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Board backs new library at Heritage Square

Top pick goes to Astoria City Council in July

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The Astoria Library Board on Tuesday night recommended the city build a new, modern library at Heritage Square, describing the project as a “cultural, social and economic

benefit to Astoria for generations to come.”

An 18,000-square-foot library east of the Garden of Surging Waves could cost between \$8.7 million and \$10.1 million. The board found that a new library would be more economical than renovating the aging library

on 10th Street and could be a more enticing project to private donors.

The recommendation will be heard at a special meeting of the City Council in July. The board’s advice could help the council make a decision after 18 months of uncertainty over a library project.

Kate Summers, the chairwoman of the Library Board, said there are few better investments than a library.

“That’s what I hope that Astorians will see. That a library will be expensive to build,” she said, “but we’ll get that money back in what it means to the city.”

Six options

The City Council had supported a plan to renovate the existing library, which was built in the 1960s and is suffering from age and structural defi-

ciencies, and expand into the vacant Waldorf Hotel. But after Mayor Arline LaMear and two new councilors took power last year, the council agreed to consider a new library with housing at Heritage Square.

Consultants have outlined six options that involve renovating the existing library, expanding the library

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Warrenton role model gets his due



John Mattila, former Warrenton High School football coach, poses for a portrait Tuesday at Warrenton High School. The football field will be dedicated to Mattila in September.

School honors coach Mattila’s dedication on gridiron, court

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — With 38 years and more than 500 career wins coaching football and basketball, John Mattila has left an indelible mark on youth sports in Warrenton.

The Warrenton-Hammond School Board returned the favor last week, voting to name Warrenton High School’s gridiron Mattila Field in his honor.

“I appreciate it,” said Mattila, who retired from teaching in 2003 and coaching in 2011. “Not many people get that honor.”

The Mattila name is omnipresent for anyone talking Warrenton football or taking in a



Warrenton coach John Mattila talks over strategies with Nate McBride (10), Andy Forney (41) and Nick Smith (23) during the Warriors’ first-round win over Weston-McEwen in November 2002.

game at the high school, where a scoreboard donated by retired Warrenton businessman Dennis Bjork is dedicated to him.

The idea of naming the high school’s field after Mattila, 69, is more than a decade old. Principal Rod Heyen and baseball coach Lenny Wolfe recently brought the

idea back up to the school board. “The man has given a lot to the school, and he won a lot of games along the way,” Heyen said.

More than just honoring his coaching career, Debbie Morrow, the board chairwoman, said naming the field is a way to honor what a positive role model Mat-

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tilla has been to so many students throughout the decades. Along with coaching, Mattila taught for more than 30 years.

Morrow said the hope is to gather players, coaches and other people from Mattila’s past for a dedication party Sept. 2, when the Warriors open the season against rival Knappa High School.

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Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and Gov. Kate Brown announce two settlements with Volkswagen over an emissions-cheating scandal.

VW to pay Oregonians \$85 million

About 13,000 diesel vehicle owners will get \$5,100 each

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PORTLAND — The state and federal government have settled two lawsuits with Volkswagen related to the company misrepresenting the amount of emissions its diesel-powered vehicles produced.

The federal settlement, which has yet to receive final approval, requires Volkswagen to pay more than \$68.2 million into a trust to support diesel-emission reduction programs in Oregon and to make cash payments of \$5,100 each to 13,000 Oregonians who purchased the falsely-marketed vehicles. Volkswagen also has agreed to buy back or fix certain VW and Audi diesel vehicles. Other states will receive similarly funded emission reductions programs.

In a separate multistate settlement reached by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and 37 other attorneys general, Volkswagen has agreed to pay \$570 million for violating state laws prohibiting unfair or deceptive trade practices. Oregon receives \$17 million of that payment.

Oregon was among six states that led the investigation into the company’s deceptive trade practices, in part because Oregon has the highest per-capita ownership of the affected VW vehicles in the nation, Rosenblum said.

The attorneys general investigation confirmed that VW and Porsche sold more than

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‘Not a Ban’ aims to tame rowdy Long Beach Fourth

Collaborators team up to tackle consistent rules enforcement

By NATALIE ST. JOHN
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — After a year of meetings, workshops, negotiations and plans, members of the “Not a Ban, a Better Plan” group are cautiously hopeful that this year’s Fourth of July celebration will be more orderly than the raucous 2015 holiday.

Though county commis-

sioners would not consider changing the county fireworks ordinance, residents and representatives from numerous state and local bodies that have jurisdiction over the beach worked together well and made a solid effort to prevent another chaotic holiday, “Not a Ban” member Bonnie Lou Cozy said Tuesday.

Collaborators in the “Beach-friendly Fourth” campaign include Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Parks, Long Beach Police, Pacific County Sheriff’s Office, as well as local fire departments, business leaders, tourism experts and city and county officials, according to

State Parks press release.

Steep “learning curve”

The Not a Ban group formed last July after the enormous, wild celebration left many locals feeling angry and frightened.

According to the release, an estimated 100,000 people spent their holiday in the area, and many of them illegally camped on the beach. On July 4, Jeffery Beach, a 36-year-old Auburn man, was killed in an apparent assault on the beach. Some jurisdictions, including the city of Long Beach, allowed beach bonfires,

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Natalie St. John/EO Media Group
One beachgoer climbed on top of his truck to record the deafening spectacle of hundreds of fireworks exploding simultaneously in 2014. The peninsula-wide fireworks free-for-all kicked off around sunset on the Fourth, and continued well into the early hours of the next day.

