



## LOCAL BREWS & LOTS OF BLUES



Steve Cheseborough and Taizz Medalia perform at the Brews, Blues and Barbecue event.

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### Brews, Blues and Barbecues event caps off Stormy Weather Arts Festival activities

By Brenna Visser  
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**B**lues music filled the Chamber of Commerce community hall as dozens gathered for the Brews, Blues and Barbecues event Sunday, Nov. 4. Participants snacked off an array of barbecue sliders, tacos and charcuterie spread, all accompanied by beers from local brewer. The event, which featured the musical stylings of the band Delta Blues from Steve Cheseborough, was the cap to a weekend full of activities for the 31st annual Stormy Weather Arts Festival.



Carly Dye and Alana Police of Pelican Brewing Co. serve up sliders at the Brews, Blues and Barbecue event Nov. 4.

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## City Hall options all bring challenges

Full cost estimate expected in December

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As the city continues to conduct studies to estimate the costs of a new City Hall, challenges have arisen at all of the proposed sites.

The council is considering asking voters in a May bond issue to pay for a new City Hall at one of two locations on Gower Street or on the 55-acre undeveloped property known as South Wind that sits above the tsunami inundation zone.

Conversations about replacing City Hall resurfaced at the urging of City Manager Bruce St. Denis, who has concerns

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## Out-of-area fire response regulated

Fire chief opposes policy change

By Brenna Visser  
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The Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District narrowly passed a new policy on Monday limiting how often firefighters can be sent to fight fires in other places.

In a 3-2 vote, the fire district's board decided that from June through October, the fire chief or other firefighters will only be able to be out on other calls 15 days out of any 30-day period, and can only be deployed within Oregon.

Board President Garry Smith said the intention of the change is to act as a guideline for the fire chief, not the volunteers.

Reshaping the mobilization policy was born out of concern some board members had about the amount of time Fire Chief Matt Benedict spent helping fight fires around the state and California last summer — the season, some board members argue, where the fire district needs a fire chief most. Summer is typically when the fire district sees a higher emergency call volume and faces more fire danger.

The change comes after two unusually active fire seasons, prompting a record number of county firefighters to be mobilized around the state and California.

With experts predicting that longer and drier fire seasons could be the new normal for the West, some on the fire district's board wanted to create regulations as a proactive way to balance the needs of the state while making sure the district is covered.

"My concern is just adequate staffing," said Bob Cerelli, a board member who

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## Festival of Trees kicks off the holiday season

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One of the most anticipated local events of the winter season, Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees not only provides an opportunity for family fun as well as an elegant gala to kick off the holidays but will also raise money to renovate the hospital's emergency care facilities.

"Everybody looks forward to this event," said Kimberly Ward, executive director of the foundation. "We like to refer to it as the premier holiday event, because it's always the first weekend of December, and it's a really great way to kick off the season."

The 21st annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by Providence and Safeway, will take place Friday, Nov. 30, through Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. This year's theme "Wonder," is a spin off the concept of the advent calendar, and it encapsulates "the expectation and excitement of Christmas," Ward said.



PROVIDENCE SEASIDE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Oregon Region Foundation President Laurie Kelley; Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation Director Kimberly Ward and development specialist/event coordinator Meaghan Triana.

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