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Michelle Bisek, Astoria, attaches a leash to Chewbacca, a two-and-a-half-year-old Great Pyrenees, before taking her dogs on a walk around the neighborhood. Maggie, a seven-year-old Great Pyrenees, looks on while Chewbacca is leashed. Bisek is part of Astoria Dog Park Friends, which has raised more than \$7,200 toward a dog park.

ROVER'S ROOM TO ROAM

Astoria digs into a dog park at John Warren Field

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

Finding a spot for an Astoria dog park is proving unusually rough.

A patch near Alderbrook Lagoon — known as Stinky Beach — was a contender until neighbors rebelled. Fencing off a corner of Tapiola Park across from Youngs Bay was another option discarded as a potential nuisance to nearby homeowners.

Now the city is looking at John Warren Field, the storied former home of the Astoria High School Fishermen, as an off-leash oasis.

Columbia Memorial Hospital acquired the field in the trade-off last year with the Astoria School District and the city on the new Astoria Sports Complex at the city's former landfill. The hospital intends to convert some of the old practice field for parking and tear down the seating, but has no immediate plans for the football field.

Paul Mitchell, Columbia Memorial's marketing manager, said the hospital has had preliminary conversations with the city about a dog park. The city is interested in using the field for five years, with the potential for one-year extensions.

A plan for play

The Astoria City Council had made a dog park a goal for this fiscal year. While the city has often struggled to maintain its existing parks, many residents have asked



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Lou Marconeri, Astoria, and his dog Luci, a seven-year-old Goldendoodle, enjoy the shade at Warren Dog Park. Marconeri takes Luci to the dog park almost every day and says having an Astoria dog park would cut down on his commute and make it easier to take the dog out.

for a safe place for their pets to play.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department has called a town hall meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall to hear public feedback on a 1.4 acre dog park at John Warren Field.

"We do have so many other sites to maintain that we're struggling to maintain," said Angela Cosby,

the director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. "But then we also have so many sites that are being used as a dog park that are creating problems."

"We have dogs running loose on baseball fields. And we get many comments from citizens about how they're not able to enjoy a certain park area because people are using

it as a dog park. So it helps solve that problem."

Cosby said the earliest a dog park could open at the football field would be in August. The city, she said, would agree to maintain the field with the help of volunteers from Astoria Dog Park Friends.

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Lock out!

Man with pellet gun outside school cited for disorderly conduct

By KYLE SPURR
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HAMMOND — A 21-year-old Hammond man believed to be carrying a rifle outside North Coast Christian School Tuesday morning was later found with a pellet gun and was cited for disorderly conduct.

Nathan Ladd was going target shooting in the woods at about 11:45 a.m. Tuesday when he was spotted by a teacher who was bringing students outside for lunch recess, Warrenton Police said.

The teacher saw Ladd holding a gun while standing on Heceta Street, east of the school.

After making eye contact with the teacher, police said, Ladd reportedly put the gun under his jacket and ran away from the area, never pointing it at anyone.

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Attorney General Rosenblum to run again

By KYLE SPURR
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Oregon's attorney general, Ellen Rosenblum, announced she will run for re-election next year at a Columbia Forum event in Astoria tonight.

Rosenblum announced her intentions after she gave a talk titled, "A mid-term assessment from Oregon's chief law enforcement officer," at the CMH Community Center in Astoria.

"I love this job. I'm honored to have gotten to serve. For me, it's really brought together my entire career and makes me feel like I can serve you well based, in part, on who I am and what I care about," Rosenblum said. "With your indulgence, I do plan to run for a second term."

Rosenblum, a former federal prosecutor and state trial and appellate judge, was elected to a four-year term as Oregon's 17th attorney general in November 2012. She will be up for election in 2016.

She is the first woman to serve as Oregon attorney general.

As attorney general, Rosenblum has advocated for families, children, seniors and those whose first language is not English. She has considered Internet and other crimes against children her highest priority.

An article on her talk will appear in Thursday's *The Daily Astorian*.

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Pouring at the Coast

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Enterprise zone gets Port green light

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Port of Astoria Commission became the first governing body to approve the Clatsop Enterprise Zone Tuesday, with commissioners Robert Mushen, James Campbell, John Raichl and Stephen Fulton all voting yes. Commissioner Bill Hunsinger is on vacation.

The enterprise zone would exempt property taxes for three to five years on new commercial investment as a way to attract businesses, which would in turn have to meet employment and job-creation requirements.

The Port's property could gain the most from the designation. The proposed map of the zone wraps around most of the Astoria waterfront, from Mill Pond in the north to Astoria High School in the south, including the

Port's central waterfront. It would also include Astoria Regional Airport and North Tongue Point.

"I think it's an important tool for us," said Executive Director Jim Knight, adding that while there were "what-ifs" and "maybes" to consider, entities like the Port need every incentive to offer potential developers.

It would not affect existing zoning regulations or the existing tax base.

The proposal still needs to go before Clatsop County, and the cities of Astoria and Warrenton, all of which are expected to approve the application at their next meetings this month. The application for the zone, being submitted by Clatsop County, is due to Business Oregon by April 10.

The Astoria City Council on Monday gave tentative approval to the enterprise zone but wasn't able to vote on it because of a procedural rule. Knight

