Chamber Community Hall, children were invited to do crafts and enjoy a spread of holidays treats and cocoa.



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Families write down their contact information at the “Pictures with Santa” event put on by Cannon Beach Library Saturday afternoon at the Chamber Community Hall.



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Water, wastewater and storm water management costs could face increases in Cannon Beach.

## Council lukewarm on water rate hike

Some members are concerned rate increase won't be enough

By Brenna Visser  
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City councilors had mixed reaction to the water and wastewater rate increase proposal presented by the public works committee at Tuesday's work session.

The committee recommended to fund 50 percent of all projects detailed in the water master plan and 75 percent in the wastewater plan with a rate increase. The 20-year plan is required by the state, and projects would focus on rehabbing or replacing a variety of systems, including brittle water lines and water storage tanks.

The proposal would keep the city's current rate structure and raise the average

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## Planned pot shop application is now 'dead'

Two Cannon Beach shops remain in play

By R.J. Marx  
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One of three cannabis dispensaries planned for Cannon Beach has dropped out.

Daryl Bell, who had planned to open a marijuana shop at 3115 S. Hemlock St., decided recommendations from the Design Review Board were too extensive to pursue.

“The application for 3115 S. Hemlock was denied by the Design Review Board at their Oct. 19 meeting,” City Planner Mark Barnes said Tuesday. “I’ve had no further communication with the applicant, so I assume the project is dead.”

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## Conservancy thanks volunteers with holiday soirée

### ‘Gratitude to the entire community’

By R.J. Marx  
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Staff and supporters of the North Coast Land Conservancy filled the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce community center for a holiday party Friday, Dec. 8.

“We are here to express our gratitude for the entire community that supports our conservation work,” Katie Voelke, executive director of the conservancy, said. “It just keeps growing and growing.”

Voelke was surrounded by conservancy board members, volunteers and donors as the group mingled over light hors d’oeuvres and beverages. A video presentation by Neal Maine was accompanied by text from the Onondaga tribe offering thanks to nature and the environment.



Left, Neal Maine and Jeanne Henderson, and right, Mary Blake and Tom Horning, show their support at the North Coast Land Conservancy volunteer thank-you party on Dec. 8.

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In terms of land acquisition and preservation, “It’s been a great year, every year seems like more and more,” Voelke said. “We’ve made great headway on our big rainforest reserve campaign and doing work in Tillamook County.”

The Coastal Edge program will be

a focus for the next four years, she said. In 2016 the conservancy and Onion Peak Holdings LLC teamed for the opportunity to purchase critical lands for conservation within the Coastal Edge Initiative target area.

The two-phase program includes Onion Peak, most of the Ango-

ra Peak complex and nearly all of the Arch Cape Creek watershed — 3,500 acres of natural habitat and the headwaters of creeks that supply drinking water to Cannon Beach and Arch Cape.

While eyeing a 17.6-acre parcel of forested land near Arcadia Beach, conservancy talks with the property owner are not yet underway, Voelke said. The owner sought temporary road access to the parcel earlier this year with the intent to build an upscale RV park. “We’ve expressed we’re interested, but the owner hasn’t reached out yet,” Voelke said.

For the guests enjoying salmon, cheese, wine, hearty bread and pumpkin beer, the night was a celebration.

“There have been some amazing donations and pledges toward the campaign,” Voelke said. “Some people who have never contributed pledged thousands of dollars for the next few years.”