

# Scammers call on coastal businesses

## Claim to be with Pacific Power

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Utility scammers are making their coastal rounds again, trying to collect money from unsuspecting small-business owners.

Mike Wallace, co-founder of WWC Business Solutions in Astoria, said he received a call late Friday afternoon from someone claiming to be with Pacific Power. The caller warned his power would be shut down that day if he didn't send payment immediately using a prepaid credit card.

"You could clearly tell they were playing on the urgency of a weekend coming," Wallace said, adding the bad reception during the call also tipped him off it was coming from a cellphone.

Wallace was asked to get a Reloadit prepaid card from Safeway and provide his card number. Prepaid card companies warn customers not to give their card numbers out over the phone or in an email to avoid being scammed.

Wallace knew his account was current, but called Pacific Power to be sure.

"Every three or four months, we hear about a spate of them," Pacific Power spokesman Ry Schwark said of the scams, adding a business in Coos Bay was also recently targeted.

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce has received at least two recent complaints of the same utility scam, along with posting regular notices of people trying to pass bad checks, pretending to be with the Internal Revenue Service and other scams.

Scammers often target small-business owners in a certain region, people with limited English skills and other vulnerable populations, Schwark said. They even use applications to make their cellphones appear as Pacific Power on caller IDs, he added, and record Pacific Power's automated answering system to imitate the utility.

Pacific Power recommends anyone experiencing

such suspicious circumstances hang up and call the utility's customer service line at 888-221-7070.

### Top scams

The Oregon Department of Justice's Financial Fraud and Consumer Protection Section lists the Top 10 scam complaints of the previous year each March. In 2014, the list included IRS impostors; magazine subscriptions; telecommunications companies; motor vehicle sales; financial services; health-related scams; international money transfers; home ownership issues; collection agencies; and hair, nail and skin services.

The justice department also provides six indications of a scam. The scammer will contact a victim out of the blue, claim an emergency, ask for personal information, want money wired, want it kept secret and make claims that sound too good to be true.

Complaints can be filed online at [www.oregonconsumer.gov](http://www.oregonconsumer.gov) or by calling 877-877-9392.

## OBITUARIES Cmdr. Paul Eric Peterson Sr.



Warrenton  
Feb. 11, 1935 — July 1, 2015

Paul Eric Peterson Sr., 80, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in Warrenton, Ore. Cmdr. Peterson was born Feb. 11, 1935, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Carl A. Peterson and Alice E. Menninger Peterson.



Cmdr. Paul Eric Peterson Sr.

After graduating in 1953 from Winterpark High School in Winterpark, Fla., Paul turned down a college athletic scholarship and hitchhiked to Miami, Fla., to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard. By 1957, he had advanced to petty officer first class and been accepted to Officers Candidate School. After graduation, he served at Coast Guard stations in Texas and Hawaii before being promoted to lieutenant and serving as executive officer on USCGC Buttonwood in Honolulu, Hawaii, and then as lieutenant commander when he commanded the USCG Supply Depot in Honolulu.

After completing this tour of duty, he was transferred to Astoria to take command of the USCGC Ivy. On completion of this tour, he transferred to become comptroller of the USCG Mediterranean Section in Naples, Italy. His return to the U.S. brought him to Seattle, Wash., and his promotion to commander, where he became the district planning officer for the 13th USCG district.

Cmdr. Peterson's final duty station with the USCG was to command the USCGC Yocana, stationed in downtown Astoria. By the time of his retirement in 1975, after 22 years of service, Cmdr. Peterson was the second youngest officer of that rank who progressed from enlistment. During his career he served seven years of foreign duty and nine years of sea duty.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Rose Peterson of Warrenton; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul Jr. and his wife, Diane, of Portland, Ore.; a daughter from previous marriage, Lisa Williams; a brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Mrs. Lloyd France of Indiana; a sister-in-law, Betty Peterson of Florida; seven nieces and one nephew; and his North Coast lunch buddies, the "ROMEOS."

Our sincere thank you to our friends and neighbors for the thoughtful and kind expressions of sympathy — Rose, Paul Jr., and Diane Peterson.

In lieu of gifts or flowers, donations to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance ([www.cgmahq.org](http://www.cgmahq.org)) would be appreciated.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at [www.caldwellsmortuary.com](http://www.caldwellsmortuary.com)

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Mostly cloudy  
57°

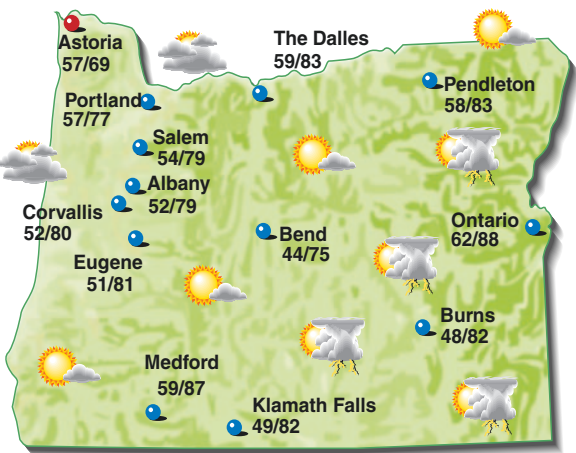
**Wednesday**  
Mostly cloudy  
69° 55°

**Friday**  
Cloudy to partly sunny  
71° 59°

**Thursday**  
Mostly cloudy  
71° 54°

**Saturday**  
Clouds and intervals of sunshine  
69° 55°

### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

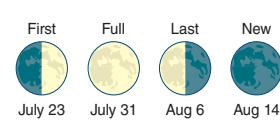
Temperatures	High	Low
High	69°	61°
Normal high	68°	54°
Normal low	54°	

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.06"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	27.45"
Normal year to date	36.66"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:59 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:45 a.m.
Moonrise today	11:32 a.m.
Moonset today	11:36 p.m.



### Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	86	46	s	80	45	t
Bend	82	44	s	75	44	s
Brookings	69	54	s	70	55	pc
Eugene	82	51	pc	81	52	pc
Ilwaco	66	59	pc	66	57	c
Klamath Falls	86	49	s	82	46	t
Medford	93	59	s	87	57	pc
Newport	65	53	pc	64	54	c
North Bend	67	55	pc	67	54	pc

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	74	53	pc	74	51	c
Pendleton	89	58	s	83	58	s
Portland	78	57	pc	77	57	pc
Roseburg	85	57	pc	84	57	pc
Salem	81	54	pc	79	55	pc
Seaside	68	59	pc	67	57	c
Spokane	86	58	s	80	57	pc
Vancouver	77	57	pc	76	56	pc
Yakima	91	53	pc	86	55	pc

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: High above the southwest sky at nightfall: Leo toward the west, Virgo to its southeast, Scorpius due south and Sagittarius in the southeast.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

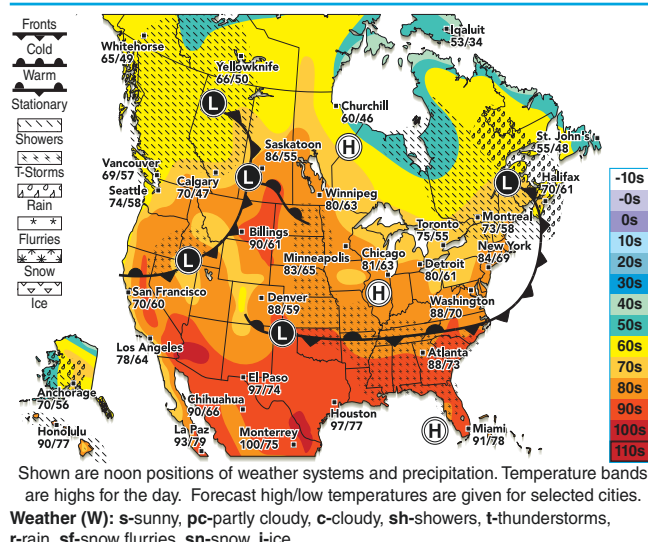
### Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
5:52 a.m.	6.5 ft.	12:05 a.m.	1.8 ft.	
6:31 p.m.	7.5 ft.	11:59 a.m.	1.0 ft.	

### National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	92	74	pc	88	73	t
Boston	84	68	pc	82	65	s
Chicago	79	61	s	81	63	s
Denver	81	57	t	88	59	t
Des Moines	81	63	s	82	65	pc
Detroit	80	60	s	80	61	s
El Paso	97	76	t	97	74	t
Fairbanks	73	54	s	75	55	r
Honolulu	89	77	sh	90	77	sh
Indianapolis	81	59	pc	80	62	s
Kansas City	80	63	pc	82	69	t
Las Vegas	96	77	s	99	77	s
Los Angeles	79	67	pc	78	64	pc
Memphis	91	76	t	87	77	t
Miami	90	78	t	91	78	t
Nashville	93	72	t	84	70	t
New Orleans	94	78	t	92	78	t
New York	92	72	pc	84	69	s
Oklahoma City	91	72	t	95	75	pc
Philadelphia	91	72	pc	87	68	s
St. Louis	84	67	pc	84	68	pc
Salt Lake City	87	68	t	87	67	pc
San Francisco	72	60	pc	70	60	pc
Seattle	74	58	pc	74	58	c
Washington, DC	91	72	t	88	70	s

### 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, l-ice.

### On the record

#### Assault

At 2:59 a.m. Saturday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Sandra A. Neal, 24, Gearhart, for fourth-degree assault on the 33000 block of Salminen Road in Gearhart.

At 1:55 p.m. Friday, Astoria Police arrested Emanuel Reyes-Cerafico,

jean Weaver, born at Providence Medical Center in Portland. Grandparents are Harold and

#### Arson

At 3:15 p.m. Monday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Stephen George Foxon, 49, Astoria, for first-degree arson, second-degree arson, reckless burning, criminal mischief,

35, Astoria, for fourth-degree assault and harassment on Portway Street.

fourth-degree assault, menacing and harassment on the 35000 block of U.S. Highway 101 in Astoria.

### Lotteries

**OREGON**  
Monday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 5-2-0-8  
4 p.m.: 9-0-9-1  
7 p.m.: 7-5-4-7  
10 p.m.: 5-0-9-7  
Monday's Megabucks:  
3-21-22-26-30-35  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.4 million.

**WASHINGTON**  
Monday's Daily Game:  
9-6-4  
Monday's Hit 5: 12-15-26-28-34  
Estimated jackpot: \$220,000  
Monday's Keno: 01-04-11-12-23-26-28-36-41-53-

54-58-62-63-64-65-74-76-77-78  
Monday's Lotto: 07-13-39-40-45-46  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.5 million  
Monday's Match 4: 06-10-14-22

### Public meetings

**TUESDAY**  
Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.  
Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.  
Astoria School District Board of Directors, 5 p.m., board retreat, Capt. Robert

Gray School, 785 Alameda Ave.  
Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m., executive session (closed to public), 6 p.m., regular meeting, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.  
Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart

Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., regular meeting, Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.  
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

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