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## ORLANDO GUNMAN APPARENTLY SEARCHED FACEBOOK DURING ATTACK

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Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian  
David Shadrick, center, and other volunteers help serve a free afternoon meal to those in need on June 9 at the Astoria Armory. In addition to hosting other community events and activities, the Armory provides a free meal to those in need each day of the week.

# PERSISTENCE PAYS FOR ARMORY REBIRTH

Volunteers, gifts make for robust community fun

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

A growing crowd glided under the din of pop music around the expansive gym floor inside the Astoria Armory Saturday. The skaters included a mixture of kids, parents and attendees from the inaugural Astoria Gay Pride Gala held the night before.

Behind the scenes, Armory supporters and organizers gathered on the mezzanine, toasting the continued resurgence of the nearly 75-year-old recreation hall.

"It's just so great to see how full of life the building is tonight," said Armory board member Bruce Jones, who joined after retiring as the local commander of the U.S. Coast Guard.

### Everything to everyone

Events Coordinator Robyn Koustik, the lone Armory employee, said she has become somewhat of a caseworker, helping all the organizations that seek

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ABOVE: Julie House, left, lights up the rink during the Astoria Armory's community skate night Saturday. Since opening nearly two years ago, the armory has hosted myriad community events.



LEFT: Ellie Adams, a volunteer with the Astoria Armory, said the space became one where she could leave her problems at the door and enjoy herself.

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## Treasurer accused in fishing fund theft

Second recent theft case involving fishing groups

By KYLE SPURR  
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The treasurer for the Deep Sea Fishermen's Benefit Fund is accused of stealing more than \$10,000 from the Warrenton nonprofit.

Janelle Marie Adams, 42, of Hammond, pleaded not guilty Wednesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to first-degree aggravated theft.

The alleged theft occurred between May and November 2013.

Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said the investigation began in September 2014.

Adams was arrested last month after a grand jury indictment. She is out of custody on a release agreement from the jail.

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## Warrenton mayor gets involved in dam talks

Conflict of interest had kept Kujala from participating in the past

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WARRENTON — Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala participated in an executive session Tuesday night on the Eighth Street Dam despite recusing himself from previous discussions because of a conflict of interest.

Kujala's family owns property near the dam and his mother, father, brother and cousin have testified before the City Commission on the dam's future. The mayor's family has aligned with the Nygaard family, which controls Warrenton Fiber, to pressure the city into opposing the dam's removal because of the potential impact to private property and flood-related issues.

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## Cannon Beach, condos cited for dune-grading error

Emergency act encroached on public sands

By LYRA FONTAINE  
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Sand was moved near Breakers Point in Cannon Beach after a winter storm. But was it moved from an area that needed Oregon Parks and Recreation Department approval?

City officials say it was part of an attempt to prevent erosion, but the nonprofit Oregon Coast Alliance believes the city and Breakers Point should

have sought state approval before putting shovels to the sand.

Oregon Coast Alliance Land Use Director Cameron La Follette filed a complaint in January with the state Parks and Recreation Department, which issued a notice of violation in May to the Breakers Point Homeowners Association and the city for modifying and removing sand at a dune complex located west of the Breakers Point condominiums.

No improvements can be made within the ocean shore, a state recreation area, without a permit.

"Breakers Point and Cannon Beach were co-partners



Submitted Photo

Waves from December storms led to beach erosion.

and collaborators in this emergency dune grading," La Follette said. "Breakers Point was fully involved in the situation. Both parties should be held

jointly responsible."

Although removing private sand would have been permitted, the violation came from the two parties taking

sand from public-owned and state-managed ocean shore to fill the hole.

The violation occurred during emergency sand removal and dune alteration in December, after a storm left underground utilities exposed.

Following the storm, Breakers Point Homeowners Association requested emergency assistance from the city after a storm eroded a bank adjacent to the condominiums and exposed a natural gas main.

In the notice of violation, the Parks and Recreation Department required that the

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