



## Haystack Rock Awareness Program Names Angela Reynolds Whitlock Inagural "Steward of the Year"

After decades recognizing a Volunteer of the Year, the Haystack Rock Awareness Program brain trust had an "a-ha" moment: Why weren't similar honors being extended to paid staff?

And, thus, HRAP's Steward of the Year was born.

The award spotlights a member of the seasonal staff who goes above and beyond in their dedication to education and conservation at Haystack Rock.

"This is an hourly job," says Program Director Kelli Ennis, "so I don't expect staff to put in time or thoughts outside of those hours--especially for a seasonal job; it's not something most employers would expect."

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### THIS MONTH'S AGENDA

- City Council Meeting - 11/1
- City Council Work Session - 11/8
- City Hall Outreach Event #2 - 11/12
- Parks & Community Services - 11/17
- Design Review Board - 11/17
- Planning Commission - 11/22
- Elementary School Work Session - 11/30
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Yet, in their dedication to environmental protection, many members of the HRAP team rise well above the basics of their job descriptions.

And when it came time to decide who to honor with the inaugural Steward of the Year award, the choice was clear: Angela Reynolds Whitlock.

"Angela is exact embodiment of what stewardship is," Ennis says. "She's so passionate."

As it happens, HRAP isn't the first organization to commemorate Whitlock's stewardship. She received stewardship recognition from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition while studying at Clatsop Community College.

Whitlock took up classes in environmental science studies at Clatsop after some 25 years working as a jewelry maker. While she loved goldsmithing, the job was taking a toll.

"After 25 years at a workbench, at a mostly sedentary job, focusing on micro-movements, and my body started protesting," Whitlock says.

"I knew I needed to be upright and outdoors," Whitlock continues. She applied and was hired by HRAP in March of 2020. "It was almost like this job was designed for my wishes. It fit exactly what I needed, perfectly."

"That first day out on the beach at the tidepools, I was like that little kid that wanted to be a marine biologist," she says. "And it sparked all this joy. I just became so immersed."

Forming intense connections with the Haystack Rock ecosystem, says Education and Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Habecker, is not uncommon.



*Angela Reynolds Whitlock (L) with volunteers*

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"You eat, sleep and dream this rock," Habecker says. "It's one of those things: with this job, once the rock sucks you in, you're in its hold forever. And it has definitely captured Angela."

Once Whitlock was hired, she dove in head first.

"Angela empowers herself with knowledge," Habecker says. "She's constantly educating herself and asking questions. She's always looking to improve."

And while working on the beach might sound like a dream job, it's not without challenges.

Rain or shine, Whitlock and the team work an ever-shifting schedule (determined by the tides), showing up in the office as early as 5:00AM to prepare for a beach shift or staying until sunset as late as 9:00PM.

Visitors, while often gracious, can occasionally be difficult when being asked not to climb, leash their dogs, or to refrain from collecting living creatures like Sea Stars.

"There will be days where everyone thanks you," Ennis says. "And then there will be days where you feel like every visitor is trying to make you feel like an inconvenience and that you are ruining their vacation. There are some days when it's overwhelming."

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*Angela Reynolds Whitlock (R) during a field trip*



*Whitlock with a visitor at the tidepools*



*Puffin costumes at the Welcome Home Puffins event*

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When it comes to challenging interactions, here too Whitlock excels.

"Angela is one of our go-to staff for difficult visitors who need to be handled with care," Ennis says. "She has a calm presence, always focusing on the positive."

"My ultimate goal is not to shame people, but inform them," Whitlock says. "I like to share that I came here as a kid to the coast with my family. We were fishing, hiking and crabbing and I climbed all over everything. But now that I know, I do better. And I think people appreciate that."



*Whitlock (in black) training Cape Falcon volunteers*

Whitlock's favorite part of the job--and there are many--is assisting with school field trips.

"The kids are inheriting this earth from us," Whitlock says, "and I want to instill some inspiration in them to help them care about the oceans."

Whitlock's devotion to conservation extends beyond HRAP. She volunteers up and down the coast with the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, is involved with community science projects like marine debris and seabird monitoring surveys. She also helped launch the North Coast Land Conservancy's Tidepool Ambassador program at Cape Falcon.

Wherever Whitlock is, Haystack Rock is never far from her mind.

"We regularly we get messages, photos and texts from Angela, sharing ideas, things she's seeing, what other organizations are doing," Ennis says. "Even while she's on vacation she's sending things." (While touring another nature reserve, Whitlock suggested a new sign design for HRAP that reduced trampling significantly.)

The rewards of working at Haystack Rock, Whitlock says, can be profound.

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She recalls a recent shift when she was asked by a visitor to point out some cool tidepool creatures. The visitor, filming with her phone, translated Whitlock's response into Spanish.

"It turns out {the visitor} was from Columbia and her sister was back in Columbia with a classroom of young girls from underprivileged backgrounds," Whitlock says. "And she and her sister were showing the students about the world that they hadn't had the opportunity to see for themselves."

Whitlock ended up hosting an impromptu virtual private tour.

"The kids wanted to wave goodbye and I saw this classroom of little girls and I just wanted to cry," Whitlock says.

It was just one of many meaningful interactions Whitlock has enjoyed on the beach.

"I found that my personal mission of loving this area so much and wanting to do everything I could to protect it lined up exactly with HRAP's mission," Whitlock says. "I think we do so much good."

To that end, Whitlock often shares a joke with Ennis:

"She pays me," Whitlock says, "but I would come out and do this for free."

"It's definitely more than just a job," Whitlock adds. "I've found what I feel very passionate about and want to dedicate the rest of my life to."



# CITY HALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

NOVEMBER/NOVIEMBRE 12, 2022

10:00AM

In person/en persona:

Cannon Beach City Hall: 163 E Gower Ave

Join Zoom Meeting/ Únete a la Cita de Zoom:

[Click Here/ Oprima Aquí](#)

Meeting ID: 992 6108 4699

Password: 365593

+1 669 900 6833 US

+1 253 215 8782 US

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS:

How should the new City Hall ...

Relate to our community?

Enhance and relate to Midtown?

Best utilize the site?

Enhance community amenities?

Project Priorities Include ...

Aesthetic Appeal

Sustainable Practices

Improve Police Working Conditions

Fiduciary Responsibility

Emergency Management Services

Como el nuevo edificio Municipal  
debería ...

Relacionarse a nuestra comunidad?

Relacionarse y mejorar a Midtown?

Mejor utiliza el sitio?

Mejorar comodidades comunitarios?

Las Príodidades del proyecto  
incuye ...

Un Atractivo Estético

Prácticas Sostenibles

Mejorar las Condiciones de sitio de  
trabajo para Policías

Responsibilidad Fiduciario

Servicios Administrativos de

Emergencia

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**For all the latest on the City Hall / Police Station Project, Visit the City's Website**

# Shaping City Hall



The planning for a new City Hall & Police Station is picking up steam  
For meeting schedules and information: [ci.cannon-beach.or.us/city-hall](https://ci.cannon-beach.or.us/city-hall)

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# News in Brief



## HRAP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Help protect the vibrant inter-tidal ecosystem at Haystack Rock by volunteering with HRAP.

Learn more and apply at:

[haystackrockawareness.com/volunteer](https://haystackrockawareness.com/volunteer)

## COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking applications for the following vacancies:

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** TWO vacancies to fill three-year terms, beginning immediately.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** ONE vacancy beginning 1/1/23.

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD:** ONE vacancy beginning 1/1/23.

**FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE:** ONE vacancy beginning 1/1/23.

Learn more and apply at:

[www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/volunteer-committees](https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/volunteer-committees)

# Download the EyeOnWater App



## Got a Leak?

EyeOnWater will find it

Download on the App Store | Get it on Google play

The **EyeOnWater** app, a free leak detection and usage monitoring system, is available for free to all water customers in Cannon Beach. City staff encourage all homeowners to install the app on their smartphone or access it via desktop computer. Staff will hold two public demonstration and info sessions to answer any questions and help get the app up and running. They are:

**Tuesday, September 6th from 1-5PM @ the Cannon Beach Farmers' Market**  
**Wednesday, September 7th from 5-7 @ outside the City Hall Council Chambers**

## 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>

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN SIGNUP

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

## 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>**