

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

'The city of Astoria wants to spend a lot of money on the former Safeway lot, including building a new library. What do you think?'



"If they want to invest in a great library, add a law library. It would help a lot of people who don't have access to the books that are necessary for court, like 'Jurisprudence.' It's needed for common people, like you and I, who can't afford an attorney."
Brandie Litts, Scappoose

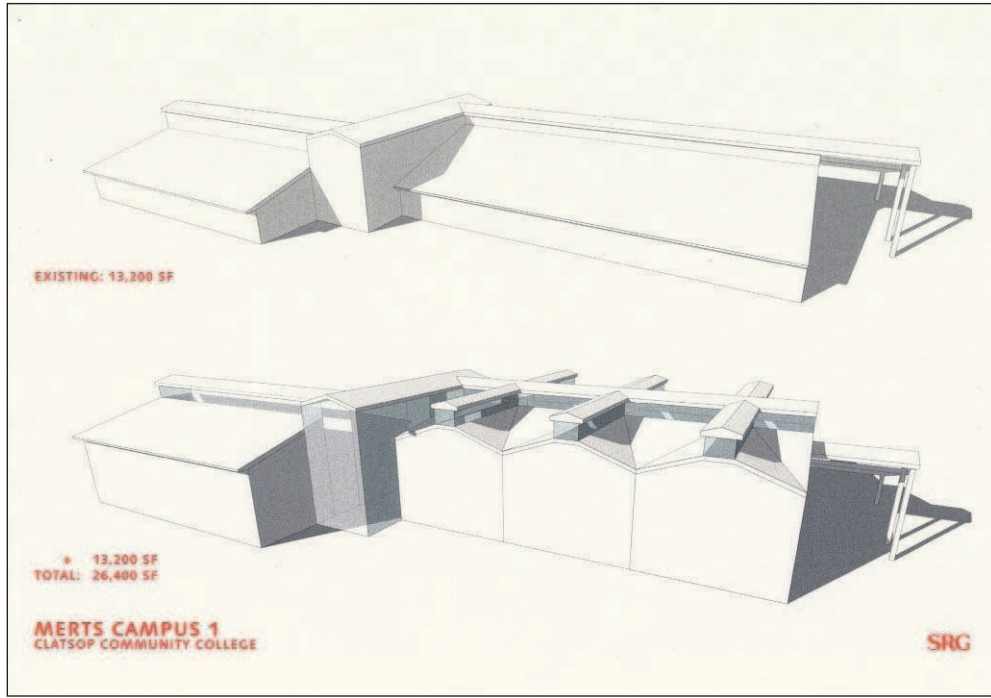


"I think instead of building a library, throw that money at the existing library's book collection."
Jeff Frane, Astoria



"I think they should consider putting the library in one of the existing buildings that's not being used instead of building a new one."
Anna Weber, Astoria

College hopes to build maritime up at MERTS



Graphic by SRG Partnership Inc.

Clatsop Community College will request state funding to add a second story to the main building at the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station, a vocational campus east of Astoria.

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

As Clatsop Community College tries to become a national center of maritime excellence, it will request state funding to add a second story onto the maritime science and administrative building at the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station.

The college board approved the request to the state last week. College staff are creating a proposal to send next month to the state Office of Community College and Workforce Development.

"Anything you'd do today wouldn't be funded until 2017," said Interim President Gerald Hamilton, adding the college would have seven years afterward to raise the matching funds and have the addition built.

The request will be for state bonds like the college received in 2013 and used to finance \$8 million of the \$16 million redevelopment at Patriot Hall, which was matched locally by a general obligation bond.

Kent Duffy, a principal architect with SRG Partnership Inc., which has worked with the college on Patriot Hall and the overall Jerome Campus Redevelopment Project, presented the MERTS project and several alternatives reviewed by a master-planning committee of college representatives, including the expansion of the Dora Badollet Library, a two-story parking garage

below the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery and a second-story addition to the Alder Hall student services building.

Greater investment

Hamilton said the committee agreed it was time to ask for more investment in the vocational campus. The second-story addition would double the classroom and office space at the maritime science building to more than 26,000 square feet, without increasing the building's footprint. SRG has estimated construction would cost \$8.65 million, with another \$4.66 million in indirect costs.

The proposal by SRG also includes an option for the college to buy the 7 acres it leases from the Oregon Department of State Lands for the campus for \$500,000. Duffy said the state would want the college to either own the land or have a long-term lease. The college has 14 years left on a 20-year lease.

Hamilton said the college's proposal will be blind-ranked by a select group of college presidents overseen by Community College and Workforce Development, along with projects from the other 16 Oregon community colleges. In 2017, the state Legislature will decide whether and how much to fund in bonding for capital construction at community colleges.

Center of excellence

"If we become a (maritime) center of excellence, there could be enormous

growth," Hamilton said.

The college could become one of the centers under federal legislation introduced in September by U.S. Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas, and co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Oregon.

The bill would establish a maritime and energy technical training grant program to support workforce training at community colleges, along with up to 10 Centers of Excellence around the country focusing on expanding workforce training opportunities and assisting with job placement.

Donna Larson, the college's vice president of academics and student affairs, said the designation would lead to new maritime science programs such as maritime and diesel engineering. She said the college would also need space to expand its Electronic Chart Display and Information System, a ship bridge simulator for operating anything from a fishing boat to a liquefied natural gas tanker.

In 2014, state Sen. Betsy Johnson sponsored legislation naming the college Oregon's Maritime Training College. It is the only community college in the nation with a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Training Ship Program authorized to provide a student with all the sea service credit required for an Able Seaman-Special endorsement. The program and its yellow training vessel, the Forerunner, was recently featured in Professional Mariner, a national maritime industry magazine.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
 Cloudy with a couple of showers
 45°

Thursday
 Variable clouds, showers; breezy, cooler
 52° 45°

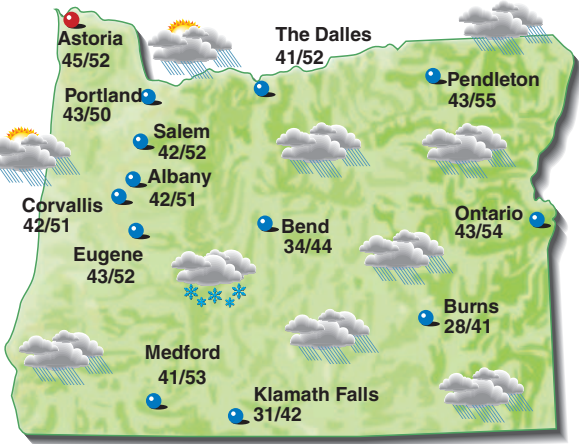
Saturday
 An a.m. shower; otherwise, variably cloudy
 52° 42°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Friday
 Breezy with rain
 52° 40°

Sunday
 Cloudy with a bit of rain
 54° 42°

Oregon Weather



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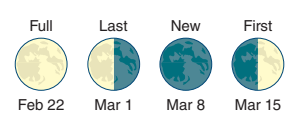
Almanac

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures	
High	56°
Low	49°
Normal high	52°
Normal low	37°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.63"
Month to date	4.82"
Normal month to date	4.21"
Year to date	18.57"
Normal year to date	14.41"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:43 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	7:15 a.m.
Moonrise today	1:11 p.m.
Moonsset today	3:29 a.m.



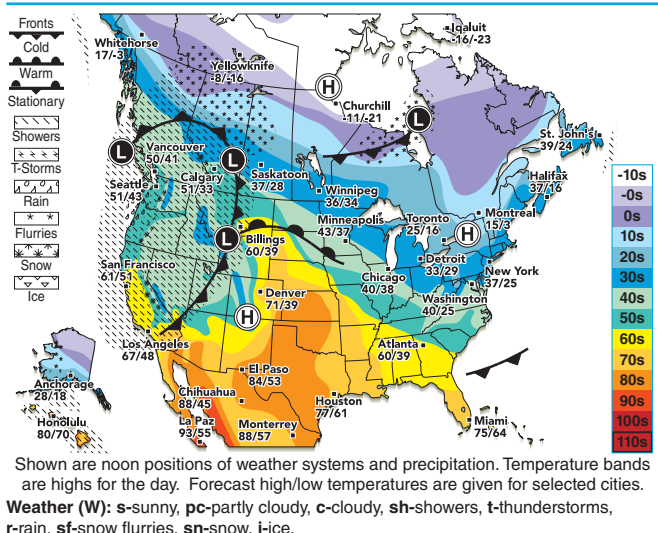
Regional Cities

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	52	37	c	44	32	sh
Bend	59	34	c	44	37	c
Brookings	55	45	r	53	47	r
Eugene	60	43	r	52	44	sh
Ilwaco	56	46	sh	52	47	sh
Klamath Falls	53	31	sh	42	33	sh
Medford	60	41	r	53	42	sh
Newport	57	45	r	53	46	sh
North Bend	57	45	r	55	47	sh

National Cities

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	56	34	pc	60	39	s
Boston	44	27	pc	35	22	pc
Chicago	30	18	pc	40	38	c
Denver	68	45	pc	71	39	s
Des Moines	38	33	sf	57	48	pc
Detroit	33	11	pc	33	29	pc
El Paso	82	50	s	84	53	s
Fairbanks	9	-14	s	2	-12	s
Honolulu	79	71	c	80	70	pc
Indianapolis	37	24	c	44	38	pc
Kansas City	58	43	pc	72	57	s
Las Vegas	82	58	pc	67	46	sh
Los Angeles	73	57	pc	67	48	sh
Memphis	54	38	s	67	51	s
Miami	78	60	s	75	64	s
Nashville	45	30	c	59	46	s
New Orleans	69	48	s	70	55	s
New York	45	27	c	37	25	s
Oklahoma City	69	49	s	81	57	s
Philadelphia	44	27	c	39	23	s
St. Louis	45	36	c	59	53	pc
Salt Lake City	58	48	pc	50	33	sh
San Francisco	64	52	sh	61	51	sh
Seattle	59	43	sh	51	43	sh
Washington, DC	45	28	pc	40	25	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.

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: In the evening, the galaxy M31 in Andromeda is visible high in the west.

Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
9:35 a.m.	8.9 ft.	3:30 a.m.	3.2 ft.
11:05 p.m.	7.6 ft.	4:47 p.m.	0.1 ft.

Servino appointed to transit board

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Sunset Empire Transportation District's Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Jim Servino to the district board at the January meeting, filling the district's Commissioner No. 7 vacancy.

He is currently the membership and assistant executive director at the Astoria Warrenton Chamber of Commerce.

Servino is very active in the community, serving on several committees, including being chairman of the Friends of Astoria Aquatic

Center and chairman of the Committee to Promote Astoria. He has recently returned to the Astoria area, where he raised his family and was the owner and general manager of several radio stations.

The Commissioner No. 7 position expires in June 2017.

BIRTH

Feb. 7, 2016

SCARBOROUGH, Brianna, and FRETS, Walter, of Astoria, a boy, Silas Robert Frets, born

at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Jon and Trish Scarborough of Astoria and Steve and Sophie Frets of Kodiak, Alaska.

MEMORIAL

Friday, Feb. 19

BIRKENFELD, Louise — Visitation from 3 to 5 p.m., Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 220 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside. Birken-

feld, 87, of Seaside, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, in Portland. To share memories and sign the guest book, go to www.hughes-ransom.com

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District, 5 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

DEATHS

Feb. 9, 2016

OLSON, Herbert, 69, of Astoria, died Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in

charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 15, 2016

FAUVER, Robert M., 88, of Deep River, Washington,

died in Longview, Washington. Dowling Funeral Home in Cathlamet, Washington, is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 7-4-4-9
4 p.m.: 4-5-2-7
7 p.m.: 9-5-2-6
10 p.m.: 5-7-6-1

WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 3-4-7
Tuesday's Keno: 14-19-22-23-25-29-30-33-44-47-48-51-52-58-60-62-64-65-72-79
Tuesday's Match 4: 04-11-16-22
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 09-31-33-46-64, Mega Ball: 4
 Estimated jackpot: \$94 million.

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