

CANNON BEACH MAKES IT ILLEGAL TO FEED WILD ANIMALS

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CANNON BEACH — Although it may be tempting to feed cute wild animals, Cannon Beach is calling an end to it.

City councilors approved an ordinance Tuesday, Oct. 1, making it illegal to feed wild animals. The restrictions include people placing food on their property for the animals.

Wild animals are described as birds, raccoons, squirrels, opossums and rabbits, among others.

Although rabbits have historically raised havoc in Cannon Beach, they are not the only ones people are feeding. “I think the rabbits were just the straw that broke the camel’s back,” Mayor Sam Steidel said.

Warrenton passed a



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similar ordinance in 2016 to discourage people from feeding elk. Gearhart followed earlier this year.

For Cannon Beach, it’s about not attracting wild animals and educating the public on why it is harm-

ful to feed them.

The ordinance would classify attracting or feeding wildlife as a public

nuisance. The violation will be a misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500.

For the first year, the city will enforce the ban through warnings and education, but after that, people will start being cited.

People are still allowed to feed songbirds as long as the food is in a container that prevents access from wild animals.

People can also continue to feed wild animals they have kept under a valid permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Steidel said people have been thinking about an ordinance for a while. More recently, residents grew frustrated with people feeding seagulls because it creates a mess and is costly to clean.

“Also there’s an aspect of being healthy for the animals,” he said. “If you start feeding them all french fries, it’s not natural for them.”

Join the fungi frolic at Circle Creek Conservation Center in Seaside

Seaside Signal

North Coast Land Conservancy Land Steward Eric Owen knows his mushrooms. Join him for NCLC’s final “On the Land” outing of the year at a Fall Fungi Frolic at Circle Creek Conservation Center on Friday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The outing is free, but preregistration is required; visit NCLCtrust.org/fall-fungi-walk to register.

Owen plans to lead participants along one or two trails at Circle Creek in an investigation of the roles different mushrooms play in their respective environments and how they interact with their fellow forest inhabitants. Expect to wander at a relatively slow pace over sometimes uneven terrain, through mud, and up short inclines; rain boots or waterproof boots are strongly recommended. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass if you have one; otherwise one will be provided.

Owen joined the NCLC staff after completing his



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North Coast Land Conservancy Land Steward Eric Owen with a display of hedgehog mushrooms.

bachelor’s degree in environmental science with a minor in writing at Oregon State University. Year-round, but particularly in the fall, he enjoys indulging his passion for mycology and mushroom hunting on Oregon’s North Coast.

Circle Creek Conservation Center is at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside; look for it on the west side of US 101, 0.7 mile north of the junction with US 26. Follow the road west and north a short distance, passing a gravel quarry on your left, to where it ends between two barns. Participants are

encouraged to bring water and snacks. There are no toilets on site, and dogs are not allowed at Circle Creek or any NCLC properties. More details about Circle Creek Conservation Center, this outing and upcoming stewardship opportunities are available at NCLCtrust.org.



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Cullaby Lake recreational use health advisory lifted

Seaside Signal

The recreational use health advisory issued for Cullaby Lake in Clatsop County has been lifted, the Oregon Health Authority reported Thursday, Oct. 3.

Water monitoring confirms that the level of cyanotoxins — harmful algae toxins — in Cullaby Lake are below recreational guideline values for human exposure.

However, officials advise recreational visitors to be alert to signs of cyanobacterial or harmful algae blooms, because blooms can develop and disappear on any lake through the season. Only a fraction of Oregon’s lakes and streams are monitored for cyanobacterial blooms.

For health information or to report an illness, contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0482.

Nehalem River Scenic Waterway rule changes proposed

Seaside Signal

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting public comments on changes to Oregon Administrative Rule language regarding the newly designated Nehalem River Scenic Waterway. The proposed change would adopt

management rules for the land adjacent to the waterway. Specifically, the proposed rules would guide future development within 1/4 mile of the riverbank along the 17.5-mile section of river designated as the waterway.

The Nehalem River Scenic Waterway was designed by Gov. Brown in June. It begins

at Henry Rierson Spruce Run campground and ends at the confluence of Cook Creek, near Cougar Valley State Park.

OPRD will accept public comments on the proposed change through 5 p.m. Nov. 4. Comments can be made online, in writing, via email or in-person at an upcoming public meeting. Email: OPRD.publiccomment@oregon.gov, or in-person, Monday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at North County Recreation District, 36155 Ninth St., Nehalem.

Full text of the proposed change is available online at oregon.gov/oprd/Rules/pages/index.aspx.

Seaside Visitors Bureau wins Travel Oregon grant

Seaside Signal

The City of Seaside Visitors Bureau was awarded \$14,590 in grant funding through Travel Oregon’s 2019-2020 Competitive Small Grants program.

The Visitors Bureau will work with Travel Oregon, community partners, creative designers, and Oregon printers to produce a 32-page commemorative booklet celebrating the centennial of Seaside’s promenade in 2021.

Additionally, the booklet — which will be free and distributed around Seaside — will include a passport program to drive overnight visitation. Travelers spending the

night in Seaside in 2021 may stop by the Visitors Bureau with their booklet to receive a custom holographic sticker and be entered into a drawing for a prize package at year’s end.

The Competitive Small Grants program awards eligible applicants funding for projects that contribute to Oregon’s tourism economy in communities throughout the state that support Travel Oregon’s vision of a better life for all Oregonians through strong, sustainable local communities that welcome a diversity of explorers. The Visitors Bureau is a department of the city of Seaside, dedicated to attracting and servicing visitors to

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to those traveling along the North Coast.

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