



Big changes could be ahead for rental permits

By CARA MICO
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The Cannon Beach City Council asked the Planning Commission to consider three potential ordinance changes to the short-term rental program, which they did in a series of public meetings which concluded March 28.

The council is considering eliminating the five-year unlimited permit, converting the once per 14 days rental permit to twice monthly, and removing owner financial penalties for owners who transition the property to a professional management agency.

On top of all those potential changes there's Senate Bill 6 to consider, which is a bill in front of Oregon legislators propos-

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Planning Director Jeff Adams doesn't think that has traction. "What I hear from my legislative working group is that they don't see that going very far," said Adams.

"From a local perspective, do what you do until the state tells you what not to do. Cities can have more restrictive standards," Adams said.

He suggested that the Planning Commission ignore what the state was doing and

make recommendations for local legislation that met local needs.

Public comment covered a diverse spectrum of views.

One resident said that he has lived in three different places in Cannon Beach, always near a short-term rental property, he has personally never had any issues with them, and thought that further changes might diminish more recent improvements and result in a significant loss of city revenue.

Another longtime resident said that visitors to short term rental properties were dangerous to kids on bikes and didn't think vacationers would like it if Cannon Beach residents took five of their closest friends

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Workshop attendees create mixed-media pieces during a March 23 workshop, titled "How Does Your Garden Grow: Beach Plastic Floral Assemblage," a part of the Trash Talk Workshops series organized by the Cannon Beach Arts Association and Haystack Rock Awareness Program.



Artist and naturopathic doctor Mary Bess Gloria shows the amount of plastic trash she picked up from a beach on a single trip during her environmental art workshop, part of a series for the Cannon Beach Arts Association and Haystack Rock Awareness Program.
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Growing up, local artist and naturopathic doctor Mary Bess Gloria remembers perceiving the action of littering as a problem, particularly because it was her father's pet-peeve.

As an adult, though, littering and the proliferation of plastic debris in the environment have assumed additional significance while also appealing to her artistic sensibilities, she said while leading a workshop for the Cannon Beach Arts Association and Haystack Rock

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Emergency kits for kids

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The Cannon Beach Academy received a special delivery last week that marks an important step in the school's effort to be prepared for keeping students safe during an emergency or natural disaster.

Jason Johnson, with Tonquin Trading Company, on Tuesday, April 9, dropped off several dozen emergency survival kits purchased with funds from a Cannon Beach community grant the academy recently received.

"We have to be able to rely on ourselves, because we don't know what's going to be available," Cannon Beach Academy Director Amy Fredrickson said.

Each of the 55 lightweight Go Kits for Kids is designed to help a person survive for 72 hours, or three days, and includes a high-calorie food bar, light stick, hand warmer, emergency blanket, poncho, and packets of drinking water. The administration will then have parents add pictures, medications, extra clothing and a comforting item to their child's kit. Each one will also receive a laminated name tag that includes the student's emergency contact and allergy information.

Having acquired the Go Kits for Kids, the school can now incorporate them into tsunami drills, allowing the students to get used to wearing them while walking to the evacuation site. Another step is figuring out storage, Fredrickson said, or how to keep the packs out of the way for day-to-day operations, yet accessible in the event of an emergency.

From the inside, out

Outfitting the school with Go Kits for Kids is another step in building up the entire community and preparing for an emergency, which is Johnson's specialty.

With a background doing risk mitigation on the oil fields of North Dakota, Johnson's mission upon arriving in the Pacific Northwest a few years ago was to help the local communities prepare for the most significant natural disaster they face — a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami — "from the inside, out."

"I don't think anyone's prepared to see the devastation we would experience in the current scenario," Johnson said, adding that when humans go days without water or weeks without food, "You automatically go into survival mode, you don't have a choice."

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Archaeologists search for clues to history at Angkor Wat

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Although Angkor Wat in modern Cambodia is 900 years old, archaeologists are only beginning to research the history of the people who lived near the temple.

The massive temple, which covers an area half the size of Cannon Beach, was discussed by Alison Kyra Carter, Ph.D., assistant professor in the University of Oregon's archaeology department, in a lecture at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum March 28.

The lecture was one of a series of lectures presented

this year at the history center.

From the ninth to 15th centuries, the Angkor Empire included much of what today is Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and southern Vietnam; the capital city, Angkor, was in Cambodia. While the Cambodians always knew about Angkor Wat, the temple, overrun by jungle, was brought to public attention in a journal written by a French explorer in 1860.

Since the temple's discovery beneath the tree trunks that grew over great parts of it, archaeologists have studied the structure

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