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This strip lies within the Bridge Vista area, part of the Astoria Riverfront Vision Plan.

Planners hold town hall to hear feedback on Bridge Vista transitions

By DERRICK DEPLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

City planners Tuesday will sketch out potential land use changes in Uniontown, hoping for a vibrant mix of commercial and residential development that still preserves the riverfront's historic character.

The town hall meeting — 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express — is intended to give people who live, work and own property nearby an opportunity to provide feedback on the Bridge Vista phase of the city's Riverfront Vision Plan.

The city's preliminary concepts include a new pedestrian-friendly zone near the Astoria Bridge with broader commercial and residential options but possible limits on automobile use.

The Astoria Planning Commission has held three work sessions, which covered code, zoning, building height and design, landscaping, setbacks and off-street parking, but city planners want to hear more from the public before formalizing recommendations for the commission, which will advise the Astoria City Council.

City Manager Brett Estes said planners are "starting to put some skin on the bones" and moving toward more specific recommendations for the Planning Commission.

Bridge Vista, which extends from the Port of Astoria to Second Street, is the second phase of the city's ambitious Riverfront Vision Plan. In October, the City Council signed off on zoning changes along the Civic Greenway segment from 16th Street to 39th Street. The two other phases involve the Urban Core from Second Street to 16th Street and the Neighborhood Gre-



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These businesses along West Marine Drive are examples of the 50 percent ground level window coverage, transom windows, and recessed entryways recommended for the Astor West Urban Renewal District in the city of Astoria's Bridge Vista Area.



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In addition to opening the restaurant Albacross, Eric Bechard purchased the Union Steam Baths in Uniontown with the intent to reopen the sauna sometime in the future.

enway from 39th Street to the east end of Alderbrook Lagoon.

The Riverfront Vision Plan, accepted by the City Council in 2009, is designed to improve

IF YOU GO

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive
Online: <http://bit.ly/1tC9cXR>

land use along the Columbia River while preserving broad views and honoring the history as a working waterfront. Some residents, however, have complained about the potential for overdevelopment.

George "Mick" Hague, a retired teacher, has warned that more commercial and residential projects near or over the water in the Bridge Vista phase could spoil views and walks.

Hague believes such development should take place south of the Astoria Riverfront Trolley tracks. He cautioned that buildings concentrated on both sides of the tracks could create a

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Herd of elk take the plunge

Resident elk take a dip in the Columbia River

By DERRICK DEPLEDGE
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It was a remarkable sight: a herd of elk plunged into the Columbia River for a swim.

JoAnna Dotson of Astoria captured the scene on Saturday in Warrenton and watched as the powerful beasts swam before coming to shore near Hammond.

Her photographs, shared with The Daily Astorian and posted on the newspaper's Facebook page Sunday, sparked a lively discussion about what the elk were doing in the water.

"They're just doing the polar plunge," one reader wrote.

"Do-it-your-elk flea dip?" wrote another.

"Maybe they're following their New Year's resolutions to get more exercise," one joked.

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Mother, friend plead not guilty to murder

More charges filed in death of Evangelina Wing, 2

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

A Seaside mother and her live-in boyfriend pleaded not guilty Friday to charges accusing the couple of murdering the woman's 2-year-old daughter at their home Dec. 20.

Dorothy Ann Wing, 24, and Randy Lee Roden, 26, appeared via video link from Clatsop County Jail for an arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Wing, who was arrested by Seaside Police Thursday, is charged with murder by abuse from neglect and maltreatment, first-degree manslaughter and six counts of criminal mistreatment.

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Computers, cars drive CCC auto teacher

Electronics were the craze in the late 1970s, early '80s when he went to college, said Thad Nolan, 53, who earned an associate's degree in electronic engineering from Clatsop Community College.

But computer skills weren't such a sure thing in the job market. He's been doing mechanical work since his first job as a 14-year-old at a service station.

"And lo and behold, the cars went to computerized," said Nolan, who has worked in the auto field for nearly 40 years and as an adjunct instructor at CCC for the last decade.

His last day at Warrenton Kia was Wednesday. Today he becomes the lone full-time instructor for CCC's automotive program, showing students how

intertwined electronics and automotive are.

The auto program has two adjuncts helping Nolan, who is the first full-timer since 2013, when Stephen Sanders left to head the diesel mechanics program at Western Wyoming Community College. The program has about 20 students.

Nolan's happy to be down to one job, after spending six days a week working, between Kia and the college, much to the chagrin of his wife, he said. "She's the most happy about me getting full-time job (teaching)."

Coding

All cars built and sold in the U.S. since Jan. 1, 1996, are required to have an onboard diagnostics (OBD) hookup, through



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Thad Nolan takes over today as the lone full-time instructor in Clatsop Community College's automotive program. He's been an adjunct instructor for the past 12 years.

which mechanics access a car's subsystems. There are several thousand generic OBD codes for

a mechanic to learn, said Nolan, and even more specialty codes.

"There's a computer that



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controls it, and unless you can talk with the computer, all you can do is change tires," said Nolan, adding that beyond learning the codes comes the deductive reasoning skills needed to figure out why something's wrong and how to fix it.

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