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Overnight move-out requirement lifted for homeless campers

Length of stay extended to six days

By R.J. MARX
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The Seaside City Council extended the length of stay as part of the city's program for temporary homeless camping.

Campers will now be able to receive permits for a six-day span, eliminating a requirement for the daily move-in at 8 p.m. and move-out at 8 a.m.

"If they're abiding by

our rules and regulations, why should we keep making them move in and out?" City Councilor Dana Phillips said on Monday.

Homeless campers at the designated city-owned lot off Alder Mill Avenue described the difficulty of unpacking and breaking down tents only to pitch them hours later. Having to move vehicles and seek parking only to have to move again proved expensive and unnecessary.

There's nothing reason-

able about asking people to move their home every single day, City Councilor Tita Montero said.

Montero proposed a six consecutive day stay.

"Then we can measure who is living there in a reasonable fashion," Montero said. "We can define what 'doing it right' means. Doing it right means you throw your garbage in the bins we provided. It means you don't leave garbage behind when you check out. It means that you don't do drugs or alcohol.

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RVs and campers at the city's camping area off Alder Mill Avenue.

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Council welcomes City Manager Kyle

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

On Monday, Spencer Kyle, Seaside's new city manager, attended his first Seaside City Council meeting.

The meeting was the start of Kyle's second week in Seaside. He was greeted by Mayor Jay Barber and city councilors.

"We have a new city manager on the job tonight," Barber said. "Spencer, welcome. We're glad you're here. Great to see you sitting at that desk."

Kyle's predecessor, Mark Winstanley, filled the chair for 37 years, as finance director and city manager.

"First of all, I came back today, so that was a success," Kyle said. "I will say the staff and the council have made it very welcoming, both for myself and for my family."

As director of administrative services in South Jordan, Utah, Kyle helped manage 16 departments, including emergency management, parks and recreation and IT facilities.

Kyle has a master's in public administration from Brigham Young University Marriott School of Business and is

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Fire destroys two homes



City of Seaside

Seaside Fire and Rescue responded to a structure fire at 961 Fourth Ave. in Seaside. The two-alarm blaze engulfed the neighboring home at 951 Fourth Ave. and at least five propane explosions occurred.

Fourth Avenue property suffered blaze earlier this year

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Two homes on the southeast corner of Fourth Avenue along North Roosevelt Drive

in Seaside were destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The blaze, reported at 4:19 a.m., started at 961 Fourth Ave. and spread to the house next door, 951 Fourth Ave., Seaside Fire Department Div. Chief David

Rankin said at the scene. The home at 961 Fourth Ave. had suffered a fire earlier this year and was considered uninhabitable, Rankin said.

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Chalk art to decorate sidewalks of the Prom

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For Seaside Signal

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's Chalk Art Contest is returning to the Seaside Promenade for the second year this weekend.

Artists of all ages and skill levels will be at the Prom — between the Turnaround and the Seaside Aquarium — starting at 9 a.m. Saturday to create chalk artworks that highlight marine life, Seaside culture and the iconic boardwalk itself.

"It was so successful that this year we decided to do it again," said Melissa Ousley, manager of marketing and special events.

The recreation district introduced the contest last year in conjunction with the city's Prom Centennial celebration. This iconic landmark was built in 1921 and the contest was one of several different events and festivities put on for the 100th anniversary.

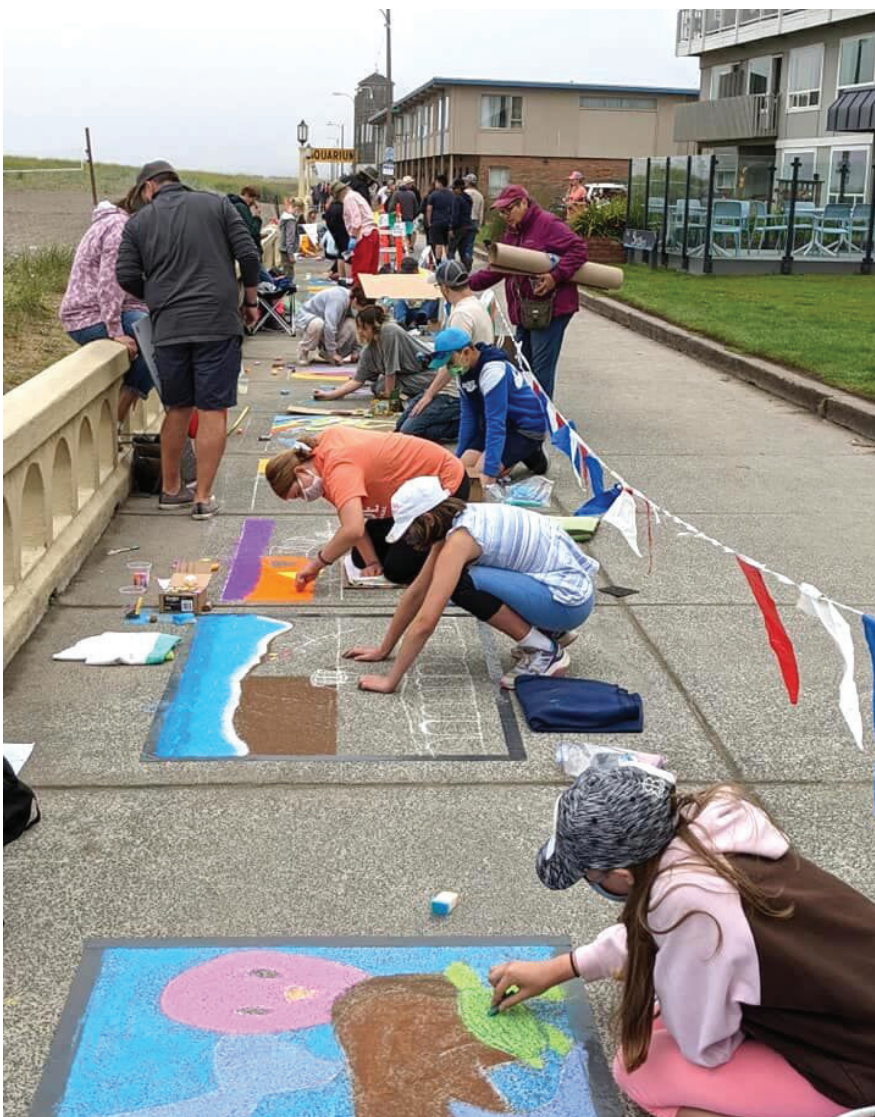
"It went really well," Ousley said. "People passing by really seemed to love it."

They brought it back for a second year in hopes of making it an annual tradition.

"It captures the spirit of Seaside," Ousley said.

The event kicks off with a workshop for participating artists from 6 to 8 p.m.

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The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's second annual Chalk Art Contest will take place at the Promenade in Seaside this weekend. Last year, artists displayed their skills.

Gearhart to craft campaign sign ordinance

By R.J. MARX
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Campaign signs matter. That was the message that came through this spring in Gearhart as "yes" and "no" signs advocated for or against the city's \$14.5 million firehouse bond vote.

These campaign signs could be found not only

on lawns, fields, fences and houses, but also on trees, roadways and at intersections.

How to regulate campaign signs to maintain public safety while permitting free speech is the goal of a new ordinance regarding the signs.

"Currently, the city doesn't have any regulations

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Summer school ahead at Seaside High School

By R.J. MARX
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The high school and middle school campus is in "summer mode," Susan Penrod, the superintendent of the Seaside School District, said to members of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce.

"Our custodians are waxing floors and rooms

are being switched around," she said.

In the library, stacks of Chromebook laptop computers lay stacked high, one for every student, checked in and out at the start and finish of the school year, at which time they are repaired or refurbished. Students in more remote areas without Wi-Fi access

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