

Peace tree coming to Cartwright Park

Seaside Signal

To mark the 75th anniversary of the close of World War II, Seaside will join 25 other communities across Oregon by planting special peace trees distributed by the Oregon Department of Forestry in partnership with the nonprofit groups Oregon Community Trees and the Medford-based One Sunny Day Initiative.

Seaside's tree is slated for Cartwright Park on South Franklin, Public Works Director Dale McDowell said.

A small ceremony, led by members of the city's tree board, who requested the tree, will mark the planting.

The seedling ginkgo and Asian persimmon trees were grown from seed collected from trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and brought to Oregon by Medford resident Hideko Tamura-Snyder. She survived the bombing, which occurred 75 years ago on Aug. 6, 1945.



Hideko Tamura-Snyder (center) brought seeds to Oregon that were collected from trees that survived the atom bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. A bombing survivor herself, she got Oregon Community Trees board member Mike Oxendine (left) to germinate the seeds.

Both Seaside and Tillamook are planting the long-lived ginkgo trees. Tillamook's tree is slated for Carnahan Park. According to Kristin Ramstad, manager of the Oregon Department

of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program, between now and next summer, the 36 peace trees — 29 ginkgos and seven Asian persimmons — will be planted

across 16 Oregon counties. Most of the seedlings are going to parks, arboreta and schools across the state. The greatest number will be planted in April as part of Arbor Week.

Aquarium finds: 'A few unique creatures'



Tiffany Boothe/Seaside Aquarium
Leptosynapta clarki, skin-breathing sea cucumbers.

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Look what the tide's pulled in.

Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium reports a few unique creatures coming onto the beach, likely due to the high tides and heavy surf.

"The heavy surf dislodges animals which burrow into the sand like the skin-breathing sea cucumbers and the sea but-

terflies," Boothe said Tuesday.

The skin-breathing sea cucumber buries itself in the sand and when the surf gets "really big," gets dredged up and wind up on the beach. Unlike other sea cucumbers, skin-breathing sea cucumbers lack respiratory structures and absorb oxygen through their skin.

Heteropods or carinaria japonica are a type of sea snail found in the open ocean. Like jellyfish, the

ocean's surface currents can bring these animals ashore.

Heteropods have a greatly reduced shell and a small swimming fin which the animal uses to propel itself forward. A pair of well-developed eyes aid them in capturing salps and copepods for nutrition.

Other aquatic life seen on Seaside beaches include "a lot of moon jelly fish and stinging nettle jelly fish," Boothe added.

Upgrades: Sound, video upgrades debut at City Hall

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With digital recordings now available, the next step will be to post them to the website, he added.

The improvements come as the City Hall building celebrates its 30th anniversary.

The current building took over from the original City Hall, built in 1914 at the corner of Broadway and North Roosevelt — today's home of Seaside Brewing Co.

For some city officials, a little practice may be necessary to get used to the new audiovisual enhancements, city manager Mark Winstanley suggested at meeting's end.

"I'm going to encourage all the councilors that you do need to make some

SOUND SYSTEM GETS HIGH PRAISE

CEDR's executive director Kevin Leahy was one of the first to use the city's new audiovisual system.

City councilors were duly proud.

"Have you ever presented in a better place?" City Councilor Randy Frank asked.

"Never, never!" Leahy responded with a laugh. "This is the best."

improvements using your microphones," Winstanley said. Please make sure you practice a little bit with the microphones."



R.J. Marx

Kevin Leahy, right, of Clatsop Economic Development Resources, is among the first to use Seaside's new audiovisual equipment.

Police: A look back at Seaside's colorful past

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—interviewed a man named William Nelson, who provided information on former bootleggers in the county who were active during the Prohibition Era, Holt said. Nelson told Fosmark of receiving a phone call when a certain A. Miller passed away.

"Mr. Nelson was called to go to the home of Mr. Miller before the caretaker got there and found all the alcohol under and behind his bed," Holt said. He provided a facetious explanation that maybe Miller was saving it as "evidence," adding, "We don't do that anymore — take [evidence] home."

Callahan's Place

Among the other amusing anecdotes shared by Holt during the presentation is one involving a man named B.J. Callahan, who ran a saloon known for its seedy nightlife.

"He wasn't well-liked, but his bar was very well-attended," Holt said.

He shared a statement made in 1906 by the Seaside Signal editor, who claimed, "Five saloons are too many for a town of this size. And

the council would please the people and benefit the town by cutting one or two of them out. One of them, Callahan's place, ought to be closed up."

"The editor of the Signal and Mr. Callahan obviously had strong opinion about each other," Holt said.

This was later confirmed in 1907 when Callahan was arrested and charged with assault and battery upon the editor of the Signal. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$31.65.

"It goes on — they never quite saw eye to eye," Holt said.

In 1915, Callahan was arrested by a night marshal for staying open past 1 a.m. He was acquitted, however, by Seaside Judge J.L. Berry, who found the night marshal didn't "secure sufficient evidence and failed to file his return on the warrant of arrest until six days after the trial."

The Seaside riots

Holt's presentation also touched on the Seaside riots that occurred in the 1960s, and which were witnessed by some of the audience members. Studies on what

caused the riots to spiral out of control have identified, among others, the state of the local economy, the sociopolitical climate, and the limitations of the Seaside police department and city government at the time.

According to Stew Dodge, a bystander, who was interviewed by Portlander David Craig, the riots in 1962 were sparked by a disagreement between a few young adults who were vacationing at the beach for spring break and some local lifeguards. In Dodge's rendition, the lifeguards beat up the visitors "and took their girls," Holt said. The following day, the group went looking for the lifeguards and things got "out of hand in short order," he added.

Rioters not only tipped over a two-and-a-half-story lifeguard tower on the beach but dragged it to the Turnaround and down Broadway attached to a vehicle. They also smashed store windows and caused other property damage. Holt's father, who joined the department as a reserve officer in 1962, helped with crowd control and de-escalating the ruckus, which also required a response from the state police.

For the next several years, "we stayed beefed up with extra personnel" for spring break in preparation of additional brawls, Holt said. As with other aspects of Seaside's history, however, Holt acknowledged there are differing accounts of how the riots went down and what started them in the first place.

"I'm not here to set the record straight," he said, adding his focus was sharing the various accounts and stories he has discovered over the years.

History and Hops is a series of local history discussion hosted by the museum on the last Thursday of each month from September to May. The next lecture will take place Dec. 26 at the brewery.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Russell M. Lende

Seaside
Nov. 13, 1937 – Oct. 20, 2019

On Oct. 20, 2019, Dr. Russell M. "Russ" Lende passed away, after living and enjoying a full and wonderful life.

Born to Melvin Olaf Lende and Myrtle Elizabeth Lende in Finlayson, Minnesota, on Nov. 13, 1937, Russ passed away a few weeks shy of his 82nd birthday.

After living several years on the farm in Minnesota, the family moved west, spending several years in Salt Lake City, Utah, before settling in West Linn, Oregon, where he graduated from high school in 1955. During his youth and high school years he enjoyed music, and played several instruments, including the clarinet, baritone sax and accordion.

He also spent a lot of time riding his English Raleigh and Schwinn bicycles, for pleasure and delivering newspapers, while riding up and down the hills in West Linn. During this time Russ also discovered and nurtured his lifelong love of cars!

After high school, he attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, graduating in 1960 with a doctor of optometry degree.

While attending college he met his loving wife, Patricia, and they were wed on Dec. 5, 1959. After graduating, Russ and Pat moved to Seaside, Oregon, where they have resided ever since. In 1960, he started his optometry practice, where he practiced for 43 years, most of which were side by side with Pat, before retiring in 2003.

Russ had a strong commitment to community and devoted countless hours serving the local community. He served 11 years on the Seaside School District 10 Board, serving as chairman in 1972. He was a longstanding proud Rotarian, with decades of perfect attendance, while receiving two Paul Harris Fellowship awards.

Russ was also a founding member of the Seaside Parks and Recreation Board, was involved in forming the Hamlet Route fire department, served as a captain in the Seaside Police Reserves in the 1960s, and was also named Optometrist of the Year! Russ truly enjoyed serving the community, where he dedicated over 40 years to public service. He served on numerous clubs and organizations in various capacities,

including treasurer, sergeant at arms and chairman.

When he was not devoting time to the community or practicing optometry, you could find Russ in his garage working on and restoring cars. Over the years he restored over a dozen cars, including Concourse level award-winning Lincolns, several Pontiac GTOs and Trans AMs and a 1940s-era Cadillac convertible.

And, if you knew Russ, you also knew he liked his muscle cars! He even spent several years drag racing his 1965 GTO in Woodburn — he liked the power, speed and competitive nature of the racing. He was a long-standing member of the "Goat Herd" GTO club, as well as the Lincoln Continental Owners Club, where he served on the board, and also as the editor for the periodic bulletin.

Russ enjoyed and attended as often as possible the sporting events of his sons and grandchildren. You would often hear him yelling and cheering from the bleachers, supporting his family regardless of what season it was.

Russ lived a full life; he was selfless and generous with his time and devotion to the community, always welcomed people with a warm smile and firm handshake, and had a great sense of humor.

Russ is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons, Russell M. Lende Jr. and John A. Lende; four grandchildren, Russ M. Lende III, Jeremy Lende, Dr. Michelle Lende and Alex Lende; and one great-grandchild, Bola Lende. He is also survived by his brother, Merton Lende, numerous nephews and nieces, and several cousins who reside in Minnesota.

Russ was laid to rest with a graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery on Oct. 24, 2019, following an intimate and loving family viewing. He is greatly missed, and from his family: We love you, and rest in peace. We will see you soon.

The family would like to invite family and friends to attend a celebration of life, to be held at the Bob Chisholm Community Center at 1225 Avenue A in Seaside, Oregon, on Dec. 14, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Donations are requested to be made to the Seaside Rotary Club, or the Alzheimer's Association.

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