



## Looking back at

# 2015 in Seaside



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## Seaside Museum suspends 'Saltmakers Return'

National Park Service bows out as major partner for 'Saltmakers Return'

By Katherine Lacaze  
Seaside Signal

The Seaside Museum and Historical Society is scrambling to find new support for "The Saltmakers Return to Seaside," the museum's signature historical program, after the National Park Service pulled out as a sponsor because the event lacked authenticity.

Tita Montero, vice president of the museum's board of directors, said the program would be suspended until new partnership could be found.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, affiliated with the National Park Service, will no longer help present the event, park superintendent Scott Tucker said last week.

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## Rotary Club, community provide gifts for local families

Hundreds of children get toys, clothing through Wishing Tree Program

By Katherine Lacaze  
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Nearly 550 children in the Seaside and Gearhart area received a special gift this holiday season because of the Rotary Club of Seaside's Wishing Tree program.

While the nonprofit organization spearheaded the program and purchased items to ensure each child gets something, a majority of the gifts came from the community itself, which "gave many children in our area a wonderful Christmas," said Rotarian Sandy McDowall, the organizer of the Seaside program.

As in several years past, the Rotary Club hung paper bells on trees at institutions across town, such as all the local banks, Providence Seaside Hospital, the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District and the Wine and Beer Haus at the Seaside Factory Outlet Center. Each bell contained the gender of a child, his or her age and suggestions for Christmas presents.

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## A growing city, running event gets reprieve

By R.J. Marx Seaside Signal

**A**n internationally renowned relay race stays in Seaside, and the city heads for the hills. The East Hills that is, as officials seek to expand the city's urban growth boundary and prepare for future development. City councilors approved the licensing of cannabis dispensaries outside the downtown city core, and continue to wrestle with the growing need for the hungry and the homeless. ¶ These are among the top stories in Seaside in 2015, and will likely be at the forefront of 2016 concerns.

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Seaside High School students practice walking the tsunami evacuation route this fall.



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Owner Tyler Walker, center, and employees at Cannabis Nation in Seaside, one of two dispensaries to receive licenses in 2015.

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## The Healthy Hub to lead community in Sugar Detox Challenge

Seaside business owner spurs 10-day wellness effort

By Katherine Lacaze  
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Jenn Visser, owner of The Healthy Hub, is inviting the community to join her in the second annual 10-day Sugar Detox Challenge to kick off the year by stabilizing blood sugar levels and augmenting health consciousness.

The 10-day challenge will start Monday, Jan. 11, and it is not too late to sign up to take part in the free community event.

The Healthy Hub, a wellness and massage center, opened in January 2015 and Visser organized the first community detox that month. More than 250 people participated.

"Sugar is a hot topic right now, and our community is reaching and yearning for more information on the subject," Visser said.

On Jan. 6, in preparation for the challenge, Visser gave an introductory presentation at Seaside Coffee House, explaining the purpose of the detox and guidelines for people to follow. A video of the presentation is online at [www.healthyhubwellness.com](http://www.healthyhubwellness.com).

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Jennifer Visser, owner and founder of The Healthy Hub in Seaside, is leading the second annual 10-day Community Sugar Detox Challenge, which will start Jan. 11 and feature a kick-off dinner at the Bob Chisholm Community Center that evening.