

Astoria Parks & Rec holds New Year's Day 5K Fun Run

ASTORIA — Kick off the new year with high spirits and good fun. Astoria Parks and Recreation will hold a New Year's Day 5K Fun Run on Friday, Jan. 1.

The fun run will start at the Maritime Memorial Park under the Astoria Bridge and will run east.

Snacks and warm refreshments will be provided, as

well as prizes for top finishers.

Registration will open at 10:30 a.m., or you can register online at www.astoriaparks.com

The race will start at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 503-325-7275 or 503-325-8669.

Try out for 'Twelve Angry Men' Play benefits CCC Performing Arts Center

ASTORIA — "Twelve Angry Men," a play adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel, is based on the film by Reginald Rose.

Jury selection — er — auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 7 at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, located at 588 16th St. Auditions will take place downstairs in the green room.

The show calls for 13 men. The role of the guard can also be played by a woman. Auditions will consist of reading prepared sides from the script.

Rehearsals will start the first week of February, and the performances are March 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19.

Any questions can be sent to director Sheila Shaffer by emailing lucidreamer@wildmail.com

Give your Christmas tree new life after the holidays

Drop off trees at one of many locations to be turned into wild salmon habitat

NORTH COAST — Watershed councils along the North Oregon Coast are once again teaming with Trout Unlimited, local Boy Scout Troop 642, CARTM, and the North Coast Land Conservancy in an effort to use the season's surplus and old Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands.

Once collected, local groups such as the Necanicum Watershed Council, the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, and Trout Unlimited will place the trees in appropriate locations and let nature do its thing. Within a few days of being placed in the water, the needles and branches become covered with algae, which attract aquatic insects, and ultimately feed salmon. The trees also provide critical cover from predators and can last around five years. Not only are the trees not wasting space in a landfill, but they provide an essential function within our coastal ecosystem when placed appropriately.

There are several drop off locations, and even a pick-up option for those who live in south Clatsop County. Regardless of where you donate your tree, all Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands must be free of ornaments, decorations, plastic, tinsel and cannot be flocked.

Cannon Beach

Trees can be dropped off at the Columbia Bank branch, located at 107 Sunset Blvd. in Cannon Beach from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 2 and 3 with a suggested donation of \$5 per tree. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 642 will be on hand each day, and funds raised help support their summer camps.

Seaside

Boy Scout Troop 642 will also be at the Seaside Outlet Mall, located at 1111 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside, during the same time collecting trees: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2 and 3. Again, the suggested donation is \$5 per tree dropped off, and funds raised help support their summer camps.

In addition to these two Clatsop County locations, trees can also be scheduled for a pick up from Jan. 2 to 10. To arrange a tree pick up in south Clatsop County from Cannon Beach to Warrenton, call 503-717-9563. The suggested donation for a pick-up is \$8.

Manzanita and Nehalem

Trees can also be dropped off at CARTM, located at 34995 Necarney City Road in Manzanita, for no charge to the public between New



Submitted photo by Byren Thompson

Local groups will collect old Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands and place them in appropriate creeks and rivers to help the coastal ecosystem and salmon.



Submitted photo by Melyssa Graeper

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Years and Jan. 15. CARTM's winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday, and CARTM will be closed New Year's Day.

coast and Coho" work party to help place trees from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16. Prepare to get muddy; hot chocolate and gloves will be provided.

Astoria and Warrenton

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and North Coast Watershed Association are hosting a drop site at the Colewort Creek Restoration Site in Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Trees can be dropped anytime between Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 16. Look for signs for the drop site on the west side of Fort Clatsop Road between the Visitor Center and Netul Landing. You can also join in the "Co-

Portland Metro Area

The Tualatin Valley and Clackamas chapters of Trout Unlimited will be collecting trees at the Royal Treatment Fly Shop, located at 21570 Willamette Drive in West Linn, and Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters, located at 10910 N.E. Halsey St. in Portland. They will collect trees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 and Jan. 9. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to help cover the cost of transportation of the trees.

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