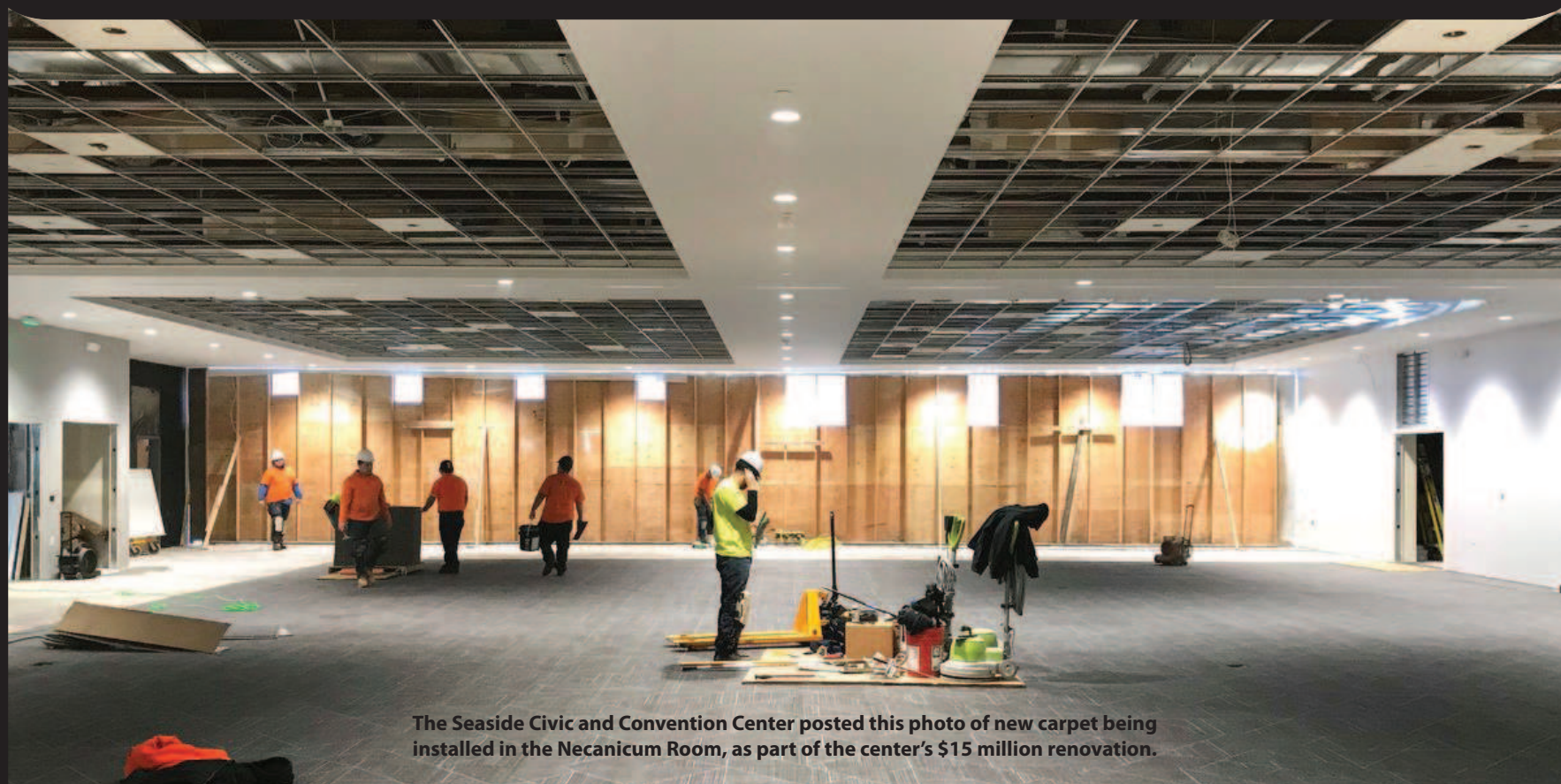




## FULLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION



The Seaside Civic and Convention Center posted this photo of new carpet being installed in the Necanicum Room, as part of the center's \$15 million renovation.

### New floor installed; \$15 million renovation at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center could be completed by mid-July

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

Things are looking “down” at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Workers installed 12,000 square feet new flooring and carpet in the Necanicum Room, as part of the center’s \$15 million renovation. “We are fully under construc-

tion,” the center’s General Manager Russ Vandenberg said at meeting of the Seaside Downtown Development Association.

“It is a dust bowl,” Vandenberg said. “There are workers sanding the concrete floors, installing carpet, putting light fixtures up. Plumbing is being installed. It is definitely a hard-hat zone everywhere inside the building.”

The new floor will be placed to include all public spaces, with the exception of the Pacific Room, which has a concrete floor. The Pacific Room floor will receive a complete sanding, charcoal staining and lacquered finish, Vandenberg said.

Five phases of construction are underway, including work on the kitchen and storage areas; east

side addition; north west addition; the administrative office and new restroom addition; and the mezzanine and meeting room upgrade. On April 18 crews are scheduled to begin phase six, with work on the main lobby and stairway relocation.

The 14-month expansion is expected to be completed by mid-July.

### Gomez, Swedenborg named to school board

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

The Seaside School District filled two vacancies Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Shannon Swedenborg filled Zone 1, Position 1, after Patrick Nofield stepped down in Cannon Beach. Sondra Gomez replaced Steve Phillips in Seaside.

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Eve Marx

Stephanie Keranen grew up far from the ocean, but she's a beach girl all the way.

### Welcome to The Hair Shoppe

By EVE MARX  
For Seaside Signal

Stephanie Keranen grew up far from the ocean, but she's a beach girl all the way.

“I love it here and I have a great clientele. I've been doing hair here for nearly 20 years.”

Four years ago Keranen moved The Hair Shoppe from up on the highway next to the Gearhart Liquor Store to a tucked away, sweet spot right in the heart of Gearhart, but off

the main drag. Inside her deliciously decorated, bright and sun-filled salon, you can't help but feel very pampered and cared for. It's an intimate, one-on-one situation as Stephanie, as everyone calls her, works her magic on one treasured client at a time.

Keranen is a graduate of the Beau Monde Academy of Cosmetology in Portland. “I studied everything from hair to aesthetician work to nails,” she said. “I am a sports person and growing up everyone thought I'd do

something with sports, but I'm also a beauty and fashion person, so this is the road I took.”

While it's possible to get any number of body parts including your chin waxed at The Hair Shoppe, it's the hair on your head that is Keranen's main focus.

“I do Balayage, I do highlights, I do hair extensions,” she said. And then there's her stylish cuts and color. All shades of blond are a specialty.

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### Smart meters come to the South County

How much is too much to opt out?

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

For smart meters, it's not how much you pay if you want one. It's how much you pay if you don't.

Alisa Dunlap, regional business manager for Pacific Power, addressed concerns from residents as the power company replaces customers electric meters with digital meters that communicate with Pacific Power through a wireless network. “We'll be upgrading all of the meters in the county,” Dunlap said.

The change comes to keep costs down in the future and support a more energy-efficient grid, Dunlap said. Smart meters will help the power company better manage the demand for renewable resources.

Meters send basic communication about customer usage, she said.

Pacific Power will notify customers by postcard and phone of their scheduled changeover date. There is no charge for replacement and during installation, power will be lost for less than 5 minutes.

Most installations are done in 30 seconds, she added.

The installation effort began in Oregon in early 2018 in the Willamette Valley; the first replacements in Clatsop

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