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Week of April 7 - April 14

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal  
Chief of Police Cannon Beach Jason Schermerhorn  
Jenny Carver American Red Cross

1. Discussed an approval for a new resort hotel on the beach in Seaside. The Pearl has a height exception from the city to exceed the limit of 45 feet. The new structure will stand at least 50 feet to allow for a slope on the back side of the building. A pair of homeowners were trying to stop the project because the large building will block out the sun and impede views. Homeowners lost an appeal.

**This addresses parts of two Issues. First, the maintenance of the character of Seaside, and Second, the quest for affordable housing.**

2. The city of Gearhart. The Gearhart Crossing Cafe was denied use of video lottery machines in the establishment. The owner was hoping to add the attraction to his business, restaurant/pub.

**This addresses the quest to maintain the existing character of Gearhart.**

RV parking has been restricted to 96 hours max twice a year on homeowner property. It's still illegal to park on public streets in Gearhart.

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3. The Red Cross is holding a volunteer recruitment event on April 27. Spoke with a rep from the organization and the Cannon Beach police chief. They discussed the importance of combining efforts in the case of disasters in the area.

**The issue of Disaster and safety awareness of the community is addressed.**

Public Affairs

Week of June 5 - June 12

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal

1. Update on the Cannon Beach Academy. After many delays hope to have the doors open this fall. Still need to secure building under cities perview. Enough students have signed up and now just await the opening.

**Creation of more and varied educational opportunities is addressed for Cannon Beach.**

2. Seaside Aquarium is 80 years old. Discussed the differences between the location in 1937 and 2017. Origins and celebrations planned.

**Maintaining the local flavor of an old and revered institution, the Seaside Aquarium, is central to this discussion, including the many iterations and history of the aquarium.**

Public Affairs

Week of June 13-June 18

1. The connection between Batman's Adam West and Gearhart. Locals remember the actor's visits to the north coast during the height of the TV Batman's popularity. West was born in Walla Walla WA and his mother moved to Gearhart and lived in the community in 1966 when Batmanmania hit it's stride. West was seen at various locations around the town during that time.

**The long standing cultural community on the North Coast is highlighted in this discussion.**

**Comment [EH1]: KEUB Public Affairs Programming was presented in short form interview style, with discussions presented by the narrator and in some cases guests. RJ Marx, the editor of the Seaside Signal and Cannon Beach Gazette served as moderator for these programs.**

**The programs were presented on a rotating schedule of 12 times per week throughout the quarter. RJ Marx the narrator suffered severe injuries in an accident, and was unavailable for approximately 6 weeks from April 15 through June 5th. Programming was resumed the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**This format is expected to continue indefinitely, with various community issues, including some which are not on the ascertainment list being discussed.**

2. Air BnB is collecting transient taxes on behalf of property owners in Seaside. The city struck a deal with the house sharing company to receive TOT taxes from vacationers without revealing the name of the property owner. All done online with proceeds distributed to city coffers after collection. 10- 11%

**The issue of tax collection on transient users of property owners in Seaside has been a problem for years, and more so of late with more property owners renting their houses for short term use. This discussion was about not only tax revenue, but how this all fits into the fabric of the community in light of more and more focus on tourism.**

Public Affairs

Week of June 19 - June 26

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal

1. Update on the Cannon Beach Academy. Gearing up for a Fall opening but the location still has not been approved, cost overruns are a concern. 40 students are enrolled and ready to go. A July meeting will determine whether or not to extend the lease to the Academy.

**The ongoing discussion of the creation of varied educational opportunities, and the challenges to that effort are re-visited after it was learned the rent was too high on the facility the Academy had hoped to occupy. The City's vacant building is up for discussion at the City, although there are other groups which would like to have the building.**

2. Seaside High School Principal is also the Football Coach. Jeff Roberts is taking control of the Seagulls and is used to dual roles. The current coach Chad Smith is leaving for another job. Roberts will coach until he can find another person to take the job. That means when the High School football season starts this fall the principal will be on the field.

**The juggling of what goes on to keep some key programs alive at Seaside high school is discussed. What it comes down to is school management adapting to situations, and drawing the school's principal into coaching duties.**