

Warming centers: Volunteers have dwindled over the past year

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Though Parkison isn't sure why he has fewer volunteers, he does have one theory.

"I think that, and I could be wrong, people are emotionally tired in the political climate that we have right now," he said.

Darlene Warren, board chairwoman of the Warrenton Warming Center, has another theory. It's been too warm. People aren't stepping outside, feeling the chill, and thinking, "I'd hate to have to sleep outside tonight if I were homeless."

"I think we're so early in the season," Warren said.

Over the past year, however, the Warrenton center's list of volunteers has dwindled and few people have stepped up to replace those who have stepped down, she said.

Still, she said, "I think it's always been an issue, so it's hard to say."

The decision to close the warming center in Astoria Saturday was hard and discouraging, Parkison said.

The homeless center serves "make their plans every day on what their resources are and then to take that away from them ... there were a lot of stunned people. I could see that in their faces," Parkison said.

But he concluded it was better to have to close for a night early in the season than later, when the days are consistently chilly.

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This trend, paired with very little developable land, makes affordable housing a challenge. Bartl suggests reducing the city's parking requirements as a way to entice more developers to build.

"This is not a unique problem. Parking takes up a lot of land, and it drives up cost for the developer. The requirements are excessive, and if you are using that land for parking, that's land you aren't using for housing," Bartl said.

The issue of parking requirements hindering affordable housing has been a topic of discussion in cities across the country, including Portland and Eugene. A study by the Victoria Transport Policy Institute in British Columbia found that one parking space per affordable housing unit increases costs by approximately 12.5 percent, which eventually translates into higher rent. It also found the demand for parking in affordable housing complexes surveyed was 50 percent of what most cities required.

While the study mostly considered urban areas, Bartl argues these impacts are similar in Cannon Beach. Bartl surveyed how many parking spots were occupied at Shorewood Apartments and Elk Creek Terrace — the two subsidized housing complexes in town — and found on average 80 percent of all of the parking was occupied by residents.

Bartl is also asking the city to raise building height requirements from 28 feet to 32 feet in the R3 zone — the zone that permits multifamily housing. Because hotels are already permitted to be built to 32 feet, he argues most people would not notice a visual difference.

His last proposal would allow developers to build multifamily housing on land zoned for commercial. Currently, only 50 percent of property in commercial zoning can be allocated for housing.



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Nick Betts with Coaster Construction paints a room in a new house in Cannon Beach.

In the interest of transparency, Bartl said changing the zoning requirements is in the best interest of Clark, who is seeking to develop workforce housing on land he owns that is zoned commercial. But Bartl argues the positive impacts of these changes extend beyond Clark's project.

"Coaster has lots of employees, and always has a hard time finding housing for them. Having half developed as housing is good, but think if you can make the whole site more housing," Bartl said. "At some point you have to decide what your priorities are, and the city has signaled affordable housing is a priority. If you're going to rely on the private sector to solve this, it financially has to work out for them."

A lukewarm reception City Planner Mark Barnes said he has talked with many people who have expressed similar frustrations as Bartl and Clark when it comes to attempting to develop affordable properties in Cannon Beach, but said this is the first time someone has gotten as far as to request code changes in a public way.

"There's only so much

a city can do as a regulatory body for affordable housing," Barnes said. "A lot is directed at private developers. So we do want to look at our code to see if we have any roadblocks that make it harder for them to create affordable housing."

During Bartl's testimony, many planning commissioners had reservations about the changes, and questioned the city's role in creating workforce housing. Some wanted to wait to see more progress with the city's plan to establish affordable tiny homes in the town's RV park before approving major code changes.

"Why is it that this is our problem rather than the employer's problem?" Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lundy said. He suggested employers should offer subsidies and salary supplements so workers could live in town.

Barnes responded that it is

important to make sure current ordinances aren't acting as obstruction for employers who do want to provide housing.

Commissioner Joe Bernt questioned the validity of the parking survey Bartl conducted at the low-income housing complexes. Without robust public transit, some commissioners argued cars are a necessity in places like Clatsop County.

"I'm not sure if how many cars you see at 8 p.m. for three nights is a good way of determining parking standards," he said.

Bernt also objected to raising rooflines to 32 feet in a residential zone, and said he thought there were ways to build three-story buildings without doing so.

"I think we are better off facilitating exceptions and variances," Bernt said. "There's not much land left in Cannon Beach, and there are houses that could be built following our current rules. This R3 zone will be increasingly valuable and attractive to people who want to move here and retire."

For now, city staff will create a draft ordinance reflecting Bartl and Clark's suggestions, which will be evaluated by commissioners and the community at January's public hearing.

"People will always find reasons to oppose affordable housing," Bartl said. "(The Sea Lark Apartments) is a test case. Do you want to add to affordable housing or not? It's the difference between rhetoric and reality."

Hunting: Number of elk hunting permits were cut drastically in Washington

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Officials won't know how effective their efforts will be until hunting season ends in January and hunters submit reports saying how many deer they killed.

Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington state also imposed hunting limits to help isolated wildlife herds recover from the winter. Deer were hit hardest in most of those states, while Washington had severe losses among several of its elk herds.

In southern and central Idaho, last winter's fawn survival rate was just 30 percent, prompting a reduction in deer hunting permits to help herds boost their numbers, said Mike Keckler, spokesman for the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

"We're trying to bring them back up," he said.

And in Washington, the number of elk hunting permits was cut drastically in some parts of the state where

elk died in droves, said Brock Hoenes, statewide elk specialist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The area of Wyoming where Clark takes hunters is known as one of the best places in the world to hunt mule deer, state Game and Fish spokesman Renny MacKay said. He added that the decision to limit permits was difficult for state officials to make.

Clark said his business will survive the downturn but that his future guiding hunters is uncertain if wildlife managers reduce the number of mule deer hunting permits for nonresidents again next year.

"Otherwise, none of us are going to have any deer hunters," he said.

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TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										NOVEMBER 28	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Middle	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	The Mayor	Saves the World "Sweet Little Lies"		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	The Mayor	Saves the World "Sweet Little Lies"		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "Live Top 11 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us "Number Three" (N)				Chicago Med "Nothing to Fear" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	NCIS "What Lies Above"			The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	NCIS "What Lies Above"			The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice "Live Top 11 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us "Number Three" (N)			Chicago Med "Nothing to Fear" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Flash "Crisis on Earth-X: Part Three" (N)	DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N)			News at 10 (N)		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
9	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Vietnam War "The Weight of Memory (March 1973-Onward)"				Rick Steves' Heart of Italy Rick Steves delves deep into the Italian heartland.			
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Fork-Getta-Bout It" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
11	KPDx	(12) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Fork-Getta-Bout It" (N)	The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Joker's Wild (N)	Drop the Mic (N)	Conan	
14	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
15	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Basketball		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Utah		Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)		SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)				SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Big-10/ ACC Challenge Iowa at Virginia Tech (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter Featured	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show	NFL Live	
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
19	FAM	(34) (4:40) Angry Angel	(4:45) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (89)	Beverly Hills Cop (89)	Beverly Hills Cop (89)	Beverly Hills Cop (89)	Beverly Hills Cop (89)	Four Christmases (08)	Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall, Vince Vaughn.			The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) ★★ The Karate Kid ('10, Act) Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith.	(5:00) ★★ The Karate Kid (2010, Action) Jackie Chan, Taraji P. Henson, Jaden Smith.										
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Dance and Chat		Dance Moms		Dance Moms (10)	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	
22	ROOT	(38) Mark Fev	Press Pass	AMA Supercross -- Detroit, Mich.								Champions Tennis Champions Cup	
23	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Maine at Georgetown (L)		Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				NASCAR Race Hub	
24	SPIKE	(44) Friends	Friends	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels "Steel City Shadow"		Ink Master "Keep Austin Inked" (N)		Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Night.
25	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:00) South Park			Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History (N)	Drunk History	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
26	HIST	(45) Curse of Oak Island	"Swamp Things"	Curse of Oak Island	"Dead Man's Chest"	Curse of Oak Island	"Obstruction" (N)	Curse of Oak Island	"Close Call" (N)	(0:55) The Hunt for the Zodiac Killer (N)	(0:55) Curse of Oak Island	"Close Call"	
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Last Shift"		The First 48 "1000 Cuts/ Draw"		The First 48 "Love Hate/ A Soldier's Life"		The First 48 "Settling the Score" (N)		Tupac "East Coast vs. West Coast" (N)	(0:55) Tupac "Crips vs. Bloods"	(0:55) Little "Why Do We Have to Move?"	
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Half Dozen "Mo Babies, Mo Problems"		The Little Couple "I'm Not a Baby!"		Little C. "Why Do We Have to Move" (N)		(0:55) Hodges Half Dozen (N)	(0:55) Little "Why Do We Have to Move?"		
29	DISC	(48) Bushcraft Build-Off "High and Mighty"		Moonshiners "Snake Bitten"		Moonshiners "Shine in the Sky"		Moonshiners "Lightning Strikes"		Bushcraft Build-Off "Taking on Water"		Moonshiners "Lightning Strikes"	
30	NGEO	(49) Battle "Booby Traps & Poppy Fields"		Inside Combat "In the Crossfire"		Inside Combat Rescue "Fog of War"		Long Road "The War at Home" (N)		The Long Road Home "The Choice" (N)		The Long Road Home "The Choice"	
31	TNT	(50) Bones "The Day in the Life"		Bones		Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 4"		Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 5" (N)		Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 5" (N)		Law & Order "Couples"	
32	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines ('03) Arnold Schwarzenegger.		★★★ The Book of Eli (2009, Adventure)		★★★ The Book of Eli (2009, Adventure)		Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis, Denzel Washington.		★★★ Total Recall		(9:00) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	
33	USA	(52) NCIS "Tell-All"		NCIS "Two-Faced"		WWE Super Smackdown				Damnat "The Emperor of Ice Cream" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Vanity's Bonfire"	
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Let's Do Lunch"		Chopped "The Bold And The Baconful"		Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"		Chopped "Clam Clash"		Chopped "Weird Twist" (N)		Chopped "An Ugly Turn"	
35	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer "Austin Couple Finds Waco Charm"		Fixer Upper (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Fixer Upper	
36	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Man of Steel ('13, Action) Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Henry Cavill.		Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor, Mark Wahlberg.									
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Profit "Tumbleweed Tiny Homes" (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Tumbleweed Tiny Homes"		Paid Program	
40	BRV	(63) B.Deck "King Come-On-I-Wanna-Lay-Ya"		BelowD. "Only Doing It for the Money"		Below Deck "55 and Lovin It"		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		WatchWhat (N)	Below Deck
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Front ('76) Woody Allen.		★★★ The Landlord (1970, Comedy/Drama) Pearl Bailey, Lee Grant, Beau Bridges.		★★★ David and Lisa (1962, Drama) Janet Margolin, Howard DaSilva, Keir Dullea.						The Loved One ('65, Com) Robert Morse.	
42	SYFY	(65) (5:30) ★★ xXx (2002, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Marton Csokas, Vin Diesel.		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
43	RFD	(62) (5:30) Cattleman (N)	Women's Rodeo	Horse. "Minis on the Obstacle Course"		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo	Product Showcase		