

Week Of March 26-March 31

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal Interviews Chief of Police Cannon Beach Jason Schermerhorn.

1. Discussed the importance of an alerting system for earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest. It's not a predictor but it does give emergency operations such as hospitals precious seconds to stop surgeries and protect critical equipment.

The device is housed in the Seaside Museum and contributes to the collection of data across the region for earthquake preparedness.

Issue Addressed:

Community Preparation For A Major Public Emergency, Including Earthquake

2. Discussed the city of Seaside's proposal to proclaim all inclusiveness for immigrants within the borders of the city. The proclamation falls short of legally becoming a Sanctuary City but acknowledges the importance of immigrant business owners and the work force in the area. The city of Astoria recently approved such a proclamation.

Issue Addressed:

Retaining Local Heritage, Culture

3. The Cannon Beach Police Chief discussed a citizen academy for the entire north coast to allow residents the opportunity to understand the day to day operations of law enforcement in the region. It runs from April 10 to June 12 2017 with access to various departments of police activity including ride-alongs, touring the jail and administration requirements.

Issue Addressed:

Public Safety

Week of March 19 - March 24

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Topics

1. a re-cap of the Seaside event Pouring at the Coast which was held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center March 18th. Hosted by the Seaside Chamber of Commerce. The craft beer industry has become a huge source of revenue for the entire Clatsop County region. Several local brewers were on hand to provide a snap shot of the wide array of craft beer vendors on the north coast.

2. A proposal for an increase in water rates for Cannon Beach. The existing infrastructure is outdated and sorely in need of updating. The proposal to help pay for new delivery systems and update existing equipment could raise rates for businesses and residents by 40%. Current rates are somewhat low now in Cannon Beach but an increase of that size would certainly be felt citywide.

Issue Addressed:

Balance between Environmental concerns and Quality of life.

## Week of March 5 - March 12

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### Topics

1. On-going effort to find a new fire station location for Gearhart. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 14th at 5:30 in City Hall to discuss the possibilities. One is to raze the existing building constructed in 1958 and rebuild. Problem is that location is in the tsunami zone and they would prefer to be clear of that danger especially with a integral part of public safety.

Issue Addressed:

Public Safety

2. Cannon Beach author **Ursula Kroeber Le Guin** is an American author of novels, children's books, and short stories, mainly in the genres of [fantasy](#) and [science fiction](#). She has also written poetry and essays. She just received membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

## February 27-March 10

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### Topics

1. Seaside High School basketball teams, boys and girls are vying for a championship season. We talked about a former player and student, Mark Wickham, who was a Gull in 1973-74 and was part of a team that came as close to winning it all that the school has ever come. They lost to rival nemesis Cascade which is exactly who the current team is playing this weekend. Wickham was a standout player for Linfield and was drafted by the Blazers

2. The Seaside city council has chosen Steve Wright to fill the vacate seat on the panel. Wright works with the planning commission and volunteers for the Seaside Historic Society. Wright was appointed over three other local men.

3. Bill Thomas, who survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, spent much of his life making sure no one would forget the ones who died. Thomas brought World War II history alive for new generations by sharing his experience and he led the way on a Pearl Harbor plaque on the First Avenue Bridge in Seaside that was dedicated in 2000.

On Saturday, friends and veterans will remember Thomas — who died at 95 in December — at Seaside's American Legion Post 99.

## February 20 through February 25

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### Topics

Discussed survival pods introduced by a company in Washington. Two person orbs that always rotate to the upright position. The theory is that when the ground begins shaking you would lower yourself into the pod at an

opening on top and seal the capsule as the tsunami wave washes ashore. Once the danger has subsided, in about 2 hours, you are able to poke your head through the top opening and survey your surroundings.

Issue Addressed:

Community Preparation for Major Public Emergency (tsunami)

Politics. 4 members of the Seaside community, all men, are vying for an opportunity to serve on the Seaside city council to fill the seat vacated by Jay Barber when he volunteered to replace mayor Don Larson who died last December. The 4 men will be interviewed and the remaining council members will decide who will be appointed to the Barber seat. All 4 have close community ties.

The community came together to help 3 families displaced by a fire in their building in Cannon Beach. The spectacular fire could be seen for miles as the 2 story Larch St. residential building burned. Major damage results in a total loss for the property and the residents are receiving assistance.

Issue Addressed:

Public Safety

February 12 through February 18

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Topics

Fallen Officer memorial for Seaside Sgt. Jason Gooding. Statewide law enforcement gathered at the site of the shooting one year ago Feb 5 2016 and remembered a fellow officer killed in the line of duty. A wreath was taken to the Civic and Convention Center in Seaside.

Issue addressed:

Public Safety

A Gearhart property owner is fighting the city over the placement of lottery machines in his new business. He is appealing the ruling that they are not allowed. He recently closed his grocery store and wants to build a Brew pub and says the machines are the only way to remain in business.

Issue Addressed:

Retaining Local Flavor of local heritage

McMenamins Hotel in Gearhart is planning an expansion next to the hotel. Adding new rooms near the golf cart shack. Plans include becoming a first class golf facility.

Issue Addressed:

Retaining Local Flavor of local heritage in Gearhart

A new charter school is opening in Cannon Beach for the first time in about 4 years. K-2 to start with and then expand to higher grades. Kids have been transported to Seaside from Cannon Beach since closing the only Cannon Beach school in 2013. Classes could begin as soon as September 2017.

Issue Addressed:

Role of Charter School in Cannon Beach in general education.