

School: Buyer would need to do due diligence in sale

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Sales pitch

The Gearhart campus sits on 8.4 acres one block west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and Pacific Way, describes Norris & Stevens, co-representing the school district, with Popkin Real Estate.

“The main building has classic large classrooms with a large central hallway featuring natural sunlight through countertop-to-ceiling glass windows,” they write. “The four outer buildings are staged around the main building for specialty classrooms.”

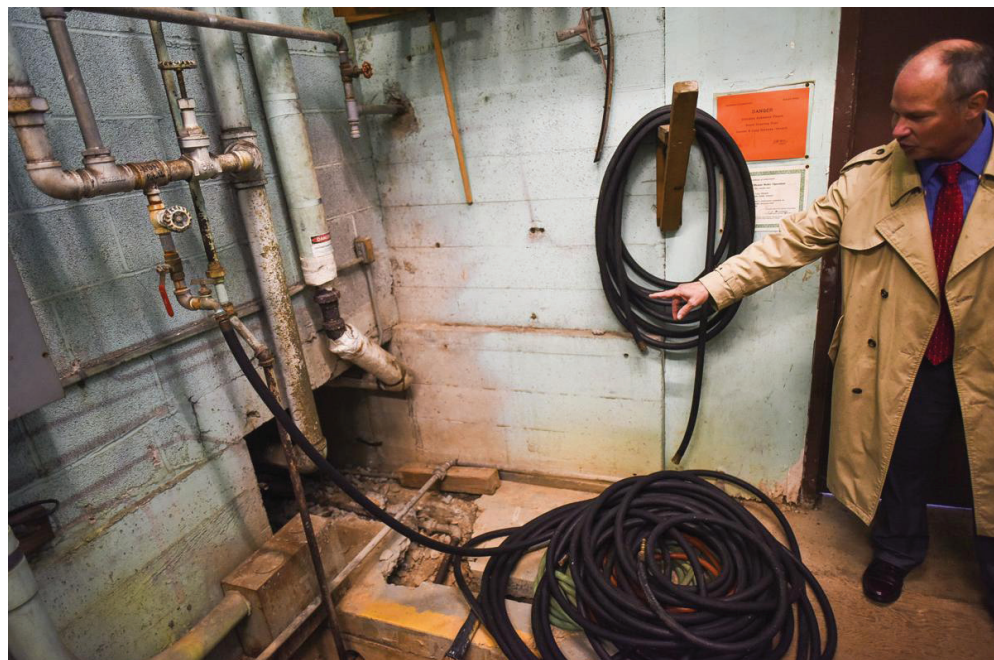
Listed at \$1.9 million, the campus offers workout facilities with a full gymnasium plus covered basketball courts outside. Baseball, soccer and softball fields and two bark chipped outdoor play areas offer recreational opportunities.

While real estate agents declined to comment for this article, in July, Norris & Stevens agent Raymond Duchek said he had not “zeroed in” on the market.

Duchek said he is looking to market the campus to the broadest net possible, including buyers who might be interested in using the existing structures. “We’re trying to get as many options on the table for the school district,” he said.

Firehouse

Since the early 2000s, Gearhart firefighters have asked the city to replace the fire house, a building constructed in 1958 considered unsafe in an earthquake or tsunami. A 2006 bond measure for a new public safety



Seaside High School Superintendent emeritus Doug Dougherty shows the conditions of the boiler room at Gearhart Elementary School in 2016.

building failed at the polls.

Gearhart’s Jack Zimmerman would like to see the city reconsider the school as a possibility for the proposed Gearhart Fire Station, now targeted at what is known as the High Point site on North Marion.

“At this point in time the Gearhart school has become, in my opinion, an increasing catalyst dividing the community between the proposed fire station and the school’s future,” Zimmerman wrote in a guest column (see “Opinion: Gearhart Fire should consider elementary school location,” p. 5).

“While most of our community is keenly aware of Gearhart leadership’s well-funded efforts to build a 13,000-square-foot fire facility, many of us are perplexed,” Zimmerman wrote. “Perplexed with regards to the glaring absence of either

a formal position or the void in effort to investigate our school as an alternative to the proposed fire station.”

City Administrator Chad Sweet said the city’s firehouse committee looked at the school as a potential site and knocked it off the table as an option. “It was not considered because its elevation is 17 feet — our current station is at 27 feet.”

The land is close to the aquifer, making that location susceptible to subsidence, Sweet said.

“During winter storms the area floods in part because of the small creek to the east of the property,” he said. “These are many of the same reasons the school district is moving the school out. The public would lose trust in its city officials if they put a fire station in such a location.”

Unless a school or gov-

ernment building were to take over the location, the property would require a zone change.

Sweet said he had been told it would cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million to tear the building down, the differential largely because of asbestos concerns.

If the building was occupied as is, a purchaser could continue to use it as long as they could pass building code.

“Nobody has talked to me about it, nor have they talked to planning about it,” Sweet said. “They could buy it, but they’ve got a very long road to hoe to do any changes.”

“As the property is on the market,” Henry said. “We’d prefer to have direct discussions with potential buyers about existing conditions and opportunities, letting them perform their own due diligence.”

Hops: Raising money for outdoor trails at new campus

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a fifth-grade teacher at The Heights Elementary School.

However, not wanting to restrict patrons to drinking one type of beer, Seaside Brewery owner Jimmy Griffin said, they committed 100% of monies raised from all beer sales during the fundraiser to a charity of Meyer’s choice.

The educator and president of the Seaside Teachers Association chose for the money to go toward building trails and installing benches for students to use.

“With all the technological distractions, all of the negative impacts of human destruction to the planet, and the addictive problems with anti-social media, nature is a powerful anecdote,” Meyer said, adding it can provide “the calming peace so many of our students desperately need to offset the trauma and wounds they are enduring.”

His vision is to provide enough walking trails and bench seating on the school property so all the classrooms at the new campus



Katherine Lacaze

Jeremy Catt, assistant principal of The Heights and Gearhart elementary schools, dances with his 5-year-old daughter Neah at a fundraiser at Seaside Brewery on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Money raised from sales of the Hops for Teachers pale ale during the evening will go toward building trails at the new school campus.

have easy access to special outdoor places for students to enjoy for a variety of activities, including art, reading, and journal writing.

These “can become special moments and experiences for our children to capture and cling to as they grow

and develop into community members with an ownership towards the land,” Meyer said.

“Children need exposure to the wonder of the world, to be curious about other living things, and to find their place in a natural order out-

side the confines of the human structures that often limit creativity and stifle the sublime,” he said.

Meyers has been growing hops for about six years on his riverside property. About three years ago, he discussed the idea of partnering with the Seaside Brewing Company with Todd and Sarah Lippold.

The brewing company created two small batches of Hops for Teachers the past two years using Meyer’s Cascade and Mount Hood varieties. This year, they spent three days picking hops in September and came away with enough for a 15-barrel batch — or 30 kegs — of the brew.

“It was kind of cool that were enough hops this year to make a full batch,” Griffin said. “It was a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun making it.”

With the size of the yield, the brewery was able to cut some monies loose for the fundraiser, he said. The rest of the batch will be sold at the brewery until it runs out.

Fall Fun Fest: Saying ‘trick or treat’ underwater

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Expanding attendance

The Fall Fun Fest — sponsored by Providence Seaside Hospital, Lum’s Auto Center and other local businesses — was immediately followed by the district’s Spooky Swim at the Sunset Pool. Last year, numerous guests were turned away from swimming because of the pool’s limited capacity. As a response, the recreation district broke the event into two different one-hour waves this year to allow roughly 200 people to join the festivities, albeit for a shorter amount of time.

The Fall Fun Fest also has grown so large it strains the capacity of the community center, Wildt and Lee said. Although the district staff works to do the best with the space available, the event has continued growing over the years such that Lee anticipates eventually needing to find an alternate location in the coming years.



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Volunteer Hannah Aulston paints a Halloween icon on Carson Smith at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District’s Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 19.

A recreational spin

This was the second year for the Spooky Swim, which was started as a sort of replacement for the recreation district’s traditional “haunted house” that was set up at the pool and other on-site facilities. According to Lee, the organization

was looking to better align the event with its goal of promoting recreation while offering children an activity that would keep them engaged for a whole evening, rather than for a single trip through the haunted house.

Additionally, Lee said,

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