



LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE ON THE JOB OVER THE FOURTH

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94.9 The Bridge
Fireworks light up the sky in Seaside.

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Fireworks lit up the skies Monday, the culmination of a weekend of parades and events throughout the county.

Over the weekend, the city did not seem as busy with traffic and people around town, Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said.

"It felt as though the beach was not as populated for the Fourth as we have seen in years past," he said. "We did see a significant increase in traffic and park-

ing issues as the day of the Fourth progressed, possibly more people daytripping and coming into town for the evening fireworks show. Traffic was very congested leaving south out of town after the fireworks show, until about midnight."

Overall, the city received 48 fireworks complaints, 19 on July Fourth, 17 on Sunday, nine on Saturday and three on Friday.

The fire department had 44 calls for service over the weekend, Fire Chief Joey Daniels said, including a burn call of a child walking on the sand who stepped on hot coals.

"We had no fireworks related medical or fire calls, and we confiscated a few hundred dollars in illegal fireworks," Daniels said.

All citations are not entered yet and many of the fireworks complaints were resolved by seizing the fireworks without citations issued, Ham said.

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False gun threats cause turmoil in Gearhart

Threat unfounded, police say, security boosted

By R.J. MARX
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A false gun threat has led to city precautions, Gearhart Police Chief Jeff Bowman said, including a Zoom-only City Council meeting.

Conversations from private Facebook groups administered by local residents led to reports of potential gun use at an upcoming council meeting.

The reports of threats were unfounded, Clatsop County Sheriff Matt Phillips said in an incident report. The sheriff determined the discussion had been distorted via word-of-mouth and social media.

The issue surfaced in the aftermath of the contentious May vote on a firehouse bond measure. After the bond measure failed, residents appeared at the City Council meeting on June 1 and threatened to recall the mayor and city councilors, who had endorsed the bond.

Paulina Cockrum resigned as mayor the next day, citing personal reasons.

On June 3, an anonymous social media post alarmed acting Mayor Kerry Smith enough to tell City Administrator Chad Sweet he was concerned about people

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Fire, police station getting grants for seismic retrofits

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The Seaside Fire Department will receive more than \$1.7 million and the city's police department an additional \$1.6 million in seismic retrofit grants from Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency.

The goal is for the buildings to withstand an earthquake that will initiate a Cascadia Subduction Zone event, Fire Chief Joey Daniels said. "If the building can withstand the quake, we can get millions of dollars of equipment out," he said.

The firehouse was built in 1989 at 150 S. Lincoln, as the current City Hall was being built, Assistant City Manager Jon Rahl said. Both of those buildings began operations in 1989.

There are two pieces to the current police station at 1091 S. Holladay. The flat roof building closest to the highway was the original station after moving from the location that is now Seaside Brewing

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Coastal Craft Cannabis relies on 'law of attraction'

By R.J. MARX
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Seaside's newest cannabis shop comes with a nautical theme and some notable twists.

On the walls, a ship's steering wheel, floats and glass balls. Behind the counter, full, big buds of leaf displayed in real clamshells.

Co-owners Timothy Du Bay and Marja Thompson will keep the store supplied by harvests from their small farm in Washington County, Du Bay said.

Coastal Craft Cannabis is their first retail shop.

For the last 20 years, 15 of those partnered with Thompson, "cannabis has pretty much been my mainstay," Du Bay said.

Du Bay was looking for a



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Cory Smith, Timothy Du Bay and Brandon Evans of Coastal Craft Cannabis in Seaside.

storefront on the coast when the building on North Roosevelt — a former architect's office — became available. Part of the space will be used for Thompson's clay studio.

Du Bay waxes eloquent in his menu descriptions:

"Rose: Sugary sweet nose

and exotic hash flavor."

"Jelly Rancher: Jolly Ranchers dipped in gasoline — in a good way."

"Blueberry Pie: Like putting a slice of blueberry pie in your bong."

"We would be considered a specialty flower shop," Du Bay

said. "I have 25 strains that we rotate through. I think 90% of all of our freshly grown product will be from the farm that we co-own."

He places less emphasis on whether a strain is indica or sativa than its overall qualities.

"I don't want to highlight the THC levels, because there's thousands of compounds that contribute to that," he said. "I've got them printed on the back side of the cards. With the way that we view indica, sativa and hybrid, we believe that most of them are hybrids, and that most of the effects can be a wide range, depending on multiple factors."

"If I had my druthers on how it should be sold, that would be, 'Does that smell draw you?' 'Are you attracted to it?' A bit of a law of attraction should be more of a selling point."

Coastal Craft Cannabis is located at 200 N. Roosevelt Dr., 503-739-7029.

Seaside gives OK to new ward map

By R.J. MARX
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Some residents may see a change in voting wards as the city's four wards saw a reshuffling. The new boundaries come in preparation for the Nov. 8 general election, which will include the mayor and three City Council positions.

The City Council has unanimously voted to enact new boundaries based on 2020 population numbers for an equitable distribution of residents in each ward. The realignment is the first since 2011, at the time of the last census estimate.

Portland State University provided work equalizing the wards, Mayor Jay Barber said at a City Council meeting in late June.

"What happens over time is people

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