



Seaside's annual Fourth of July Parade, in 2016.

Parade ahead, under new management

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Every year, early birds place lawn chairs in place along the parade route by 9 a.m., with red- white-and-blue banners, flags and bunting everywhere. The annual parade in Seaside brings civic groups together and thousands of visitors for a march down Broadway.

City Councilor Tita Montero inquired about this year's plan at Seaside's April 8 meeting.

"I haven't heard anything about any activities surrounding what's going on to put on, manage, the Fourth of July Parade," Montero said. "Fourth of July is right around the corner."

The annual event is a Seaside tradition, Gini Dideum, an organizer of the parade for the past three years, added, kicking off the city's July 4 celebration. "We've been lucky enough to have the drum and bugle corps for the last couple of years. Civic groups, all sorts of different interests — it's just a lot of fun."

Dideum, Fred Loser and Darren Gooch of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District staged the 2018 event.

Last year's parade had about 65 entrants, she said.

While the parade details have yet to be officially announced, the parade is on track, this year's organiz-

ers, Gooch and Brian Owen of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, said Monday.

"SEPRD is working with the Chamber of Commerce to keep the parade running smoothly," Gooch said.

Owen said organizers are working on ways to better communicate with event attendees, both participants and attendees. Logistics remain to be hammered out, he added. "The website will be updated by the end of this week and we will be reaching out to past participants soon to let them know when registration for 2019 has opened."

Funding has been a challenge, he said. With a total cost of about \$55,000 for the day's events — including not only the parade, but fireworks, staff, security, sanitation and insurance — Owen is looking to increase donations and grants from individuals and agencies.

Donations from the business community total about \$20,000, with another \$25,000 from a tourism grant from the Seaside Visitors Bureau. That leaves a shortfall met by donations from individuals.

This year, an app-based tool will enable the public to donate online.

Organizers are also looking into ways to improve the staging area and sign-up process, Owen said.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help set up, man a shift or help clean up, contact the chamber, Owen said.

Rec district considers rate increase

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Is a rate change in the future at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District?

That's the question executive director Skyler Archibald asked at the Tuesday, April 16, district board meeting.

"The district is faced with rising costs of natural gas, power, water and other utilities, as well as the ever-increasing cost of maintaining the Sunset Pool," he said.

The new minimum wage, up from \$10.25 in 2017 to \$11.25 today, and slated for \$13.50 in 2022, will impact future costs as well.

Current rates are at a similar cost or less than counterparts along the coast and in other rural parts of the state, and substantially less expense than more urban areas.

The last time fees were raised was about two years,

Program	Resident Cost	Non-Resident Cost
Daily Rates		
en Swim Individual	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.25
en Swim Family	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.25
neral Admission Individual	\$ 6.00	\$ 9.00
neral Admission Family	\$ 18.00	\$ 27.00
Adult (18-61)		
nthly Pass	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
onth Pass	\$ 90.00	\$ 135.00
ual Pass	\$ 275.00	\$ 410.00
Family (all family members residing in same household)		
nthly Pass	\$ 70.00	\$ 105.00
onth Pass	\$ 175.00	\$ 260.00
ual Pass	\$ 525.00	\$ 780.00
Senior (62+)		
nthly Pass	\$ 36.00	\$ 54.00
onth Pass	\$ 85.00	\$ 128.00
ual Pass	\$ 250.00	\$ 375.00
Youth (4-17)		
nthly Pass	\$ 32.00	\$ 48.00
onth Pass	\$ 80.00	\$ 120.00
ual Pass	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
10 Punch Passes		
en Swim	\$ 18.00	\$ 27.00
neral Admission (Youth)	\$ 38.00	\$ 57.00
neral Admission (Adult)	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
neral Admission (Senior)	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00

Current rate sheet of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District for swim programs. A rate hike is being considered.

Archibald said, put in place to align the difference between district and out-of-district participants.

The difference is now

about 33 percent, he added.

Along with the increases in minimum wage older buildings, increased costs for power and water, prod-

ucts are more important than they were a few years ago.

"If we are to change the fees, the timeline is that we should have that discussion now," he said, to have new fees lined up by Sept. 1, when a new program guide is released. "It's up to the board to decide."

Increases may include a narrow focus swim programs only, or other programs and services.

Acting president Ed Hassan asked to see what the pending property tax increase will be. "I really don't want to see patrons hit twice, because of their property value going up, and us raising the rates."

"Even a small increase can have an effect, board member Veronica Russell added.

Hassan suggested an "across-the-board" increase, spread out among programs and classes. "We don't want to overburden our community."

CANDIDATE FORUM AHEAD

The Seaside Signal and Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District will host a board candidate forum on Thursday, May 2, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Seven candidates are running for two positions.

The event takes place at the Bob Chisholm Community

Center, 1225 Avenue A, in Seaside.

Three candidates will vie for the Position 5 seat, held by Rodney Roberts, appointed earlier this year after district board president Alan Evans stepped down.

Roberts seeks to return to the board for a full four-year

term.

Also filing for the Position 5 seat are Patrick Duhachek and Lindsey Morrison.

The Position 4 seat comes vacant after current board member Edward Hassan announced plans to move outside the district.

John Chapman, Katharine

Parker, Marti Wajc and Shirley Yates have filed to fill that seat.

Veronica Russell, Jeremy Mills and Michael Hinton fill the other three board seats. Each of their terms expire in 2021.

The special district election will take place May 21.

IN BRIEF

Night of all trivia

On Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. the Seaside Public Library will host its monthly Team Trivia Tournament. Teams can consist of one person or have as many as six people.

Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information on this event or other library activities call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org.

WorldMark, Tolovana Inn get charging grants

Wyndham Worldmark, Resort at Seaside in Seaside and the Tolovana Inn in Cannon Beach will receive grants for four electric vehicle charging ports.

According to Pacific Power, electric vehicle charging station projects from Seaside to Grants Pass — 10 in all — will receive up to 100 percent

of eligible costs. The program, which launched in late 2018, is designed to assist nonprofits, local governments and businesses with providing workers, customers and the general public with more options to charge electric vehicles.

For more information and to apply for the technical assistance program, visit pacificpower.net/env/ev/charging-station-technical-assistance.html

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board

CANDIDATE FORUM

Meet the Candidates

Tuesday, April 30 • 7 to 8 p.m.

Bob Chisholm Community Center • 1225 Avenue A, Seaside

Introduction by Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Executive Director Skyler Archibald. Moderator R.J. Marx, editor, Seaside Signal.

Seven candidates are on the ballot for two board seats in the May 21 Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board election.

Position 4 candidates: John Chapman
Katharine Parker
Marti Wajc
Shirley Yates

Position 5 candidates: Patrick Duhachek
Lindsey Morrison
Rodney Roberts

For more information, call SEPRD at 503-738-5311

Seaside School Board

CANDIDATE FORUM

The Seaside American Association of University Women and the Seaside Signal present a Seaside school board candidate forum on **Thursday May 2, 7 p.m.** at Broadway Middle School Library, 1120 Broadway, Seaside.

The forum will be introduced by Seaside AAUW President Cindy Gould and moderated by Signal editor R.J. Marx.

Featured guests include district superintendent Sheila Roley and members of the Seaside High School School Associated Student Body.

Candidates include:

Zone 1, Position 1, Cannon Beach
Shannon Swedenborg

Zone 4, Position 2, Seaside
Mark Truax

Zone 5, Position 1, Seaside
John Dunzer
Sondra Gomez
Jeremy Mills

All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the school district at **503-738-5591**



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