



Sunset ceremony

THE ALLISON TIGARD AND MIKE MAGYAR WEDDING

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Allison Tigard and Mike Magyar are rock climbers, which explains why the proposal took place on a mountain in the north Cascades. They made their official announcement on Thanksgiving with Mike on bended knee in front of the whole family.

That Thanksgiving was the first at their new home in Astoria, after moving from Portland. The couple considered having their wedding in Portland but, as Allison said, “Our life is here, in Astoria.” Allison did not want a summer wedding, “I remembered the sunsets in the fall, how beautiful the sky was. The spectacular sunsets were a magic

show. I said, ‘I want that.’”

Allison thought a full moon would be nice, and the first fall full moon that their friends could all make the wedding was Oct. 15, so the date was set. They needed an indoor location because of the chance of rain. “I loved the warm and rustic feel of the Loft at the Red Building,” Allison says, “and it has a great view of the Columbia.” They would have pictures under the bridge, with a flaming fall sunset. They also reserved the trolley.

As the date approached they discovered their wedding weekend was also the weekend of the Great Columbia Crossing. There would be thousands of runners and walkers in town. They warned their guests that they should reserve rooms early. >>

A week before the wedding, the weather predictions were dire ... the first major storm of the season was heading right for their wedding.