

## WALKING THE PATH TO TRANQUILITY



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Brett Young, right, walks a labyrinth with his wife, Sara, center, and others on Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria. The church sets up the labyrinth on the first Sunday of every month.

## With a portable labyrinth, local woman shares the peace she finds in the journey

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On the first Sunday of every month, Karin Temple lays out a large mat at the Grace Episcopal Church on Franklin Avenue.

Once completely unfolded, the 24-by-24-foot mat depicts a circular pattern of lines that wrap around the entire space. From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., the labyrinth is open for anyone to walk it.

Labyrinths can be traced back to various ancient civilizations through mythology and artwork, but have been adapted for modern nondenominational spiritual purposes.

While appearing similar to mazes, they differ in that there are no dead ends. Instead, they are comprised of a unicursal path, meaning they will lead a traveler around the mat and eventually land them in the center.

Temple's first encounter with the labyrinth came almost 15 years ago at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. She had returned from Spain in 2001 after completing the Camino de Santiago, a path nearly 500 miles long that dates back to biblical times and is considered a pilgrimage for multiple religions. She cut her trip short after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. "I was in turmoil that this had



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A labyrinth can be seen along the trail at Willapa National Wildlife Refuge in Washington's Long Beach Peninsula.

interrupted my spiritual journey," she said.

After walking the labyrinth a few times and researching spirituality surrounding it, Temple found peace and a space for reflection in the ancient pattern.

That tranquility she found when walking the path, lead her to purchase a personal, portable labyrinth. Since then, she's taken

it to various establishments and allowed people to try it out for themselves. She says there are a few people who come every Sunday, but often, new people walking by stop to try it.

"It's definitely a different environment than the rest of your day," walker Brett Young said. He and his wife, Sara, walked the labyrinth for their first time

on Sunday afternoon. "It's great to zone everything out and just focus on the path in front of you," said Sara Young said.

Temple said priests, rabbis and children have walked this same labyrinth at the church. There are no rules for how long to take or what to think about while

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## Parks master plan passes muster

City Council may tackle 'selling parks' issue later on

By ERICK BENGEL  
The Daily Astorian

The first-ever master plan for Astoria's parks and recreation sites met mostly with critical acclaim Tuesday, when the Astoria City Council held a first reading on an ordinance to adopt the document as part of the larger comprehensive plan.

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The plan lays out a vision for the Parks and Recreation Department's policies and offerings — parks, trails, facilities and programs — using input gathered over many months from city departments, the Parks Advisory Board, a citizen advisory committee and the public.

It also includes recommendations for the coming decade. Among them: hiring more full-time staff and looking into new revenue streams, such as utility fees, system

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## Rental owners ready to battle

Vote, legal action could result from Gearhart decision

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GEARHART — No matter what happens at Gearhart City Council Wednesday night, residents are likely to challenge it at the polls or in the courts, or both.

"I implore you to sit back, reflect and engage forward thinking and clear vision to avoid a prolonged battle which could drain resources and further divide this community," Jim Whittemore said in opposing proposed rules regulating short-term rentals. "Working together to resolve this issue will be far more productive than a prolonged civic and possibly legal battle that could have lasting effects on the future of this city."

The council convened at the firehouse Tuesday night to hear public comment on short-term regulation in Gearhart, a process initiated by the Planning Commission.

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Gearhart residents and community members fill all the seats at the Gearhart Fire Station during a public hearing about Gearhart short-term rentals Tuesday.

## Vintage Hardware needs a new home

Mo's Restaurant looking to buy building from Englund Marine

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Astoria Vintage Hardware has until the end of September to find a new home.

Last week, the business received 90 days' notice to vacate the riverfront building on the north end of 15th Street to make way for a Mo's Restaurant.

The building's owner, Englund Marine & Industrial Supply, has inter-

mittently listed the property for about 10 years. Newport Pacific Corp., which owns and operates seven Mo's in six Oregon cities, is working on a contract to purchase the building.

A Planning Commission hearing on the seafood company's conditional use permit will likely be held Aug. 2 at City Hall, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin said.

The hardware store, founded more than eight years ago, salvages and sells pieces of antique and vintage architecture. It has leased the Englund Marine building since May 2014.

"It's month to month, so we knew that perhaps this might be a situation that could occur," Becky Johnson, co-owner of Astoria Vintage Hardware, said.

She added there is "no animosity or hard feelings between Vintage Hardware and the Englund family, at all."

In fact, Kurt Englund — who owns Englund Marine with his father, Jon Englund — gave the store a heads up Memorial Day weekend that a notice might be coming, Johnson said.

Paul Tuter, Johnson's business partner, said he can't blame Englund Marine for accepting an offer. "They've sat on the building for 10 years," he said.

Though he recognizes many people are upset by the eviction, Tuter said he doesn't want the Englund family to get hammered by the community.

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