

astoria's sea lions



The "Arrp, Arrp, Arrp" of Astoria's sea lions echo and reverberate throughout the town and this year be prepared for an even greater chorus as more than 2000 of these boisterous beasts have taken up residence in our community.

Most of the sea lions tend to congregate at Pier 39 but this year they are all along the river walk and sometimes even on the river walk! While they are fun to watch basking in the sun, pushing each other off the piers and rocks or slapping each other with water, they are wild. Do not try to pet them and don't stand too close – as tempting as that selfie might be. While they look awkward lumbering on land they are surprisingly fast. They also weigh on average about 660 lbs. Most of the sea lions on our shores are bachelors who can be very territorial. Sea lions often give a warning if annoyed by puffing up their chest and growling – even hissing – when people get too close. Take heed and back away!

Buoy Beer has a viewing window inside their restaurant which is a fun and safe way to see one up close.

crossing guards

Astoria Sunday Market is pleased to partner with River Song Foundation to provide Crossing Guard services each Sunday at 12th & Commercial and 12th & Duane. These are volunteers and in exchange for helping us out we are donating funds to help their foundation!

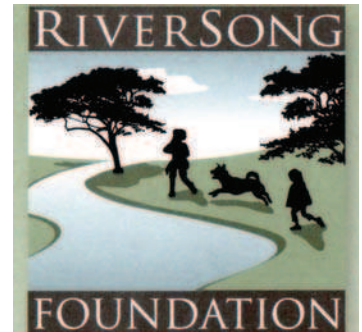
So why crossing guards at Commercial? We often have big crowds at the Market and find people crossing against the light. In addition to being dangerous for the pedestrian it also backs up traffic on a day when our streets are crowded. We ask that you respect our crossing guards and help us keep everyone safe and traffic flowing.

RIVER SONG FOUNDATION

River Song Foundation is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated as a 501(c)3 foundation formed by a small group of animal lovers who want to promote and foster responsible animal stewardship by offering services, support, and education. We hope to connect people with the resources they need to be better pet parents, compassionate consumers, and effective advocates for animals. Through respect, compassion, and reverence we want to:

- Proved food for animals that need it in emergency situations
- Provide support and guidance to animal caretakers to help lessen the number of abandoned and relinquished animals.
- Create meaningful volunteer positions for people who love animals and want to make a difference.
- Create a community that not only supports their homeless animals with monetary contributions, but with offerings of time, energy, and love."

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