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Turning back time



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Boundaries widening for school district

Campus details await new zoning changes

By R.J. Marx
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Land intended for Seaside School District's new campus moved a step closer to development.

Educators, consultants and city officials joined in speaking on behalf of a zone change that would pave the way for the new campus site.

The school district went before the City Council requesting a 49-acre expansion of the urban growth boundary to provide a suitable site for a school district campus above the tsunami inundation zone.

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City seeks answers to housing shortage

Housing study, development fees reviewed

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The city took two steps Monday night to address a countywide housing shortage.

City councilors unanimously approved participation in a housing study to assist in understanding the type, size, location and price of housing needed to meet current and future needs within Clatsop County.

Seaside pledged \$10,000 toward the study, joining Gearhart, Cannon Beach, Astoria and Warrenton in contributing \$50,000 toward the \$100,000 study. The county will provide the remaining \$50,000.

In addition, councilors voted to approve \$32,000 for a study of system development charges — fees paid by developers to the city to connect essential services like roads and utilities.

County study

In June, County Manager Cameron Moore suggested Seaside partner with other cities to learn more about housing issues. A similar six-month study by Tillamook County identified specific data about the area's housing market and possible solutions.

The Clatsop County agreement recognizes the "lack of housing options is creating barriers to continued economic growth."

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WHEELS AND WAVES

Annual event showcases cars made before 1965

By Brenna Visser
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For three days, Seaside's downtown corridor felt like a 1950s flashback.

Spectators ogled at brightly-colored Chevys, Pontiacs and Plymouths lining Broadway, as others swing-danced and hand-jived to rock 'n' roll classics in front of Dundee's.

But the flashback was actually this year's Seaside Downtown Development Association's Wheels and Waves event, known for showcasing cars made in 1965 or earlier. This year, more than 200 cars registered to participate in a number of slow cruises through town.



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Pam and Ted Lively show off the buggy at Wheels and Waves.

Rescued turtles get a second chance after their long ordeal

Olive ridleys returned to ocean

By R.J. Marx
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Three olive ridley turtles discovered comatose along the Oregon Coast after winter storms in 2016 returned to ocean waters this week.

Solstice, Tucker and Lightning returned to the ocean after treatment at SeaWorld in San Diego. Olive ridley sea turtles are listed on the federal endangered species list as threatened.

Tucker, Lightning and Solstice

Tucker, a male olive ridley turtle between 15 to 20 years of age, was found at Cannon Beach after storms in December 2015. He had a 40-degree body temperature when rescued.



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Lightning, a rescued olive ridley sea turtle, is returned to the ocean by Oregon Coast Aquarium director of animal husbandry Jim Burke and SeaWorld San Diego aquarist Danielle Castillo.

Staff at the Seaside Aquarium rescued the male olive ridley sea turtle after it washed ashore south of Tolovana the morning of Dec. 14, likely pushed into colder waters by strong winds, aquarium Administrative Assistant Tiffany

Boothe said at the time. Juvenile olive ridleys sometimes travel in warm currents offshore.

Tucker had to be treated for severe pneumonia and treated in a hyperbaric chamber because he developed air in his tissue and a buoyancy problem.

He was transferred to the Seattle Aquarium after his initial care then flown to SeaWorld San Diego by the U.S. Coast Guard in April 2016.

Lightning is a female olive ridley turtle named after the storms that stranded in Pacific City, suffering from hypothermia, buoyancy issues and injuries to both eyes.

After treatment at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Lightning, along with Thunder, an olive ridley found in Gearhart, were escorted by the U.S. Coast Guard and a rehabilitation team to SeaWorld in San Diego. Thunder died while completing her final rehabilitation stage before release into the wild.

Solstice, a female olive ridley turtle, was found in Oysterville, Washington, rescued and cared for initially by the Oregon Coast Aquarium in December 2014 and flown to SeaWorld by the Coast Guard in February 2015. She got her name because she was rescued on winter solstice.

Seaside is authorized to receive stranded turtles and hold them until transport can be arranged, Lance Beck of the Oregon Coast Aquarium said Tuesday. If a turtle washes ashore on the north coast of Oregon it is common for Seaside to be one of the first to respond to a report of an animal on the beach. The Oregon Coast Aquarium and Seattle Aquarium are the only two authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services facilities in the Pacific Northwest that can provide long term rehabilitation care for sea turtles.

"Unfortunately we do expect to see the trend of turtles standing in the northwest continue," Beck said.

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