

# Survey: Council approved \$80K for planning at Highlands Lane

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their four lots to the city," city staff wrote. "And further, the Palisades Homeowners Association will do everything they can to block the city's efforts to have the HOA's road easement between the lots eliminated."

The city is working with planners to bring the 30-acre Cottages at Gearhart subdivision off of Highlands Lane into the city's urban

growth boundary. As long as the land remains in Clatsop County, developers are limited to two lots per acre. If they come into the urban growth boundary, developers could build on four lots per acre.

This change would allow for greater housing density, lower home prices and a greater number of home sales, the city wrote.

The cost to perform land improvements and build the structure on the Highlands

Lane site will be comparable to High Point, approximately \$10.5 million, according to city staff. The city will not need to purchase the land, which could save \$3 million.

This is the second survey conducted by the city to determine a firehouse site. A 2019 survey pinpointed the High Point site on North Marion as preferable to Gearhart Park or the firehouse site on Pacific Way.

Of the more than 400 voters who responded, 52% supported the High Point site, compared with 31% at the Pacific Way site and 17% at Gearhart Park. At the time, cost was estimated at between \$6 million and \$9 million.

In June, the City Council approved \$80,000 from the building reserve fund for due diligence in planning, architecture and geotechnical engineering services for the Highlands Lane site.



Gearhart is asking residents to participate in a survey on the potential new firehouse site.

# Responders: 'We're excited to have them and be fully staffed'

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are prohibited and also subject to a \$700 fine.

On Saturday and Sunday, police and firefighters responded to numerous water rescues in Cannon Beach and Seaside, fireworks, noise complaints, overnight camping and beach fires.

Firefighters responded to several missing or found children calls, Daniels said. "We had three water rescues this weekend in Seaside and all three were transported to PSH (Providence Seaside Hospital) for evaluation, and assisted Cannon Beach Fire with two water rescues. Seaside Fire and Rescue ran 48 calls from Friday through Sunday."

The weekend kept the police department busy as well, Police Chief Dave Ham said at Monday's City Council meeting.



Police Chief Dave Ham swears in officers Paul Knoch and Jason Johnson at Monday's City Council meeting.

After swearing in two new police officers, Jason Johnson and community service officer Paul Knoch, the police department is "ready to go" for the July Fourth weekend, Ham said. "They're going to be a good complement to the

rest of the staff," he said. "So we're excited to have them and be fully staffed."

Seaside had put into place an emergency order in March of 2020, early in the pandemic, restricting access to all public buildings, city parks and the beach. The resolution



Families beat the heat at Avenue U beach last Saturday.

followed a vote by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners at a special meeting to close campgrounds, hotels, short-term rentals and homestay lodging.

"It seemed that at this point that the prudent thing to do would be to remove our emergency order, at the same time that the governor was removing hers," Mayor Jay Barber said. The resolution lifting

the emergency order passed with the support of Barber and councilors Randy Frank, Tom Horning, Tita Montero, David Posalski and Steve Wright. Dana Phillips was absent.

## Surfer dies after found unconscious

A surfer died June 19 after being found in the water unconscious at Short Sand Beach.

Emergency crews were called at about 1:20 p.m. after someone walking along the beach saw a man floating in the water unconscious and not breathing. When crews arrived,

bystanders were performing CPR. The man was taken to the parking lot by a utility task vehicle. From there, the man was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital by ambulance, where

officials say he was pronounced dead.

## Two injured after Highway 101 crash

Two people were taken to a hospital last Sun-

day afternoon following a crash on U.S. Highway 101 near Cannon Beach.

Police say a vehicle was heading southbound when the driver crashed into a vehicle that was

stopped and waiting to turn left.

The driver and passenger of the vehicle that was rear-ended were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

### NEWS NOTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



**June 15**  
**12:34 a.m.,** Broadway: A disturbance was reported in the vicinity of the Shilo Inn.  
**6:41 a.m.,** 2100 block S. Grove: Caller reports man "unloading things" and expresses concerns the man is dumping items; on contact the man said he is just rearranging his belongings.  
**7:09 a.m.,** Roosevelt Avenue: Caller reports moaning and screaming coming from a tent behind RiteAid. Subjects inside the tent are warned.  
**7:48 a.m.,** 1200 block Avenue A: Subject sleeping in a doorway is advised to move along.  
**4:05 p.m.,** Quatat Park: Caller reports subject threatening tourists, threatening to "slit their throats." Police make contact with subject who is warned of disorderly conduct.  
**4:08 p.m.,** Seaside: A man with a machete is reported causing a disturbance. Police cite him for misconduct.  
**June 16**  
**4:02 a.m.,** 2300 block S. Columbia: Caller requests help with a raccoon stuck in a back room of their home. The raccoon found its way out prior to police arrival.  
**4:18 2300 block S. Downing:** A trespass and two disturbances are reported.  
**June 17**  
**4:04 p.m.,** Avenue U and Grove: Abandoned junk is reported.  
**4:07 p.m.,** Avenue U: Caller reports an intoxicated woman in his business; prior to police arrival, the woman's husband arrived to pick her up.  
**7:40 p.m.,** 1900 block Spruce Drive: Caller complains about a neighbor throwing bread out for the gulls. She says her dog is eating the bread. Police speak to both parties.  
**June 18**  
**5:22 a.m.,** Fifth Avenue and N. Roosevelt: Motorists reported attempting to flag down help to remove their disabled vehicle from the roadway say are no longer in need of assistance when police showed up.

**9:52 a.m.,** Restrooms: Transients blocking the doorway to men's restrooms on N. Roosevelt are reported; one of the males is subsequently arrested on a warrant.  
**11:13 a.m.,** 1800 block S. Roosevelt: Intoxicated male refusing to leave the area is advised he's been trespassed.  
**11:50 a.m.,** Convention Parking Lot: A disturbance is reported.  
**12:49 p.m.,** N. Prom: Caller reports a prowler was inside his truck during the night.  
**1:34 p.m.,** Avenue U and Roosevelt: Kids reported hitchhiking are in fact adults.  
**2:12 p.m.,** Mill Ponds: Caller reports vicious dog off leash; police contact the dog's owner who said she was protective of her new litter; police advise the dog must be kept leashed.  
**June 19**  
**5:22 a.m.,** 400 block Second Avenue: Caller reports male in the area threatening the caller with a large stick.  
**8:04 a.m.,** 800 block Necanicum: Man reported sleeping in complex laundry area is trespassed.  
**9:32 a.m.,** 1200 block Beach Drive: Man sleeping in his car is advised to move along.  
**2:42 p.m.,** N. Roosevelt: A reported mess in the public bathroom is cleaned up by public works prior to police arrival.  
**4:36 p.m.,** Prom: Caller reports a transient and a skateboarder yelling at each other. The skateboarder is in his underwear. Both agree the argument was verbal only. The parties separated.  
**11 p.m.,** Sunset Beach Approach: Police assist Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.  
**June 20**  
**8:46 a.m.,** 800 block Avenue S: Caller requests a welfare check for a man described standing in the same spot for three days. The man tells police he is fine.  
**4:28 p.m.,** 1000 block S. Downing: Caller reports his grandson was thrown off his bike by a stranger.  
**8:11 p.m.,** S. Lincoln: Police respond to a medical call regarding a dog/animal complaint.  
**10:47 p.m.,** 2100 block S. Franklin: Caller reports neighbor yelling racial slurs and

threatening him. Police speak to the neighbor to advise them of their conduct.  
**June 21**  
**8:32 p.m.,** Mill Ponds: An assault is reported.  
**9:34 p.m.,** Bob Chisholm parking area: A woman advised of a complaint about garbage strewn around her motorhome parked in the area says she is re-arranging her belongings.  
**June 22**  
**11:44 a.m.,** First Avenue: A disturbance is reported.  
**6:14 p.m.,** 800 block N. Roosevelt: Police intervene to a verbal argument at a drive-through restaurant where one of the parties objected to being recorded. It was explained to the person the legality of video recording. Police stayed on scene until the objecting party left the premises.  
**10:35 p.m.,** Turnaround: A child reported missing is reunited with its parents.  
**June 23**  
**2:36 a.m.,** East end of Avenue D: Transients reported arguing in a camp agree to gather their belongings and part ways.  
**8:31 a.m.,** Chamber restrooms: Public works and police respond to a request to get transients blocking the public restrooms to move along. Subjects agree to leave.  
**9:05 a.m.,** 1200 block S. Holladay Drive: Caller requests transients leave the area. A female refuses to identify herself to police but eventually leaves.  
**1:03 p.m.,** 1200 block S. Holladay: Caller at a coffee business reports someone gave them a fake \$20 to pay for items purchased.  
**3:32 p.m.,** 500 block Avenue U: Caller reports their son slashed their car tires.  
**4:25 p.m.,** 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports van with dogs locked inside for a week. Police make contact with the owner of the van who said he lost the key and is having a new one made.  
**11:39 p.m.,** S. Roosevelt: An intoxicated man reported in the roadway says he will move along and understands he must stay out of the roadway.  
**June 24**  
**9:20 p.m.,** Fourth and Holladay: Fireworks reported.

**11:15 p.m.,** Beach: A young boy reported lost or missing on the beach is located and reunited with family members.  
**11:56 p.m.,** 800 block S. Roosevelt: A person is trespassed.



**June 12**  
**12:26 p.m.,** 1300 block Ninth Avenue: EMS call.  
**8:41 p.m.,** 2000 block S. Roosevelt: EMS call.  
**June 14**  
**12:27 p.m.,** Indian Beach, Cannon Beach: Water rescue.  
**5 p.m.,** Holladay between Seventh and Eighth: EMS call. Medix on scene.  
**11:18 p.m.,** 600 block S. Edgewood: EMS call.  
**June 15**  
**6:45 a.m.,** Estuary Beach: EMS call.  
**3:42 p.m.,** 300 block S. Roosevelt: A car accident with injuries is reported. Ambulance is on scene.  
**10:24 p.m.,** Turnaround stairs: EMS call.  
**June 16**  
**8:30 a.m.,** 2600 block Mill Creek Lane: EMS call.  
**11:52 a.m.,** 600 block S. Edgewood: EMS call. Seaside Fire and Medix on scene.  
**9:13 p.m.,** 400 block S. Holladay Drive: EMS call.  
**June 17**  
**1:35 p.m.,** Haystack Rock: Water rescue.  
**2:06 p.m.,** 500 block S. Prom: Fire alarm.  
**4:02 p.m.,** 400 block First Avenue: A brush fire is reported.

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