

# Zumba fundraiser to benefit local family

**Campuzanos receive support from Seaside, Cannon Beach communities**

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After a devastating loss, a Seaside family found an outpouring of love and support from their communities. A Friday, Aug. 7 event at Seaside High School will continue to demonstrate that community support as Zumba instructors from Knappa to Nehalem will host a Zumba dance party fundraiser to benefit the Campuzano family.

During a January trip to visit family in Mexico, the Campuzanos were staying overnight in a hotel in California when their 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe and an accompanying trailer filled with personal items were stolen. Overall, the stolen items were estimated at \$30,000.

Since then, the communities in both Seaside and Cannon Beach have responded with support and care, said Campuzano, who lives in Seaside and works at Sleepy Monk Coffee Roasters and the Lumberyard Rotisserie & Grill in Cannon Beach.

"I got a lot of love from everyone, and it makes my heart so happy," Carmen Campuzano said.

A Cannon Beach couple, Rex and Diane Amos, created the Campuzano Family Fund, and donations can be made at any Columbia Bank branch on the coast from Astoria to Tillamook. Now, the North Coast Zumba Network, comprised of The event will be Aug. 7, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Seaside High School. The event will begin with a 30-minute Zumba kids dance party. A Zumba party for anyone 12 and older will follow at 7 p.m.

Zumba is an international dance-fitness program instructor Erin Hofseth described in a news release as "a fun, individualized, effective form of exercise and self-expression."

Admission to the benefit is a suggested donation to go to the Campuzano Family Fund. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Zumba instructors in the area, at Pacific Crest Cottage in Gearhart or at the door the night of the fundraiser. One ticket includes admission to both events.

The North Coast Zumba Network's goal "is to offer a compassionate community a way to respond creatively and generously to the unfortunate events experienced by fellow community members," Hofseth wrote.

## A tragic incident

Carmen Campuzano was on her way to Mexico in January with her husband, Victor, and other family members, Carmen's mother, Lorenza Villa, brother, Hector Tobar; Carmen and Victor's son, Julio Campuzano; their daughters Paola, Judith and Marycarmen Campuzano; Judith's husband, Abel Sosa; and Marycarmen's 4-year-old son, Alan Martinez. On Jan. 3, they stopped at an inn in Delano, Calif., for the night.

The theft, which occurred overnight while the family slept, was captured on the inn's security camera footage. Police recovered the Tahoe, found abandoned on the highway a few days later, and a plasma display TV, but approximately \$30,000 of items — including two mattresses, an exercise bicycle, three lap-



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The North Coast Zumba Network is hosting a Zumba Dance Party fundraiser in August to benefit Carmen and Victor Campuzano (front row) and their family, who experienced a significant theft earlier this year.

tops, one dryer, two washing machines, two microwaves, an iPad, a clarinet, school books, Victor's custom-made carpentry tools and boxes of clothing — were not found. The family also lost about \$4,000 in uncounted tips earned by Victor. Many of the items were gifts the Campuzanos collected to take to their family in Pátzcuaro.

So far, Carmen and Victor's insurance company has not responded as to whether they will cover all or part of the loss, and Carmen said she does not feel they are close to an answer. The latest word from the Delano Police Department is the case is closed, but it is unclear whether a suspect was apprehended, Carmen said. Fortunately, relief has come to the Campu-

zanos through help from family, friends and colleagues.

"I feel like Seaside and Cannon Beach, where I've been for more than 20 years, they really have lots of love in their hearts, and I thank God for that," Carmen said.

The community's response to the event has shown her, she said, "how not all people are bad."

From a family dentist who dropped about \$1,500 in charges Julio was incrementally paying off to a local lawyer who offered his assistance if needed, numerous people are looking out for the whole family, Carmen said.

"It makes me feel so calm and so good to have people taking care of me," she added. "I've been so blessed from everywhere."

Because some of the stolen items had sentimental value, they are irreplaceable, but Carmen said they are thanking God they were physically unharmed.

Gearhart resident Joy Sigler got the idea for the Zumba event after learning about the family's loss through an article published in the Signal in May.

"I thought this would be a great time to give them a community hug," she said. She wanted to show support and sympathy and "try to make lemonade out of lemons."

Because Zumba has a high number of Hispanic participants, she said, she thought it would be an appropriate event to celebrate the Campuzanos' culture.

She started organizing the fundraiser, and other Zumba instructors joined to form the North Coast Zumba Network to help advertise and host it. This is the first time the network is collectively putting on an event.

The dance seems fitting, Carmen said, because "when bad things happen, you're supposed to have a good attitude and keep going."

"I want to be there and it will be fun and nice to see everyone and feel the power and energy from everyone there," she said.

For more information about the fundraiser, call Joy Sigler at 503-738-6560 or visit the Campuzano Family Benefit Zumba Dance Party Facebook page.

# Urban growth boundary may include room for new school

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Cupples and Otak picked four study areas for further analysis: North Hills, east of North Wahanna Road with current access from Shore Terrace and Forest Drive; Lewis and Clark, north of Lewis and Clark Road; East Hills, east of South Wahanna Road; and South Hills, south of Avenue S and encompassing part of South Wahanna Road.

The team evaluated slope conditions, infrastructure, emergency access and utilities, among other criteria, Hanson said. Additionally, any property under consideration must be outside the tsunami inundation zone.

Cupples and Otak came up with a preferred site proposal that incorporated components of the South Hills and East Hills sites. The South East Hills site was favored because it contains all necessary 200.8 acres.

"We saw that as the least constrained area to grow the city in the future," Hanson said.

The South East Hills map indicates a potential multi-acre site for Seaside School District 10 to build a new foothills campus.

As part of the planning process, Hanson said, they



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South East Hills, an area considered for potential expansion of Seaside's Urban Growth Boundary.

considered how a future school site could be served by infrastructure developed for the South East Hills site.

The school district will need to make its own request of the city and state to expand the boundary to include the site if or when the time comes. Whether the additional acres are requested by

the school district "now or as a later effort remains to be seen," Hanson said.

## Landowners concerned

Landowners are not entirely on board with the idea of their property being brought into the Urban

Growth Boundary. Many said they need more information.

During the Planning Commission meeting, Marie Pincetich, the owner of about a dozen acres near South Wahanna Road, asked if it's too late for the city to change direction and choose a different site. She said she was concerned some people in

her neighborhood could get priced out of their properties because of higher taxes.

In addition, current residents already have invested in the area's infrastructure, Pincetich said. "That just doesn't seem fair that we bear all that for the good of the city," she said.

Pincetich asked if the city would reconsider plans to expand the UGB zone.

"This is not the plan we wanted for our properties," added landowner Mary Kemhus. "We like the way South Wahanna is and we'd like to keep it that way. We don't want to be forced into anything."

Landowner Janet Ottem questioned why Seaside needs to grow at all. She said she believes expanding the Urban Growth Boundary could pave the way for some of her neighbors to subdivide their property and sell it for profit.

"I live in a small town, because I want to live in a small town," she said. "It does not thrill me to have roads going by my house for more houses to be developed eventually."

"It's this kind of juggling act to try and come up with some way of doing it in a planned fashion," Commis-

## At a glance

If property owners in the expanded Urban Growth Boundary wanted to develop their sites, Hanson said, they would need to:

- Request annexation into the City of Seaside;
- Request a zone change that would be in conformance with the overall plan; and
- Go through an individual approval process, which means their plans would be vetted publicly.

sioner Chris Hoth said. "Everybody is not going to get what they want."

Based on the property owners' concerns, the city is revisiting the possibility of expanding the boundary with some land from a different site. One way or another, though, Cupples said, they need to account for about 200 acres.

The Planning Commission will revisit the topic at an upcoming meeting before making a recommendation to City Council in the coming months.

# Sewing club students' apprenticeship benefits both club and music festival

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Because "The Magic Flute" was set in Astoria — with references to the U.S. Coast Guard, a pirate and Columbia River Bar Pilots — the costumes followed a nautical theme. Characters included spirits, a queen of the night, priests and a bird-catcher.

"Thank God we had a budget this time," Harber said.

She devoted about 14 hours per day to the production through the duration of the program, and the sewing club students each devoted about four to six hours per day. Besides the students, Harber also received help from Astoria's Englund Marine and Industrial Supplies, who willingly let the group borrow costume parts.

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Astoria Music Festival Managing Director Carol Shepherd

Harber taught her apprentices techniques and skills they could take with them and teach to others in the sewing club when it reconvenes for the 2015-16 school year. "It's going to help them the next time

they have to do this for a performance at their school," she said.

Shepherd agreed it went well.

"The students have had a great time, and it's been a very good experience for them, and a great way for us to involve more students in the festival," she said.

Harber's goal is to build the apprentice program to include apprentices in all areas, such as direction, stage management, costuming, props, lighting sound, video and more.

In return for the Seaside students' help making costumes for "The Magic Flute," the Astoria Music Festival donated \$300 to the high school's sewing club.

# Beaverton author finds inspiration on Coast

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In "Daniel's Odysseys: Reflections On Life & A Love Story," Beaverton author Allen Pollens takes readers on a literary journey through his life and along the Oregon Coast.

Pollens, 81, is the author of 10 books, primarily science-fiction and children's literature. "Daniel's Odysseys," published through CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform in May, is his first autobiographical work. "I had stories I wanted to tell, and never had a way of telling them," Pollens said at Seaside's Best Western Ocean View Resort during a recent tour.

The Best Western was a calculated choice, as the hotel chain is incorporated into the nearly 500-page novel because it has facilities at key coastal locations, including Seaside and Astoria.

In the book, 85-year-old Daniel — the character who represents Pollens — takes an extended sojourn down the Oregon Coast with his friend, Paul.

The duo departs from the mouth of the Columbia River in Astoria and travels to Brookings, near the California border, visiting numerous places along the coast and stopping at nine Best Westerns. All the while, Daniel shares his life story and recollections of historical events with Paul.

The book contains images and photographs of sites along the coast provided by Pollens. Pollens chose the Oregon Coast as the setting because of its significance to him, as well as its untamed, immense beauty. "The Oregon Coast is beautiful in some respects because it's not swimmable, and therefore not developed," he said.

Pollens, who moved to Oregon in 1997, is originally from the East Coast. He was born in Brockton, Mass., to a Romanian mother from Brooklyn and a father from Russia.



Author Allen Pollens