

# Port plans to close boatyard

Ilwaco braces for possible influx of boats to marina

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ILWACO, Wash. — The Port of Astoria plans to close its boatyard as early as April, citing pressures from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The port already operates under an active clean up plan and has been on DEQ's radar for pollution issues linked to past and current activities. Recently, it had been ranked under DEQ's stringent tier II designation.

Under that ranking, the port was required to begin designing a stormwater treatment facility to capture stormwater runoff. But tests revealed high hits of copper "and the most probable source was paint chips or sanding and chipping (in the boatyard) ... and not being able to capture everything," port Executive Director Jim Knight said.

With fines likely to follow close behind as a result, the port entered into a plan with DEQ to discontinue boatyard operations as soon as possible, Knight said.

The tentative date to close the boatyard is April 1, but Knight says they still need to talk with the boatyard customers.

In recent years, the Port of Astoria had allowed Westerlund Log Handlers and, now, Astoria Forest Products to use portions of Pier 3 for log and cargo operations. The port is currently moving forward on plans to further develop the pier for such uses.

## Impact on Englund

"I think log yards are way more lucrative and the boatyard has been a loser for them," said Kurt Englund of Englund Marine, which maintains a large



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The Port of Ilwaco boatyard, located behind the red Jessie's Ilwaco Fish complex in this photo, may see additional business following the pending closure of a similar facility in Astoria.

store location at the foot of Pier 3 where the boatyard is located.

The loss of the boatyard will affect his business.

"We're definitely going to lose some business," Englund said in a phone interview Feb. 26. "It's not going to close our store."

But he said the proximity of the boatyard was "part of one of the attractions to move our store down here."

He knows of several boat owners who chose to dry dock their boats at Astoria specifically because the boatyard was located right next to a marine supply store. (There is an Englund Marine in Ilwaco too, but it is much smaller and doesn't carry all the same equipment.)

Astoria's boatyard has typically generated \$75,000 to \$100,000 gross profit a year, according to Mike Weston, the Port of Astoria's director of business development and operations.

"The boatyard is profitable in a sense," he said, though he added, "It's not a huge revenue-generating unit for us."

## Ilwaco gears up

Meanwhile staff at the Port of Ilwaco are gearing up for more boats. The closure could send many of the Astoria boatyard's boats to Ilwaco's dry-dock facilities.

"Just with that news this morning we're trying to look at our operations so we can manage the space as best we can," said Guy Glenn, Jr., port manager in a phone interview Feb. 26. "We'll try to take as many (boats) as we can."

He said they could move some boats to the nearby storage yard as well as the old dredge to free up space.

The Port of Ilwaco has invested in the development of dry-dock options for commercial and pleasure vessels, including construction of a multi-bay boat building. This winter, the yard, indoor and outdoor, has been busy with boats coming and going as owners complete necessary repairs or upgrades and head back to the water.

"This is our busy time of year anyway," Glenn said. "And

starting in March things really start to pick up."

There are a total of 71 permitted boat yards in Washington, according to the Washington Department of Ecology. Of these, three are located in Pacific County: Swegle Boatworks in Raymond, South Bend Boat in South Bend and the port's boatyard in Ilwaco. Ilwaco is unusual in providing self-service options for vessel owners choosing to work on their own boats.

According to rates listed on the Port of Astoria's website, the port currently charges boat owners actively working on boats stored over pavement a daily rate of \$30 or a monthly rate of \$9 per foot. Power is an additional charge, as is the use of the crane, labor or the 88-ton TravelLift that hauls boats in and out of the water.

Ilwaco's monthly rate for boat owners who don't have an annual moorage is \$7.85 per foot in the work yard (with electricity included). The daily rate runs from \$0.50 per foot to \$0.52 per foot.

# CEDR annual business awards event is March 18

SEASIDE — Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR), Clatsop County's economic development organization, is hosting the annual awards event celebrating business success in Clatsop County.

Businesses will be recognized that have demonstrated achievement in job creation, technological or manufacturing advancement, process innovation, economic impact, entrepreneurship, or service on the part of the business to the community.

The event will be held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, starting at 5:30 pm March 18.

The cost is \$25 per person (cash or check, please), and includes a hors d'oeuvre buffet and complimentary beer and wine.

Featured speakers will be Clatsop Community College President Larry Galizio, and Port of Astoria Executive Director Jim Knight, focusing on the economic importance of the college and the Port for

the entire county and region, as well as updates on current projects and initiatives.

The Clatsop County business community, elected officials, CEDR supporters and interested citizens are all invited to attend this once a year event.

RSVP's are required. Contact Penny Rodgers at 503-338-2402 to register, or send via email at sbdc@clatsopcc.edu.

The event is sponsored by Bank of the Pacific, Pacific Power, Columbia Memorial Hospital and state Sen. Betsy Johnson.

# Medix supervisor to receive national honor

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian

Steven Zamora, Medix Ambulance Medi-Van Service supervisor, will travel to Washington, D.C., next month to receive a national recognition from the American Ambulance Association.

Zamora will receive the "Starts of Life" honors that recognizes, "remarkable dedication of stand-out ambulance services professionals who represent excellence in the industry."

The American Ambulance Association will recognize the nominated "Stars" in a series of celebratory and educational events April 13-15.

Medic Ambulance Service will send Zamora and his wife, Shawna, to Washington, D.C.

Zamora of Warrenton has worked for Medix for the past 7 1/2 years.

A native of Scottsbluff, Neb., Zamora is enjoying life on the Oregon coast. His main hobbies are electronics, amateur radios

and working on computers.

He joined Medix in August 2007 as an EMT basic, operating a wheelchair van. He was moved into the wheelchair supervisor position in 2013.

In addition, Zamora fills in on the ambulance crew and is responsible for upkeep and programming of all radio equipment at Medix.

He is a licensed HAM radio operator. He leads all of Medix's education efforts for children at local schools.

Before joining Medix, Zamora was a volunteer with the Warrenton Fire Department for nine years.

Zamora's wife also works for Medix as a billing specialist.

"Steven is a highly motivated dedicated EMS professional," Medix spokeswoman Joyce Rangila said. "Steven serves as an excellent example to all members of the Medix community and truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve and also those we work with."



Steven Zamora

# Flagging, CPR classes set at CCC

Earn certification in flagging or CPR. Community education classes at Clatsop Community College are starting soon.

A class for CPR for Health Professionals will be held from 8 a.m. to noon March 10. The American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers is designed to provide health professionals training to recognize several life-threatening emergencies, perform CPR, use an AED (automated external defibrillator) and relieve choking. Cost for the class is \$40, plus \$20 at class to the instructor for the book. You must preregister and pay at least two days before class begins.

A CPR/First Aid class will also be held from 1 to 5 p.m. March 10. Participants will develop the skills necessary to overcome any reluctance to act in emergency situations and care for life-threatening emergencies such as respiratory or cardiac problems, sudden illness or injury. Students will receive the two-year AHA First Aid/CPR/AED certification card. Cost for the class is \$40, plus \$20 at class to the instructor for the book. You must preregister and pay at least two days before class.

There are job opportunities for certified flaggers. CCC will offer Flagging Training certification training from the Evergreen Safety Council that is valid in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Students learn how to stay safe and prepare a safe environment for co-workers, drivers and pedestrians. This class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 14. The cost is \$80, and students must preregister and pay at least two days before class.

Register now at [www.clatsopcc.edu/schedule](http://www.clatsopcc.edu/schedule) and search under Course Title, or call 503-325-2402.

**Seller:** Patrick T. Hummel  
**Buyers:** Steve C. Tunison and Carolyn S. Tunison  
**Address:** 1350 Chinook Lane, Gearhart  
**Price:** \$379,000

**Sellers:** David B. Row and Jessica K. Crow  
**Buyer:** Fidelity National Title Insurance Company  
**Address:** 33677 Cullaby Lake Lane, Warrenton

**Price:** \$326,679  
**Seller:** Constance M. Schradt  
**Buyers:** David R. Hiatt and Nancy K. Hiatt  
**Address:** 37638 Timber Lane, Astoria  
**Price:** \$307,000

**Seller:** Sand Works, Inc.  
**Buyer:** Lynne A. Kelton  
**Address:** 211 S.W. Kalmia Ave., Warrenton  
**Price:** \$249,900



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Michelle White runs The Hot Spot Yoga and Massage on Main Avenue in downtown Warrenton.

# Making the Dollar

INTERVIEWS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES  
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After being diagnosed with tendinitis in her shoulder, said Michelle White, she thought her career in yoga and massage was over. But the 100- to 110-degree temperatures of her hot yoga studio, she said, provides exercise and helps her continue to do massage. The studio holds classes between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For a full schedule, visit [thehotspotyogandmassage.com](http://thehotspotyogandmassage.com)

## How would you describe your business?

"A place for people to come in and do yoga, to do yoga in the heat. It allows for detoxing. It's hard. It's strenuous. You're lunging, and you're doing all these crazy things, and it's really hot, and you're sweating, and you're going through all these movements and learning how to breathe and the art of yoga — in the heat. It forces you to meditate. When you're in hot yoga, you can't think of anything else but the heat. And then once you get past the heat, you're just thinking about the pose. I guess what my concept was to have a place where people can come and have the yoga, get in touch with their body and then have massage area — so sort of a wellness-type package."

## What's the concept of your business?

"Originally, I was diagnosed with tendinitis in my shoulder, so my massage career I thought was over. Instead of being bummed about it, I went to yoga school before I was diagnosed with tendinitis. I didn't think I would ever teach yoga, and I talked to my husband and said 'what if we opened a hot yoga studio on the coast.' There's nothing here. It's really big in the city. And if anybody should have a hot yoga studio, it should be the coast, because it's cold here all the time. We talked about it, and kind of put it out there, and I met with Tabitha. She's the owner of the Rustic Salon. And we kind of correlated. She wanted to have a hot yoga studio and a massage therapist, and I happen to be both of those."

## Who is your usual clientele?

"I have athletes that come in. I have some really hardcore rock climbers. I joke that I collect nurses. I think like 80 to 90 percent of my clientele might be nurses. I'm tapping into the Coast Guard community, and all different fitness levels. So I have some really fit people, and I have some people that are just trying to get back and become physical again, trying to lose weight and do it in a really healthy manner. They're all able to take the same class, and everybody is able to challenge themselves. It's not about your physique or how you look. I wanted to create a healthy, loving environment where people could share my passion for yoga."

## What are some of the quirks or challenges of running your business?

"I'm a mom, and I'm running my own business. I think that's the biggest challenge right there is learning how to shut off. Because I'm new, and I'm in the beginning of 'where can I take my business; how much do I want to grow; how am I going to get people to come in; how am I going to get people not to be afraid of the idea of yoga; how can I reassure this person coming in through the door who maybe is a little overweight and is feeling uncomfortable...?' Down to the learning how to shut off and just be with the kids."

# Learn to use QuickBooks for payroll processing

Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) will hold a workshop March 12 on QuickBooks' payroll functions.

The workshop will teach participants how to:

- Process payroll.
- Use employee time tracking for payroll and for billing customers.
- Keep track of payroll liabilities and pay them through QuickBooks.
- Generate federal payroll tax forms.

The instructor is Mark Redwine, an adjunct business instructor at Clatsop Community College and a CCC Small Business Development Center adviser.

The workshop runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. March 12 at CCC's South County Campus, located at 1455 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside.

CEDR will also hold one more in its series of QuickBooks workshops, covering financial reports March 19.

The workshop is funded in part by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Pre-registration for it is required, and space is limited. Email [SBDC@clatsopcc.edu](mailto:SBDC@clatsopcc.edu) for a registration link, or call 503-338-2402. The workshop costs \$39, payable at class by check or credit card.

# Clatsop County Property Transactions

**Sellers:** James G. McFarland and Janice K. McFarland  
**Buyers:** Ynhi T. Le and Hichi Huynh  
**Addresses:** 301, 303, 305 and 307 Avenue C, Seaside  
**Price:** \$492,000

**Seller:** Christy Ann Peschl  
**Buyers:** Greg R. Lundberg and Kimberly Helvey  
**Address:** 91458 Lewis and Clark Road  
**Price:** \$489,990