

OBITUARY

Dwight Allan Caswell Jr.

Astoria
May 20, 1944 — July 8, 2022

Dwight Allan Caswell Jr. was born May 20, 1944, in Washington, D.C., raised in Oregon and California, and died July 8 in Portland.

He carried God's word with him in his heart with a desire to minister to all through his caring presence and, at times, in the official capacity of pastor. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University, and his master's degree in theology and Ph.D. in ministry from the University of Chicago's Divinity School.

He served as pastor to the Kenwood Community Church in Sonoma County, California, in the 1990s, and was still ministering to his beloved flock at Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Warrenton at the time of his death.

He gained a love of photography at a very early age, learning more of his chosen art from Wynn Bullcock and Ansel Adams. He traveled far and wide photographing oceans, deserts, forests and mountains for the rest of his life.

He was the owner and director of a photography gallery in Saratoga, California, exhibiting his own work, along with both that of promising new photographers and well-established masters.

He insisted that he had a "low boredom threshold," as his various activities and occupations attested to. He spent almost 15 years managing his family's farm and vineyard, producing award-winning wines.

Having a deep love of the folk music of the 1960s, he started a folk festival in 1987 that ran until the late 1990s. He then became deeply involved with the Astoria Music Festival after relocating to Astoria in early 2000.

He loved sailing and fishing, spending more than 20 years sailing his Ericson 26 in San Francisco and Tomales bays. He had an abiding love for all God's creation, and was deeply involved in conservation, preservation and land use issues his whole life, including acting as president of the Oregon Coast Alliance and Sonoma County Farmlands Group.

He also wrote throughout his life, with work ranging from practical information in sailing magazines, the wonders of the desert or ocean



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in the New Mexico and the Oregon Coast magazines, and what's to do locally in The Astorian's Coast Weekend.

At his death, he had several works in progress, variously based on Neolithic monuments and the shift of community surrounding them, historical fiction based on native and pioneer dynamics in the Northwest, and a compilation of his sermons as they followed the three-year cycle of church scripture. He also has an unpublished comical murder mystery.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dwight Allan Caswell Sr. and Doris Helen Rayburn; and two brothers, Chris and John Caswell.

He is survived by his brother, Philip Caswell; sister, Mary Walsh; wife, Rhonda Grudenic; stepsons Nicholas, Michael and Galen Grudenic; and step-grandchildren, Eli and Leah Grudenic.

He loved well and was deeply loved.

His memorial service is at 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts, 588 16th St. A reception follows at around 12:30 p.m. at The Loft at the Red Building, 20 Basin St.

Cannon Beach adjusts camping ordinance to reflect homelessness

Overnight stays from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

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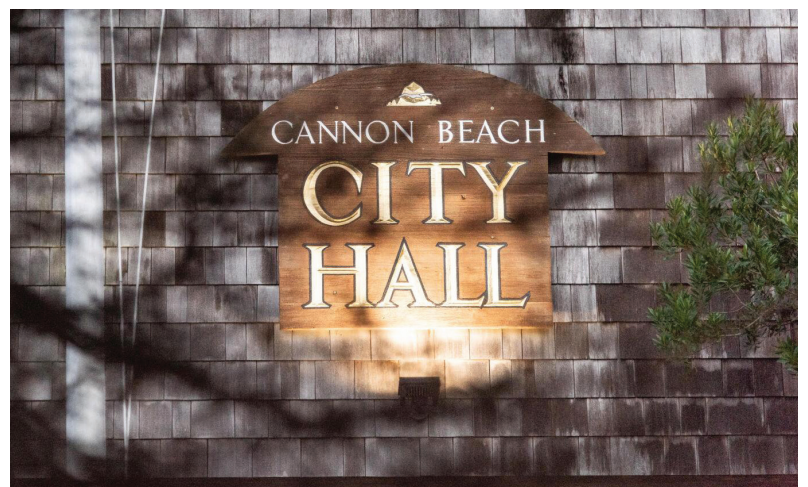
CANNON BEACH — The City Council amended a camping ordinance this month to set parameters for when someone can sleep on public property.

The city is one of many across Oregon adjusting camping ordinances to respond to federal court rulings and state legislation that prohibit police from enforcing illegal camping on public property unless there are adequate shelter spaces available.

Local governments that do not have adequate shelter space have the option to regulate camping by detailing the time, place and manner people can sleep outdoors so camping can be enforced everywhere else.

In Cannon Beach, the ordinance allows people to set up temporary camps overnight from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. in their cars or in tents or other temporary structures.

Camping will be prohibited in parks, on streets and trails, within 40 feet of a residence or residential zone and within 100 feet of a school.



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The City Council has revised a camping ordinance.

People can sleep on sidewalks if 3 feet of space is maintained.

City Councilor Nancy McCarthy asked for clarification about where people can camp. She also asked if the city has any shelter spaces.

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said there is no shelter space in Cannon Beach, but added that the police department is readily available to take people to shelters in Seaside and Astoria.

"We don't have a list of places you can camp," Schermerhorn said. "It's better to get a list out of the restrictions and places that they

can't because that's something that we can enforce."

Emily Matasar, an attorney at the Portland firm Beery Elsner & Hammond, added that based on the text of the code, people can sleep on sidewalks as long as 3 feet of space is maintained and they are not violating any of the other restrictions.

She said any other public property that is not specifically restricted would be allowed.

"There are places," Schermerhorn said. "It's just a fine line on what do you want us to be advertising."

Cannon Beach bans electric scooter rentals

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CANNON BEACH — Businesses that rent electric scooters and other motorized vehicles will not be allowed to operate in the city following an ordinance adopted by the City Council.

The new rule is an effort to get ahead of electric scooter rental companies that have expressed interest in expanding into the city. The ban was recommended while drafting the city's transportation system plan, which is expected to come before the council in the coming months.

The ordinance prohibits the rental of "emerging mobility devices," which includes motorized scooters, skateboards, mopeds and monowheels. People would still be allowed to ride personal motorized vehicles.

Jeff Adams, the city's community development director, said that after the City Council requested staff to investigate hotel rental packaging with emerging mobility devices, he did not find any.

He said he included language that clarifies they would not be allowed.

"And that way we do have some

language, which is good, if somebody's including those, and we don't want to see those as included as part of a rental packaging deal, we could enforce that," Adams said.

Electric scooter companies have been rejected by other cities in the region, as well.

The Astoria City Council unanimously turned down electric scooter company Bird on a possible pilot program last year. The city does not allow electric scooters on the Astoria Riverwalk or on sidewalks.

The Long Beach City Council in Washington state also rejected a trial offer from Bird in April.

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