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**City of Waldport**

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### City suspends Beachcomber's Activities

As part of our efforts to increase transparency to the community, Waldport's City Council has directed city staff to vet organizations who: receive financial support from the city and/or request permits for events and activities on city property. Our fiduciary duty to our citizens and budget requires that we know where and how city resources are being used. We understand that in a small community this more formal due diligence may result in changes from historic practices.

Unfortunately, the City of Waldport has been made aware of certain financial irregularities which create concern regarding Waldport Beachcomber Days qualifications as a 501(c)3 charity organization, and are in direct violation of IRS rules. As such, the City has notified the Beachcomber's Board President of these concerns and has withdrawn its authorization and support for the Beachcombers organization's activities within the city while they work through these issues.

"We ask everyone to be patient and not rush to judgement," said Dann Cutter, City Manager. "These volunteers are our neighbors and friends – please let the process work."

Beachcomber's has a long and wonderful history within the City of Waldport. As such, the City does not take this action lightly. The City will be sending the Beachcomber's board of directors further correspondence which spells out specific concerns and a pathway in which to correct these issues such that the relationship can continue. As this is a legal matter for the Beachcomber's board members, the city will have no further comment.

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*The City of Waldport, founded in 1911, lies near the center of the Oregon coastline, at the mouth of the Alsea River. It has a population of 2321 as of June 2021, and enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities, crabbing and fishing, hiking trails and a beautiful oceanfront.*

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