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Attendees at the Festival of Trees "Candy Cane Lane" in Seaside make their way around the displays.

## A THEME OF 'WONDER' FESTIVAL SPIRIT

Record-breaking sum raised at hospital's annual Festival of Trees

Seaside Signal

**O**n Saturday, Dec. 1, 365 guests filled the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and raised a record-breaking \$230,000 for Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation.

The 21st annual event supported the foundation's "Beyond 911" campaign to expand emergency care at Providence Seaside Hospital.

This year's theme "Wonder," represented a spin from the concept of the advent calendar, and encapsulates the expectation and excitement of Christmas.

Event-goers rang in the holidays at this festive gala and purchased 17 decked-out Christmas trees and a signature piece of art from Dan Chen. The top grossing tree "Ireland County Christmas" sold twice, included a trip to Ireland and brought in a total of \$11,500.

This year's festival helped the foundation meet their \$1.5 million goal for the capital campaign.

During the past year, the foundation has been working to raise \$1.5 million toward an approximately \$6.7 million plan to create facilities that support emergency care.



Kaylani Sanchez admires a display at the Festival of Trees in Seaside.

The union health district will contribute another \$1 million and the rest of the money will come from Providence Health and Services.

The current emergency facilities were constructed about 50 years ago and last updated in the early 1990s. They are small, outdated and poorly configured to provide patients and families with security and privacy, according to the foundation.

While the goal may have been met, the fundraising campaign continues. Construction is due to begin in early 2019.

The project will be completed in about 18 months, but the process will take place in stages so the emergency department can remain open.

## Grocery Outlet approval comes with big price

Turn lane could be costly

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

The developers of a Seaside property intended to house a new Grocery Outlet got what they were asking for Tuesday night from the Planning Commission: approval to build an 18,000-square-foot retail building at Avenue N and U.S. Highway 101.

But the developers — Main & Main Capital Group of The Colony, Texas — may not like the conditions, which require a recommended left-turn lane in accordance with the state Department of Transportation.

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## Sunset Rec board reflects on rec bond defeat at polls

Sunset Rec prepares for 'next time'

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board of directors met for the first time since the \$20 million bond to expand the rec center failed at the polls, 2,786 to 1,463, with almost two-thirds of the voters opposing the measure.

"Obviously it's a disappointing result but we'll keep moving forward," the district's executive director Skyler Archibald said at the Nov. 20 meeting. "But while we weren't successful, it was a really positive experience for us. Even people critical of the financial burden that they would bear were supportive of the project in general."

Board members considered factors like timing, building costs and unanswered questions in the bond's lack of success.

"It wasn't that people said 'we don't need this,'" board member Jeremy Mills said. "Just that this was not the right moment."

Board member Mike Hinton said he was disappointed that members of the City Council failed to get behind the plan.

"For the council not to endorse this is disconcerting," he said. "But there were councilors who didn't endorse a new library."

### Need for facilities

The bond would have funded the expansion of the aquatic facility and provided indoor recreation space at the Sunset Pool.

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## Primping for canines at Lewis & Bark salon

Seaside salon offers grooming for pets

By Eve Marx  
For Seaside Signal

After the bathing and the clipping and the nail trim and the ear cleaning and at last the bows and ribbons, when your pet is indeed camera ready, they're led to the pink chaise.

"Every client when they're finished gets their picture taken," said Brandy Gregg, who along with her business partner, Liz McKerren, are the owners and managers of Lewis and Bark, a new pet primping salon in Seaside. Lewis and Bark proudly takes its place alongside Seaside's other premiere salons and spas, except that their services are meant for pets, not humans.

"Our goal is to elevate the customer experience in pet grooming," Gregg said. "Whether it's a first time groom for a new puppy, or a pet with special needs, our focus is on creating a relaxing and positive experience."

Lewis and Bark is exceptionally appealing. You might want to hang out even if you don't have a pet. The reception area is a cross between an industrial chic living room parlor and a gift shop. It's surprisingly quiet. You won't hear the usual grooming salon sounds of dryers roaring or water running. You don't even hear barking.

"Our state-of-the-art drying system is designed to not only promote a quieter environment, but is also a no heat system that's much safer than traditional drying systems," Gregg said.



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See Pet, Page 5A Leslie Green of Lewis and Bark with a client.