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PRESS RELEASE

Headlines:

["Seaside CERT Team hosts Preparedness Event at Convention Center"](#)

["Local geologist Tom Horning to speak on Earthquake and Tsunami Awareness 2021"](#)

Adults and teenagers are invited to join Geologist Tom Horning for "Preparing for Tsunamis: How Soon and How Big?" on **Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 pm** in the Seaside Civic and Convention Center's Riverside Room. This familiar topic will have a new twist as Horning talks about the geology of the Cascadia Subduction Zone in 2021. He'll talk about earthquakes and tsunamis, how they happen, how often they happen and how you, your family and our community can be better "tsunami-prepared." This **free event** is hosted by the City of Seaside CERT team. Doors will open at 6:30.

Horning has a master's degree in geology from Oregon State University. After a varied career as an exploration geologist, he returned to Seaside in 1994 and became a natural hazards and geotechnical consultant doing business as Horning Geosciences. A Seaside native, he experienced the 1964 tsunami as a 10-year-old and is now active in trying to save lives in the tsunami zones in and around Seaside. If you haven't heard one of Horning's presentations on Seaside geology, you're in for an entertaining, eye-opening education. If you're new to the area or an old salt, this forum is a great opportunity to reconnect and hear some new developments on this very important topic.

There will be maps and materials to take home as well as an example of an easy-to-assemble grab and go bag. Additionally, the STARS Amateur Ham Radio Club will be on hand to display Ham radio capabilities. CERT believes it is important to know the risks, learn what to expect and develop an emergency action strategy to plan ahead for disasters. Even if it's learning basic first aid, having a grab and go kit, or being "2 weeks ready" to shelter in place, they believe we all should be participants in keeping our community safe and healthy. The public is encouraged to come and join the discussion and new CERT members are always welcome. A question-and-

answer session will follow the presentation. Distancing and masking guidelines will be observed. Note: This event is intended for ages 15 and up. **The Seaside Civic and Convention center is located at 415 1st Avenue in Seaside.**

Graphics



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Tom Horning

