

# Homeless: About 150 volunteers will be helping during the event

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Action, will feature services from at least 42 nonprofit, governmental and faith-based agencies.

The one-day, one-stop event will offer medical screenings, hearing testing, eye exams, immunizations, haircuts, personal care items, clothing vouchers and a hot meal. In addition, many assistance services will be available, including housing, mail service, food stamps, identification, Social Security, employment, education and legal aid.

"The whole focus is to link people up to services and we only have five hours to do it. All the key agencies will be there," Tony DeGoede, Clatsop Community Action staff member, said.

DeGoede said the annual event helps an average of about 200 homeless individuals, which is still a fraction of the overall population. In 2014, Clatsop County recorded 638 homeless families and 1,038 individuals. Records show 321 individuals were under the age of 18.

Homelessness includes people living with others due to losing their own housing and are "doubled up," which has become more common among the county's youth, according to the CCA.

DeGoede said he hopes to see more homeless take advantage of the event this year.

About 150 volunteers will be helping out during the event and prior to the event by handing out



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**Gary Draper, Warrenton, gets a vision and glaucoma screening from Crystal Murray, a student in the nursing program at Clatsop Community College, Jan. 30, 2014, at Project Homeless Connect. Draper, who served two tours as an Army Ranger in Vietnam, believes the event does a lot of good for people in need on the North Coast.**

## HOW TO HELP

Those interested in volunteering for Project Homeless Connect are encouraged to contact Tony DeGoede or Viviana Matthews at Clatsop Community Action at 503-325-1400.

Donations to Project Homeless Connect, which is tax-deductible, can be mailed to Clatsop Community Action at 364 Ninth St., Astoria, OR 97103, or through Paypal at <http://bit.ly/1C10Z6d>. The event relies solely on donations each year.

## Homeless Connect seeks 100 volunteers

The sixth annual Project Homeless Connect Jessica Maclay Memorial is being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center. Numerous services will be provided during this one-day one-stop event including medical screenings, hearing testing, eye exams, immuniza-

tions, haircuts, personal care items, clothing vouchers and a hot meal.

Clatsop Community Action needs 100 volunteers for the event. Those who are interested should contact Tony DeGoede or Viviana Matthews at 503-325-1400 to sign up.

fiers to the homeless. The annual program has become a community-wide effort, DeGoede said.

"In this community, we have embraced this program. We have made it very realistic to do," DeGoede said. "Our main goal is to help the homeless."

Sunset Empire Transportation District will offer a "Ridership Appreciation Day" Jan. 29

during Project Homeless Connect. All bus services in Clatsop County will be free to all riders for the entire day.

Clatsop County's Project Homeless Connect is put on each year in honor of Jessica MacLay, the originator and organizer the first two years, who died in 2011 from injuries suffered in a fatal car accident. The

event has since been named in her memory.

Project Homeless Connect, founded in San Francisco, began Dec. 8, 2005, in 26 cities across the country. Each event varies in size, content and frequency, but has the same goals.

"We are just trying to link people up to services to better their situation," DeGoede said.

## Roof: Blue pyramid would cover only small part of roof

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"We have a long history of collaboration with historical commissions throughout our footprint," Heather Seppa, senior vice president and regional manager for Columbia Bank, said in an email. "We have come up with a proposal that maintains the integrity of the historical district while retaining the important brand design components that identify Columbia Bank branches throughout the Northwest."

While the dispute seems small, it speaks to a larger challenge for the city, which wants economic growth downtown while still preserving historic flavor.

Standing seam metal roofs, according to city planners, date back more than 100 years and can be found on several buildings downtown, although none are historic.

The Historic Landmarks Commission wants to steer building owners away from standing seam metal roofs, which some believe look cheap, preferring tile or other material. Commissioners worried that a blue metal seam roof on the Columbia Bank pyramid would be used later as an example by other builders.

Several commissioners were not thrilled by the hue — one observer has dubbed it "Smurfy blue" — but the commission is barred by code from considering color in its review. Commissioners can weigh whether the scale, style, height, architectural detail and materials of a project are compatible with nearby historic buildings.

Commissioners urged Columbia Bank to use tile. But the bank countered that — corporate branding aside — tile would bring a Mediterranean style that would not fit with the rest of the building.



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**The proposed roof under discussion in Columbia Bank building plans is a standing seam metal roof, like the ones on the Astoria Riverfront Trolley stop shelters. This one is near the Astoria Riverwalk Inn in Uniontown.**

"It just doesn't feel like it's in keeping with the rest of the fabric of downtown," said LJ Gunderson, the president of the Historic Landmarks Commission and the co-owner of Easom Property Management.

Gunderson cited the example of Leavenworth, Wash., the Cascade Mountain city where corporate chains such as McDonald's have conformed to an old Bavarian village theme.

Tile or another alternative for the Columbia Bank's pyramid roof seemed like a small concession to some commissioners.

"We're just asking them to work with us and try to blend in to the historic downtown better," Gunderson said.

In Columbia Bank's appeal to the City Council, Steve Hockman, a project manager for Steele Associates Architects LLC, the Bend firm handling the project, argues that the branch is new construction, not a remodel of a historic building.

Standing seam metal roofs, while not on any historic buildings downtown, are features on portions of nearby

U.S. Bank, Astoria Riverfront Trolley stops, and part of a commercial property just west of the new branch, Hockman noted.

The blue pyramid, he maintained, is an accent that would cover only a small percentage of the roof.

While many in the city are vigilant about protecting historic character, there is some apprehension about becoming too finicky and earning a reputation for overly restrictive building standards.

The overall design for Columbia Bank's new branch was otherwise praised as attractive by the Historic Landmarks Commission. The bank wants to replace the existing one-story branch at Duane Street and 11th Street, which is about 10,000 square feet, with a smaller, more distinctive two-story branch of about 5,200 square feet with a drive-through teller window and parking at the back.

"We are proud to be developing a beautiful new branch in downtown Astoria," Seppa said. "This is truly an exciting addition for both the bank and for our community."

## Kujala: Ackley appointed to replace Kujala on commission

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The City Commission selected Commissioner Henry Balensifer as mayor pro tem, who presides when the mayor is absent.

Commissioners appointed Pam Ackley, a real estate broker with Windermere Real Estate, to fill a vacancy on the commission created by Kujala's election. She will be sworn in at the next commission meeting on Jan. 27 to fill out the remaining two years of Kujala's term as commissioner.

Ackley had finished second to Newton in the November election and was the only one to apply for the vacancy.

The City Commission used the first meeting of the new year to revise commission rules on ethical conduct that prohibit commissioners from using their elected office for financial gain.

The rule changes are meant to clarify what had been informal practices, according to City Manager Kurt Fritsch, and were prompted in part because the city had done business with Newton's auto parts store before he was elected to the commission.

The new rules specify that commissioners may seek closed bid, open competitive awards for city goods and services. Commissioners or their immediate family members are not eligible, however, for city contracts for professional services such as legal, engineering or architectural expertise.

The city may turn to commissioners that have retail or wholesale businesses for smaller purchases that do not require bids or quotes, but will make an effort to ensure that such purchases are equitably shared with other vendors.

The city will not solicit quotes or informal bids



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**Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala, left, is sworn in by City Manager Kurt Fritsch at Tuesday night's Warrenton City Commission meeting.**

with commissioners or their immediate family members who own businesses.

The City Commission, meanwhile, directed city staff to accept a \$16,880 bid from P&L Johnson Mechanical to install a new walk-in freezer at the Warrenton Community Center. A new freezer has been a longtime priority for the center.

At a work session prior to the commission meeting, commissioners offered guidance to city staff on how to proceed with Oregon LNG's proposed terminal.

After a conference call briefing with Dan Olsen, a Portland attorney who is advising the city on the controversial liquefied natural gas project, commissioners agreed that Oregon LNG's proposed comprehensive plan amendment and zoning change would go before the Planning Commission, while the development application would be reviewed by a hearings officer.

Under the city's charter, Oregon LNG has the right to a consolidated process for the city's review of the project.

Decisions by the Planning Commission or hearings officer can be appealed to the City Commission.



**Columbia Bank's logo color is the model for the proposed pyramid part of the roof.**

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**A shot of Duane Street shows Columbia Bank along with several other businesses. Columbia Bank hopes to build a new two-story branch to replace its existing building.**