



Voters in Gearhart to decide on new firehouse

A \$14.5 million bond measure on the May ballot

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Voters in the May election could finally settle the question of whether the city should build a new firehouse.

Measure 4-213 would authorize \$14.5 million in bond financing for a fire and police station on 2 acres off Highlands Lane along U.S. Highway 101. The new station would replace the aging firehouse on Pacific Way.

The city must receive approval from the state Department of Land Conservation and Development to bring the land into the city's urban growth boundary. As part of a land transfer with the city, developers of The Cottages at Gearhart LLC would transfer two lots for a firehouse and park and benefit from the rezoning of a planned residential subdivision at a higher density.

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Residents seek to save estuary outlook

City meets with owners of former high school

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A well-visited Seaside estuary outlook is being eyed for housing development.

Acting on a proposal by Public Works Director Dale McDowell, the city proposed street vacations on North Holladay Dr. to consolidate two separate city-owned 40-foot streets and provide a path to retain at least a portion of the property for public access. If adopted, the city would lose spaces, but would still have a public parking area with a view.

At last Monday's City Council meeting, residents suggested that setting aside a portion of the estuary parking lot was not enough.

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Police following the trail in 24-hour local crime spree

Thrift Shop, church among properties looted

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Police continue to investigate a two-night spree that damaged or looted down-

town buildings, including a church and a nonprofit charity for pets.

The Spay and Neuter Thrift Shop at 600 Broadway was one of five locations hit in a 24-hour period from the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 30, to late in the same day, Detective Sgt. Josh Gregory said Monday.

An intruder broke the plexiglass at the center back



Seaside Police

Police say this man may be a transient in the area. If anyone knows who this man is or has information pertaining to the recent burglaries in late March, contact Detective Sgt. Josh Gregory at 971-326-0025, email at jgregory@cityofseaside.us or call Seaside Police Department at 503-738-6311.

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Photos by Katherine Lacaze

Jase and Owen Litehiser open Easter eggs with Kelly and Justin Smith at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's annual Community Egg Hunt.

AT EGG HUNT, BROWNING IS THE 'BUNNY BOUNCER'

Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Dive

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As children eagerly lined up around the designated area for their age group at Broadway Park during the annual Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, Amanda Browning escorted the life-sized Easter Bunny from location to location, giving countdowns, facilitating photo ops and ensuring smooth transitions.

Browning has multiple roles at Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, which hosts the Community Egg Hunt and aquatic Treasure Dive each year. She's a youth leader, head lifeguard and

swim instructor.

"I'm not sure what I'm considered when I'm the bunny bouncer," she jokes. "It might fall under recreational leader."

Under her watchful eye, hundreds of children from 0 to 10 set about collecting approximately 800 colorful eggs filled with candy and spread across the park during Saturday's event, which was sponsored by Providence Seaside Hospital and Runkle Consulting Group.

This year's egg hunt brought out about 1,500 people — a significant jump over last year's attendance of 300 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In

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Amanda Browning escorts the Easter Bunny during the annual Community Egg Hunt.

'ALL OF THE KIDS CAN HEAR MY COUNTDOWN!'

Amanda Browning,
Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District

Councilor, restaurateur Posalski wears many hats

Northern lights, Seaside pastrami

By R.J. MARX
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World traveler, city councilor, restaurateur and pastrami maven. David Posalski is

known by many hats.

Tsunami Sandwich opened in 2010, he said at a morning meeting of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce. He had little money after moving on from a health care services career in Beaverton.

"We opened this shop on samples," he said. "That's how we constructed this place."

The sandwich shop's signature item is the Tsunami Pastrami, a mountain of pastrami shipped from New Jersey, from the same purveyor that supplied New York's famed Carnegie Deli.

The success of the shop led to additional restaurants, including the Uptown Cafe in Warrenton, the Crabby Oyster

and Beach Day Coffee.

Posalski, who has served on the City Council since 2020, switched hats to share information about emergency supply prep kits. A basic emergency food bucket, priced at \$30, holds enough food for a family of four to eat for up

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Providence Seaside Hospital to close pharmacy

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Providence Seaside Hospital will close its retail pharmacy on April 25.

The announcement came after seven years at the location.

"The decision to close did not come lightly and we have greatly appreciated serving the retail pharmacy needs of the community over the years," hospital spokesperson Mike Antrim said. "Given ongoing and increasing regulatory requirements, and balancing the needs of the hospital and clinics, we feel this is the right decision."

Providence Seaside was

the only hospital still operating its own retail pharmacy, he said. Several other Providence Oregon hospitals have pharmacies on their campuses, but they are owned and operated by Credentia Health, a division of Providence.

The hospital's core focus is to provide inpatient and outpatient services for the community, Antrim said. The retail pharmacy function can best be served by existing pharmacies in the community.

The capital investment, coupled with the low volume of prescriptions and local alternatives offered at other retail pharmacies, does not

support the need to keep this service on the campus.

The former pharmacy space is being assessed for future use.

The pharmacy is partnering with Rite Aid to accept prescription files or fill prescription needs for current pharmacy owners. The last date the retail pharmacy will be filling prescriptions is Monday, April 25. After April 25, all prescriptions will be transferred to Rite Aid.

Despite the closing at the hospital pharmacy, no jobs will be lost, Antrim said. "Zero. We are working to find positions within our ministry to retain affected caregivers."

