

Mary Roberto and Aiden Ousley at Seaside High School.

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Seaside 101 is a podcast which aims to provide an easily accessible look into some of the work done by Seaside's departments.

Each podcast is about 15 to 30 minutes long, he said, giving a behind-the-scenes look at city government.

"Not only do we include questions which offer insight about the inner workings of Seaside, but we also wanted to make it clear how easy it is to get involved with the community and local government," Ousley said.

In early 2021, Rahl connected with Verhulst about the idea of working with students to help create a podcast. Verhulst told Rahl he'd see if he could drum up some interest among students, serving to tell the story of a local government through the eyes of students.

"Jon Rahl has wanted to do creative partnerships with Seaside High School," Verhulst said. "He was really interested in trying to put together a podcast to be able to help educate the public on the inner workings of local government and how to get more involved."

The students received assistance from Tyson Ferris, a Portland-based pro-

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Mary Roberto and Aiden Ousley at the June 13 City Council meeting.

ducer, to enable them to interview, record, edit and put the series together.

Episodes include an interview with Visitors Bureau director Joshua Heineman, Police Chief Dave Ham, Kevin Cupples, former Seaside Planning Director, and Esther Moberg of the Seaside Library. Seaside Civic and Convention Center General Manager Russ Vandenberg, Public Works Director Dale McDowell and Fire Chief Joey Daniels are also featured. Building director and code compliance officer Bob Mitchell is interviewed in the final episode.

Ousley will attend Oregon State University in the fall with plans to study biology. Roberto is taking a gap year before making a decision. She is considering a career in marine science.

They said they were surprised by the rapid success of the podcast series.

"It's kind of weird to get all the attention," Ousley said Friday. "When we started it was just a school project. So we weren't really expecting anything like this. It's really cool to see."

Ousley and Roberto expect future Seaside High School students will continue to record podcasts at the school as part of the business program.

"It definitely was an experience," Roberto said. "I want to encourage other people to continue this project — thinking of interviewing local businesses."

Council President Steve Wright said he had listened to all eight podcasts.

"You guys did a great job," Wright said. "You were kind of nervous in the first ones. But as time went on, you just came up with some great questions. And you know for any, any of us councilors, you want to get to know one of the department heads a little better. It's great. I'm so proud of you guys."

"These two make make my life pretty easy," Verhulst said. "It's pretty fun to be an advisor when you have students like this," he said. "It's pretty fun to be an advisor when you have students like this that you can really kind of turn loose and let them do their thing but huge appreciation with Jon reaching out to us to be able to provide this opportunity."

Agreement: Kyle to start on or before Aug. 1

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will receive \$150,000 per year, plus a car allowance, relocation reimbursement, temporary housing allowance and additional health and vacation benefits. The city pays all employees insurance and benefits through the standard insurance retirement plan.

A relocation reimbursement is included, Barber said. "We recognize with Spencer moving from Utah there will be significant expenses with that." Winstanley's With

retirement this week, councilors unanimously appointed Assistant City Manager Jon Rahl interim city manager until Kyle's start on or before Aug. 1.

Kyle and his family are relocating from South Jordan, Utah, where as director of administrative services, he helped manage

16 departments, including emergency management, parks and recreation and IT facilities.

Before moving to South Jordan, he served as assistant city manager for Saratoga Springs, Utah.

Kyle spoke to the council via Zoom.

"I am so excited," he said. "I'm glad this moment has come. As far as I can tell, the city's been going in the right direction for some time. I'm excited to be able to step in and continue on that trajectory."

The Kyles are returning to Seaside this week for house-hunting.

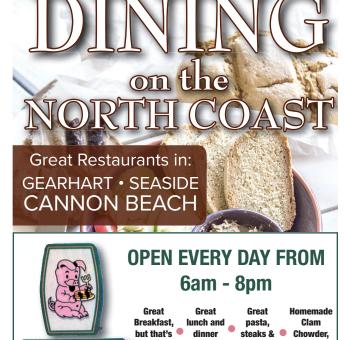
"We're excited to get out there as soon as we can and get going," he said. "As I've said. to the mayor and council, I really appreciate the opportunity and the trust you are putting in me and I look forward to being able to work with you further."

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THE ORDINANCE ALLOWS PEOPLE TO SET UP TEMPORARY CAMPS **OVERNIGHT FROM 9 P.M. TO 7 A.M.** WITH BEDROLLS OR SLEEPING BAGS, TARPS, OR SMALL TENTS.

Astoria sets conditions for homeless camping ordinance

place and manner someone can sleep outdoors.

The ordinance allows people to set up temporary camps overnight from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. with bedrolls or sleeping bags, tarps, or small tents.

City Manager Brett Estes said city staff expects to present a final proposal for the place component on July 18. The council would consider a resolution at a future meeting.

The City Council reviewed a draft map in May

that showed proposed areas where camping would not be allowed. All other areas would be on the table, with

certain exceptions. "Staff have been working to refine that but it is still a work in progress," Estes

The City Council was supportive of excluding camping in all city parks, city owned and maintained parking lots, public restrooms and primary residential zones. The council may, however, permit

camping in certain locations within the excluded areas.

Sidewalks would also be off-limits unless there is enough room to leave 6 feet of space. The council was also in favor of prohibiting camping in doorways and adding buffers around excluded areas.

People would be allowed to sleep in commercial districts, some other publicly owned properties and rights of way.

There are also plans to include a temporary camping program to allow camping on private properties,

with owner permission. Churches, for example, could allow camping in parking lots after notifying the city. Homeowners could allow a tent in their backyard or one vehicle in their driveway.

Armitage: Housing supply needed throughout state



State Sen. Rachel Armitage at Seaside City Hall.

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after Johnson announced her bid as an independent candidate for governor.

Armitage, a Democrat who lives in Warren, will not pursue the state Senate in the Nov. 8 general election. Melissa Busch, a Democrat, is running against Suzanne Weber, a Republican.

Housing was at the forefront of her short session in Salem, she said. In addition to tenant protections and a homeless response program, she pointed to the promise

of pilot housing programs in eight rural counties. "The idea will be to assess what we learn from coordinating these efforts to figure out what's working

across the state," she said.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some of the tactics coming out of our more rural pilot counties were very different than what comes out of Multnomah County, for example." As for improving or add-

ing to housing stock, she said, the Legislature gets a failing grade.

"There was one bill about housing supply and it died in the House," she said. "It didn't even make it out of committee. I think that the Legislature's sorely lacking good ideas to help promote housing supply across the state. We're finding ourselves in a situation where middle-class people can't afford homes. Firefighters are not able to serve as volunteers in rural districts

because they can't find housing. It's really bad."

She looked back at her term in the Senate with pride.

"I absolutely put the needs of this district first," she said. "That was at the top of mind every single day I was in Salem. I really kept this district at the forefront. I feel really good about that."



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