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SMASHING PUMPKINS

Pumpkin splash, pet parade and Trunk or Treat draw crowds



Goodies in the back of a car.



Costumed heroes make their move.



Ready for the pet parade.



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Jeff TerHar The family that tricks or treats together ...



Getting ready for the big drop.



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Jeff TerHar This trick-or-treater is ready for fun.



Dressed to sting at the pet parade.

Halloween fun on Broadway.



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SEEN FROM SEASIDE R.J. MARX



By R.J. MARX Seaside Signal

Ten ... nine ... eight ... seven ... The audience audibly joined the countdown, louder with each second. Every one of the hundreds lining in a semi-circle 10 deep on the beach. Hundreds more watching from the Prom all had cameras ready.

Three... two... one!

The crane released its massive pincers. The pumpkin dropped in seemingly slow motion, its massive hulk approaching the water. When the splash hit there was a collective breath from the crowd. With the rising cascade of water grew a sense of satisfaction before a palpable relief as the cascade died down.

The pumpkin drop was only one of a series of events hosted by Seaside Downtown Development Association last weekend, with a pet parade, trick-or-treating and a witches' paddle on the Necanicum River.

Dawn Fujiwara-Pavlik, a past director and board member, launched this year's pet parade from her Broadway eatery, Slushies

"The weather is amazing," she said. "Every SDDA meeting, every chamber meeting, every Rotary meeting over the last week and a half I've been asking everybody to do that 'Please don't rain on Saturday dance,' and it worked. I am so grateful the weather is perfect and for the turnout."

The day started with the 10 a.m. pet parade, pets bedecked in caps, hoods, big ears, glitter, jackets and even dark glasses. Among the dozens of dogs, two goats unselfconsciously trotted along in

Trunk or Treat and a Halloween carnival provided candy, treats and pumpkin-carving for the kids, little and grown-up alike.

The first Seaside pumpkin drop took place in 2009, to be revived again in 2019 and 2020.

This was its first year at the Turnaround, and the first to use a pool of water populated with foam ducks and beavers, representing the state's university mascots. As a fundraiser, the Seaside Downtown Development Association provided a cash prize to best guess how far the ducks or beavers splashed from the pool.

Notables gathered on Seaside's Prom as the drama rose. DJ Boomer Barbosa heightened the excitement. Small children jockeyed for the best view. All eyes went to the pumpkin overhead.

A duck flew the furthest at 121 feet. "That duck flew right over the crowd," Fujiwara-Pavlik said. "The second place beaver



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Dawn Fujiwara-Pavlik and Samantha Urbach of the Seaside Downtown Development Association at the pet parade.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Contact local agencies for latest meeting information and attendance guidelines. MONDAY, NOV. 8

The whole group at the Prom.

Seaside City Council, workshop on homelessness, 6 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m., cityofseaside.us. **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10**

Seaside City Council, workshop on business licenses, 5:30 p.m., 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.

TUESDAY, NOV. 16

Seaside CERT Team, 5 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center.

Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., work session, 989 Broadway.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., seaside.k12. or.us/meetings.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

Seaside City Tree Board, 4 p.m., 989 Broadway.

Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission,

6 p.m., 989 Broadway.

MONDAY, NOV. 22

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., cityofseaside.us. **TUESDAY, NOV. 23**

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center.

Seaside Airport Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., 989 Broadway.



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