

# Online financial disclosure system to launch in January

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The Oregon Government Ethics Commission started testing a new online system last week that will allow public officials, from city councilors to the governor, to electronically file their financial interest disclosures.

It is the latest round of testing for the new system, which the Oregon Government Ethics Commission plans to launch Jan. 1 for all public officials, lobbyists and their clients.

Ten lobbyists and 11 of their clients already participated in a test this fall in which they used the new system to file their quarterly spending reports, Oregon Government Ethics Commission executive director Ron Bersin told lawmakers on the Joint Subcommittee On General Government Nov. 16. Lawmakers held interim meetings in Salem this week. Bersin's report was part of the Legislature's practice of requesting status updates ahead of the launch dates for major technology projects, according to the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Feedback from the pilot participants on the ease of use of the system," Bersin said, referring to the lobbyists and clients. Lobbyists and their clients currently file spending disclosures on paper forms in Oregon, and public officials also use paper forms to file financial interest disclosures which list their sources of income. The new system will allow the public to search lobbying spending data and view public records for free online. The system will also be free for lobbyists, their clients and public officials to use.

The state has planned the online filing system since 2007, but it was placed on hold when the Legislature diverted funding to other priorities during the recession. The ethics commission will pay for the system with fees on local and state government agencies. The commission contracted with NIC USA, the company that also has a contract to work on Oregon.gov and other state agency websites. NIC USA developed the online lobbyist reporting system for free, and will charge the state an annual subscription fee of \$63,500 for access to it.

All lobbyists should be able

to register through the online filing system starting Dec. 15, and mid-April will be the first online filing deadline for all public officials' statements of economic interest and lobbyists' client spending reports, Bersin said.

"The transparency that's been requested by Oregonians will become available immediately to the public upon this first filing of lobbyist client reports and statements of economic interest in April 2016," Bersin said. "The system will usher in a new level of transparency for Oregonians."

The ethics commission has a small staff and Bersin said rather than lay off employees who have been processing paperwork, he plans to reassign those employees to audit the information reported through the new system.

Committee co-chair Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner said he was pleased to hear the new filing system is on time and under budget.

"Thank you and well done," Smith said to Bersin.

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# Thanksgiving worship services planned

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A Thanksgiving worship service is being held from 3:15 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Warrenton United Methodist Church, 679 S. Main Ave. It will be a time to pause, ponder and give thanks.

Jane Hill is leading the service, and music is provided by musicians Dave Warren and Diane Curs. Donations for the local food bank will be accepted at the service.

For information, call 971-704-4357.

An hour-long Thanksgiving Day service is being held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Christian Science Church, 632 11th St. Gratitude, mentioned in Psalms 46, is among the themes being highlighted. All are welcome.

# Dredging proposed for Skipanon River

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking comment on a proposal by the Port Warren Moorage Association to dredge up to 1,000 cubic yards of accumulated sand and silt from below the mean high water in the Skipanon River from within the Port Warren Condominiums Moorage.

The area proposed to be dredged is approximately 0.8 acres, with a depth ranging from 0.5 to 2 feet, depending

on the amount of accumulation. Dredging will be conducted using a clam-shell bucket operating from a spud-anchor barge. Floating silt curtains will be utilized where feasible to minimize turbidity.

The Portland Sediment Evaluation Team determined the dredge material and leave surfaces are suitable for in-water disposal. The dredged material will be placed downstream in the Columbia River at Tansy Point below the mean high wa-

ter in the river's flow lane.

Comments can be sent by email to [Danielle.H.Erb@usace.army.mil](mailto:Danielle.H.Erb@usace.army.mil) or by mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Danielle Erb, P.O. 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946.

Comments should reference "NWP-2015-479," the Corps' project number, and be submitted no later than Dec. 21.

For more information on the project, visit <http://tinyurl.com/o6m68h6>

# After Thanksgiving bazaar set

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — An After Thanksgiving Bazaar is being held from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Long Beach Grange No. 667, 5715 Sandridge Road.

The indoor market event

features hand-made crafts, baked goods and more. For information, call 360-642-4953 or email [longbeachgrange667@hotmail.com](mailto:longbeachgrange667@hotmail.com)

# ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

## Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Clearing and chilly  
34°

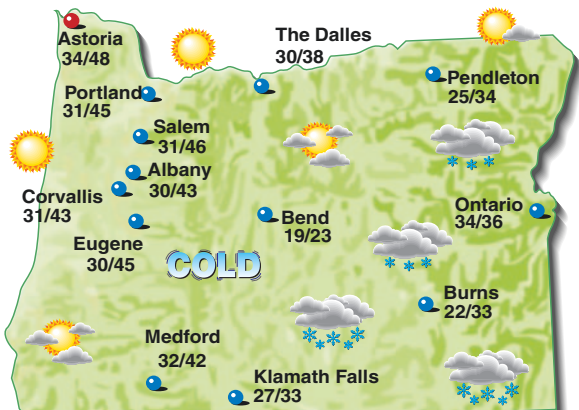
**Wednesday**  
Plenty of sun, but chilly  
48° 32°

**Friday**  
Plenty of sunshine  
50° 34°

**Thursday**  
Plenty of sun  
50° 37°

**Saturday**  
Plenty of sunshine  
50° 34°

## Oregon Weather



## Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**  
High ..... 49°  
Low ..... 32°  
Normal high ..... 52°  
Normal low ..... 39°

**Precipitation**  
Yesterday ..... 0.25"  
Month to date ..... 14.48"  
Normal month to date ..... 8.36"  
Year to date ..... 52.92"  
Normal year to date ..... 54.58"

## Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight ..... 4:35 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 7:29 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 4:14 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 5:40 a.m.

Full    Last    New    First  
Nov 25    Dec 2    Dec 11    Dec 18

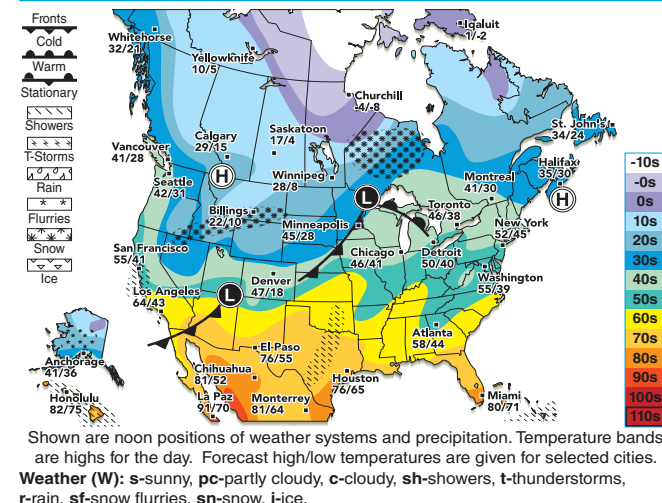
## Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	35	24	sn	32	9	sn
Bend	34	19	sn	23	10	sn
Brookings	49	38	r	51	36	s
Eugene	46	30	r	45	23	s
Ilwaco	47	37	r	46	37	s
Klamath Falls	36	27	r	33	13	sn
Medford	44	32	sn	42	22	sn
Newport	48	35	r	48	34	s
North Bend	50	37	r	50	32	s

## National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	58	39	s	58	44	pc
Boston	44	32	pc	47	40	s
Chicago	39	34	pc	46	41	pc
Denver	62	33	s	47	18	pc
Des Moines	46	39	pc	53	42	c
Detroit	41	28	pc	50	40	pc
El Paso	71	44	s	76	55	pc
Fairbanks	27	23	sn	28	26	sn
Honolulu	83	74	c	82	75	c
Indianapolis	50	34	pc	55	43	pc
Kansas City	58	47	pc	60	53	c
Las Vegas	72	50	pc	59	38	pc
Los Angeles	69	49	pc	64	43	c
Memphis	61	42	s	65	53	s
Miami	76	69	c	80	71	c
Nashville	59	37	s	64	47	c
New Orleans	66	57	pc	73	65	pc
New York	47	37	pc	52	45	s
Oklahoma City	62	54	pc	66	58	s
Philadelphia	50	32	s	53	39	s
St. Louis	61	42	pc	58	52	pc
Salt Lake City	55	40	pc	48	28	sh
San Francisco	57	45	r	55	41	pc
Seattle	43	33	r	42	31	s
Washington, DC	52	35	s	55	39	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, i-ice.

## Lotteries

### OREGON

**Monday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 6-1-5-3  
4 p.m.: 6-2-8-6  
7 p.m.: 3-3-8-5  
10 p.m.: 7-8-5-5  
**Monday's Megabucks:** 15-16-29-33-36-48  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million.

### WASHINGTON

**Monday's Daily Game:** 2-1-7  
**Monday's Hit 5:** 01-03-23-26-39  
Estimated jackpot: \$270,000.  
**Monday's Keno:** 04-05-06-11-13-16-20-21-29-33-34-46-50-51-53-61-67-69-78-79  
**Monday's Lotto:** 04-15-30-32-35-49  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.3 million.  
**Monday's Match 4:** 07-09-12-16

## Public meetings

**TUESDAY**  
**Clatsop Care Health District Board,** noon, Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 S.E. Dolphin Ave., Warrenton.

**Astoria Library Board,** 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St. **Seaside Airport Advisory**

**Committee,** 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway. **Astoria Planning Commission,** 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## Deaths

**Nov. 21, 2015**  
GLAUDIN, Elizabeth, 91, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.  
RAASINA, Helen Alto, of Warrenton, a native of Seaside,

died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.  
SKAGGA, Bonnie Jean, 73, of Astoria, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of

the arrangements.  
**Nov. 22, 2015**  
CLAFLIN, Bonnie, 93, of Nehalem, died in Nehalem. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

## CORRECTION

**Title incorrect** — Mike Phillips is the adjutant at American Legion Clatsop Post 12. Pat Ehrlich is commander. Phillips' title was incorrect in a 1A story about Heritage Square on Friday.

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