

## Giving hearts

Kate and Jack Leonard and Corri Buck hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the Masonic Temple in Astoria. Buck has been on a personal mission to feed the homeless over the past year through her "Filling Empty Bellies" outreach.

Larry Allen/Submitted Photo



## Trees: City visit could lower citations

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Commissioner Lisa Kerr said the city arborist has no checks and balances on "hired guns" brought in by property owners to evaluate trees.

A preliminary city visit before any trees are cut could lower citations, Commissioner Ryan Dewey added.

Kerr said a city arborist allowed on residential property could help resolve similar issues.

Dewey expressed concern, however, over people intentionally damaging trees to get what they want.

He also brought up the city's replacement policy, and suggested allowing people to donate a tree to the city if, in rare circumstances, a replacement tree wouldn't fit well on their property.

"It's about doing the right thing," he said. "It's about replacing something you've taken."

Instead of basing penalties on the number of trees, Commissioner Hank Johnson said they should examine the possibility of assessing fines on the value of the trees. For example, an older tree 4 feet in diameter would be worth more than a younger 10-inch one.

The current fine is \$500 per tree.

Whether the tree is native or not should not matter, Johnson added. He suggested pro-

tected statuses for historical or heritage trees, as well.

Commission President Bob Lundy asked if such a change could lead to another Measure 49 situation. Barnes answered it potentially could if the protected status renders a property unbuildable. Measure 49 allows property owners to claim compensation from local or state governments when their property value is reduced by environmental or land use regulations.

Commissioner Joseph Bernt said the city needs to also think of protecting residents in the ordinance.

"This ordinance is all about preserving trees and protecting trees," Bernt said. "It doesn't deal so much with worrying about trees that are likely culprits in storm damage."

If one of the city's trees are problematic, Cannon Beach staff can remove it, Barnes said. But if the tree is on personal property, it would be

between neighbors. Insurance could cover damage costs, but the city could not do anything about it.

The commission did address an issue on Larch Street that caused community ire. The city was planning to cut down two spruces in the right of way, deeming them unhealthy. But neighbors protested and the tree removal was canceled.

Being a Tree City USA, Dewey said he thinks there needs to be more than a 100-foot neighborhood notification.

"I think this is really important," he said, adding they need to talk with the community and do much consideration before making changes.

Kerr agreed, but said the city should begin a draft with the ideas presented. Barnes said he had enough to do so.

It will be January, at the earliest, before the issue comes back to the commission.

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**John Robert Schuyler**  
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## Thankful to be home



Master Sgt. Shelly Davison/Submitted Photo

Tech. Sgt. Jared Warner is greeted by his family Wednesday at the Portland Air National Guard Base. The Camp Rilea-based 116th Air Control Squadron returned home from deployments in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Resolute Support, and Combined Defense of the Arabian Gulf.

# Thank You!

To our family, friends (from all over) and a wonderful community that we live in-

We are greatly appreciative for all the gracious contributions, prayers, cards and words of encouragement during our set back. We cannot express how much all of you mean to us. We don't know the names of all, but please accept this as our thank you!

Your continued thoughts and prayers will help us day by day to make the most of things to come.

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