

Creating a vision: a new advocate for downtown Astoria

Heath will lead historic district association

By EDWARD STRATTON
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After fundraising for political candidates in her home state of Texas and working for nonprofits in Portland and Seattle, Sarah Lu Heath said she perked up after hearing about an opening for director of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

Heath, 32, started last week as the downtown association's new director, replacing Alana Garner. Like her predecessors, she has hit the ground running, meeting constituents and organizing one of its main events, the Shore Style Wedding Faire, in The Loft at the Red Building in January.

Heath said she wants to "continue all the good work done before her." And second-



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
Sarah Lu Heath is the new director of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

arily, I think I'll have the ability to do visioning work with both the ADHDA and city of Astoria to ... create the vision of where we want to go from here, and involve all of the stakeholders in making that happen."

Hands on

Heath graduated from the University of Texas in 2007

with a bachelor's degree in cultural geography and worked for a short time in political fundraising, before stints with REI, the Texas Public Policy Foundation and the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin.

In 2013, she moved to the West Coast to work with JDRE, a nonprofit funding Type 1 diabetes research. She spent several months in Seattle

before two years with the nonprofit in Portland.

"With a career in fundraising, I wanted to do something hands on," Heath said.

In July 2015, she became director of development for Restore Oregon, a statewide nonprofit focused on preservation. Heath said she's now lived in most of the "cool" cities west of the Mississippi River, but that Portland never stuck to her ribs.

She grew enamored with smaller towns like Port Orford and Medford while traveling with Restore Oregon. At the Oregon Main Street Conference in Astoria in September, Heath said, she learned Garner was leaving.

"I did not share that thought with anybody except myself and my dog," Heath said during an introduction to the downtown association's membership Friday.

She comes with her mixed-terrier Commodore "Boots" Jackson, who she

described as a "scruff ball from the streets."

Progress

The downtown association's first two directors were interns with the AmeriCorps Resource Assistance for Rural Environments program. Blaire Buegler started in 2010 and interned in Astoria two years. Rebecca Frick took over in 2012 for one year.

Michele Reeves, a revitalization consultant contracted by the group to assess downtown, said that year that one of the best things the group could do to move forward was hire a full-time director. Garner became the downtown association's first salaried director in September 2013.

Garner organized the group's main fundraisers, such as the Jane Barnes Revue drag show and Pacific Northwest Brew Cup. The events funded her position and the association's efforts, including downtown cleanups, plant-watering,

holiday celebrations and Novel Efforts Downtown, a series of lectures meant to help downtown business owners.

Five months after Garner started, Astoria was named a Performing Downtown, the highest designation possible through the Oregon Main Street program. Garner left for eastern Oregon in the fall, with plans to pursue a master's in economic development and historic preservation — and to one day own her own historic building.

The downtown association "had been driven exclusively by volunteers for approximately 20 years, and we knew that paid staffing would be the only way to ensure sustainability and continuity of the organization and its work in the community," said Dulce Taylor, president of the downtown association, in a release about Heath's hiring. "We've come a long way over the past few years, and Sarah has the skills and experience to help us take it to the next level."

Observances mark Pearl Harbor attack

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The public is invited to a short service honoring those who served and died at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941, marking the entry of the United States into World War II.

The memorial begins at 9

a.m. at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center inside the lobby area. The service will move outside to the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge, located adjacent to the convention center, for a wreath laying ceremony and a possible U.S. Coast Guard flyover at 9:55 a.m. American Legion Post

99 in Seaside is sponsoring this event. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Clatsop Post 12 American Legion in Astoria is holding a memorial and program at 4 p.m. Wednesday, with special guest Spurgeon Keeth, a Pearl Harbor survivor. An anniversary cake will be served.

Costs of train derailment along Columbia River adding up

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Six months after a train hauling Bakken crude oil derailed along the Columbia River Gorge, Washington state, Oregon and other officials are still tabulating a bill to send to Union Pacific Railroad.

Union Pacific said in a statement that it is committed to absorbing all the costs incurred as a result of the fiery crash in June in Mosier.

The railroad is not required to disclose costs associated with its cleanup efforts or how much its insurance policy will cover, The Columbian newspaper reported. But an email obtained by the newspaper

shows the railroad has estimated its costs associated with the derailment at about \$8.9 million.

The railroad reported \$1.7 million in equipment damage and \$176,811 in track damage to the Federal Railroad Administration, with the remaining millions for response and remediation costs.

Meanwhile, an intergovernmental group made up of officials with Mosier city, the fire district and a school foundation is currently in negotiations with the railroad over compensation and other issues.

William Gary, a Portland-based attorney working with that Mosier group, declined to say what kind of

compensation the government agencies are seeking. "We are in a confidential mediation at the moment," Gary said. "We're working with the railroad to resolve a host of fairly complicated issues."

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
34	44 29	42 34	47 43	50 43
A shower early; otherwise, partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy, chilly; breezy in the p.m.	Breezy and chilly with rain	Periods of rain

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/low 52°/37°
Normal high/low 50°/37°
Record high 63° in 1939
Record low 23° in 2013

Precipitation
Sunday 0.69"
Month to date 1.68"
Normal month to date 1.43"
Year to date 78.18"
Normal year to date 59.05"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 7:43 a.m.
Moonrise today 11:57 a.m.
Moonset today 10:40 p.m.

First Full Last New
Dec 7 Dec 13 Dec 20 Dec 28

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: At 2.9 million light-years away, the Andromeda Galaxy which is visible to the unaided eye soars high overhead this evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
6:10 a.m.	7.8 ft.	12:02 p.m.	3.2 ft.
5:33 p.m.	7.5 ft.	none	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	58 53 r	68 46 t
Boston	41 33 c	43 37 pc
Chicago	39 30 c	41 26 c
Denver	52 10 c	31 10 sn
Des Moines	49 28 c	36 20 c
Detroit	42 29 pc	43 29 r
El Paso	62 40 s	62 42 r
Fairbanks	-12 -22 s	-14 -21 s
Honolulu	81 70 pc	82 72 pc
Indianapolis	46 35 c	43 26 r
Kansas City	52 28 c	40 22 pc
Las Vegas	62 41 pc	63 39 pc
Los Angeles	67 51 pc	64 49 pc
Memphis	49 45 r	54 36 c
Miami	83 76 pc	84 73 pc
Nashville	51 47 c	56 34 r
New Orleans	69 56 t	66 50 s
New York	46 38 c	46 40 r
Oklahoma City	55 35 c	49 29 pc
Philadelphia	53 37 pc	47 43 r
St. Louis	49 35 pc	45 26 r
Salt Lake City	35 18 sf	35 18 sn
San Francisco	57 45 pc	56 43 pc
Seattle	43 31 c	39 25 s
Washington, DC	57 40 pc	45 41 r

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	33 20 sn	28 8 sf	Olympia	42 28 sn	38 22 pc
Bend	35 22 sn	28 7 sn	Pendleton	39 26 sn	30 15 sf
Brookings	47 40 r	48 35 pc	Portland	43 33 c	41 27 pc
Eugene	44 33 sh	42 22 pc	Roseburg	45 37 c	44 26 sn
Ilwaco	46 36 r	43 33 s	Salem	43 34 sh	41 24 pc
Klamath Falls	36 24 sn	35 13 sf	Seaside	46 35 r	44 32 s
Medford	46 36 r	44 26 sf	Spokane	32 20 sn	29 11 s
Newberg	42 33 c	39 25 pc	Springfield	43 35 sh	40 22 pc
Newport	45 36 r	45 31 pc	Vancouver	41 34 c	40 26 pc
North Bend	48 39 r	48 32 sh	Yakima	41 24 sn	38 15 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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LaMear holds 'Meet the Mayor' event

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Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear will hold her monthly

"Meet the Mayor" event at noon Wednesday at City Hall.

Residents are invited to attend and discuss city issues.

DEATHS

Oct. 27, 2016
LOGSDON, David Allen Chandler, 62, of McMinnville, formerly of Warrenton, died in Portland. Crown Memorial Center in Tualatin was in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 2, 2016
HALBROOK, Marilyn Jean, 78, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories

and sign the guest book.
WATTERS, Sandra Lee, 70, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Dec. 4, 2016
HAWKEN, Lyman Gerald, 92, of Cannon Beach, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

TUESDAY
Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
Clatsop County Fair Board,

5:30 p.m., Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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