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The Parade of Lights signaled the launch of the holiday season in Seaside.

Holiday season sparked by parade of lights

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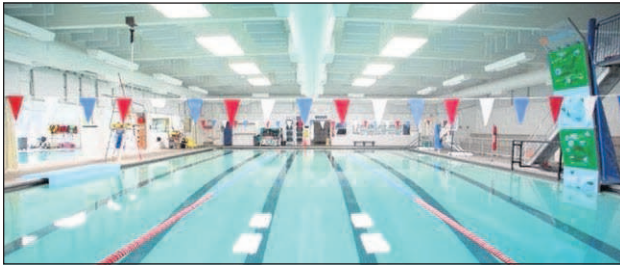
Yuletide In Seaside celebrates the season at the beach with holiday gift fairs, parade of lights and visits by Santa.

On Friday night, the Parade of Lights formed at Necanicum Boulevard and traveled across the First Av-

enue Bridge as the public gathered at Downing for the lighting of the tree.

Chamber ambassadors handed out free hot cider, cocoa and cookies in front of Finn's Fish House.

Caroling, parade winners and visits with Santa followed the parade.



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The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation Department pool reopens Dec. 11.

Sunset Pool to reopen on Monday

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Sunset Empire Park and Recreation Department announced the pool opening would be delayed from its anticipated Dec. 4 opening and will reopen Monday, Dec. 11, at 5:45 a.m. The pool has been closed since late October.

The delay comes as a result of longer than expected maintenance repairs, according to Darren Gooch, IT and marketing manager for the district. Repairs include plaster of the main lap pool,

replacing the metal-halide lighting with energy-efficient fixtures and reconfiguration of the men's locker room.

The resurfacing, which hasn't been done since the pool's opening in 1976, is budgeted at \$80,000. The other repairs are about \$35,000.

The district will also replace the fiberglass pools sand filter tank, which began showing signs of stress months and needs replacement, according to district Executive Director Skyler Archibald.

Hospital foundation gala supports EMS

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Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation Chairman Gregg Freedman described it as "the most successful gala ever."

A visit with Santa

Saturday ranged from Christmas stocking caps to black tie.

For the more than 1,000 visitors to Candy Cane Lane at the convention center, the event offered not only an opportunity to support the region's medical services, but a chance to dally awhile with Santa and peruse 30 donated Christmas trees and displays decorated by local businesses, designers, florists and North Coast residents.

A line of children waited on the mezzanine level for their audience with Santa.

Warrenton's Adalyn Say-songdeth, 8, had no doubt what she would ask for — a Hatchable, an egg with birds inside, she explained.

Adalyn's brother Brody, 5, and friend Dominic Dow each had their eyes on Nintendo Switches.

A wine tree from the Seaside Chamber of Commerce presented 60 bottles alongside the tree.

An entry from the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce honored founder Tom Drumbheller, chief executive officer of Escape Lodging and co-owner of Tom's Fish & Chips, who died earlier this year.



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People line up to meet with Santa at the annual Seaside Festival of Trees on Saturday.

The tree memorialized one of Drumbheller's favorite slogans. "He used to always say, 'It'll be fun,'" Drumbheller's longtime friend and business partner Patrick Nofield said. "That was one of his hallmarks."

Cannon Beach resident David Frei, just back in town from the National Dog Show, was accompanied by Angel, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, and Grace, a Brittany, to publicize the therapy dog program at the hospital.

The program, initiated by Frei and his wife, Cheryl, now has 10 teams visiting the hospital.

"Dogs help patients manage whatever challenge they may be having," he said. "It gets them to smile, to talk. It brings them back to home a little bit."

With auction of the tree came a trip to Beverly Hills and a meeting with Frei and show host John O'Hurley.

Premier event

The sold-out gala hosted 330 guests from as far as San Francisco, with 16 live auction items. It was a night to see and be seen, all for a good cause.

"This is the premier social event of the year," convention

center General Manager Russ Vandenberg said. "The community supports all the things the hospital does for us."

Freedman said that means moving into the 21st century of medicine — proactive as opposed to reactive.

"Right now, medicine is reactive in responding to someone in an emergency, whatever that might be," Freedman said. "We need it to be more preventative so that people don't need those services. The ultimate goal of the foundation and Providence Seaside is to improve our community and make it a healthier place to live for all of us."

Creatives of all ages celebrate the holiday season

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Through this, Konrad and Roarke had taken their product to places like the Astoria Sunday Market and learned skills like counting money and book keeping.

And according to the Struves, the business is going well.

"Counting the money is definitely the hardest part," Roarke said.

"We've made hundreds of dollars," Konrad said.

But it's not all about the money.

"I like it when they buy it," Konrad said. "I also like talking to the people, meeting new people. Making the sale."

And for Roarke, the creativity it takes to set up the booth display is half the fun in itself.

Kurt Struve, the father of the two entrepreneurs, said

watching his kids participate in the program has been rewarding. As the owner of an independent design firm himself, he sees it as an opportunity to pass along some of the small business lessons he's learned himself to his sons.

"It's good for them to talk to all different kinds of people," Kurt said. "I didn't get to have this kind of experience as a kid, so it's exciting to be able to give that to them."

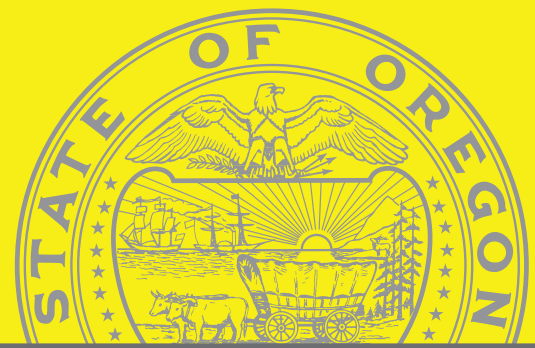


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Roarke and Konrad Struve mold playdough into shapes during a demonstration of their product at the Seaside Artisan Gift Fair.

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