

Fire station tops Gearhart's goals for 2015

Transportation planning also rates high

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SEASIDE — Of a list of 50 potential city projects, replacing or renovating the fire station is the Gearhart City Council's top priority for 2015.

The council identified other projects in its recent goal-setting session, including: investigating system development charges, revamping the city website and updating the city's comprehensive plan.

The council's list was separated into categories such as asset management, transportation, parks and recreation and public safety. From those, they selected the projects they valued the most. The fire station emerged at the top.

"That's probably one of our No. 1 goals, to do something with that building," said City Administrator Chad Sweet.

Mayor Dianne Widdop agreed that the facility is "in desperate need" of repairs.

"If we have an earthquake of any kind, that building is down. I would be very worried about a very bad storm," she said. "To me, this is just one of those things where aren't we

lucky nothing has happened yet."

When the community voted in 2006 on a \$3.75 million general obligation bond measure to address the problem, Widdop said, the proposal included plans for a high-end building to house the police department, City Hall and fire station. The bond measure didn't pass because people were concerned about cost, she said.

Widdop suggested developing a less expensive proposal to specifically focus on the fire department.

Sweet said a solution likely would include another bond measure, but the council might want to determine if repairing the old station or building a new one would be more cost-effective. If the decision were made to build a new station, the city then could choose a location and develop a budget, he said.

Councilor Dan Jesse suggested that the council should revisit the city's comprehensive plan. Councilor Kerry Smith agreed it would be good to "bring it into the 21st century."

Jesse said the tone and wording of the plan give the

idea that Gearhart is a closed community.

"If you read it before you moved into the community, you wouldn't want to move to the city," he said.

Updating the comprehensive plan would start with the Gearhart Planning Commission, which would make recommendations for the City Council to consider for adoption.

Other goals the council discussed at its work session included:

- Replacing the city's water main;
- Refinancing a 2005 general obligation bond;
- Obtaining grant funding to develop a parks and recreation master plan;
- Updating the emergency operations and hazard mitigation plans;
- Augmenting evacuation supplies and facilities;
- Finishing the city's short-term rental policy.

Sweet said he would update the goals list, which the council will revisit at a future meeting. The list will be posted on the city's website and blog. Sweet will make quarterly reports about the city's progress on the goals.

Rollin' on the river

Trolley is up and running

The Astoria Riverfront Trolley is in service seven days a week for spring break, running from noon to 6 p.m. through April 12. The schedule is dependent on the weather.

The average round trip

takes 50 to 55 minutes. Catch the trolley at the following locations: the Astoria Riverwalk Inn, Maritime Memorial Park (near Bay Street), and at the foot of Sixth, Ninth, 11th, 14th, 17th 20th (Barbey Maritime

Center), 33rd (at Safeway) and 39th streets.

Tickets cost \$1 per boarding. Passengers can ride as long as they like each time they board, or pay \$2 and ride all day long. Renting the trolley for a private event costs \$100 an hour.

For information, call 503-325-6311.

Landslide awareness abounds

PORTLAND — Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the Oso, Wash., landslide.

Awareness of the Pacific Northwest's landslide hazard has greatly increased over the past year. The Statewide Landslide Information Database for Oregon (SLIDO) is now the most viewed of all Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) interactive web maps, with SLIDO page views increasing more than sevenfold.

"Landslides are a common and incredibly destructive natural hazard," says Ian Madin, interim state geologist. "More Oregonians are seeking information about landslide hazards near their homes and steps they

can take to assess and prevent potential landslides."

Scientists, policy makers, emergency managers, planners and many others are also coming together to address landslide hazards. A recent Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists three-day forum focused on how to better protect people and places from landslide hazards. Landslide-related legislation is currently being considered at state and national levels. Scientists are also continuing to study the Oso landslide to learn more about how the unusually fast-moving, large and complex landslide occurred.

Landslides occur in all 50 states and U.S. territories and cause more than 25 fatalities and damages of \$1 to \$2 billion

on average each year, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. DOGAMI's landslide hazard program maps where landslides have occurred in the past to better understand where they may occur in the future and to analyze landslide risks.

Recent DOGAMI landslide projects include a study of coastal Curry County's landslide hazards, a landslide hazard and risk study for Clackamas County, and a landslide hazard and risk study for the city of Astoria.

"We can't predict when and where the next landslide events will occur, but communities can become more resilient to the hazard by understanding and considering landslide hazards," said Bill Burns, DOGAMI engineering geologist.

Portion of West Klaskanine Avenue to close

A portion of West Klaskanine Avenue will close Wednesday through Friday so construction crews working on U.S.

Coast Guard housing can install a new sewer manhole.

West Klaskanine Avenue will close from Alameda

Avenue to Yocona Place.

People who have questions can contact the Astoria Engineering Division at 503-338-5173.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Rain

40°

Tuesday

Considerable cloudiness with a shower

56° 46°

Thursday

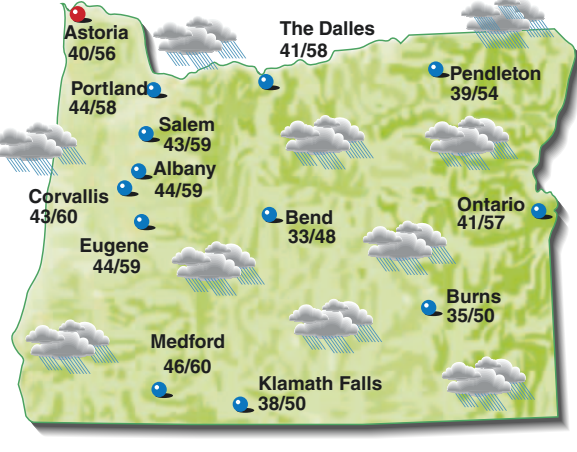
Warmer with periods of clouds and sunshine

68° 47°

City	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	48	33	sh	49	25	c	
Bend	46	33	sh	48	28	s	
Brookings	52	48	r	56	47	r	
Eugene	53	44	r	59	44	c	
Ilwaco	54	42	r	55	47	c	
Klamath Falls	45	38	sh	50	31	c	
Medford	53	46	r	60	44	sh	
Newport	52	45	r	54	47	c	
North Bend	54	48	r	57	48	c	

City	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	47	r	69	55	pc	
Boston	31	18	s	38	27	s	
Chicago	34	25	sn	43	38	pc	
Denver	70	40	pc	62	36	pc	
Des Moines	51	32	pc	49	38	r	
Detroit	36	19	pc	42	31	s	
El Paso	81	50	c	79	50	s	
Fairbanks	35	9	c	36	8	s	
Honolulu	83	69	pc	84	68	s	
Indianapolis	41	30	c	50	45	c	
Kansas City	63	41	pc	67	41	t	
Las Vegas	79	54	s	79	56	s	
Los Angeles	71	57	pc	76	59	s	
Memphis	71	52	s	74	60	s	
Miami	87	72	pc	87	70	pc	
Nashville	71	48	s	74	58	pc	
New Orleans	73	61	pc	77	65	pc	
New York	39	23	s	44	34	pc	
Oklahoma City	78	59	s	80	51	s	
Philadelphia	42	27	s	46	32	pc	
St. Louis	64	41	pc	65	51	r	
Salt Lake City	57	39	sh	59	38	c	
San Francisco	64	54	pc	66	54	c	
Seattle	52	44	sh	54	45	c	
Washington, DC	50	35	s	49	36	pc	

Oregon Weather



Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High 56°
 Low 41°
 Normal high 54°
 Normal low 40°

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.21"
 Month to date 4.15"
 Normal month to date 5.43"
 Year to date 19.83"
 Normal year to date 22.82"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 7:31 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 7:11 a.m.
 Moonrise today 9:18 a.m.
 Moonset today 11:58 p.m.

First Full Last New

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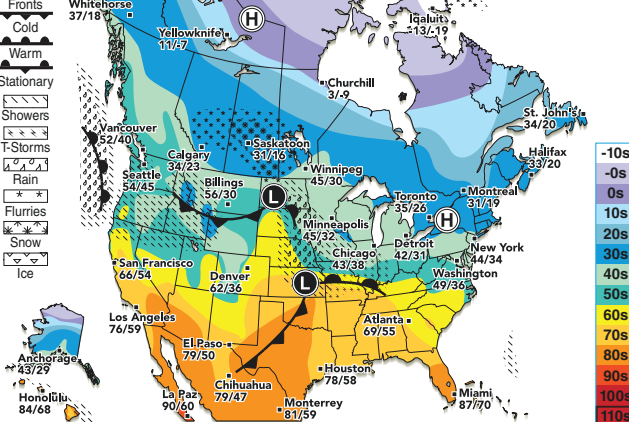
Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Arcturus of Bootes is a red giant, 22 million miles in diameter.

Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Low
4:43 a.m.	9.4 ft.	11:30 a.m.	-0.2 ft.
5:45 p.m.	7.8 ft.	11:25 p.m.	1.8 ft.

Tomorrow's National Weather



On the record

Theft arrest

• At 5:53 p.m. Saturday, Warrenton Police cited and released Brett Morris, 45, Astoria, for third-degree theft relating to an incident in November when Mor-

ris allegedly stole a Mike's Hard Lemonade, valued at \$3.48, from the Main Street Market in Warrenton.

DUII arrest

• At 1:11 a.m. Friday,

Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested a 17-year-old Astoria boy for driving under the influence of intoxicants on U.S. Highway 101 and Old Pine Drive in Gearhart.

Birth

March 2, 2015

ELLIOTT, Aimee and LINDGREN, Kent, of Astoria, a girl, Alaina Jean Lindgren, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Dave and Debbie Elliott of Longview, Wash., Larry Lindgren of Astoria and the late Marilyn Lindgren.

Deaths

March 19, 2015

COMPTON, Harland Robert, 71, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

March 20, 2015

GREENOUGH, Maryon Whitten, 95, of Cannon Beach, died in Astoria.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

March 22, 2015

KNISPEL, Gloria Charlene, 83, of Warrenton, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

TUESDAY

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop Care Center 646 16th St.

Warrenton City Com-

mission, 6 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

WEDNESDAY

Astoria Parks and Recreation Board, 6:45 a.m., Astoria Recreation Center, 1555 W. Marine Drive.

Clatsop County Housing

Authority Board, 5 p.m., Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

THURSDAY

Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

Lotteries

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 5-6-2-9
4 p.m.: 1-8-2-9
7 p.m.: 7-6-8-7
10 p.m.: 8-2-0-7

Saturday's Megabucks: 02-12-22-32-38-43

Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million

Saturday's Powerball: 11-16-30-38-42, Powerball: 7, Power Play: 4

Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Saturday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 6-1-0-1
4 p.m.: 2-0-6-5
7 p.m.: 3-5-0-4
10 p.m.: 4-1-8-7

Friday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 0-6-7-2
4 p.m.: 5-8-9-7
7 p.m.: 8-7-8-3
10 p.m.: 5-1-3-0

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 2-5-2

Sunday's Keno: 08-12-13-20-33-34-35-43-44-52-56-59-60-64-71-72-73-74-75-77

Sunday's Match 4: 03-06-14-23

Saturday's Daily Game: 4-6-5

Saturday's Hit 5: 01-18-28-30-39

Estimated jackpot: \$170,000

Saturday's Keno: 01-04-05-08-13-20-21-22-24-30-36-41-57-63-64-65-68-71-73-78

Saturday's Lotto: 11-14-20-22-36-48

Estimated jackpot: \$6 million

Saturday's Match 4: 03-08-16-20

Friday's Daily Game: 0-5-8

Friday's Keno: 03-04-05-07-08-09-12-19-24-29-32-43-45-47-57-67-73-76-77-78

Friday's Match 4: 02-07-17-19

Mega Millions: 07-50-54-61-75, Mega Ball: 7

Estimated jackpot: \$51 million

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