

# SEASIDE Signal



## Hood to Coast gets high marks at City Council

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Seaside Signal

Three years ago, Hood to Coast mile relay from Mount Hood to Seaside elsewhere. The Seaside City organization became so frayed there was talk of sending the legendary 197-

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## Family will not pursue lawsuit in drowning death

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The mother of a 14-year-old Oklahoma boy who drowned while swimming in the ocean in Seaside in 2016 plans to drop a lawsuit claiming her son and his cousin were not warned about dangerous conditions.

L. Nicole Moore had sought \$691,200. The move comes days before a scheduled phone conference between the city and the family.

"I intend to dismiss my suit against the city," Moore said in an email to the Signal. "I filed this suit hoping to change the policies of the city of Seaside. However, for my own well-being, I am not continuing this effort. The suit was my way of fulfilling an obligation I felt to Conner. The last act I could do for him, defend his character and try to ensure this does not happen to anyone else."

The teenagers were visiting the North Coast for a family reunion in July 2016.

Conner Moore and his cousin were in the ocean at

the foot of Broadway when lifeguards saw the teenagers struggling. After a rescue attempt, Conner Moore was pronounced dead at Providence Seaside Hospital. His cousin survived.

The lawsuit, filed in July 2018, alleged the teens were swimming in waters next to an area that is "particularly dangerous and this extremely hazardous condition was not obvious to an ordinary person."

The city asked the Circuit Court to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that Conner Moore should have exercised care in avoiding harm from an "activity that creates a hazardous condition."

The case, which had entered the discovery phase, had been tentatively scheduled for trial in 2020.

"The environmental conditions causing my son's death may never happen again," Moore said. "But if they do, I hope you will ensure the public is properly warned so that no other family suffers a similar tragedy."

Attorney Rick Freud, representing Seaside, and City Manager Mark Winstanley declined to comment.

### WE GOT CHICKEN, WE GOT CORN

## IT'S PARTY TIME AT THE SEASIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Jan Barber, Cody Parry, Chief Joey Daniels, Noble Hutchinson and Division Chief Chris Dugan.

By EVE MARX  
Seaside Signal

For 30 years the Seaside Fire Department has thrown an annual fundraiser, shared Chris Dugan, fire marshal and division chief off the Seaside Fire Department. The event began with casino night at the old fire station.

"Six or seven years ago it evolved to a barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs," he said. Last year at the event Jan Barber

of the Seaside Fire Association and firefighter Genesee Dennis talked about upping the ante, so we did.

"Fire Up" takes place Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the firehouse at 150 S. Lincoln in Seaside. "This is the first time we're having a high quality dinner and it's going to be great," Dugan said.

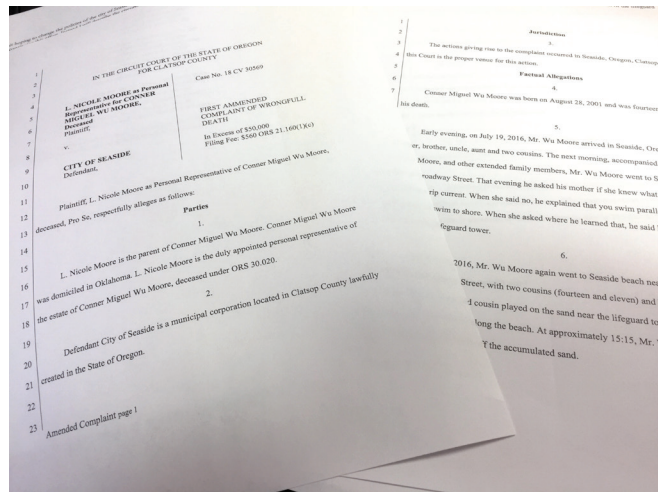
Barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw donated by the Relief Pitcher, and a non-alcoholic beverage are on the menu, which is also available for take out. The price is \$15 per person; kids 12 and under are \$10.

Larry Kriegshauer, one of the department's volunteers and a "huge supporter" of the firehouse, is cooking the chicken and the corn, Dugan said.

"He's the best," added Barber. Firehouse staff and volunteers will be on hand to show everyone a good time.

"Last year we responded to over 1,400 calls for assistance, including fire, medical, road rescue, water rescue, mutual aid, and public service," Dugan said. "As of last

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Complaint filed by plaintiff L. Nicole Moore as representative of her son, Conner Miguel Wu Moore.

## Pickleball proponents plan play on Pacific Way



R.J. Marx

Gearhart will soon see a pickleball court on Pacific Way.

### Gearhart to convert tennis court to pickleball

By CARA MICO  
For Seaside Signal

Pickleball fans in Gearhart have a new reason to celebrate. The city of Gearhart approved the permanent conversion of one tennis court to two pickleball courts on Aug. 7.

Although construction won't likely be completed for some time, according to Alice Lane, volunteer for the Oregon North Coast Pickleball Association.

Pickleball enthusiast Wally Hamer approached the City Council in May with proposed alterations to Gearhart's two existing tennis courts in order to create space for pickleball without dis-

ruption to tennis players.

Pickleball players have raised about \$6,000 of the estimated \$10,000 cost; city councilors voted to pay the difference for putting two pickleball courts on the site of the northeast tennis court. Funds could come from the city's park budget or from short-term rental tax revenue from the Clatsop County Jail, close to \$40,000. The pickleball courts will be designed from north to south, with a fence installed between the two courts. Another fence will separate the new courts from the tennis court.

Currently the closest place to play outdoor pickleball is at Camp Rilea, and there are often dozens of people waiting to play during the two days per week the tennis courts are available for pickleballers.

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