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Elementary School Project Council Hires Architecture Firm

The Cannon Beach Elementary School rejuvenation project is ramping up.

On April 5, City Council unanimously approved the hiring of an architectural contractor, CIDA, a firm based in Portland.

"We're expecting to kick into gear," said Mayor Sam Steidel.

Moving into the pre-design phase, City Council and CIDA will hold a series of three events to gather public input on the project, tentatively scheduled for late-April/early-May. One of the sessions will take place on a weekend at the project site. The other two will be open to attendance both in-person and online.

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THIS MONTH'S AGENDA

- City Council - 4/05
- City Council Work Session - 4/12
- Public Works - 4/19
- Council/Planning Code Joint Meeting - 4/19
- Parks Committee - 4/21
- Design Review Board - 4/21
- Planning Commission - 4/28
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Architects Hired for School Rejuvenation Project

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To ensure sensitivity regarding the historical and cultural importance of the Ne'Cus village project site, council and CIDA will also gather information and collaborate throughout the project with representatives of the Clatsop-Nehalem tribe.

"I've been talking to some members of the tribe and they are thrilled that something is actually going to happen," said City Manager Bruce St. Denis. "We've already set up a meeting between tribal representatives and the architects."



CIDA's hiring was the culmination of a months-long review process.

Four firms submitted proposals that were reviewed by a committee of city staff and community representatives. After conducting interviews, the committee unanimously identified CIDA as the top firm.

CIDA's past work includes clients such as the Tillamook Creamery, The Salvation Army and R.E.I.

Barb Knop, a community representative on the selection committee, highlighted CIDA's interpersonal skills and personality as a distinguishing factor.

"I just really think this is such an important project and we have picked the right firm," Knop said.

CIDA representative Dustin Johnson, who will act as the point person on the rejuvenation, shared his feelings on the project.

"We're excited about it," Johnson said. "It's a fun architectural project. But this is going to be an extremely complex project in getting the community to really rally around the ultimate solution we find for this. We're excited to be a part of the process."

The New Four-Way Stop in Tolovana

Have you driven through the new four-way stop in Tolovana?

Located at the corner of South Hemlock Street and West Warren Way and completed on March 31, the new traffic control added stop signs along Hemlock going north and south and accessible ramps and sidewalks.

What drove the change? Safety.

“That intersection, with the addition of the grocery store, the growth of the hotels, the the state park plus the highway offramp, it was just not safe for pedestrian traffic,” says Public Works Director Karen La Bonte. “And there was a lot pedestrian traffic. That's what dictated us taking a next step.”

Prior to La Bonte’s tenure, when the Fresh Foods grocery store was built on a lot previously unused for many years, a traffic study was commissioned to gauge the effect of a high-volume business being added to the neighborhood.

The study found that many more people—from the hotels and the state park—were crossing the street to get to the store.

A temporary stop gap—the plastic poles in the roadway—were installed to limit the number of lanes and funnel cars in a more orderly fashion. But the plastic poles—known as “candlesticks”—were never meant to be permanent.

If the candlestick funneling system worked well enough, eventually they would be replaced by something permanent and more cosmetically pleasing such as planters. But after further study—which suggested that ongoing growth and tourism would eventually require a more significant traffic control—the City Council decided to take action.

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The New Four-Way Stop in Tolovana

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A roundabout was considered, but certain logistical details—the intersection being offset and needing to deal with state land, not to mention what La Bonte calls a “significantly higher cost,”—led the Council to select a four-way stop.

The project was supported by an Oregon Department of Transportation grant, which required the project to adhere to federal accessibility standards, including ramps and other design specifications. The ODOT grant covered \$100,000 of the project’s total estimated cost of \$138,000.

“Both the hotels and the grocery store have given us great feedback,” La Bonte says of the finished project. “The contractor did a great job not creating a disruption in traffic.”

Getting accustomed to the new traffic controls may take some time, especially for those living on the south end of town—like La Bonte herself.

“When we were presenting this to the Council, as a resident, I had an opinion,” La Bonte says. “But I had faith that our community weighing in on the decision would provide ample input for Council to make a good decision.”





Officer Spotlight: Chief Jason Schermerhorn

Hired: 2012

I grew up in the Portland area and knew as a young child that I wanted to have a career in Law Enforcement. As the youngest of five children, I was the only one in my family to ever have a desire to be in Law Enforcement.

While attending Western Oregon University, I began my career as a Reserve Police Officer in Independence, Oregon in 1995. That summer I also began working as an Information / Parking Officer Intern at Seaside Police Department.



Chief Schermerhorn and his son Jackson

After graduating from Western Oregon University in 1997, I was immediately hired as a Police Officer in Seaside. I worked in Seaside as a patrol officer, senior officer, narcotics detective, and sergeant prior to getting hired as the Chief in Cannon Beach in 2012.

I have been a volunteer firefighter for Seaside Fire and Rescue since 2005 and am currently the Association President. I really enjoy my time with Seaside Fire and the education and experience that it brings to my Law Enforcement job.

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I have been an adjunct Professor at Clatsop Community College since 2019. I teach in the evenings in person and online. This also is a great benefit to my career as he keeps me fresh on new trends in Law Enforcement and allows for many new perspectives.



Jackson, Jennifer, Jasmine and Chief Jason Schermerhorn

I have been on the Helping Hands board of directors since it began around 2012 and I am amazed how it has grown and changed the face of homelessness and addiction in so many positive ways.

I have also been a Rotarian since 2005 and enjoy the service to the community and world that it provides.

Most importantly I enjoy spending time with my family. My wife, Jennifer and I have been married for 20 years this coming October. We have two children, Jackson is graduating from Seaside High School this spring and plans to pursue a career in the fire service while attending college. Jasmine is a sophomore at Seaside High School and she is wanting to focus on Interior Design.

Join the Emergency Cache Container Program Today!

Cache Sites will be accessible Saturday, April 16



Opened to the public twice annually for tours and restocking, Cannon Beach's three cache sites will be accessible to visit from 11AM-1PM on Saturday, April 16th.

Emergency Manager Rick Hudson invites you to join the cache container program, which provides citizens the ability to store barrels of supplies safely outside the Tsunami zone.

How the program works:

Your personal cache container(s) are stored in secure buildings at the evacuation cache sites. The containers hold your personal cache of supplies to assist you and your family until the emergency passes. The most important and essential items you can store are a tent, tarps, sleeping bags, canned or dried foods, a means to cook or warm them, water, and warm clothing.

Items not allowed in your container: firearms, ammunition or weapons, biohazardous items, hazardous, dangerous or environmentally harmful chemicals, perishable items, and alcohol.

Barrel owners will be given access twice a year to add or rotate stock to their barrels on the third Saturday in April and October. Annual Cost for storage is based on the gallon size of container.

To join the Cache Container Program or learn more, call Rick Hudson at (503)436-1581 or email HUDSON@CI.CANNON-BEACH.OREGON.US

Cache Site Locations

OSCAR – at the top of Old Cannon Beach Rd

ECHO – at the top of Elk Creek Rd

TANGO – Tolovana Main Line – East side of Hwy 101

News in Brief



WELCOME HOME PUFFINS!

Over the weekend of Saturday, April 30th, the Haystack Rock Awareness team Welcomes the Puffins back to their summer home atop Haystack Rock.

The event features a number of interpretive stations, spotting scopes as well as fun and games for learners of all ages.

The schedule:

- Saturday, April 30th from 8:00AM-11:00AM
- Sunday, May 1st from 8:00AM-NOON

The event is a great time to learn what the Haystack Rock Awareness program is all about. Volunteers are always being sought and there's no better time to come aboard!

And, as always, come down to Haystack Rock at low tide—we'd love to show you around!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022 from 10:00AM to 03:00PM at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce at 207 N. Spruce Street in Cannon Beach will host a blood drive.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please visit

www.redcrossblood.org;

Sponsor Code: CannonBeach

CERT TRAININGS COMING

The Community Emergency Response Team seeks volunteers and will hold free trainings on: April 22nd, May 6th, 13th & 14th. For more information and to sign up email: mannix@ci.cannon-beach.or.us or call 503-436-2811

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Citizens, Cannon Beach needs YOU! The following committees have vacancies:

- Budget Committee
- Planning Commission

Applications with questionnaires are available at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us

CITY HALL IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

You can still attend meetings virtually. See page 11 for details.



2022-2023 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 19

The Parks & Community Services Committee of the City of Cannon Beach would like to invite area nonprofit organizations to apply for funding through the 2022-2023 Community Grants program.

Nonprofit groups providing programs/projects in arts, educational, community, recreational, environmental, or social services in Cannon Beach are invited to apply for funding through this annual program. Organizations may apply for project-specific funds or operational funding.

The current application packet is [available for download on the City's website](#).

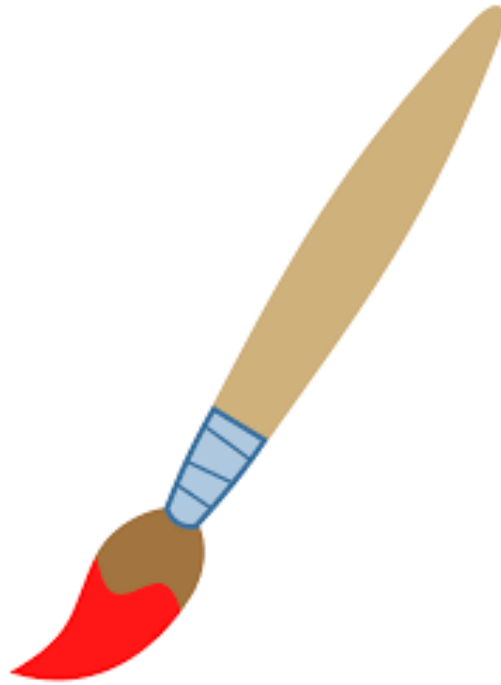
Completed applications will be accepted in person at City Hall (utilizing the drop box by the door on E Gower), by mail, or via the City's file-share system on its website. Grant requests must be received at Cannon Beach City Hall by 2 p.m. on April 19, 2022. Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be considered.

All grant applicants are required to provide a 10-minute presentation about their project/program on Thursday, May 26, 2022. Please plan on these presentations to be conducted via Zoom, but they may be done in person if COVID restrictions allow.

For more information about the 2022-2023 Community Grants program, please check out the City's website or contact Public Works Administrative Assistant Kelsey Balensifer at 503-436-8048 or balensifer@ci.cannon-beach.or.us.



A REMINDER FROM THE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE



TOURISM AND ARTS FUND (TAF) GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Non-profit organizations providing programs/projects that further the ARTS while promoting tourism in Cannon Beach are invited to apply for TAF funding from the Tourism and Arts Commission of the City of Cannon Beach by filing an application with:

*City of Cannon Beach
Tourism & Arts Commission
P.O. Box 368
Cannon Beach, OR 97110
Attention: Jennifer Barrett
recorder@ci.cannon-beach.or.us*

***Applications must be received at City Hall by
5:00 pm, June 7, 2022***

*Applications available now at
www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us*



CITY HALL

HAS RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

WANT TO ATTEND A LIVE CITY MEETING VIRTUALLY?



1. Click Agenda and Minutes from the City's Website.
2. Find your meeting and click View Details.
3. Click on the Zoom link.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings>

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Did you know the City has a Code Enforcement Complaint Form on their website?

1. Find Services from the menu on the City's Website.
2. Click Code Enforcement Complaint under Police Department.
3. Complete the form to submit your complaint.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/police/webform/code-enforcement-complaint-form>

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION LIST SIGNUP

Want to receive emergency or important notifications from the City? Click the link below to be added to the Community Notification List.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt/webform/sign-community-notification-list>

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CLATSOP ALERTS



Clatsop Emergency Notification & Community Information

BE IN THE KNOW... We can't alert you if we can't reach YOU!

Community members and visitors can **CHOOSE UP TO 3** ways to receive emergency notifications and community information from Public Safety, City, Tribal and County Officials for Clatsop County, Oregon.

1. Residential and business landline numbers are automatically included in the emergency contact list and do not require any action.
2. Address specific numbers such as mobile numbers, mobile texts, e-mail, and fax numbers are not included in the emergency contact list and require a manual sign-up.

SIGN UP at <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/em/page/clatsopalerts>