

# A haunting ride



Passengers are seen reflected in the windows of the Astoria Riverfront Trolley during its annual Halloween Night Run. More photos at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com).

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*The Daily Astorian*

Costumed riders of all ages filled the Astoria Riverfront Trolley for the annual Halloween Night Ride on Saturday. As the ghoulishly decorated trolley creaked along the darkened riverfront, local author Melissa Eskue Ousley told stories of Astoria's most haunted locations.

## Police called to three accidents Friday

### Astoria woman runs into side of building on Eighth Street

*The Daily Astorian*

Astoria Police responded to three car accidents on Friday, the department said.

At 2:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to Eighth Street and Madison Avenue, where 82-year-old Norma Gallagher, heading south on Eighth, had veered off the road between a pole and a stop sign and crashed into the side of a building.

Medix transported Gallagher, of Astoria, to Columbia Memorial Hospital to be evaluated for her injuries. The crash is believed to have been caused by a medical issue. The male passenger was apparently uninjured. Sgt. Brian Aydt, of Astoria Police Department, said.

Astoria Fire Department also responded, and a building inspector came to evaluate the integrity of the damaged struc-



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Astoria Fire Deputy Chief Paul Gascoigne checks out the scene of an accident at Eighth Street and Madison Avenue Friday afternoon.

ture before the vehicle was removed.

Eighth Street, between Lexington and Niagara avenues, was closed for approximately one hour.

Because of the street clo-

sure, an Astoria School District bus was rerouted to 11th Street, where it was involved in a minor collision with a parked vehicle at 11th and Jerome Avenue at about 3:36 p.m.

The rear passenger side corner of the school bus struck the vehicle as the bus attempted to turn left from 11th onto Jerome.

The school bus was carrying approximately 25 children. No one was injured during the crash, and all of the children were transferred to another school bus to be taken home.

Then, while officers investigated the bus incident, police were dispatched to a third crash at Under the Bridge Cigarettes at 3:47 p.m. after parties became involved in a disturbance.

The parties calmed down and exchanged information. No one was injured.

## Fire breaks out at Gimre's Shoes



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Astoria firefighters work the scene of a fire at Gimre's Shoes Friday.

By ERICK BENDEL  
*The Daily Astorian*

An electrical fire broke out in the basement of Gimre's Shoe Store on Friday, causing thick smoke to issue from beneath the sidewalk vents and a minor power outage.

Astoria Fire Department was dispatched at 11:30 a.m. and requested assistance from neighboring fire crews. Medix and Pacific Power also arrived on scene. The fire was declared under control at 12:17 p.m. No injuries were reported.

"It really wasn't a large fire to speak of," Astoria Fire Chief Ted Ames said. "It had the potential to be, but it wasn't."

Asked if the fire could have been human-caused, Ames said, "No. I mean, Lord knows, but, no, I don't think so."

The smoke was first spotted coming from a storefront vent by a neighboring business owner, who alerted Pete Gimre,

the owner of Gimre's on 14th Street.

Ames did not offer an estimate of the damage but said the fire didn't damage Gimre's or the adjoining businesses. While some smoke poured into Gimre's, Ames said he doubts the shoe store will lose any inventory.

"It could have been a lot worse, I can tell you that," Ames said. "But everybody kept a level head, and things worked out."

The store was open regular hours Saturday.

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