

# Council gives Winstanley a fond farewell

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**M**ark Winstanley was greeted with accolades, the last City Council meeting of his 37 years in Seaside, first as finance manager and in 2001, as city manager replacing Gene Miles.

Winstanley's last day was June 30. His decision to retire was made in early 2020.

Winstanley, 68, has been with the city for 929 resolutions through the chambers during his tenure, Assistant City Manager Jon Rahl pointed out.

When Rahl first started, he remembered walking down Broadway with Winstanley, who repeatedly bent over to pick up trash. "He said, 'You'll have to join me if you're going to walk or walk with me,'" Rahl recalled. "That is Mark. He's continually trying to make this town the best it can be and he's done a great job at it. I appreciate what he's done."

Dan Van Thiel, the city attorney, was appointed in 1969 and was possibly the only man in the council chambers to have worked directly with the city longer than Winstanley.

"I've known this guy for a long time," Van Thiel said. "I've seen a lot of city managers over the years I've practiced. This gentleman has represented this community with integrity. And I guess all I could say is 'Well done.' He is a good and faithful servant. He's done an excellent job. He truly has. I'm going to miss him."

Winstanley's first job after graduation from Oregon State University was with a savings and loan company for two years before taking a job with the College of Agriculture at Oregon State as a supervising accountant. He joined Seaside in 1985 after his father-in-law saw a newspaper ad for the job of Seaside finance director.

City Councilor Tom Horning has followed a path from Seaside High School in the same class as Winstanley. They graduated together, went to Oregon State University and returned to Seaside where they entered city government.

"He was always around. He was one of those people that you could count on to give you a hand when you needed help — and I frequently needed help," Horning said Monday. "I'd like to just say it's been a good ride Mark and I look forward to many more days."

Kimberley Jordan, the city recorder and administrative assistant, said she was "still in shock" by Winstanley's retirement.

Jordan started in 2001, the year Winstanley became city manager. "From the last 20 years — except for the last year — I've heard nothing but 'I'm never retiring Kim. You're stuck with me forever.' I'll miss you."

Jay Barber, who joined the council in 2014 and mayor in 2018, cited Winstanley's leadership skills, financial expertise and ability to navigate controversy.

"I credit Mark for making Seaside the most fiscally vibrant and healthy city on the North Coast and perhaps in Oregon, because of his commitment to conserva-



Police Chief Dave Ham, fire volunteer Jason Schermerhorn and Fire Chief Joey Daniels give Mark Winstanley a standing ovation.

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A big smile at the conclusion of Mark Winstanley's final meeting as Seaside city manager.

tive fiscal planning, and his almost compulsive, strange Love for budgeting processes," Barber said. "Also his uncanny ability to bring around him an outstanding team of dependable leaders. Mark, you are leaving some very big shoes to fill for our next city manager."

In remarks to the council, Winstanley called Seaside an exceptional city.



Mark Winstanley showed a few different sides of himself as city manager. Here he dresses up for a Seaside Chamber of Commerce event.

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"It has truly been an honor and a privilege for me to be city manager in Seaside," he said. "It's where I grew up. It's where I've lived my life. And it's where I'll continue to live my life. And I appreciate the fact that you've all given me this opportunity. And I hope in some small way I'm able to repay your trust."



City Manager Mark Winstanley swears in Mayor Jay Barber.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Summer food service program**

The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District has partnered with the Seaside School District to provide a site for the summer food service program. This program provides a free meal to all children age 18 and under. Adults can also get a lunch for a small fee.

The program will be hosted at the Sunset Recreation Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday through Aug. 28. Entrance to the SRC for this program will be through the cafeteria doors only, on the east side of the building.

**July library events**

The Seaside Public Library presents live events throughout July.

The Friends of Seaside Public Library will host author Deena Lindstedt on Saturday, July 16 in the Community Room beginning at 2 p.m. Lindstedt will be giving a book talk on her historical novel, "Lady of the Play." There will be time for a Q&A and signing after the event.

Teen Tuesday, for teens in grades six through 12, takes place at the Seaside Public Library. On July 19, at 2 p.m., play "Minute-To-Win-It Games." On July 26, at 2 p.m., the library hosts "Camp Food Tasting."

In conjunction with the Camp iRead Summer Reading program, the Seaside



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Public Library will hold a series of special events in July. These programs are intended for youth in grades K-5.

On July 20 at 2 p.m., get imaginative at "Camp Craft Day!" July 27 at 2 p.m., come out for a variety of activities at "Camp Games Day!"

Preschool Storytime on Thursday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m. will feature the theme

"Fishing!" Preschool Storytime on Thursday, July 28, at 10:30 a.m. will feature the theme "Beachtime!"

The library is located at 1131 Broadway; 503-738-6742; seasidepubliclibrary.org.

**Southern Oregon University honor roll**

Emma Taylor of Seaside, a communication major, and Gearhart's Derrick Bennett, a health and physical education major, were named to the Southern Oregon University provost's list.

The provost's list includes undergraduate students taking 12 or more graded credits and who have received a term grade point average of 3.50 through 3.99, equivalent to letter grades B+ to nearly straight A.

**Local students win accounting scholarships**

A Seaside student has won an accounting scholarship from The OSCPA Educational Foundation for the 2022-23 academic year.

Hillary Dochow of Seaside is an accounting student at Eastern Oregon University.

Caitlin E. Hillman of Gearhart is an accounting student at Linfield University. Scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and one \$500 community college

scholarship were awarded based on academic performance and intent to both pursue a CPA career and work in the state of Oregon. Founded in 1985, the foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million to over 1,400 students.

For a complete list of 2022-23 scholarship recipients, visit <https://www.orcpa.org/College-scholarships>.

**Local students named to OSU honor roll**

Students on the Oregon State University who have made the spring 2022 scholastic honor roll 2022 have been announced by Oregon State University.

Gearhart residents to make the honor roll, their year and major, include Austin M. Milliren, senior, construction engineering management; Carson W. Schulte, junior, computer science; Hunter L. Thompson, senior, forest engineering.

Seaside residents named to the honor roll, their year and major include Aaron W. Cote, sophomore, university exploratory studies; Andrea B. Harris, senior, human development and family science; Gage E. Mergel, junior, music studies; Jackson K. Van Dyke, sophomore, computer science; Payton Westerholm, senior, business administration.

A total of 7,150 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.



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