

# Support bond measure for new county jail

In many ways jails are orphans. Most of its "users," or those directly affected by them, are confined to the victims of more serious crime, the officers who arrest those accused, and the people accused of crimes.

On the November ballot coming soon to your mailbox is Clatsop County Measure 4-195, which would authorize bonds to remodel the mothballed Oregon Youth Authority detention facility in Warrenton into a much-needed county jail.

The cost to families with a house assessed at roughly \$200,000 would be about \$43 a year, a fraction of what is being asked for by local school districts and other local districts. The difference, of course, would be a jail actually serve?

As your elected district attorney for the last quarter century, I can say without hesitation, a jail is there to protect you, your family and your neighbors. Oregon has one of the lower incarceration rates in the na-



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JOSHUA MARQUIS

tion and criminals need to really outdo themselves to actually get locked up. Even in more serious felony crimes, only 30 percent of convicted felons go to prison. That means 70 percent of convicted felons stay in the community, may do some local jail time and hopefully learn stealing, selling drugs, or driving under the influence are not good ways to live.

But even if you or your family don't "use" the jail, it is as necessary to a safe and livable community as a hospital. You probably don't want to go there, either, but you sure want it there if needed.

Some might say that as a career prosecutor, of course I advocate for a jail. However this winter, after 40 years in law enforcement, 38 years as a



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**The visitation room at the Clatsop County Jail.**

lawyer, and 25 years as your district attorney, I will become a private citizen, who hopefully has no more personal need for the jail as most of you.

There are many reasons this bond needs to pass. This is the third try in 15 years. It is a likely one-time use of an existing state facility that might otherwise cost taxpayers twice as much. But most importantly it is because for the entire justice system to work, from police to probation, prosecutors to judges, drug treatment to restraining orders, there has to be

an empty jail bed available if a judge determines it is appropriate.

Most people arrested, even for their third drunk driving offense, do not await trial in jail. At a cap of 60, the jail is one-third its needed capacity and dangerous felons are released every week. A few years ago one of those men murdered two young women just a few weeks later in Portland. That should never happen.

Some people have claimed that the sheriff's political views should be punished by rejecting a desperately needed public building. That is spiteful and short-sighted. If I had a dollar for every time a crime victim or family member tearfully asked me why the abuser of someone's spouse or child was walking free, I'd be a rich man. Immigration cases have not been held in the county jail for at least a decade. It's far too full of people charged with violent felonies who are citizens.

There are a limited number of times the county is willing to go to the voters for a need like this,

which many think will never impact them. Women will be abused if their abusers are not held in jail, children will be beaten or worse. This is not a scare tactic. This is actual experience, in this county.

Measure 4-195 is a modest proposal, using the Oregon Youth Authority facility the state abandoned. I doubt it will be usable in the same way in four to five years.

Many people claim the jail does not affect them because 1) their family or friends aren't locked up, 2) they haven't been the victim of a serious crime, or 3) if we don't build a jail crime will magically decrease. That's called "magical thinking" for a reason.

Do not be misled by emotion or a lack of empathy for the victims of crime, who tend to be women, children, and the poor, far more than people like me.

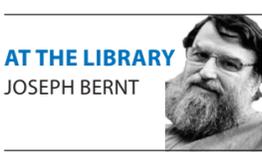
Please join me in voting "yes" on Measure 4-195.

Joshua Marquis is Clatsop County's district attorney.

# State's poet laureate comes to the Cannon Beach Library

It was the best of times as the library finished its most successful Fall Festival on Sept. 29. With generous donations from 39 merchants and five hotels and homemade crafts and baked goods from 52 library members and volunteers, this fundraiser added \$4,600 for library acquisitions and other expenses.

Cannon Beach certainly supports our private, nonprofit community library. Through several annual fundraisers, a small subsidy from the city and help from 90 volunteers, the library opens six days a week with the support of one part-time paid employee, office manager Kim Catton who started Oct. 1. Meet Kim at the library between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., any day except Thursday and Sunday. Kim brings office, library and archival experience from working at the Seaside Library and Clatsop County Historical Society.



**AT THE LIBRARY**  
JOSEPH BERNT

## Poet laureate

It is also the best of times to experience the calm and reflective words of Kim Stafford, newly appointed for a two-year term as Oregon's poet laureate. Stafford — a poet, folklorist, performing musician, personal essayist, filmmaker, photographer and printer has taught writing at Lewis and Clark College in Portland since 1979. Stafford will be reading and discussing recent writings at the library, Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. Part of the library's Northwest Authors Series, Stafford's reading is free, open to the public and refreshments will be served.

It's been the best of times this past month reading Staf-

ford's essays in "Entering the Grove" in praise of the lives of trees and "Having Everything Right: Essays of Place" containing essays based in folklore, family and personal experiences mostly in the West. His mid-career poems in "A Thousand Friends of

Rain: New and Selected Poems, 1976-1998," demonstrate his folklorist's interest in the lives of ordinary people who live passionately but simply.

Such a poem as "Louise" reminds me of William Wordsworth's glorification

of rural life and commoners in "Resolution and Independence" focusing on a lowly leech gatherer who attracts bloodsuckers for medicinal use. Like Wordsworth finding a lesson of charity from the leech gatherer, Stafford learns from Louise, an aging beader:

"It is hard when you sew one bead at a time./My Hands are shaking, my eyes have grown dim./But are you too lazy, or are you too rich/to sew one bead at a time?"

Come hear this people's poet. He will ensure you the best of times.

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CITY MANAGER: Bruce St. Denis

## MEETINGS NOVEMBER 2018

6	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.
13	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.
15	Design Review Board	6:00 p.m.
20	Planning Commission	6:00 p.m.

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, October 2, 2018

- Proclaimed the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Cannon Beach;
- Appointed Jillayne Sorenson to serve a second 4-year term on the Parks and Community Services Committee;
- Upheld the denial of a water bill appeal;
- Approved the Promotion Program contract with the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce;
- Approved the revised City Manager evaluation form and timeline;
- Approved sending a letter of support for the Beach Bill Art Project.

### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING and WORK SESSION, October 9, 2018

- Met with members of the Cannon Beach Farmers Market Committee to review the program;
- Discussed the proposed building of a new City Hall to be funded by a bond measure;
- Members of the South Wind Improvement Advisory Board presented their recommendations for siting a school, housing and municipal critical services at the South Wind site;
- Finance Director Laurie Sawrey presented the 4th quarter Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/18 finance report.

### CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, October 10, 2018

- Members of the architectural firm,

SRG Partnerships, Inc. and the City Manager presented on the city hall programming study which will be finished in mid-December. Council will review and discuss the report at that time.

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD -

The Design Review Board met September 20, 2018 and discussed:

**DRB 18-04** Eileen Nordquist Major Modifications to Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington Street. **Approved with Conditions.**

The Design Review Board is scheduled to meet October 18, 2018.

### PLANNING COMMISSION -

The Planning Commission met September 27, 2018 and discussed:

**SR 18-05** Request by Phil Chek and Associates for a Setback Reduction in Conjunction with a Roof Replacement and Remodel at 148 N. Larch. **Approved with Conditions.**

**ZO 18-01 and CP 18-01** Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments Updating the City's Fore-dune Management Plan. **Continued to 10/25/18.**

**ZO 18-03** City of Cannon Beach Request for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to Chapter 17.70 Tree Removal. **Continued to 10/25/18.**

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet October 25, 2018.

## Of Interest...

### City Hall will be Closed:

Monday November 12th in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday November 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving

### November 6, 2018 General Election News

Candidates for Cannon Beach elected officials are:

#### Mayor Position:

Sam Steidel  
(incumbent running unopposed)

#### 2 Councilor Positions (at large):

Mike Benefield (incumbent)  
Robin Risley  
Greg Swedenborg

Ballots can be deposited inside City Hall in the official ballot drop off box, beginning October 17th.

**Don't forget to register and vote!**

### Beach Volunteers Wanted!

Do you enjoy being outside and sharing your love of Haystack Rock? No experience necessary - we train! Families welcome.

#### Please contact:

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