



'The Bottle Collector'

BRONZE COAST GALLERY

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"THE BOTTLE COLLECTOR" by Don Dahle, giclée on canvas, from the Bronze Coast Gallery.

Bronze Coast will be among galleries to celebrate Stormy Weather Arts Festival events coming to Cannon Beach in November.

Over the past few years, the event has grown to include a spotlight concert that showcases accomplished or up-and-coming musicians in the Coaster Theatre Playhouse; the Dancing in the Rain Fashion Show featuring apparel and accessories from local and

national designers; and Brews, Blues & Barbecues where guests can sample local beers while enjoying live blues and a barbecue lunch.

Bronze Coast Gallery is located in The Landing at 224 North Hemlock St.

Answers prove elusive for affordable housing fixes

Councilors cool to lifting commercial building height restrictions

By R.J. Marx
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The hope for councilors was to improve the availability of housing stock, especially affordable or workforce housing. But before evening's end, the city shied from adopting two measures, fearing that unintended consequences would fail to meet the goals the ordinances were meant to address.

Two amendments — raising the building height in a commercial zone and off-street parking amendments to address variance criteria — went before the public at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The original proposal asked the city to reduce parking and landscaping requirements, as well as relax height restrictions in the residential zone designated for

multifamily housing. The proposal would have also allowed multifamily housing in a commercial zone as an outright use.

Robin Risley, a candidate for City Council, said in the public comment period that downtown density and parking could worsen if the amendments were adopted. "My suggestion is to really think about this," Risley said. "It will change the complexion of what is already a concern."

Resident Jan Siebert-Wahrmund urged the council not to weaken height regulations as proposed in the draft ordinance.

"Why would we allow our city to lose its village character by allowing potentially every building in our C-1 zone to add potentially another story?" Siebert-Wahrmund asked. "This is not an acceptable risk. Please think of the unintended consequences of loosening these regulations."

The proposed parking ordinance would have amended the variance process to include multifamily residences used for long-

term rentals as a factor to address one of three variance criteria.

According to the proposed height ordinance, building height would have been raised as from 24 to 28 feet. The ridge height of a pitched roof would not have exceeded 32 feet. This would have opened the way for developers to add a third story to be used for permanent housing for mixed residential and commercial downtown buildings. The proposed zoning ordinance amendments sought to encourage the development of long-term rental housing — the housing type needed to help meet the needs of groups that lack resources for owner-occupied housing or require rental housing for other reasons.

City Planner Mark Barnes said some graded sites may be able to meet those height requirements, he said, but space would be tight on a level property. "With a 28-foot height limit, I doubt you would see three stories," Barnes said.

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Health advisory lifted for Cannon Beach ocean waters

Fecal bacteria levels have subsided

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A recreational use health advisory was lifted in Cannon Beach in time for Labor Day weekend after recent testing showed fecal bacteria levels have subsided. The state continues to monitor local beaches.

The Oregon Health Authority issued the advisory Wednesday, Aug. 29, after water samples showed higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria in ocean waters. A specific source was never identified, however.

High readings in ocean waters can come from sources such as stormwater runoff, sewer overflows, failing septic systems, as well as animal waste from livestock, pets and wildlife, according to the health authority.

Contact with ocean water no longer poses a health risk, though officials recommend staying out of large pools on

the beach that are frequented by birds and runoff from those pools as the water may still contain increased bacteria from fecal matter.

The advisory — the first of the year — comes weeks after the city decided to reinstate a water testing program following high bacteria readings at the Chisana Creek and Gower Street outfalls. While the city has seen high readings on-and-off throughout the summer at these outfalls, advisories are only issued for contaminated marine waters.

City Manager Bruce St. Denis said water samples have shown a few high readings at the outfalls after rain events but can't confirm whether or not this is a contributing factor to the current advisory in marine waters.

The city is unaware of any specific events that would trigger the reading, St. Denis said.

Contact with waterborne bacteria can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, skin rashes, upper respiratory infections and other illnesses, according to the health authority.

Meet the new owners of Cannon Beach Bakery

Iconic 'Haystack bread' to remain a hometown staple

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Gib and Deanna Hammond of the Cannon Beach Bakery.

Before moving to Cannon Beach, Gib Hammond, a master baker, spent the last 30 years baking for corporations like Dave's Killer Bread and Bob's Red Mill. Deanna Hammond spent the past two decades working in finance in Vancouver, Washington.

But after decades of climbing the corporate ladder, the couple decided it was time to combine their talents and start working for themselves.

"I had been running other people's businesses for years," Deanna Hammond said. "We felt the need to go on our own. We had climbed the corporate

ladders: Where do we go from here?"

Where they landed was at Cannon Beach Bakery, which the couple took over in April. With their kids growing, the Hammonds were looking along the coast for an ideal place to eventually retire. So when the Cannon Beach Bakery was listed for sale, the two jumped on the opportunity.

"We didn't want to change everything. We just enhanced what was already here," Deanna Hammond said.

Many of classics at the bakery located at 240 N. Hemlock St. are still there, like the iconic Haystack bread and other staple baked goods. But some new items have entered the case,

as well, like fresh fruit tarts, marionberry crumble bars and "Sneakerdoodles," which are snickerdoodles named after the family dog.

Gib Hammond always knew he had a passion for food, but "didn't want to get stuck in a kitchen."

"I heard horror stories," he said.

At 17 he was offered a chance to work at Dave's Killer Bread, where he learned the art of baking from scratch — a rare opportunity.

It's an experience that drove him to start an internship program at the bakery for go-getter, aspiring bakers.

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