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Jimmy Huddleston, with the Seaside Fire Department, works to maintain equipment at the Fire Station. The department was recently awarded a grant that will update some components of their self-contained-breathing-apparatus gear.

## New set of apartments planned for South Slope

Developer pitches a 32-unit complex

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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The owner of the Fisher Brothers Building in downtown Astoria plans to build a 32-unit apartment complex on property near the Old Youngs Bay Bridge.

The city building department recently approved developer Joe Barnes' permit application for an apartment complex consisting of three separate three-story buildings. The complex would be built on property near the old Yacht Club offices, the location of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, according to city staff. Barnes estimates the project will cost \$1.8 million, according to the application he submitted to the city. But city staff believe it could be more expensive. They estimate the cost at \$4.5 million.



Barnes, whose company, West D Lake LLC, has an Otis, address, could not be reached for comment. His application must still obtain approval from the city's public works, planning and fire departments before he and his contractors can proceed.

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## Seaside firefighters get some 'breathing room'

Grant, levy to boost breathing apparatus gear

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SEASIDE — For the Seaside Fire Department, the third time's a charm.

Chief Joey Daniels and Seaside Fire and Rescue were awarded \$151,600 to buy self-contained breathing apparatus essential for indoor firefighting. "These are lifesaving pieces of equipment," Daniels said.

Seaside will match a little more than \$7,000 of U.S. Department of Homeland Security funds, for a federal share just above \$144,000.

Daniels said he'd sought the funds each of the last three years, as aging, unusable or obsolete equipment limited the number of air packs available for the 35-member Seaside volunteer staff.

The fire department asked voters for a levy to help meet critical safety needs, including the apparatus.

### Thumbs-up

In May, Seaside voters overwhelmingly endorsed Local Option 4-186, approving \$2 million over

five years for fire equipment and personnel, including self-contained breathing apparatus, a new ladder truck and funding for the department's training and safety officer.

The federal grant, meanwhile, was approved only days after the election.

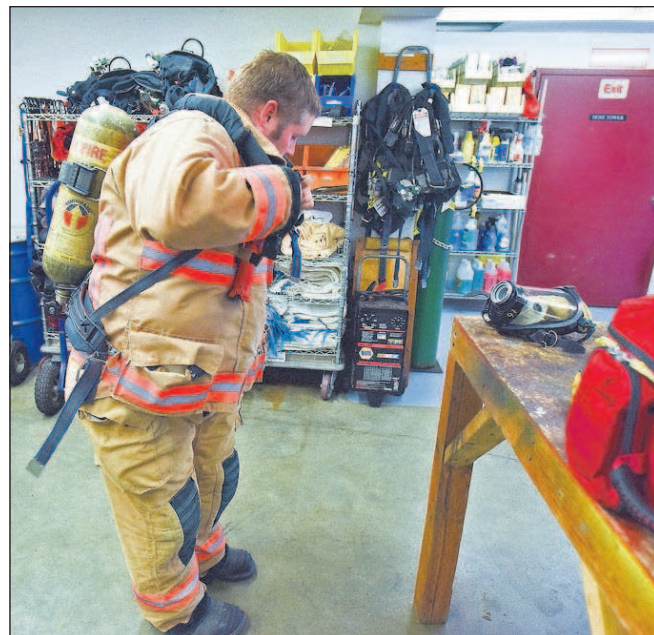
Within the last five years, Daniels said he has noticed major issues with the current apparatus. "We're always fixing them," Daniels said. "If you went out there right now, there are six hanging out there on the wall, out of service."

Tanks must be tested every five years, with a 15-year life before they must be thrown away. All 32 tanks owned by the department are up for disposal next year. "You're not going interior without them," Daniels said. "That's our air."

While levy funds are not available until November 2018, the grant, available immediately, gives the fire department a head start.

One package includes back-assembly, high-pressure cylinder and a face mask and sells for about \$6,500 to \$7,200 each. The Department of Homeland Security grants a slightly lower cost allowance, capping their participation at \$6,200 per unit. Seaside will make up the difference through the department's budget, Daniels said.

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Seaside firefighter Jimmy Huddleston demonstrates how the group's self-contained-breathing-apparatus equipment works in conjunction with other safety gear.



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The Seaside Fire Department consists mainly of a volunteers.

## Sturgeon fishermen strike quota

Saturday fishing called off after good haul

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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Sturgeon fishing is canceled for Saturday after Oregon and Washington state reported higher-than-expected numbers of fish caught and thousands of people fishing, state fishery managers announced Wednesday evening.

Total catch, after factoring in Wednesday's landings, will likely be right at or slightly over the quota of 3,000 sturgeon set by the states, according to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

It was a number fishery managers expected fishermen to inch toward over the six days of fishing scheduled from June 5 to Saturday.

Instead, fishermen landed an estimated 400 sturgeon on the first day, about 100 fish more than expected. Over the next four days that the fishery was open, the river — and fish cleaning stations — stayed busy.

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## Scandinavian monument in Astoria still on hold

City seeks maintenance help from advocates

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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Plans to build a monument at an underused downtown park to honor Astoria's Scandinavian history will not go forward this year.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department has already had to cut programs, and

is looking for ways to sustain itself into the future. The department cannot take on another maintenance responsibility right now, city management says.

Mayor Arline LaMear and City Manager Brett Estes say the group behind the monument, the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, would need to come up with a way to maintain the monument and surrounding Peoples Park for the long term.

The association, meanwhile, hasn't done any further fundraising, waiting for word from the city about whether or not the park would be avail-

able to them as a potential site.

"We didn't want to go out and start fundraising until we had some assurance that it would happen," explained Loran Mathews, who was president of the association when discussions about a potential monument first began last summer.

### 50th anniversary

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary this weekend. The heritage association had hoped to be able to schedule a monument

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The city is concerned about maintenance costs at a proposed Scandinavian monument at Peoples Park downtown.

