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Emergency Management A Status Report with Rick Hudson

Emergency Manager Rick Hudson joined the City of Cannon Beach in February 2020. Just a month into his new job, Covid-19 struck.

In responding to the pandemic, his skills were put immediately to the test.

And while reacting to the unprecedented virus added much to his plate, Hudson has been busy strengthening Cannon Beach's ability and capacity to respond to other emergencies, as he detailed in a presentation to City Council last month. ([A full video of Hudson's presentation can be found here.](#))

Two years in to a four-year buildup, Hudson says he's "right on track."

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THIS MONTH'S AGENDA

- City Council - 03/01
- Council & Planning Joint Session - 03/02
- City Council Work Session - 03/08
- Public Works - 3/15
- City Council Special Meeting - 3/15
- Budget Committee Meeting - 3/16
- Planning Commission Meeting - 3/24
- [FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

An Emergency Management Update With Rick Hudson

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"When I started, there was only a small framework, little cache sites, and some satellite phones that were not well trained on," he adds.

In his two years on the job, Hudson highlights a number of additions to the city's emergency response capacity, including:

- **Increased Communication Capabilities.** In addition to satellite phones, Cannon Beach has developed HAM and GMRS radio services; added high frequency internet service; partnered with KMUN to increase radio with the rest of Clatsop County and added connectivity south to Arcadia, Falcon Cove and Arch Cape

- **Expanded Cache Sites.** "We have at least doubled if not tripled the occupancy of the cache sites," Hudson says of the storage areas above the Tsunami zone. The increases include food, water, tools and shelter. Says Hudson: "We now have cache sites where you could not just open a barrel, but open a camp."

- **Established Emergency Operations Centers** at both City Hall and the Public Works yard.

- **Increased Planning.** "We developed a communication plan and emergency operation guidelines for almost all types of events," Hudson says, including: earthquakes, tsunami, wildfires, landslides and other extreme weather, localized sheltering, mass evacuations and more. Hudson says he prefers clear, simple plans that can be understood and adopted by staff and volunteers in the event of emergency.

- **Organizing Emergency Volunteers.** Hudson has worked with and helped coordinate groups like the Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Team, Disaster Animal Response Team and others.



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- **Bringing Community Together.** Hudson has worked to increase communications between the city and its citizens, businesses and other organizations including police, the fire district and more. This includes the development of community announcement services as well as in-person relationship building.

Indeed, Covid-19 showed the need for increased communications within the community.

"I feel like we've been able to bring together people in the community who may not have been together before Covid happened," Hudson says.

In the years to come, Hudson foresees the continued fortification and expansion of cache sites, further development of emergency volunteers and increased community education.

Also on the table for 2022 is a potential takeover and updating of the COWS emergency warning siren system.

"I think COWS has a lot of value," Hudson says. "I'm hoping that the City Council will approve of taking over operations from the fire district and lift this thing up and bring it into the new generation. It's a big, huge project."

Looking forward, Hudson says: "My objective is to build the infrastructure of a sustainable program."

"The important thing about building a program like this is making sure it's not dependent on one person," he adds. "If I have a heart attack these programs need to have a heartbeat going forward."

Indeed, it takes a village.



Cannon Beach's three cache sites

Public Works Secures a Special, Low-interest Loan to Install Earthquake-Resistant Water Pipes

Should an earthquake or tsunami hit Cannon Beach, most of the City's aging water pipes would be destroyed.

With resiliency in mind, Public Works developed a plan to replace the 50-year-old concrete and asbestos pipes that deliver water from the city's spring to the treatment plant and into town.

The replacement pipe is flexible, designed to withstand a seismic event.



Once the new pipe is installed, if an earthquake occurs, Cannon Beach should have access to fresh, clean water within 72 hours.

This project is made possible by the securing of a low-interest loan, which was recently approved by Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency.

The \$3.2 million loan is offered at a special interest rate of just 1% and includes \$515,000 in principal forgiveness--essentially lowering the cost to \$2.7 million.

According to Public Works Director Karen LaBonte, a traditional loan at market rates would carry interest rates around 8 to 9%.

"It's almost like free money," LaBonte says of the special low-interest rate. "Shy of a grant this is the next best thing."

Shepherding the project's approval with Business Oregon has been a long road.

"It's a very complicated process," LaBonte says. "It's similar to getting a mortgage on a house. The paperwork is vast. It's taken us about 18 months to get where we are."

Replacing the water pipe is the second of three phases in the city's long-term water resiliency plan.

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The first, installing seismic valves on the city's water tanks--which will automatically shut off in the event of an emergency--was made possible by a similar low-interest loan and significant principal forgiveness from Business Oregon.

The third phase of the water resiliency plan, which is still being developed, would replace current water tanks in order to withstand a seismic event.

On the replacement pipe, LaBonte says she expects work to begin in the next six to 12 months.

Of the project and favorable loan, LaBonte says, "It's a huge win for the city."



The City's existing water tank that would be replaced in Phase Three



Lt. Christopher Wilbur

Hired: 2008

Growing up my father was career navy. As a result, I had the opportunity to live in and experience many different places. I grew up in the juxtaposition of many different communities and that was probably the most valuable education I ever received.

In 1994 I came to Cannon Beach for a family wedding. After living across the country, I decided there was no better place to be than Cannon Beach and moved to the area in 2000.

Prior to full time appointment, I served as a reserve police officer for approximately 5 years with the Warrenton and Cannon Beach Police Departments.

In 2011 I was assigned to the Cannon Beach Police Department Detective position and promoted to Lieutenant in 2012. As the detective, I am a member of the Clatsop County Major Crime Team. I am also a member of the Clatsop County Multi-Disciplinary Child Abuse Team, the Clatsop County Fire Investigation Team, and a Deputy Medical Examiner.

In 1989 I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a concentration in philosophy from Concord College in Athens, West Virginia.

Prior to becoming a police officer, I worked for the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare as a Child Protective Services Worker. I have also been a United States Park Ranger and an Officer/Watch Commander with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.

After 15 years of serving this community, I have never lost the ability to be thankful and appreciate the ability to work in Cannon Beach.

In my free time, I enjoy fishing from my drift boat and playing the bagpipes.



News in Brief

COVID VACCINE CLINICS IN MARCH:

Cannon Beach hosts two COVID Vaccine clinics this month offering first, second and booster shots for anyone five years and up. Walk in, no appointment necessary.

- Wednesday, March 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cannon Beach Chamber, 207 N. Spruce St.

- Wednesday, March 30, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cannon Beach Chamber, 207 N. Spruce St.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross Blood Drive takes place Tuesday, March 15th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Main Hall, 207 N. Spruce St. in Cannon Beach.

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

HRAP IS BACK ON THE BEACH

Haystack Rock Awareness Program's 37th season began in late February, as staff returned to the beach on a chilly, beautiful morning. The focus of 2022 will be: The Year of the Black Oystercatcher. More details on that to come. In the meantime, save the dates:

- We Welcome the Puffins to their summer home at Haystack Rock on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m.-11:00am, and on Sunday, May 1st from 8:00 a.m.-noon.

- The Nudibranch Safari is April 19th at 8:00 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

- Tourism & Arts Committee
- Budget Committee
- Planning Commission
- Short Term Rental Task Force (alternates)

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



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



U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Secret Service

WARNING

COUNTERFEIT MONEY PRINTED FROM DIGITAL PRINTERS IS BEING
PASSED IN YOUR AREA

GENUINE



COUNTERFEIT



1. Genuine has an embedded security thread which reads "USA 100" when held up to light.
2. Genuine has a 3-D security ribbon that moves when tilted:
 - 1) Liberty Bells change to 100s
 - 2) Liberty Bells and 100s move in two directions (left and right & up and down) and always the OPPOSITE direction of the note tilt
3. Genuine has a security watermark of Franklin on the right side which can be viewed when held up to light.
4. Genuine has a color shifting ink that changes from copper to green when tilting the note.

If anyone attempts to pass one of the above described counterfeit notes, please obtain as much information as possible about the individual(s) and contact your local Police department and U.S. Secret Service office.

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For a full guide to spotting counterfeit bills, visit the Police Department's web site

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>

COMMUNITY BULLETIN SIGNUP

Sign up here to get the Community Bulletin delivered to your Inbox

Subscribe

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>

CITY HALL CLOSED TO VISITORS EXCEPT BY APPOINTMENT

Effective **August 27, 2021**, the following policies will be in place per Administrative Order 21-02:

- All City operations will continue with the exception that City Hall will be closed to visitors inside the building. All in-person transactions will take place through the walk-up window installed next to the ballot drop box.
 - The service window will be open daily from 8:00 – 5:00 pm
 - If you need to meet with a staff member, please schedule an appointment with that staff member
 - A predetermined time and location will be set and staff will meet you there, i.e. Council Chambers door at 2pm
 - For non-monetary transactions with the Community Development Department, the drop off/pick up box is still available outside their office
- There will be no audience members for City Council, Commissions, Boards and Committees meeting.
 - All public comment, participation and attendance will be through Zoom only
 - PDF's on How to Make Public Comment at a meeting and How to Attend a Meeting through Zoom are posted on each meeting page on the website
 - Members of Council, Commissions, Boards and Committees may attend in person or via Zoom

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>

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