



## Tiny lodges may land in Hammond

### Camping resort is in early stages near marina

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**H**AMMOND — A grassy field overlooking the Hammond Marina could become the site of a proposed vacation resort — not a garish condo-style behemoth but a quaint, quirky enterprise called Harborview Resort.

Last month, the first piece of the resort — a traditional two-story structure called Harborview Lodge — opened to guests on Jetty Street.

The rest would comprise a set of three yurts and three mini-lodges — arranged east-to-west in alternating sequence — plus another small lodge converted from an antique tugboat.

“At first, I was going to do all mini-lodges, then I got to thinking: A couple other alternatives would be appealing to people,” said Marlin Larsen, the sole developer who lives in Roseburg and has owned property in Hammond since the 1980s.

Larsen’s mini-lodges — classified in Oregon as “park models” — are designed as cabins that sit on trailer frames. Once built, they would come in different sizes, styles and price ranges, and sleep four to six people.

A mini-lodge already finished includes a toilet, shower and kitchenette, wood paneling, cobble-wood flooring and a table made of old-growth myrtle wood that folds up against the wall.

Anyone who frequents Fort Stevens State Park should have a pretty good idea of what the yurts will look like: circular dwellings for four to six vacationers seeking an experience “half a step above camping,” Larsen said.

Each structure will incorporate natural design features. Larsen plans to put in parking and a central restroom, but the vast majority of the almost-acre property will remain open space.

“I don’t want to have something that’s supercrowded,” he said. “I want people to enjoy the kind of openness and ambiance that exists here.”

#### Early stages

A retired medical lab director and consultant, Larsen got the idea for Harborview Resort from Caravan, the tiny house hotel in Portland’s Alberta Arts District.

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Marlin Larsen stands inside one of the mini-lodges on his Hammond property near the mooring basin.



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ABOVE: A view of the inside of one of the mini-lodges. The lodge features a bunk bed, kitchen, full bathroom, and fold out dining room table. BELOW: One of the mini-lodges sits on Marlin Larsen’s property near the Hammond Mooring Basin.

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## Oregon LNG asks Port to let them go

### Company seeks to terminate sublease deal

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Oregon LNG sent a notice to the Port of Astoria last week seeking to terminate its sublease of land on the Skipanon Peninsula.

The Port leases more than 90 acres of filled and submerged lands on the peninsula from the Department of State Lands, subleasing it to Oregon LNG. The company was trying to build a highly controversial liquefied natural gas export terminal, but nixed the project earlier this month.

“With this notice, neither the Port nor Oregon LNG has any further obligations under the sublease agreement,” wrote Richard Glick, an attorney for LNG Development Co., doing business as Oregon LNG, in a letter dated Thursday. He asked the Port’s Executive Director Jim Knight to sign an agreement acknowledging the termination of the sublease.



Jim Knight

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## College singles out Breitmeyer for president

### Contract talks begin soon

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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The Clatsop Community College Board of Directors unanimously voted to offer Christopher Breitmeyer the president’s position Tuesday night.

Breitmeyer, 49, has been the vice president for academic and student affairs at St. Charles Community College northwest of St. Louis since 2012, and the college’s dean of math, science and health since 2008.

The college board chose him over finalist Glenn Smith, the executive vice provost for student services and enrollment management at Concordia University in Portland.



Christopher Breitmeyer

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## A nod to whimsy is coming soon to Banker’s Suite

### New museum to open downtown in June

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Blending luxury with whimsy, the Banker’s Suite will get rebranded in June as a museum with curios dating back to the 1850s.

Trish Bright, who owns the stylish property on 12th and Duane streets with her husband, Walter, said the space will have beadwork, wooden masks, vintage clothing, classic souvenirs and an old-fashioned candy counter.

“A lot of odd things,” Bright said. “There’s going to be some things that a lot of people have seen before, but a lot of things that no one has ever seen before.”

The Museum of Whimsy is the latest incarnation of an American Renaissance building with roots in the 1920s. The former Bank of Astoria has been a day spa, a luxury apartment and a grand ballroom, but has mostly stood as an architectural relic.

Bright said she plans to charge admission to the museum and offer the property for rent for parties. The couple had previously advertised the apartment and ballroom for overnight stays, private parties, wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners and corporate events.

“The building itself is part of the tour, because it is such a beautiful building,” Bright said. “So many people have been in it when it was bank in the ‘70s. We want to have the whole renovation project described.”



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The Banker’s Suite downtown will become the Museum of Whimsy.

