

# Investors anxious as Oregonians again vote on marijuana outlets

By **ANDREW SELSKY**  
Associated Press

Last year, Golden Leaf Holdings, a leading cannabis company, paid \$3.3 million for almost 100 acres of land in Oregon to build a marijuana growing, processing and research site.

The future looked bright: Oregon voters had legalized recreational marijuana in 2014. But Measure 91 gave counties and towns the opportunity to opt out and ban pot businesses.

Days after Golden Leaf signed the papers on the property in Marion County near the town of Aurora, the county banned marijuana businesses in unincorporated areas. So did about 100 other towns and counties.

“That shut us out completely out of the recreational market, which was our original strategy,” said Beau Whitney, a Golden Leaf vice president.

Now, Golden Leaf has another chance. Marion County is one of about 50 Oregon towns and counties that will decide in the November election whether to opt back into the marijuana business, according to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which regulates and licenses the industry.

Other states across America are also grappling with the issue of how to deal with the emerging marijuana business. Recreational or medical marijuana measures are on ballots in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada and North Dakota.

At Golden Leaf’s property, in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Salem, valuable machines to process marijuana into potent oils are mostly idle, used only for medical marijuana. One greenhouse was filled with rows of robust pot plants, but about 20 other greenhouses stood empty under rainy skies on a recent afternoon.

Whitney said Marion County will lose \$7.5 million in employees’ wages per year and in company spending for infrastructure development if voters say no to marijuana, forcing Golden Leaf to move elsewhere.

“We just want a level playing field,” Whitney said. “We’re just looking for reasonable regulation.”

Marion County Commissioner Sam Brentano said he doesn’t want the county overrun by pot businesses attracted by its rich soil and highway access, and that

he has received complaints about odor, noise and lights.

One recent evening, 16 backers of pro-pot ballot measures gathered in an anteroom of a medical marijuana store. Some volunteered to staff a phone bank. Others said they would hand out fliers to boost voter awareness of the ballot measures.

“This is really the Wild West now,” Genevieve Sheridan, an insurance agent representing cannabis businesses, told those gathered at West Salem Cannabis.

A color-coded map published by the Association of Oregon Counties shows how the differing pot policies have created a patchwork. Oregon’s more conservative eastern counties are red, meaning they banned recreational marijuana businesses; counties establishing regulations for licensed marijuana businesses are green; those that have a pot vote pending are orange or violet; and others that haven’t taken any action are blue.

The landscape is likely to change with this election.

Steven Marks, executive director of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, told The Associated Press that “we will have more licensing and a bubble of activity coming. ... We’ll see how many pass.”

# ‘Castle in the sky’



Steve Richert/For The Daily Astorian  
**Steve Richert of Cannon Beach sent in this picture of the sunset at Cannon Beach Saturday after two days of storms.**

# Rain brings wild Chinook salmon to some southern Oregon backyards

Associated Press

MEDFORD — Biologists say rains are encouraging spawning Chinook salmon to spread across Oregon’s Bear Creek Basin and even into backyard creeks.

The Mail Tribune reported that wild Chinook have moved from the Rogue River into Bear Creek early and explored tributaries that haven’t seen the fish in years.

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish biologist Pete Samarin says the storm front expected this week will likely bring the salmon into Medford’s Lazy and Larson creeks. Peak spawning isn’t until Halloween, so the city’s residents could see the large fish spawning for several weeks if the water flow remains cooperative.

Samarin says he hopes people who see the big fish in expected streams call his office to report the findings. He also asks onlookers to leave the fish alone.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
49	60 48	61 54	62 52	61 48
Mostly cloudy with a bit of rain	Variably cloudy with a couple of showers	A shower in the a.m., then a little rain	Breezy; morning rain, then a shower or two	Remaining cloudy with a passing shower

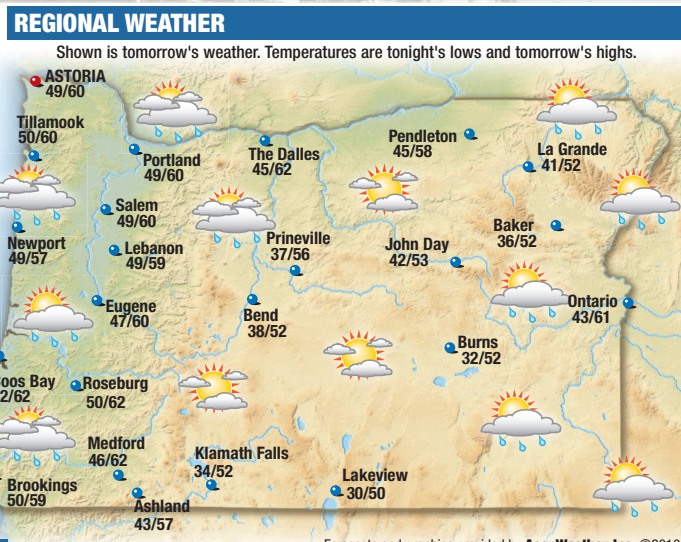
**ALMANAC**  
Astoria through Sunday.

**Temperatures**

High/Low	63°/52°
Normal high/low	61°/44°
Record high	77° in 2002
Record low	33° in 1983

**Precipitation**

Sunday	1.79"
Month to date	11.65"
Normal month to date	2.39"
Year to date	54.62"
Normal year to date	42.88"



**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight	6:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	7:37 a.m.
Moonrise today	7:55 p.m.
Moonset today	9:18 a.m.

Phase: Waxing Crescent

**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: Antares the Scorpion will be quite low in the southwest as twilight fades this evening.

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**  
Astoria / Port Docks

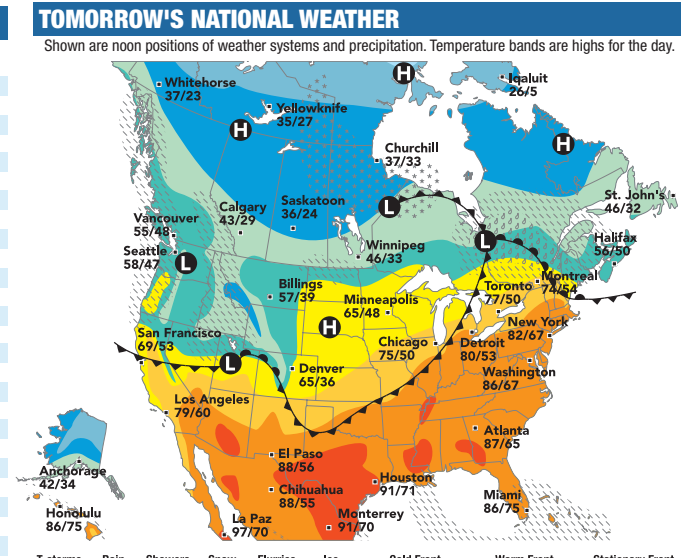
Time	High	Time	Low
3:38 a.m.	8.4 ft.	9:25 a.m.	1.1 ft.
3:20 p.m.	9.7 ft.	10:13 p.m.	-1.4 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	84 65 s	87 65 s
Boston	71 58 pc	80 61 pc
Chicago	83 68 c	75 50 pc
Denver	75 37 pc	65 36 pc
Des Moines	85 58 pc	71 49 s
Detroit	81 68 c	80 53 c
El Paso	89 57 s	88 56 s
Fairbanks	29 16 pc	32 12 pc
Honolulu	86 75 pc	86 75 pc
Indianapolis	87 69 s	84 59 pc
Kansas City	90 57 s	73 52 s
Las Vegas	79 61 pc	82 60 s
Los Angeles	74 57 pc	79 60 s
Memphis	91 70 s	90 68 s
Miami	87 75 pc	86 75 pc
Nashville	88 65 s	88 64 s
New Orleans	89 76 pc	89 75 pc
New York	76 64 pc	82 67 s
Oklahoma City	91 64 s	81 59 s
Philadelphia	80 64 pc	86 65 s
St. Louis	92 73 s	85 61 pc
Salt Lake City	58 39 c	56 38 sh
San Francisco	70 55 pc	69 53 s
Seattle	58 49 r	58 47 c
Washington, DC	82 65 pc	86 67 s

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	54 36 c	52 27 pc
Bend	54 38 pc	52 35 pc
Brookings	56 50 r	58 48 sh
Eugene	60 47 r	60 46 sh
Ilwaco	59 52 r	59 52 sh
Klamath Falls	52 34 sn	52 24 pc
Medford	60 46 r	62 43 pc
Newberg	59 48 r	60 46 sh
Newport	56 49 r	57 50 sh
North Bend	61 52 r	61 49 sh
Olympia	58 47 r	58 45 sh
Pendleton	61 45 sh	58 40 pc
Portland	60 49 r	60 47 sh
Roseburg	61 50 r	62 45 sh
Salem	60 49 r	60 47 sh
Seaside	59 51 r	60 50 sh
Spokane	54 41 sh	52 38 pc
Springfield	59 49 r	60 45 sh
Vancouver	59 50 r	60 47 sh
Yakima	64 41 c	62 36 pc



# Clatsop County property tax bills to arrive in mailboxes

The Daily Astorian

Clatsop County property tax bills for the 2016-17 fiscal year will arrive in mailboxes soon.

Countywide, the real market value of all taxable property increased from \$7.92 billion to \$8.35 billion, an increase of 5.4 percent. The total assessed value this year is \$5.8 billion, or 2.9 percent higher than last year.

Property taxes are impacted by voter-approved levies and bonds, including a five-year local option for the Warrenton Rural Fire District and the renewed Clatsop County Fairgrounds five-year option. Taxpayers in the Shoreline Sanitary District will pay \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for debt service payments on a bond

passed in 2008 for sewer improvements.

Tax payments are due on or before Nov. 15 and can be paid in the following ways:

- By mail
- At the Clatsop County Assessment and Taxation Office, 820 Exchange St., Suite 210.
- At any local branch of Columbia Bank, Clatsop Community Bank or Wauna Federal Credit Union.
- Online at [www.co.clatsop.or.us](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us), click on "Pay Taxes Online."

Property value disputes or penalties assessed due to late filing can be appealed to the Clatsop County Board of Property Tax Appeals. Forms are available from the Clerk and Elections Division, 820 Exchange St. Petitions must be filed by Jan. 2.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**TUESDAY**  
**Cannon Beach Public Works Committee**, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Sunset Empire Parks and Rec District**, 4 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.  
**Port of Astoria Commission**, 4 p.m., executive session, 6 p.m., regular meeting, new Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

**Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission**, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Shoreline Sanitary District Board**, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.  
**Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council**, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.  
**Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
- Sunday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 7-9-5-1  
4 p.m.: 6-4-4-3  
7 p.m.: 1-1-9-6  
10 p.m.: 4-8-9-7  
**Saturday's Megabucks:**  
2-9-17-24-40-41  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.8 million  
**Saturday's Powerball:** 23-49-57-64-67, Powerball: 20  
Estimated jackpot: \$136 million  
**Saturday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 2-4-8-8  
4 p.m.: 2-4-8-8  
7 p.m.: 5-7-0-3  
10 p.m.: 5-2-3-0  
**Friday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 9-6-9-2  
4 p.m.: 0-2-0-8  
7 p.m.: 0-7-6-0  
10 p.m.: 6-4-3-0

- WASHINGTON**
- Sunday's Daily Game:** 9-0-6  
**Sunday's Keno:** 07-12-13-15-21-24-26-27-34-35-37-42-48-52-54-56-67-72-76-80  
**Sunday's Match 4:** 04-05-11-18  
**Saturday's Daily Game:** 4-7-5  
**Saturday's Hit 5:** 02-06-15-28-37  
Estimated jackpot: \$140,000  
**Saturday's Keno:** 02-04-05-08-10-17-19-20-21-22-29-30-36-44-50-53-60-61-66-73  
**Saturday's Lotto:** 01-04-05-29-44-49  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.5 million  
**Saturday's Match 4:** 01-07-18-24  
**Friday's Daily Game:** 7-8-1  
**Friday's Keno:** 08-23-27-30-36-38-40-41-43-44-49-52-54-61-62-68-70-71-78-80  
**Friday's Match 4:** 03-05-14-22  
**Friday's Mega Millions:** 07-27-60-64-74, Mega Ball: 5  
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

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