

Come to Seaside for the fun, stay for the food!

My family was eating dinner at Seaside Brewery recently with my mother, who was visiting from out of town. We were all tired from a long weekend of catching up and ducking sporadic spells of rain. At some point, I noticed we were no longer speaking. The food had arrived at the table and everyone’s attention was focused intently on the barbecue before them.

This wasn’t an isolated incident either. We’d done the very same thing with a different meal at the picnic tables outside the Osprey Café last summer. Every single person I bring into Dough Dough Bakery can literally not believe the quality and inventiveness of that food and space. Maggie’s stops me in my tracks along the Prom remembering a lunch I had there once. I won’t even get into the passionate arguments about the best seafood in town.

There used to be a saying around here about Seaside: More

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Than A Day At The Beach. Yeah, I think that “more” might be the opportunity to indulge in three great meals per day while here. These days we say It’s Easy To Seaside and that works, too. It’s certainly easy to find a memorable meal.

It’s not just me noticing, either. Travel Oregon incorporated a Seaside food scene story into the landing page for the new advertising campaign featuring a refresh of their wildly-popular Studio Ghibli style videos. The article “5 Tasty Innovations in Seaside” is nestled just above a fancy James Beard quote and just below statewide itineraries featuring Oregon farms, cheese, and wines on their

culinary page for the campaign.

The story itself touches on smoked barbecue, rotating surprise menus, pretzel baguettes, all-natural homemade ice cream, and delicious vegetarian bowls ... all available right now in Seaside. We’ve still another month to go, but already the feature has racked up more than 4,000 readers who averaged 3 minutes each on the story. On Facebook, Travel Oregon’s post on the article got 378 likes, 48 loves, 77 comments, and 92 shares.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming Northwest Food Traveler publication from Northwest Travel & Life Magazine. Seaside will again be featured this year in a two-page spread, along with a make-at-home recipe for you aspiring chefs and bakers. Looks like the Times Theatre & Public House will step into the limelight a bit on this one.

And since we’re on the subject of food, when did Seaside become

the capital of a Thai food renaissance on the North Coast? Yellow Curry Cozy Thai, Thai Me Up, and now Mighty Thai, oh my!

Big Chair takes tiny vacation

Later this month the big Adirondack chair out in front of the Visitors Bureau will be taking a quick trip down the road to Line-X of Clatsop County to be touched up and treated. While the chair has become an icon of sorts along the highway in Seaside, the winter weather combined with the daily wear of shoes and sneakers hasn’t been too kind to the wood. We’re looking forward to getting the big chair — which was constructed by high school students as a class project in 2017 — back to its original glory.

Mountain bike trails

If you’re a Columbo type, you may have noticed we’ve temporarily removed several biking trails from SeasideOR.com in the last couple weeks. Why’d we do that, you say? Great question. I’m

glad you asked.

The trails in question overlapped with routes under heavy use by construction crews this summer for the new middle school and high school in the hills overlooking Seaside (and outside the tsunami zone, more importantly). While construction is ongoing, we highly recommend those wishing to mountain bike explore the amazing trails currently under development at Klootch Creek through the North Coast Trail Alliance.

The Klootch Creek trails officially open on July 20 — mark your calendars — but we have it on good authority that there are plenty of logging roads out there to ride, too, as well as three miles of single track in various stages of readiness.

Be safe and have fun.

Got a tourism-related comment or question? I’d love to hear from you. Write me at jheineman@city-ofseaside.us.

- May 11**

For adults: Documentary Film Festival with Ron Walker, showcasing local documentary short films. Held at 1 p.m. in the library’s meeting room.
- May 14**

Teen Tuesday event: “Water Color Painting” fun painting experiences at 3:30 p.m. in the library’s meeting room.
- May 15**

Family Preschool Storytime: the letters “W” and “X” 10 a.m. in the children’s room. Alphabet themed storytime event focused on early literacy, stories, activities, crafts, and more.

For adults: Listening to the Land: Preserving Pollinators on the North Coast. 6 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. Talk on how to help our natural habitat by preserving pollinators. Learn what you can do to help birds, bees, and insects thrive in our coastal regions.
- May 21**

Teen Tuesday event: Lego Creations at 3:30 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. Lego’s stretch everyone’s imagination including teens! A building experience

OFF THE SHELVES

SEASIDE LIBRARY EVENTS



for teens.

May 22

Family Preschool Storytime “Transportation” theme. 10 a.m. in the children’s room. All about things that move and getting around a themed storytime event focused on early literacy, stories, activities, crafts, and more!

May 23

For Adults: Wild Foods and Foraging with Langdon Cook at 7 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. Learn what you can eat from the wild and best ideas for foraging our natural resources.

May 28

Teen Tuesday event: Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt. Meet at 3:30 p.m. in the library’s meeting room. Think you know Harry? A challenging scavenger hunt for teens.

Happy birthday, Marion Blake!



It’s happy “101” on U.S. Highway 101 for Marion Blake of Seaside. Marion was born April 29, 1918.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Marti

I am writing this letter in support of Marti Wajc’s candidacy for the board of directors of the Sunset Parks and Recreation District.

I have attended most board meetings for the past two years and I have been bitterly disappointed with the poor management by the board, especially towards the pool. The problem is, most board members do not use the pool.

I have grown to know Marti over the past five years and she, as an almost daily user of the pool, is well aware of the shortcomings and what is needed to make it better for all users.

Marti is an active caring person who will work hard to do a good job as a board member. She will also actively work to improve conditions at the pool for all of us!

Please, vote for Marti Wajc for the Board of Directors of the Sunset Park and Recreation District!

John Huismann
Cannon Beach

Vote for Stevens

I am running for Astoria Port Commissioner, Position 4. I was appointed and have proudly served on the port commission for over a year. Unfortunately our port is facing serious financial and infrastructure challenges. They did not happen overnight. It is crucial that we address these problems with serious measures. I want to return our port to prosperity.

For our state and nation the port must provide functional deepwater moorage and a safe harbor refuge for the fishing industry. The port and the airport are critical to daily commerce in addition to recovery from natural or manmade disasters.

It is paramount we change our business routine. I plan to aggressively market the port. We must attract businesses to partner with the port, taking advantage of our enterprise and opportunity zones, while at the same time ensuring our fishing fleet and current businesses are not left behind.

We must begin a systematic program of planned maintenance to fix things before they break. We need to obtain financial assistance for upgrades to infrastructure.

We must cease the animosity during port meetings. Let’s change our image and become the professional body our citizens and taxpayers deserve.

A positive attitude, hard work,

Vote for Stevens

and optimism can help make things right for our port. I am determined to take a lead role in restoring the health of the port and am asking for your vote by May 21.

Robert “Steve” Stevens
Warrenton

Vote for Stevens for Port Commission

Robert “Steve” Stevens is a candidate for Port of Astoria Commission Position 4. He has served as a port commissioner since his appointment in August 2017. Stevens continues to distinguish himself as a model commission member.

He clearly understands the elements of good governance and the difference between the roles of the commissioners and the port’s executive director and staff. He spends significant time outside port meeting reviewing meeting agenda and supporting materials, always prepared to intelligently discuss agenda items and make informed decisions. He acknowledges and embraces that the port commission acts as a body of the whole and that no single member represents the Commission’s decisions or actions.

Stevens acknowledges the Port’s financial challenges and seeks to find viable solutions. He will continue to act in the best interests of the citizens of Clatsop County. Please join me in voting for Robert “Steve” Stevens Port of Astoria Commission Position 4.

David W. Phillips
Astoria

Thank you to Gearhart councilor Kerry Smith

To Gearhart City Councilor Kerry Smith:

I want to thank you. Over the last several years your efforts to begin the restoration of the Gearhart Dunes as well as your diligent oversight through the 10 months since the revised code was put into place is truly appreciated.

Beyond your leadership of the dunes committee, you have continued to impress upon the Gearhart City Council that the best practices your committee generated are critical to ensuring prevention and control of noxious weeds. During the January 2019 City Council meeting, the mayor and city attorney both acknowledged the State of Oregon requires the city to do this work and the limited city budget is inadequate for the work that needs to be done.

HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF

Tribal council meeting

The Chinook Indian Nation will be holding its monthly council meeting at a special time of 9 a.m., Saturday, May 18, at the Chinook Nation Tribal Office at 3 E. Park Street, in Bay Center, Washington. The meeting is open to all tribal members, and attendees are reminded to bring a potluck item. A work party will follow lunch.

Contact the tribal office at 360-875-6670 for more information.

Langdon Cook at Seaside Library

On Thursday, May 23, the Friends of the Seaside Library welcome author and food writer, Langdon Cook. The event will take place in the community room at 7 p.m.

Explore the Pacific Northwest via Cook’s adventures

Explore the Pacific Northwest via Cook’s adventures in utilizing wild food and discover a regional stew of cuisine, natural history, and oddball characters.

For Cook, gourmet delicacies abound, free for the taking if we just open our eyes. He tempts fate by eating mushrooms that may or may not be poisonous. He strings up a fly rod to chase after sea-run trout. He even pulls on the gardening gloves to collect stinging nettles. He traces his journey from wrangler of pre-packaged calories to connoisseur of coveted wild edibles.

Structured around the seasons of the year, Cook will focus on specific food types and will conclude with recipes featuring the author’s hard-won bounty.

Cook was a senior book editor at Amazon.com until, in 2004, he left the corporate world to live in

a cabin off the grid

a cabin off the grid with his wife and son. Now a freelance writer and editor, Langdon has written for the San Francisco Bay Guardian, Outside, Gray’s Sporting Journal, Fly Fisherman, the Stranger, Seattle Metropolitan, and Conservation Magazine.

The Seaside Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org.

‘Preserving Pollinators’ on the Coast

On Wednesday, May 15, the Necanicum Watershed Council offers final presentation of the season, led by Jed Arnold, community outreach and stewardship coordinator for Hampton Lumber and Dr. Christine Buhl, entomologist with the Oregon Department



Necanicum Watershed Council

Necanicum Watershed Council presents a lecture on protecting pollinating plants on the North Coast.

staple crops and plants in rural and urban landscapes.

Often overlooked are bees present in Oregon forests. Who and where are they? What can we do to protect them? In this talk we’ll discuss the how Oregon is tackling enhancing pollinator health and habitat as well as research into pollinator habitat enhancement taking place on privately owned timberlands right here in Clatsop County.

Listening to the Land is a monthly winter speaker series offered January through May and presented by the Necanicum Watershed Council in partnership with the Seaside Public Library.

Presentations are held the third Wednesday of every month starting at 6 p.m. at the Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside. Events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.necanicumwatershed.org.