

City performs demolition on North Holladay home

By R.J. MARX
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Seaside took action to remedy an eyesore on North Holladay Drive, and their decision paid off.

More than a year and half after a single-family home on Holladay Drive burnt down, the city declared the property a public nuisance and move forward to have it abated. The demolition cost of \$13,700 was to be filed as a lien to the homeowner.

At the Monday, Oct. 14,

City Council meeting, City Manager Mark Winstanley said the cost of demolition had been met by the homeowner, preempting the need for a lien.

“The council several meetings ago instructed staff to abate the property where there had been a fire,” Winstanley said. “The house had virtually been destroyed and the property had not been cleaned up.”

The house, at 412 N. Holladay Drive, was destroyed by a fire in early February 2018.

At the time, fire personnel considered the house uninhabitable and estimated damage to be more than \$100,000.

During a July City Council meeting community members gave testimony about the ways in which it had become a nuisance to the

surrounding neighborhood.

In response, council instructed staff to get that property cleaned up and after getting that cleaned up, to lien the property owners for the costs associated with that.”

In August, councilors contracted with Keith Ker-

anen Excavating to complete the abatement at a cost of \$12,200, with an additional 20% city administrative fee, a total of \$14,640.

“The good news is, I have in my hand a copy of the receipt paying the city \$14,640 now,” Winstanley said. “We’ve already been paid. We will not need to file a lien on the property. But you do need to take the official action of declaring the cost to abate.”

After council members unanimously voted to approve the abatement,

Council President Randy Frank commended the process.

“This is one of those things where a neighbor came and made it known to us what was going on at the property,” Frank said. “It’s unusual to take the action we did, but it was a real success. This just helped the neighborhood a lot, and it all started with someone coming to the council and making known what was going on in the neighborhood. I’m very happy to see the whole thing come together.”



Planning commissioners Lou Neubecker, left, Chris Hoth, Robin Montero and Jon Wickerham. Neubecker and Montero were reappointed by City Council for a new four-year term.

Two Seaside planning commissioners reappointed

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The terms of Robin Montero and Lou Neubecker come due for the Planning Commission on Nov. 1. Both reapplied for a second four-year term.

Steve Wright made a motion for their reappointment, with a unanimous vote by the council on

Monday, Oct. 14.

Other planning commissioners include Bill Carpenter and Teri Carpenter, whose terms come up next year. Vice-chairman David Posalski’s term comes up in November 2021 and Jon Wickerham’s comes up in November 2022. Chairman Chris Hoth’s term also comes up in 2022.

SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Overall enrollment lower, but kindergarten spikes

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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Seaside School District’s overall student enrollment experienced a slight dip compared to last year’s numbers, according to an October report prepared by the district.

The total enrollment at all five schools in the district — Seaside High School, Broadway Middle School, Gearhart Elementary School, The Heights Elementary School, and Cannon Beach Academy — was listed at 1,619 in numbers submitted to the state. Last year in October, the total enrollment was 1,652.

There were “no major discrepancies,” Superintendent Sheila Roley said during a school board meeting Oct. 15, adding it was a “pretty

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

The Bringing our Elementary Schools Together Committee is moving forward with the process of selecting a new name and mascot for the combined elementary school at the new campus. Along with parent representatives from both Seaside and Gearhart and school board member Shannon Swedenborg, the committee sorted through nearly 200 submissions by parents, students and community members, according to principal Juli Wozniak.

They narrowed down the entries to three choices for the name, three choices for the mascot, and three choices of colors. Students will vote on Nov. 5 on Election Day for their top pick and receive an “I Voted” sticker. The BEST team will then tally the votes and share the results with the school board for final approval before it is revealed to the students in an assembly Nov. 20.

typical enrollment report.”

Annually, the district reports to the state in October, after the school year is underway and students have a chance to settle in, and those become the official enrollment numbers.

Last year, the incoming kindergarten class was 123 compared to 109 this year. The senior class at the high school also is 17 less this year compared to last year.

The other classes experienced minor changes.

In other news:

- The board approved a gift from Kenny and Kathy Hyde of \$2,000 for the Broadway Middle School Assistance Fund, which can be used at the discretion of the building administration for students in need.
- The board approved an out-of-state field trip request from Broadway Middle School teacher Lynette Harthold to take a group of seventh-grade students to Seattle to visit the Pacific Science Center, watch a Seattle Mariners game, and participate in other educational and fun activities. The field trip was introduced last school year, Roley said, and it was “well-planned” and well-received by students and chaperones.



Seaside High School

‘Going for Broke’ at the high school

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Seaside High School drama is gearing up to present their fall play, “Going for Broke,” by Michal Jacot, on Friday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Seaside High School Cafetorium.

After being part of the richest family in Boston, the adult Webb kids try to adjust to sudden poverty when crazy brother Elwood is given total control of the fortune. But they just don’t know how to be poor. They try everything from renting rooms in the mansion to taking a job as a clown for children’s parties. Their luck

changes with the reappearance of their mother, whom they thought dead; their cranky butler, Fenwick; and the surprise introduction of Fenwick Jr.

Junior is a boorish, obnoxious lout, but is also now the sole heir to the Webb fortune. The exasperating family dynamics reach a fever pitch of high comedy as the kids try to retrieve “their” money.

Introducing seniors Frida Ruff, Lukas Jolly, Jacob Seibel, and sophomore Olivia Mayhugh as the Webb siblings; senior Crystal Rouse as Mrs. Webb; sophomore Sophia Reynolds as Fenwick Jr.; and a supporting

cast full of eccentric characters. Directed and produced by Susan Baertlein and assisted by Ann Branson.

Performances of this comedic farce are Friday Nov. 1, Saturday Nov. 2, and the following week, Nov. 7, 8, and 9. Doors open at 6:30 and performances begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are sold at the doors. Prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens, veterans and active military, students with ASB card, and children under 13.

For further information, contact Seaside High School at 503-738-5586 or email Susan Baertlein at sbaertlein@seasidek12.org.

Free high school senior studio photos

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Photographer Lance Wagner is providing free high school senior portraits on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. The photos meet the requirements of the Seaside High School Yearbook. All seniors are invited to participate.

Students must call to set up an appointment at 503-739-6745; 114 Avenue T, Seaside.

Minors must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All participants must sign a photo release, minors must be signed by parent or guardian. Studio shots if raining; outdoor shots weather permitting.

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