

McBride: New code compliance officer

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The official provides backup support for other members of the building and planning departments and works with the police department and courts as it relates to escalated complaints and violations.

McBride has served as the city's emergency preparedness coordinator and community development assistant, taking the lead with emergency preparedness, planning and response.

The code compliance official role was established in 2020, when the city sought to manage permits and vacation rental dwelling complaints, including parking, health and safety, and quality of life issues.

The official conducts field inspections in response to residents' complaints. She will investigate complaints about code violations by observing and inspecting premises, gathering evidence, researching sources of information and identifying the nature of the violations.

The official serves as a mediator between parties to develop recommendations for resolution.

"Anne has shown that her previous role in community development has allowed her to hit the ground running in this new position and she has already started molding the position's responsibilities to the recently changed VRD policies and expectations set by the Planning Commission," Flory said.

McBride's job as emer-



R.J. Marx
Anne McBride and City Councilor Tom Horning review a tsunami map in 2019.



R.J. Marx
Anne McBride, Seaside code official.

gency preparedness coordinator and community development assistant is an important role in the planning office, he said.

"Anne's work in emergency preparedness has been significant, and as such Anne will be maintain-

ing most of the emergency preparedness coordinator duties at this time," Flory said. "Our team will work together to pick up the additional admin duties until an evaluation of her previous position is completed."

McBride said she looked forward to working on establishing a relationship with property owners to enforce the Planning Commission's goals in maintaining the balance between rental properties and the residential feel of local neighborhoods.

"The plan right now is that I will still be actively involved in emergency preparedness for the city and continue to seek and manage the funding from state and federal resources"



Dana Phillips



Tita Montero



Seamus McVey

Council: Montero to seek fourth term on council

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with decades of volunteerism and promoting education and was elected to the council in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

Samuel M. Condran, also known as Seamus McVey, announced his intention to run for Phillips' council seat at Monday's City Council meeting. McVey facilitates a recovery clinic working with addicts, the mentally ill and homeless.

Kimberley Jordan, the city recorder and elections

clerk, said he met his certification requirements on Wednesday.

Councilor Tita Montero is gathering signatures to seek reelection to represent Ward 2, she said. Hers is one of three seats coming vacant in the new year, along with those of Steve Wright and Phillips. Montero was elected in 2010 and again ran uncontested in 2014.

Steve Wright, the council president who serves Ward 1, is running for mayor.

Wright served on the Budget Committee and as

president of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society's board of directors. He served on the city's budget committee and Planning Commission before appointment to Barber's council seat after the death of former mayor Don Larson in 2016. Wright was unopposed for election in 2018.

Candidates are invited to obtain a candidate filing form at City Hall, 989 Broadway. The filing deadline is Aug. 30, but signatures are encouraged to be submitted to Jordan by Aug. 22.

Gun ban: Weapons ordinance on agenda

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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.

In June, an anonymous social media post alarmed acting Mayor Kerry Smith enough to tell City Administrator Chad Sweet he was concerned about people carrying weapons to public meetings.

The metal detector purchase, priced at \$4,200 with an additional \$600 expense

for the wand, was rejected after Dana Gould, a former law enforcement officer, said monitoring could present limitations.

"Personally, in my experience, I don't find them extremely reliable. I don't have a lot of confidence in them," she said. "To get a really good, reliable walk-through metal detector, you really have to spend some money."

A uniformed officer at meetings could serve a more useful function, Gould said.

"The uniformed presence here sends a message that there are rules and we're going to enforce

them," she said. "People tend to act better when the uniform is present."

In July, the city also approved \$13,000 for exterior storefront doors wired with electronic security capabilities. The three doors to be replaced are the main entrance, the police entrance, and the west entrance parallel to the fire hall.

Staff will approach the City Council at a later date to review security camera and keyless entry options for all three doors.

The revised weapons ordinance returns to the council in September.



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Guests at the Seaside Parks Advisory Committee open house.

Parks: 'It's All Connected' at open house

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lost at sea in 1864. Cartwright Park, about 4.5 acres south of downtown, sits on the Necanicum River, with boat dock, playground and pump track for beginning and training mountain cyclists.

The Turnaround is the city's most familiar park, a quarter-acre parcel and automobile roundabout circling a statue commemorating Lewis and Clark, built in 1990.

Estuary Park sits along the three rivers flowing into the ocean at this spot, and is considered vital to habitat restoration.

Canines are invited to the Broadway Dog Park north of the Sunset Recreation Center, and the Rail-

road Community Garden stretches four city blocks at the commemorative spot for the "Daddy Train" that ran from Portland to Seaside from 1888 to 1938, when U.S. Highway 26 to Portland was created.

Daycare Park, adjacent to the offices of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, is focused on activities for smaller children, and sits next to an outdoor lighted basketball and pickleball court.

Mill Ponds Natural History Park, the 30.4-acre property owned by the city, was acquired by the city in 1999. With saltwater and

freshwater ponds, the neighboring Neawanna River's role as a salmon hatchery is "unparalleled."

The history park is getting a breath of new life after the passage of a camping ordinance that has enabled volunteers, public works and law enforcement to clear illegal campers in the woods, many of whom had left garbage and toxic debris in their wake.

"The park is getting back to normal," said Bill Montero, an advisory committee member. "All the garbage is gone. The park path and surrounds are safe, clear and clean."

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