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## Homeless policy is working, city, advocates say

### Changes allow six-day consecutive stay

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

The Seaside City Council formally adopted a revised camping ordinance, with amendments that extend the length-of-stay for homeless campers and RVs. A third and final council reading Aug. 8 extended hours for overnight camping to six consecutive days before homeless campers are required to move their tents and RVs.

The ordinance, which went into effect July 1, had required permitted campers to enter the camping area at 8 p.m. and leave at 8 a.m., when the gates would be locked for the day.

The council revised the policy in late July. Campers may now stay 24 hours a day, six days a week, as long as they obey conditions of the ordinance and keep their sites clean.

Gates to the Alder Mill

entrance close Thursdays at 10 a.m., at which time all belongings must be taken off the property. Permitted campers may return at 4 p.m. when the gates are reopened.

Two weeks in, Seamus McVey, a homeless advocate, said the new policy is working.

“I wanted to let you all know that they’ve not only been very appreciative of the changes that have come so far, but that they left the property very clean last Thursday, and are looking forward to being able to continue to do that.”

“I was able to go out last Thursday after the closure had happened and it did not appear that anyone had been there,” City Manager Spencer Kyle said. “Apart from some matted grass where tents were, the site was very clean and nothing was left behind. It’ll be great for everyone if they’re able to keep that up.”

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## Grants designed to meet mental health needs

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For Seaside Signal

Providence Seaside Hospital’s distribution of \$135,000 in grant funding will help seven organizations in Clatsop County address pressing needs related to housing, behavioral health and equity over the next year.

Providence annually distributes community health grants to local organizations based on high-priority needs. These are identified through a needs assessment — completed every three years — and regular input from an advisory committee comprised of community representatives and the hospital’s leadership team.

“We had that conversation back in January, dis-

cussing what are the most pressing needs, and what are our community partners and community members telling us as well?” Rachel Smith, community health manager, said. “Housing is so, so critical and there is not enough of it. And similarly with mental and behavioral health — it has significant needs and is so widespread.”

Providence determines the local funding allocation at a regional level, and the allocation varies from year to year. According to Smith, this was the largest year yet in terms of funding, partially because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that utilization of social and behavioral health services has increased in the past year.

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## CENTER COURT

### Crowds flock to Seaside for volleyball weekend

Men’s doubles competition at center court.

Photos by Jeff TerHar



Brian Owen, director of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and former Seaside Chamber of Commerce CEO; Katie McCloud, acting director of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce; men’s winners Avery Drost and Chase Frishman; and tournament directors Mike Griffin of Bad Boys Volleyball and PT Thilavanh of NWAS Volleyball.



Women’s champions Molly Turner and Carly Skjodt with Seaside Mayor Jay Barber.



Seaside’s Ken Heman rallied the crowd throughout the weekend. Dave Shaw onstage and Karl Dugan at right.



Volleyball play began Aug. 11 with junior play on center court.

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Seaside’s 40th beach volleyball tournament opened Aug. 11 under crystal blue skies and 71 degree temperatures. Cheers and screams went up after a well-placed spike or heated volley.

The running play-by-play by Ken Heman, of Seaside Visitors Bureau, kept the crowd juiced and into the game. Adam Israel, a businessman, community booster and former Seaside Seagulls athlete, pumped up enthusiasm, leading cheers at center court.

“This year’s volleyball event is the biggest one,” co-tournament director PT Thilavanh said near center court.

More than 1,800 teams registered, bringing an estimated 40,000 visitors to Seaside.

Competition has “definitely improved” over the years, Thilavanh said, with many pros joining tournament play.

Kevin McColloch, chief operations officer of Volleyball Life, a 10-year professional beach volleyball player and coach at University of California, Davis, kept technology running smoothly with a remote feed managing court assignments and scores.

Juniors and adult play started Friday, with finals Saturday. It ended Sunday morning with quads and sixes. By 9 a.m. Monday morning, most of the nets were gone as crews dismantled stages and standards. Center court was quiet except for a few stragglers, leftover beach chairs and gulls — with Seaside’s 41st year ahead in 2023.

## Music, beer ... and a 198-mile relay for runners and walkers



R.J. Marx

Hood to Coast 2021 showed smaller crowds but equal enthusiasm from runners and fans.

### What’s new at this year’s Hood to Coast

By R.J. MARX  
Seaside Signal

The annual Hood to Coast relays begin Aug. 26 at the Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood and ends in Seaside.

The relay began in 1982 in Pacific City, with eight teams. In 1989, the race moved to Seaside, with 750 teams.

More than 13,000 runners and 5,400 walkers will make the journey this year, in what organizers describe as “the largest relay race in the world.”

A toll-free information number, waste recycling and a virtual handbook are among changes

ahead at this year’s Hood to Coast relay.

At a City Council meeting last fall, the event’s chief operations officer Dan Floyd presented a check for almost \$29,000 to the city from the event. The economic impact for the city overall from visitors is estimated between \$1.2 million and \$7.8 million. In 2021, the relay raised \$600,000 for cancer services.

The Providence Cancer Institute has received more than \$6 million to support cancer research, treatment and support services. This year’s goal is to raise \$650,000 for the institute, Floyd said.

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### TRAVEL ADVISORIES

The Hood to Coast relays advises traffic flow may be affected in the following areas:

**Oregon Route 47:** Friday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. to Saturday, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m.

**Oregon Route 202:** Friday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. to Saturday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.

**Young’s River Loop:** on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 1:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Lewis and Clark Road:** Saturday, Aug. 27, 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**U.S. Highway 101:** Saturday, Aug. 27, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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