

# Hood to Coast, city tweak deal

City, race group adjust insurance premiums

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**Vice President of Operations Ross Hubber and Chief Operations Officer Dan Floyd of Hood to Coast at City Hall to revise details of their five-year contract with the city.**

As Hood to Coast dots i's and crosses t's, Chief Operations Officer Dan Floyd went before the City Council to thank Seaside's police and fire, councilors and the Chamber of Commerce. "It was one of the smoothest years we've ever had," Floyd said. "We want to thank everybody for your support over the years as we get better as an organization."

The contract specifies the payment of \$25,000 to the city in 2018, with increases each year through 2022, at which time Hood to Coast will pay more than \$30,000 to the city. The city provides police, fire and public works services for the 199-mile relay, which starts at Timberline Lodge and concludes in Seaside.

But before inking the new five-year deal, the organization requested changes regarding their insurance levels, City Manager Mark Winstanley said. Hood to Coast agrees to provide and

pay insurance premiums protecting the city from liability.

The agreement is essentially unchanged from the previous contract, with the exception of liability limits, which the Hood to Coast organization had originally proposed to increase.

The limitations they had proposed were "well above those the city requires," Winstanley said. "At this point they are asking to lower those to what the city requires."

Councilors Randy Frank, Seth Morrissey, Tita Montero, Dana Phillips, Steve Wright and Mayor Jay Barber unanimously voted to accept the changes. Councilor Tom Horning was absent.



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Gearhart residents celebrated the 100th anniversary of the city with a party at McMenamins on Sept. 1.

# A PARTY FOR GEARHART!

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Gearhart celebrated the grand finale event of the city's centennial year with an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music and dancing. The gala was held at McMenamins and hosted more than 250 guests.

The city, formerly part of the town of Clatsop, was incorporated after a vote in

1918. P.A. Lee was elected mayor; F.L. Hager, auditor and police judge; and D.B. Schroeder, treasurer. At the time, Gearhart's population was counted at 128.

One hundred years later, at the Sept. 4 City Council meeting, Mayor Matt Brown thanked the committee for the anniversary gala. "I'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work not only the gala, but every event this year. It was really cool and well received." The committee

included chairwoman Melissa Eddy, Bill Berg, Lori Lum, Erin Jackson and Candace Smith.

The Sept. 1 event concluded a season of celebrations, including a Fourth of July street dance, party at the firehouse and remembrances throughout the community.

"A lot of people are asking if we're going to do some others next year, like the street dance. I'd definitely be up for giving it a try," Brown said.

# Rec District director presents bond plan to council

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area. Is that property currently owned (by the district)?"

Archibald said that ownership of land designated for future facility parking "was convoluted at best," with land belonging to the Seaside School District, the city or the Recreation District. "That's something we're working through."

"We're close to this going to the ballot," Frank said. "I would think at this point you'd

really know what something costs or if you own it."

## Facility shortage

The proposed expansion is intended to address a shortage of fitness facilities in the South County by improving current programs on existing land, adding 40,000-square-foot addition to the existing 13,000-square-foot aquatic building. Plans call for an indoor walking track, fitness

areas, and classrooms for preschoolers.

Construction would begin in 2020 and construction completed in 2022, Archibald said.

Originally anticipated at \$11 million when it was first proposed in 2012, construction costs have driven costs upward, Archibald said.

With a 20-year payoff period and an \$18 million to \$22 million expansion scenario, the tax impact to the owner of

a \$200,000 property would be about \$140 per year. The impact for a \$400,000 property would be about \$280.

The bond will be decided by voters of the independent taxing district, who include most residents of the Seaside School District, excluding Cannon Beach and Gearhart.

## Taxpayer impact

Residents on fixed incomes took a "big hit" after

2016 passage of the \$99.7 campus bond to move Seaside schools out of the tsunami zone, Councilor Steve Wright said. "What would you tell people in that situation?" he asked.

"My message to people to the community is, if we don't make an investment in our health and into our community's overall health, there will be some significant consequences for a lot of us," Archibald said. "I think we have an opportuni-

ty now to have a really significant quality-of-life improvement for the community. I'm hoping we can find a way to make this work."

Community forums on the expansion project will be offered by the Recreation District, with the next to be held Monday, Sept. 17, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center, at 5 p.m.

Additional forums will take place Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. and Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.

# Scout Carmen Reddick produces beach cleanup activity book

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with the Girl Scouts to places such as Costa Rica and Ohio, Reddick's knowledge of environmental issues continued growing, along with her passion to make a difference. Her intention is to eventually become a park ranger or marine biologist.

"I really want to be in the environment," she said. "I would love to spend my life in the wilderness in any capacity."

In February, Reddick reached out to Seaside Public Works Director Dale McDowell to find out how her Gold Award project could have a positive impact in Seaside, since she has a love for the ocean and for the coastal community. They discussed the issue of marine debris, and the city's lack of resources to substantially address it.

After presenting her idea to the Gold Award committee for approval, Reddick then enlisted the help of her peers, Hannah Johnson and Kyra

Stoianschewsky, to design and illustrate, respectively, the activity book. The Gold Award criteria puts an emphasis on leadership, which includes gathering a team of people with skills and motivation and delegating tasks to them, Reddick said.

Throughout the project, Reddick learned that sometimes, as a leader, "it's hard to back off and let things happen." She also discovered the value of being "open-minded to new suggestions" from her collaborators from the city of Seaside, her creative partners, and others.

She is currently working with the Seaside Elks Lodge and local businesses to procure more funding to help sustain the project, another important criteria for the Gold Award. She also will go before the Gold Award committee once more to provide proof of having completed the tasks that were required to become a Gold Award recipient. These tasks included creating the activity book, working with

the city of Seaside for distribution, and working with the media to generate awareness, among others.

## Looking to future

Even as she prepares to attend the University of Oregon's Clark Honors College this fall and to age out of Girl Scouts at the end of September, Reddick is adamant about how 10 years of involvement in the organization have positively shaped her.

"I've become very much aware of who I am, what I'm passionate about," she said.

At a young age, she felt like being a Girl Scout "would be the coolest thing in the whole world." Her interest and participation waned temporarily in middle school, but by high school, she was more enthusiastic than ever. Her troop leaders taught the scouts to think critically, that "you can't ask people for answers all the time," she said, adding, "You really do have to evaluate, realize what steps

you need to take and do it yourself."

She also had opportunities to travel to places like New York, Washington, D.C., London and Paris, and her Girl

Scouts troops helped fund-raise to cover the costs.

"I am the person I am today because of my troop and all the opportunities I have had with my troop," Reddick

said. "I'm always telling girls: 'You have to stay in it, because it's not just the crafts, it's not the one-night campouts. It's so much more than that.'"



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and ask questions of  
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and Gearhart offices  
and the state House of  
Representatives.