

# For Latinos, a program for college prep

## Seaside School District families, students benefit from program

By Katherine Lacaze  
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Ensuring one's student is adequately prepared for post-secondary education can be daunting for any parent or guardian. The Juntos program's six-week college readiness workshop — taught entirely in Spanish — aims to provide local Latino families with the right information to support that process.

Ryan Stanley, the coast co-ordinator for Juntos, offered through Oregon State University, said the biggest benefit is showing students and families "what's possible, especially living in a smaller community."

Mari Mitchell, a longtime educator in the Seaside School District who retired two years ago, and Leticia Campos, a teacher at the Cannon Beach Academy, facilitated a Juntos workshop for Latino families in Seaside that wrapped up Tuesday, April 24. Over the course of six weeks, participants learned about preparing students for higher education, from high school graduation requirements and standardized testing to the admissions process and obtaining financial aid.

At its core, Mitchell said,

the course is about giving parents and their students "the keys to be able to open the door to higher education."

When preparing students for college, many parents and guardians face a language barrier, which is why the curriculum is shared in Spanish, Mitchell said. Another issue families face is uncertainty about how legal documentation, or the lack thereof, affects students' opportunities.

In Oregon, there are multiple options for all students to not only attend a post-secondary institution — whether it be community college or a university — but also obtain financial aid through the Oregon Student Aid Application, institutions themselves, or other sources, Stanley said. Mitchell agreed many families don't realize how many resources are available to them.

### Seaside workshop

The Juntos class took place at Seaside High School, and dinner and childcare were offered. Attendance varied each Tuesday evening over the course of the workshop, but Rosario Alcantar, of Seaside, was a consistent participant.

Alcantar has a son in 11th grade at Seaside High School, as well as an older daughter. When her daughter graduated a few years ago, Alcantar felt she was unprepared and lacking in pertinent knowledge to assist and support her, so she signed up for the Juntos class



Leticia Campos, instructor.

to be better informed this time around.

When asked what was the most important information she'd learned, Alcantar, who was translated by Campos, replied, "everything." To elaborate, she added she learned where to apply for financial aid; the importance of visiting various universities before selecting one; and the higher education opportunities available to Dreamers or undocumented students.

Also, her son was leaning toward attending a university, she said, but after taking the workshop, they're more seriously discussing community college as a valuable option.

The same applies to Alcantar's daughter, who has not yet achieved a college degree, but now plans to go back.

For those parents on the fence about participating in a Juntos program, she said, she would encourage them to "think about their child's education, because education starts at home."

Mitchell was complimentary of Alcantar's dedication throughout the course of the class and for finishing strong, as it can be difficult for parents to add one more activity to their busy agendas.

"Was it a sacrifice of time for her? Sure. But it is her child's education," Mitchell said.

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there are plenty of jobs in that sector but tourist industry jobs can be seasonal. Industrial developers, who could provide a more stable job base for the area, have gotten the message that our local government and institutions are programmed to tune out anything that looks like growth, change, or family wage jobs. Hopefully these elections will start to make a positive difference in these attitudes.

There would not be a workforce housing issue if local tourist businesses would reach out to our senior community to fill its need for seasonal help. Many seniors need extra income and are experienced reliable assets who already have housing. CEDR, instead of crying the "sky is falling," should develop business training on how best for businesses to solve its own personnel problems and not rely on government to subsidize its needs. If you are a young person how can you pay a mortgage or a rent payment unless you have a

steady job? How can you afford inflated housing property taxes when the Seaside School District unnecessarily spends \$100,000 per student for school facilities when the rest of the State is spending \$40,000? How can you afford a house or apartment when construction labor costs on the north coast are 50 percent higher than in other rural areas of the State? How can you afford to pay for a house if it can't be built on affordable, properly zoned property because the neighbors complain it will create "unbearable" traffic increases? How can you build affordable housing when the bulk of suitable underdeveloped property is zoned for commercial use and is sitting idle because of consumer purchasing changes made by the internet? How can government provide a safe community with a more efficient cost-effective structure for its police and fire?

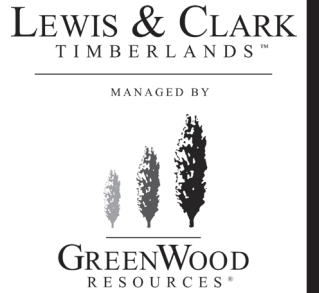
The list goes on and can only be solved by electing better leadership.

**John Dunzer**  
Seaside

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
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CITY MANAGER: Bruce St. Denis

### MEETINGS JUNE 2018

5	City Council Executive Session	5:15 p.m.
5	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12	City Council Executive Session	4:45 p.m.
12	City Council Special Meeting and Work Session	5:30 p.m.
21	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

#### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, Cancelled - moved to May 8th

#### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & WORK SESSION, May 8, 2018

- Introduction of new Police Officer Jake Anderson
- Adopted Ordinance 18-03; Amending Municipal Code Chapter 17.38, Flood Hazard Overlay Zone and Amending the Boundaries of the Flood Hazard Overlay Zone on the Land Use and Zoning Map of Cannon Beach, Oregon (revised 2018 FEMA flood insurance rate maps);
- Adopted Proclamation 18-04; Declaring May 20-26 as Emergency Medical Services Week;
- Adopted Proclamation 18-05; Declaring May 20-26 as National Public Works Week;
- Tabled Proclamation 18-06; Declaring the Red-wind Blackbird as the official bird of Cannon Beach until more public comment can be made;
- Denied Request for Right-of-Way Waiver to retain private improvements in Hemlock Street right-of-way and directed the owner to remove the deck within 30 days;
- Adopted timeline and evaluation form for the 6 month evaluation of the City Manager;
- Appointed Liz Beckman, Barb Knop, Jim Litherland, Amy Moore, Mark Morgans and John Nelson to the South Wind Improvements Advisory Board;
- Discussed changes to the Municipal Code Title 17, the Zoning Ordinance, to remove certain barriers to the development of affordable and workforce housing;
- Met with the Planning Commission;
- Discussed reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan;
- Discussed changes to the contracting ordinance - will consider the new ordinance at the June 5th meeting;

- Discussed changes to the transient room tax ordinance - will consider the new ordinance after more discussion;
- The finance director presented the 3rd quarter fiscal year ending 2018 (Jan-Mar 2018) fiancé report.

#### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, May 16, 2018 5:00pm

City Council will meet at 5:00 for a special meeting regarding the Friedland Settlement Agreement.

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD** - The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet May 17th, 2018.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** - The Planning Commission met April 26, 2018 and discussed **SR 18-02**, Cerelli request for a setback reduction in conjunction with a remodel of an existing dwelling at 595 N. Beach St. **Approved.** **V 18-03**, O'Brien request for a parking variance for an existing commercial building at 273 Beaver St. **Continued to 5/24 Hearing.** **V 18-04**, Tolovana Architects request for a setback reduction in conjunction with the replacement of an existing dwelling at 707 N. Laurel. **Continued to 5/24 with additional notice.** **V18-05**, Tolovana Architects request for a setback reduction in conjunction with the remodel of an existing dwelling at 132 Tanana Ave. **Approved.**

**ZO 18-01 and CP 18-01**, City of Cannon Beach request for Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan text amendments updating the City's foredone management plan. **Continued to 5/24.**

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet May 24th at 6:00pm.

#### Of Interest...

#### CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY MAY 28, 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

#### CITY OF CANNON BEACH BUDGET MEETINGS

The Cannon Beach City Council and Budget Committee will be meeting Wednesdays, May 16 and 23, 2018 in the City Hall Council Chambers for FY 2018-19 Budget deliberations. The meetings will start at 5:30pm.

#### HAYSTACK ROCK AWARENESS PROGRAM BEACH VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EPREP) COMMITTEE:

**TWO (2)** vacancies 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.

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. Applications with questionnaires are available at City Hall, 163 E. Gower Street, Cannon Beach, by email addressed to [riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us](mailto:riggs@ci.cannon-beach.or.us), or on-line 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.