

Port of Astoria approves new projects

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water drains and upgrading pavement markings.

Turning petrol into rocks

The Port Commission also approved, 4-0-1, with Commissioner Bill Hunsinger in abstention, a contract modification to have environmental engineering firm Maul Foster Alongi perform a pilot study to clean up the Astoria Area-wide Groundwater Contamination on Port property.

The study involves injecting a permanganate solution into the underground petroleum contamination that the Port's Project and Permit Manager Robert Evert said would hopefully encapsulate the petroleum, essentially turning it into a manganese-based rock.

At the Port's ad hoc boatyard committee meeting April 15, Evert said the study would take about 120 days, with an additional 90 to create a report on the study and a final decision on the study from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality late this year.

For more than a decade, the Port has been working with former oil company tenants, its insurers and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to clean up soil and groundwater contamination from petroleum hydrocarbons, including gasoline and diesel-range constituents,

throughout the Port's central waterfront.

Hunsinger urged the commission to get its lawyers on the issue, Thane Tienson and David Blount of Portland-based law firm Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP, and some of the new commissioners up to speed before taking such a step.

Executive Director Jim Knight said the Port needed to move forward on the pilot study, adding that he supports having an executive session to bring commissioners and the Port's counsel up to speed.

The meeting Tuesday included several other highlights:

- The Port Commission agreed to a two-year lease extension for NW Wild Products, a seafood and exotic meats shop located at 354 Industry St. in the Chinook Building. The shop is operated by Amanda Cordero and Ron Neva under a new name, Cordero-Neva LLC.

- Lori Beth Kulp attended to advertise her new business, Lor's Tours, providing tours on her own bus to cruise guests.

- Knight said he's trying to set up a public, joint meeting between the Port Commission and the Astoria City Council to address communication issues, lack of understanding between the two entities and to encourage working together.

The City Council recently voted against a three- to five-year tax-free enterprise zone the Port, Warrenton and Clatsop County are co-applicants on, meaning that none of the Port's central waterfront properties can be in the enterprise zone.

- Permit and Project Manager Rob Evert reported that the Port's maintenance staff dredged about 172,000 cubic yards of material at a total labor and equipment cost of \$601,500, or about \$3.52 a yard. The cost is well below estimates of \$6 to \$7 a yard Evert said he got from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of how cheaply they could dredge. Knight said he's looking into the dredging operation, how it can be made more efficient and whether it should be outsourced.

- Finance Manager Jim Grey reported that the Port's net income for the first eight months of fiscal year 2014-15, through March, is just over \$500,000. The field work for the Port's 2013-14 audit, which had been due at the end of last year, has been done, Grey said, and the only thing that could affect the Port's balance sheets would be the potential liability for cleanup of the soil and groundwater contamination. Knight said the final audit report is expected in mid-May.

Seaside man, 18, pleads not guilty to rape

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Devlin Stricklin

An 18-year-old Seaside man pleaded not guilty to charges first-degree and third-degree rape during an arraignment hearing Tuesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Devlin Diego Stricklin is accused of raping a girl under the age of 16, who was "incapable of consent by reason of mental incapacitation," according to

the indictment filed April 10.

The alleged incidents

occurred Aug. 27 and 28.

First-degree rape is a class A felony and third-degree rape is a class C felony.

District Attorney Josh Marquis said a person commits first-degree rape when they rape someone under 12, rape someone by forcible compulsion (attack) or rape someone who was incapable of consent due to mental incapacitation.

Marquis said mental incapacitation includes mental illness, being under

anesthesia, or more commonly, being intoxicated by drugs or alcohol.

Stricklin appeared in court Tuesday via video link from Clatsop County Jail.

Judge Cindee Matyas set bail at \$500,000.

Stricklin is being represented by defense lawyer Kirk Wintermute.

The next court hearing will be an early resolution conference at 10:30 a.m. May 13 in courtroom 100.

USCG event focuses on sexual assault awareness

U.S. Coast Guard units in the greater Astoria area joined forces and held a 5K run/walk recently in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. More than 50 people participated in the event, with many personnel sporting teal T-shirts and ribbons in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness.

Coast Guard Cutters Steadfast and Alert joined forces and sponsored the event for Coast Guard personnel and their family members on the Astoria Riverwalk. Before the race, participants signed posters pledging support against sexual assault, and met with local unit victim advocates.

The Coast Guard's 2015

SAAM theme is "Not in my Coast Guard," which is focused on the role that every member of the Coast Guard plays in building a culture of respect that is intolerant of sexual assault.

Adm. Paul Zukunft, Coast Guard commandant, has stated, "Together, we will rid our service of the scourge of sexual assault. Not in my Coast Guard."

The Coast Guard is committed to eliminating sexual assault and harassment from the service and prompting a positive climate for all members. These SAAM activities demonstrate that commitment and adherence to the Coast Guard core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.



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Recently, more than 50 people from local U.S. Coast Guard units participated in a 5K run/walk in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sunset Empire Radio club offers demonstrations

The Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club holds an educational outreach from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Clatsop Community College, Towler Hall, Room 207. The public is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

The goal of the event is to provide the community with a better understanding of the amateur radio hobby, and the wide range of activities it can offer, how the ham radio technology can apply to other professional fields, and its importance in providing

an emergency communication system during natural disasters when standard communications systems are disrupted.

Live demonstrations on Echolink, the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP), Morse Code, Lightship Columbia, Packet Radio, Knappa High School amateur radio program, Clatsop County Repeater Coverage Map and emergency communications.

For information, go to www.sunset-empire-arc.org

ABATE Spring Fever Run benefits food bank

HAMMOND — The North Coast chapter of ABATE of Oregon is holding its Spring Fever Run Saturday. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Buoy 9, 996 Pacific Drive in Hammond, and

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