

Seaside School District mulls over budget

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SEASIDE — The Seaside School District has started its budget process for the 2015-16 school year and is looking to increase compensation for all employees by at least 2.25 percent, implement a full-time kindergarten program and add two special education positions if adequate funds are available.

The Budget Committee held its first meeting Tuesday before the Seaside School District Board of Directors meeting and elected Michelle Wunderlich and School Board member Brian Taylor as chairwoman and vice-chairman, respectively. The committee includes the other board members, and six community members who were appointed by the board.

The district's overall budget for 2015-16 as proposed is \$21,031,919.

The proposed budget for the general fund includes an approximately 4.7 percent increase from the adopted 2014-15 general fund budget, or an increase of about \$17.58 million to \$18.406 million. The general fund covers all operating costs. A majority of the revenue for that fund comes from local sources, such as property taxes, and state sources, such as timber revenue. Federal sources are expected to provide only \$7,000.

About 49 percent of expenditures

from the general fund are for salaries; 31 percent for associated payroll costs; 8 percent for purchased services; 5 percent for supplies and materials; 1 percent for capital outlay and 6 percent for other items and transfers. The district has budgeted a 2.25 percent wage increase for all employees with steps when applicable, the district's Business Manager Justine Hill said.

As usual, the district's goal is to maintain an ending fund balance of 10 percent. The starting fund balance for 2015-16 is projected to be about \$2.07 million.

The district also has proposed a budget of approximately \$2.384 million in special funds; about \$40,000 in debt service; and \$201,000 for capital improvement projects. These funds often carry restrictions on how they can be spent, Hill said.

Two projected offsets will allow the district to increase allocations in school year 2015-16 without making reductions, according to Superintendent Doug Dougherty.

First, the Greater Seaside Urban Renewal District is set to expire at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year, which will increase the property tax value calculation and translate into more revenue collections for the school district. The extra funds will be used to cover the district's new full-day kindergarten program. Second, the district's Public Employees

Retirement System (PERS) rates will decrease. The reduction, Hill said, will provide about \$300,000 in savings, which will cover salary increases and associated payroll costs.

If the budget allows, Dougherty said, the district wants to add a special education teacher and assistant to address the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students, particularly at the elementary level.

A curriculum change also is scheduled for the 2015-16 school year that is aligned with Common Core Standards and maintains the mandated Oregon Department of Education adoption schedule. The district has budgeted about \$175,000 for English Language Arts and English Language Development. Additional staff training time also will be required as part of the implementation, Dougherty said.

Essential facility repairs and maintenance needs that are slated for this school year include: a roofing project for the Gearhart Elementary School gym, two roof packs at Broadway Middle School, addressing American with Disabilities Act compliance issues, engineering and construction of walls at Seaside Heights Elementary School and a restroom refresh project at Seaside High School. The

district also plans to replace six regular school buses and five Type 20 school buses that do not meet the mandated standards.

"We are optimistic that our economy is beginning to recover," Dougherty wrote in his budget message. "As it does, the district will continue to invest in providing the highest quality education to our community."

The budget committee is scheduled to meet again May 19 and tentatively approve the budget. The board then will hold a public hearing on the budget as approved by the committee at its June 16 board meeting. At that meeting, the board may enact resolutions to adopt the budget, to make the appropriations and to declare the tax levy.

In other news:

- Director of Special Services Elizabeth Friedman tendered her notice of resignation; she will be leaving at the end of the school year, June 30. She will be replaced by Jeremy Catt, a special education high school teacher from the Neah-Kah-Nie School District.

- The board voted unanimously on a phase-in plan for the full-time kindergarten program that will be implemented next school year. The phase-in plan includes a soft transition and staggered start for students. Both elementary schools will have the program.

Providence offers free heart healthy forum May 7

WARRENTON — To promote better health and fitness, Providence Seaside Hospital, along with Providence Heart and Vascular Institute, is offering a free heart healthy forum by Providence cardiologist Dr. James Beckerman, from 6 to 7 p.m. May 7 at Astoria Golf & Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane in Warrenton.

Beckerman will talk about creating a road map to better fitness and health, combining motivation with modern medicine to encourage people to fill their own exercise prescription for heart health. His new book, "Heart to Start: The Eight-Week Exercise Prescription to Live Longer, Beat Heart Disease, and Run Your Best Race," will be given to everyone who attends the forum.

To register for the forum, call 800-562-8964



Dr. James Beckerman

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers

42°

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

Friday

Mostly cloudy with spotty showers

54° 39°

Saturday

Sun and clouds with a shower in places

56° 41°

Sunday

Cloudy with a little rain in the afternoon

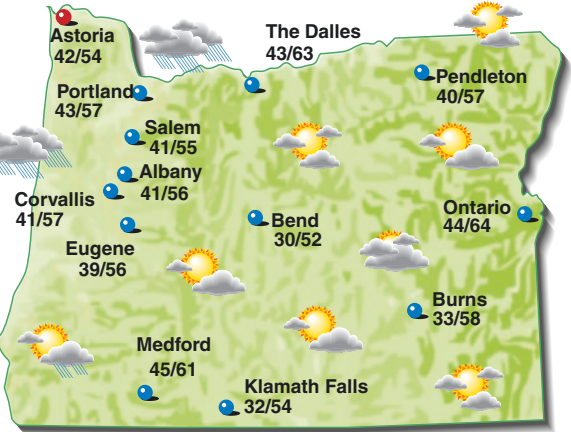
58° 46°

Monday

Partly sunny, pleasant and warmer

67° 46°

Oregon Weather



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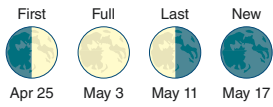
Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures

High	56°
Low	41°
Normal high	57°
Normal low	42°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.07"
Month to date	2.42"
Normal month to date	4.04"
Year to date	24.48"
Normal year to date	28.88"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:13 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	6:14 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:21 a.m.
Moonsset today	12:39 a.m.



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Regional Cities

	Today		Fri.	
City	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	
Baker City	60 35 pc		57 30 pc	
Bend	57 30 pc		52 31 pc	
Brookings	56 44 sh		53 44 pc	
Eugene	55 39 c		56 42 c	
Ilwaco	52 43 sh		52 40 sh	
Klamath Falls	61 32 pc		54 32 pc	
Medford	64 45 pc		61 42 pc	
Newport	52 42 c		52 43 sh	
North Bend	56 45 c		55 45 c	

	Today		Fri.	
City	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	
Olympia	51 39 sh		54 38 sh	
Pendleton	59 40 pc		57 38 pc	
Portland	54 43 sh		57 45 sh	
Roseburg	59 43 c		59 44 c	
Salem	54 41 c		55 44 sh	
Seaside	53 43 sh		55 41 sh	
Spokane	57 39 pc		57 39 c	
Vancouver	54 42 sh		56 44 sh	
Yakima	66 36 pc		64 39 pc	

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening. Look for a keystone pattern of dim stars low in the NE by mid evening

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

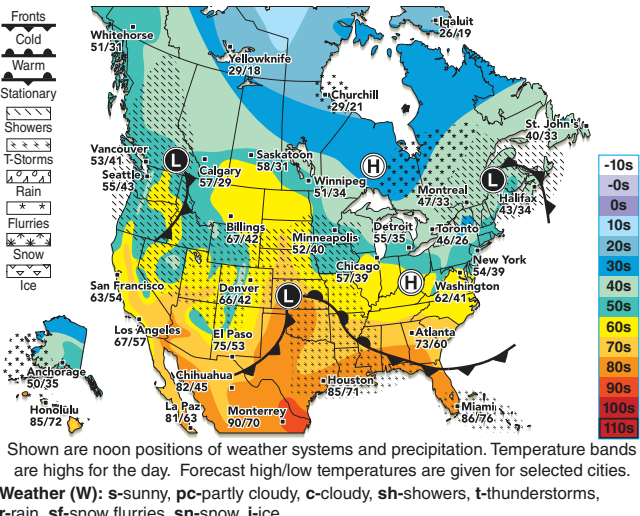
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	5:43 a.m.	8.1 ft.	12:48 p.m.	0.4 ft.
	7:24 p.m.	7.1 ft.	none	

National Cities

	Today		Fri.	
City	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	
Atlanta	70 50 c		73 60 pc	
Boston	54 37 pc		55 39 pc	
Chicago	53 33 s		57 39 s	
Denver	69 42 t		66 42 t	
Des Moines	61 43 s		59 46 sh	
Detroit	48 29 sf		55 35 pc	
El Paso	79 57 pc		75 53 pc	
Fairbanks	58 33 s		59 38 s	
Honolulu	84 71 pc		85 72 pc	
Indianapolis	55 34 s		62 46 s	
Kansas City	65 47 pc		63 52 t	
Las Vegas	77 57 pc		77 57 pc	
Los Angeles	68 58 pc		67 57 pc	
Memphis	67 54 t		72 64 t	
Miami	85 74 t		86 76 t	
Nashville	66 41 pc		67 56 c	
New Orleans	83 70 t		83 74 t	
New York	54 39 pc		54 39 pc	
Oklahoma City	71 61 t		83 54 t	
Philadelphia	55 36 pc		56 36 pc	
St. Louis	65 46 s		62 53 c	
Salt Lake City	68 51 t		69 44 pc	
San Francisco	65 53 pc		63 54 pc	
Seattle	53 43 sh		55 43 sh	
Washington, DC	60 42 s		62 41 pc	

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Learn about birding or essential oils

Clatsop Community College offers a couple of spring enrichment classes:

- "Birding: Intro to Bird Watching" is an introduction to bird study. It focuses on recreational birding, including identification basics, bird-watching tools and the ecological and economic importance of birds worldwide. The class meets 7 to 9 p.m. May 4 for a lecture, and then goes into the field 7 to 9 a.m. May 9 and 16 to practice birding in two distinct locations that will

maximize the variety of bird sightings. Students must be prepared to hike. The class is taught by Mike Patterson, one of the top birders in the state. Cost is \$35.

- "Essential Oils: A Beginner's Guide" immerses participants in the world of aromatherapy and its therapeutic benefits. Students will learn basic information about the history of aromatherapy, the importance of quality and safety guidelines. Five essential oils will be profiled, and each

student will learn blending techniques and make products to take home and use. There is a \$15 supplies fee payable to the instructor at class. Preregister to ensure adequate supplies. The class is taught by Angela Sidlo, owner of Waves of Change Wellness Center. Class is held from 9 a.m. to noon May 9.

Register for the classes at www.clatsopcc.edu/ schedule by searching under the course title, or call 503-325-2402.

Death

April 22, 2015

LARSON, Daniel Ray, 74, of Seaside, died in

Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Births

April 6, 2015

HAVENS, Charity and Stanley, of Warrenton, a girl, Alvena Leslie Lynn Havens, born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Older brother is George Havens. Grandparents are David and Debbie Herren of Astoria and George

and Mary Havens of Warrenton. Great-grandparents are Alvena Herren of Portland, Pat Nichols of Goldendale, Wash., and Chuck and Glenda Davenport of Spokane, Wash.

April 14, 2015

CAMERON, Andrea, and

TULL, Lance, of Astoria, a boy, Korbin Chase Tull, born at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Older brother is Cody Johnson. Grandfather is Doug Cameron of Astoria. Great-grandparents are Joyce Cameron of Astoria and Bonnie Moore of Warrenton.

Public meetings

TODAY

Prairie Cemetery Association of Knappa, 6:30 p.m., annual meeting, 40165 Ziak Gnat Creek Lane.

MONDAY

Astoria Budget Committee, 7 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Lotteries

OREGON

Wednesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 2-2-4-5

4 p.m.: 7-3-0-4

7 p.m.: 7-1-4-4

10 p.m.: 5-4-3-5

Wednesday's Megabucks: 07-15-22-30-32-44
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million

Wednesday's Powerball:

10-14-25-39-53, Powerball:

18, Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

WASHINGTON

Wednesday's Daily Game: 3-0-2

Wednesday's Hit 5: 01-05-15-17-32

Estimated jackpot:

\$230,000

Wednesday's Keno: 04-06-11-13-17-26-35-42-45-57-58-61-64-66-67-70-71-75-76-80

Wednesday's Lotto: 07-

22-26-36-38-42
Estimated jackpot: \$1.9 million

Match 4: 01-05-11-14

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