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Dozens of people gather Saturday at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria for a holiday lighting celebration.

Downtown: 'We celebrate new businesses coming into town'

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The Liberty Theatre is offering a free concert by the Columbia River Symphony during next month's Second Saturday Art Walk, while Paul Caruana is opening the lobby of the John Jacob Astor Hotel building with artist exhibitions, a DJ, drinks and photos with Santa Claus.

At In the Boudoir, owner Sue Allen Clarke had cupcakes and drinks ready Saturday for customers, along with stickers and other merchandise from Small Business Saturday.

Since 2010, American Express has sponsored Small Business Saturday to encourage patronage of small shops hit by the Great Recession.

In the Boudoir has survived amid larger discount retailers by selling what they don't, Clarke said.

"Even when we opened up almost five years ago, you knew Walmart was going to be here, so you want to make sure you're not carrying what they're carrying, because you can't compete with them," Clarke said.

Asked what will help her business, Clarke pointed west on Commercial Street toward a long-vacant Flavel family building at the corner of Commercial and Ninth streets, recently purchased and under renovation by Marcus and Michelle Liotta, and toward Van Dusen Building, recently painted and turned into a headquarters and cooperative workspace for Astoria Maker Industries.

"Once we start filling up the side streets and back streets, that will have an effect," Clark said, adding the downtown shopping district needs to expand beyond a few blocks on Commercial Street to become more of a destination.

Large retailers have been struggling, closing and shrinking storefronts amid competition from online competitors like Amazon. After more than 100 years in operation, J.C. Penney Co. closed its downtown location in July, leaving many to wonder what will come after.

It's too soon to gauge the impact of J.C. Penney leaving, but the downtown association is actively looking for another apparel merchandiser to fill the void, Heath said.

We say that you can get everything that you need downtown, and that was true until J.C. Penney closed," she

The downtown association has encouraged business owners to stay open later for evening shoppers, decorate their storefronts for the holidays and participate in shopping promotions encouraging visits to multiple businesses.

The association's job is

and spread the knowledge of what's available downtown, Taylor said. We're not in competition,"

to help businesses network

she said of downtown retailers. "We celebrate new businesses coming into town."

As retailers pull out of malls and downtowns, opting for more online sales, Taylor sees downtown cores benefiting.

"You're going to see more people just first looking in their local downtown to see if they can find the thing they want, and then they'll start going outside," she said. "The radius will grow and grow, and if they can't find it, they'll go online."



Linh DePledge/For The Daily Astorian Dulcye Taylor, president of the Astoria Downtown Historic

District Association, gets a hug from Santa on Saturday night.

Port: 'The Coast Guard's looking at our Port in a whole new way' **Continued from Page 1A**

Port Executive Director Jim Knight, also a member of the Coast Guard's Area Maritime Security Committee, said the new equipment is another step in a multiyear process of working with FEMA to strengthen the Port's security and locking down the relatively open access to its terminals.

The Port has been the recipient of federal grants for security enhancement in the past. In April 2012, it received \$2.7 million to purchase the Trident, one of three new vessels on the Lower Columbia River with firefighting capability approved by the Area Maritime Security Committee.

A big impetus behind the push for more security is the Port's growing involvement in the cruise ship industry. The agency is scheduled to take in more than 40,000 passengers between April and October of next year from nearly 20 ships.

"The Coast Guard's looking at our Port in a whole new way because of the involvement that we have over the recent years of cruise ships," Knight said. "The increase of the number of vessels, and now the radical increase of the number of passengers, is going to necessitate that our

Port constantly increases our capacity of maintaining secure

Access to the Port's central waterfront is relatively open, especially on piers 2 and 3. The face of Pier 1 is gated off with security when ships are in port.

terminals."

"There are bad people out there trying to do harm to the

United States and to our ports, and ports are one of the highest targets," Knight said. "While we do not have any immediate threats to the Port of Astoria – we haven't received anything in the course of the last few years — we cannot be complacent to think that would not happen."

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Evening listings MONDAY

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