



City approves rules for homeless

Residents air worries on safety, health, location

By R.J. MARX
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The City Council has voted to advance a new ordinance that would map out places where vans or motor homes could be permitted to stay overnight.

The ordinance is designed to protect the safety of all residents — housed and homeless — and regulate the use of public and private property by establishing time, place and manner guidelines for homeless camping.

“While I do not hold myself out as any constitutional lawyer, it seems that this ordinance comports with the two cases, one out of Boise, Idaho, and the other out of Grants Pass,” City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said of court rulings related to homeless camping. “That is not to say that some inno-

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Bike ban on Ridge Path loses tread

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In March, the City Council voted 4 to 1 to consider a ban on bicycles on the Ridge Path.

But last week, the council took a step back, indicating that rather than ban, the city could add warning signs and pedestrian crossings.

“Where I personally would choose not to ride bikes on the Ridge Path and have not actually myself, I understand the need for parents to have their kids be able to ride safely to town,” Mayor Paulina Cockrum said. “I also understand that there can be some safety hazards for walkers if the bicycles don’t take care in passing. I hope that we can find a solution that will balance these key issues — perhaps without an ordinance.”

The former Native American trail runs between privately owned residential properties within the blocks between Cottage Avenue and Neacoxie Creek, extending from F Street on the south to 10th Street on the north. The first 11 blocks were established by

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Ospreys return to Seaside

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Look up. That “cell tower” in the northeast corner of Broadway Park is home to two osprey, Seaside residents who return every summer to build their nest and hatch their fledglings.

They returned this month, and are available for all to see at the Necanicum Watershed Council’s osprey cam.

Ospreys lay one to four eggs per brood and only have one brood per season, according to the Necanicum Watershed Council, so more eggs are expected over the coming days. Eggs incubate for 36 to 42 days before they hatch, so the first chick could hatch as early as Memorial Day.

The return of the osprey to Seaside comes after careful efforts. The raptor, a cousin of the eagle, nested on a light pole on Broadway Park field. The pole came down after artificial turf was installed in 2011, displacing the osprey.

The nest later was placed on the trunk of a 60-foot hemlock tree donated by a local timber company. However, the trunk rotted, and a windstorm broke it in two places. In 2013 the nest was relocated to its present location.

That same year, a partner-



Osprey in their nest at Broadway Park.

Necanicum Watershed Council

ship between the Necanicum Watershed Council and the city brought a webcam to the nest, enabling viewers worldwide to study the raptors.

The pole snapped in hurricane-force winds in 2016, spilling the nest on top of the pole and the camera. Once again donors provided funds for repairs.

Protected under the Migra-

tory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, the osprey is not endangered or threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, according to the Department of the Interior’s U.S. Geological Survey. An average-sized nest in Oregon weighs more than 260 pounds and exceeds 40 inches in diameter.

As far as this year’s brood, it’s too early to tell if they are

returnees to Seaside, according to the watershed council. Ospreys can live up to 25 years, according to the watershed council. Adults mate for life and return to the same nest each year. Once the female has laid eggs she will be on the nest for the next 28 or 29 days.

The 24-7 live feed is at youtube.com; search Seaside osprey cam.

CYBORG Seagulls score at robotics competition

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For Seaside Signal

Seaside High School’s robotics team wrapped up its season in late March with a trip to the Oregon State Fairgrounds for a district competition against other teams from the Pacific Northwest.

While the CYBORG Seagulls did not quite reach their goal of attending the Pacific Northwest FIRST District Championship in early April, head coach Toni Vandershule said she is “extremely proud of all the team’s hard work that they’ve put in this season.”

“I have been a STEM mentor/advisor for a number of years, and this group of students has been a real highlight in my career here,” she said. “I know they will all go out into this world and do great things.”

This spring was the first time the team traveled for competition since their season was cut short in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fortunately, they were able to retain a handful of students who could lead the 12-member team as seniors this year, while also bringing on some promising



Katherine Lacaze

Members of Seaside High School’s Robotics team, the CYBORG Seagulls, attended the district event at the end of March, in hopes of achieving a spot at the district championship. Back row, from left, Toni Vandershule, assistant coach Jack Walker, Jonathan Krizo, Lea Stich, Elliot Ousley and assistant coach Tracy Flaigg-Fairless. Front row, Zach Fukuda, Jonathan Granillo and Oswaldo Acuna.

recruits. That’s been a challenging objective to meet during and even after the pandemic.

“I think people are still getting used to the fact that we are in-person and can do things,” Vandershule said.

However, both she and senior Oswaldo Acuna, team captain, spoke highly of the students who they assembled this season.

“I love that we have a fantastic team,” Acuna said.

Typically, students will take on various roles depending on their skillsets, from designing the robot to engineering it and programming its functions. The goal is to give each participant something to do and optimize everyone’s talents.

“There is this middle ground where it fits, it works,” Acuna said.

In early January each year, teams across the Pacific North-

west District receive information from FIRST Robotics about the upcoming season, the rules of the game, and what tasks their robots must perform during competition.

For example, this year, the robots had to be able to put a ball through a hoop at one of two levels and then climb, or at least hang from, an apparatus.

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Brothers Cannabis opens up shop at Seaside Outlet Mall



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Bo Sea, owner of Brothers Cannabis Dispensary, in the Seaside store.

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In the world of cannabis, more than a decade of experience in the business is a remarkable achievement. Peou “Bo” Sea (pronounced “Say”) founded and opened the Brothers Cannabis Club in April 2010.

The new Seaside Outlet Mall location at 1111 N. Roosevelt Drive, at the site of the former CBD store, is the fourth statewide. Brothers Cannabis serves three Portland locations — in the Sellwood, Richmond and Buckman areas — to both medical patients and recreational consumers.

Sea, 42, grew up in southeast Portland. He went to school in Seattle before returning to Portland, working primarily in the

restaurant industry. When he saw medical cannabis dispensaries opening up, “we opened up too.”

It was a time when the federal government sent cease-and-desist letters to dispensary owners. Despite federal pressure, with backing from state and local authorities, he remained confident in success.

“There were no real dispensaries,” he said. “Washington had medical like us — they didn’t have stores. It was on the down-low.”

There was little advertising or promotion, “just a community of medical patients,” he said.

The market expanded with the legalization of recreational cannabis sales six years later.

“The advantage we had was we started around 2010 and it didn’t get legal till 2016,” he said. “I had about five or six years of just hav-

ing my name there. I wasn’t making money at all — just my name being there for five, six years. Once we opened, I had a long line.”

Sea is no stranger to Seaside; he has been coming here for vacations since he was a kid. He said he hopes to find a house here for himself and his family.

While he doesn’t know the owners of the other local dispensaries, he said people in the business help each other out.

“We’re not really cutthroat,” he said. “With almost any owner that I meet, I can almost connect with them right away. We already almost got this kind of vibe. We’re

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