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Homebuilders respond to housing scarcity

Warrenton is site of over 500 units in the pipeline

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Dale Barrett, a surveyor with Otak Inc., recently walked along an overgrown dirt road on the

western edge of Warrenton, pointing out lots and the occasional abandoned homeless camp. The road could one day be the main artery through Fort Pointe, a proposed housing development hugging Ridge Road south of the KOA campground with up to 150 homes and a similar number of apartments.



Fort Pointe is the largest of several proposed and approved housing developments on the ridges and hills around Warrenton, as homebuilders respond to the housing shortage and an improving economy. According to Skip Urling, Warrenton's planning director, myriad projects are in the

works, ranging from Fort Pointe and smaller subdivisions to several new apartment complexes. "By my count, there's something like over 500 dwelling units that are in the pipeline," Urling said, adding many are in the application or conversation phases.

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Antoine Simmons/Submitted Graphic
Antoine Simmons is planning the Skipanon River Apartments with approximately 37 units at the corner of First Street and Skipanon Drive.

AT REPAIR CAFE, NEW LIFE FOR BROKEN STUFF

THE FIX IS ON



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Harold Gable sharpens a knife at a recent Repair Cafe event. The gatherings feature people who repair a wide variety of tools, appliances and other items, so customers don't have to throw them away and purchase replacements.

Volunteers help repair broken or worn-out items

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Take some broken stuff, add a skilled assortment of volunteer tinkerers, menders, builders and all-purpose fixers and you get Repair Cafe: a monthly event where your items get a second, third or even fourth chance at a useful life.

People with broken electronics, torn clothes, dull knives and even, memorably, a shattered ceramic cobra have turned to Repair Cafe. A group of volunteers, all skilled in various crafts, work alone or together to fix the items for free.

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Harold Gable hones the edge of a kitchen knife at a recent Repair Cafe event.

Dems give up on new biz taxes

Path forward on transportation

By CLAIRE WITHCOMBE
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SALEM — Major changes to the way Oregon taxes businesses won't materialize before the Legislature adjourns, the governor and top legislative leadership said Thursday.

The announcement comes after several weeks of heightened revenue discussions at the Legislature, and months of disagreement between business and labor groups over how the state should tax businesses after a divisive ballot measure campaign.

The decision effectively tables reforms to the state's public pension system and "clears a path forward" for a major transportation funding package, said Gov. Kate Brown.

It also means that a state hiring freeze will continue and that legislation attempting to curb the costs of state government from education to forestry will likely advance.

Brown, state Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, D-Portland, say structural changes to the state's tax system will have to wait until the next long legislative session in 2019.

The Legislature meets for approximately five-month long sessions in every odd-numbered year, alternating with short month-long sessions in even-numbered years, and is constitutionally required to finish its business — primarily, balancing the state budget — by July 10.

With a \$1.4 billion gap between projected revenue and expenses in the next two-year budget, only partially closed with the Legislature's passage Wednesday of a new tax on health

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Storytelling through the state's parks on the North Coast

Arch Cape native Deur on state parks commission

By BRENNNA VISSER
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ARCH CAPE — When Arch Cape native Doug Deur thinks about his life on the North Coast, time spent in Oregon State Parks seems to be a common thread between his memories.

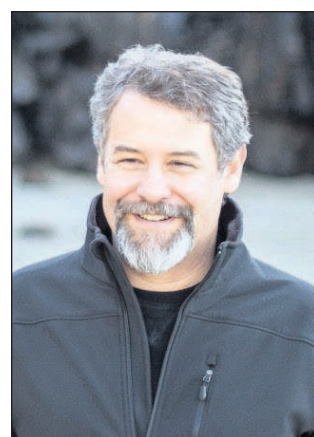
"I grew up with state parks on the coast," Deur said. "My family has been in this area

for generations. My grandparents watched these parks being built — they saved their gas rations to go to Ecola during World War II. Every time a baby was born, photos would be taken at Hug Point."

Between those personal connections and a career studying national state parks history and North Coast cultural heritage as a professor at Portland State University, stepping up as the new coast representative on the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Commission seemed like a natural fit.

Road to commission

Deur has replaced Cannon Beach resident Robin Ris-



Maya Dooley/Submitted Photo
Doug Deur

ley on the commission after she reached her eight-year term limit. The commission

establishes policies, sets fees, acquires property and promotes the state's outdoor recreation policy, among other tasks.

Commissioners serve four-year terms and are appointed by the governor, then confirmed by the state Senate. There are two other new commissioners starting their terms with Deur: Steve Grasty, representing Burns, and Victoria Berger, representing Salem.

When Risley came near the end of her term in May, members of the North Coast community started encouraging him to apply for her spot, Deur said.

"It's about my personal

connection to Oregon parks. I feel like all Oregon citizens have an obligation to take care of parks so future generations can see these same places I enjoyed and my grandparents enjoyed," he said. "It was an offer I could not refuse."

Deur has been studying North Coast history for years, which included publishing "Empires of the Turning Tide."

The book, published and funded by the National Park Service, details the creation of the parks and tells the stories of the relationship between these places and indigenous people.

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