

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## 'What is your New Year's resolution?'



"I don't make New Year's resolutions. I make as-needed resolutions throughout the year."

**Caroline Bricheux,**  
Vancouver, Washington



"To have more patience for the new year."

**Connie Ballenger,**  
Astoria



"Didn't make one. It never really dawned on me this year."

**LaMar Blackner,**  
Astoria

## Local New Year's Day closures

In observance of New Year's Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond, Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart schools) and Ocean Beach School District schools and Clatsop Community College are still closed for winter break.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library, Warrenton Library and all Timberland libraries in Washington, including Ilwaco, Ocean

Park and Naselle, are closed. The Port of Astoria offices and services are closed.

Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon (covering Astoria, Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach) and the city of Warrenton is not affected by the holiday. Peninsula Sanitation (covering the Long Beach, Washington, Peninsula) customers whose regular pickup day is Monday will have their garbage picked up on Tuesday. Recology Western Oregon's transfer station and Peninsula Sanitation's transfer station are closed.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside and the Astoria Aquatic

Center are closed.

The Clatsop County Heritage Museum, Oregon Film Museum, Flavel House and Carriage House are closed. The Uppertown Firefighters' Museum is closed for the winter. Capt. Gray's Port of Play and Lil' Sprouts are closed. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Seaside Museum is closed Sunday and Monday.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is not running.

The Daily Astorian offices are closed, but the newspaper will be printed and delivered as usual.

## Funding plan: Boon to parks or blow to housing?

### Sunset Empire Park and Rec District mulls system development charges

By R.J. MARX  
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation district faces some big expenses in years to come, with a potential new building, facilities and expansion. In May, Executive Director Skyler Archibald pointed to a need for more indoor recreation space for fitness participants and youth programs.

A potential funding mechanism may be available, imposing system development charges on new construction.

"It would be a smart fiscal move," said board member Mike Hinton, who brought the matter to the agenda at the district's Dec. 19 meeting. "It takes a while to build up any kind of capital in this way, but it's another tool in our toolbox when we come down to financial questions of how do we do an expansion, how do we build a gym? This is one thing we can do."

The question of putting new system development charges in place first came before the district board as a discussion topic in July with a presentation from consultant John Ghilarducci, principal of FCS Group, a financial consulting



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Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board members Jeremy Mills, Edward Hassan, Michael Hinton, Veronica Russell; Community Recreation and Program Manager Grace Lee and Executive Director Skyler Archibald at the board's December meeting.

firm based in Seattle.

The charges are one-time fees for new construction, remodels or redeveloped construction to help pay for existing and planned infrastructure to serve the development. State law authorizes local governments to assess system development charges and specifies how, when, and for what improvements they can be imposed. Charges collected may not be used for repairs or maintenance, but may be used for new facilities or to expand the parks base.

"What the district needs to decide is if we want to pursue this right now," Archibald said.

The board should consider a consultant like FCS group to "make sure all the boxes are checked" before implementing new charges, Archibald added, estimating it would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to finance a study.

Board president Alan

Evans sees a potential impact on efforts to provide affordable housing if developers pass charges to home buyers, he said.

"I'm not saying I wouldn't listen — but I would want to hear a little more," Evans said. Hinton agreed to the need for affordable housing, but said the district needs to get on board with a plan.

"It doesn't have to happen in such a way to discourage affordable housing," he said.

Board member Jeremy Mills asked for a comparison of charges by cities with similar demographics to Seaside's.

"I'm on board if it pans out or makes sense, but I don't want to spend money if it doesn't bear fruit," Mills said. "We do need to continue to grow in a responsible fiduciary manner."

The board agreed to proceed with further analysis and discussion.

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

#### Tuesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 5-9-9-5

4 p.m.: 5-6-7-7

7 p.m.: 8-3-7-0

10 p.m.: 0-4-1-5

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 03-07-10-16-18-21-25-30

Estimated jackpot: \$36,000

### Tuesday's Mega Millions:

10-12-20-38-41, Mega Ball: 25

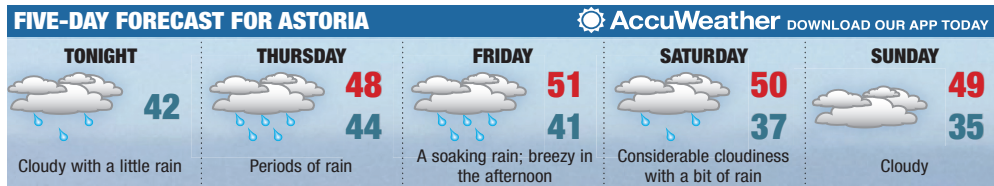
Estimated jackpot: \$306 million

### WASHINGTON

Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-7-2

Tuesday's Keno: 02-05-08-13-15-16-28-36-37-38-40-45-47-50-56-57-61-69-71-73

Tuesday's Match 4: 04-12-15-22



## ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.  
**Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 39°/32°  
 Normal high/low ..... 48°/37°  
 Record high ..... 64° in 1980  
 Record low ..... 19° in 1924  
**Precipitation**  
 Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 4.66"  
 Normal month to date ..... 8.34"  
 Year to date ..... 80.97"  
 Normal year to date ..... 65.71"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 4:36 p.m.  
 Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:58 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 1:07 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 1:15 a.m.

## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Johannes Kepler's birthday (1571).

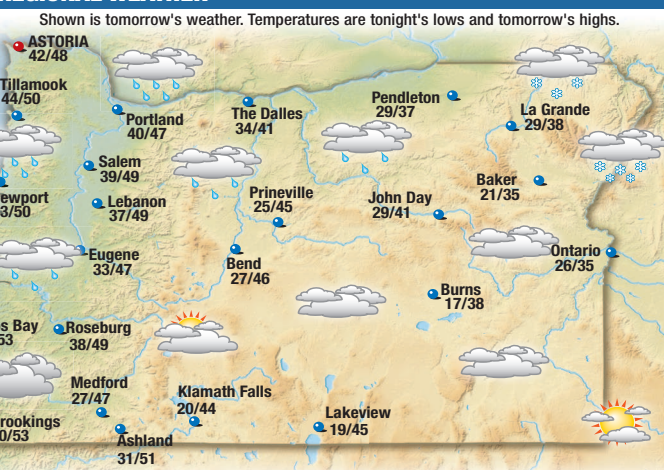
## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks  
**Time High Time Low**  
 8:36 a.m. 9.0 ft. 2:08 a.m. 2.4 ft.  
 9:43 p.m. 6.9 ft. 3:38 p.m. 1.3 ft.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W	Lo	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	46	30	r	36	29	c	
Boston	22	5	s	14	4	s	
Chicago	8	5	s	17	12	sn	
Denver	50	27	s	52	28	pc	
Des Moines	11	6	pc	21	8	sf	
Detroit	13	1	pc	15	10	c	
El Paso	66	34	pc	70	36	s	
Fairbanks	-8	-18	s	-15	-26	pc	
Honolulu	80	66	sh	80	67	pc	
Indianapolis	13	3	pc	22	15	c	
Kansas City	12	9	pc	31	14	c	
Las Vegas	65	43	s	67	44	s	
Los Angeles	75	53	s	79	57	s	
Memphis	32	17	c	37	22	pc	
Miami	84	69	pc	82	67	s	
Nashville	31	15	c	38	24	pc	
New Orleans	48	42	r	50	43	r	
New York	26	13	pc	23	13	s	
Oklahoma City	25	20	c	44	22	pc	
Philadelphia	29	14	pc	26	15	pc	
St. Louis	18	8	pc	28	18	c	
Salt Lake City	42	28	pc	46	31	pc	
San Francisco	56	44	r	56	43	r	
Seattle	40	38	r	47	43	r	
Washington, DC	35	18	pc	29	20	pc	

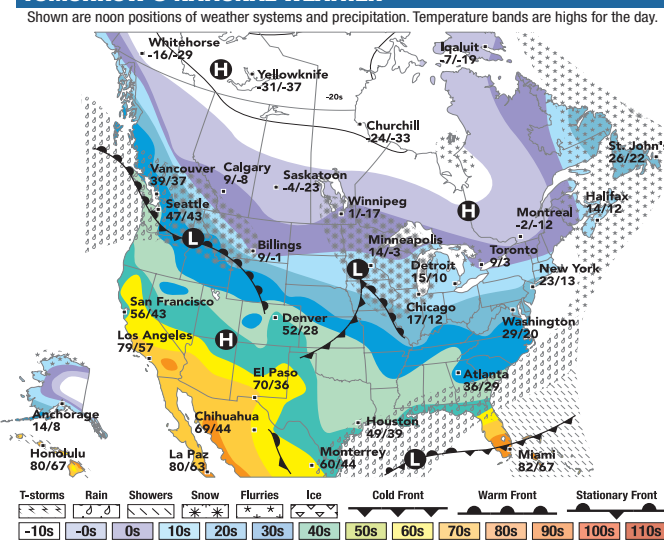
## REGIONAL WEATHER



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City	Today	Thu.	W	Lo	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	33	21	c	35	30	sn	
Bend	46	27	c	46	40	c	
Brookings	53	41	c	53	46	c	
Eugene	51	33	c	47	44	r	
Ilwaco	47	44	r	49	46	r	
Klamath Falls	43	20	c	44	22	pc	
Medford	49	27	c	47	33	c	
Newberg	44	40	r	47	45	r	
Newport	51	43	r	50	47	r	
North Bend	53	39	c	54	48	r	
Olympia	42	37	r	45	41	r	
Pendleton	32	29	sn	37	35	sn	
Portland	43	40	r	47	45	r	
Roseburg	50	38	c	49	43	r	
Salem	50	39	r	49	45	r	
Seaside	48	44	r	49	46	r	
Spokane	23	20	c	29	28	sn	
Springfield	51	36	r	50	47	r	
Vancouver	41	38	r	46	44	r	
Yakima	32	25	c	34	28	sn	

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## Homelessness task force to meet Jan. 9

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The city of Astoria's Homelessness Solutions Task Force will hold a second meeting at 10 a.m. Jan. 9 to flesh out concepts the group started discussing in December.

The meeting is scheduled for the emergency medical technician classroom in Patriot Hall on Clatsop Community College's main campus

at 1651 Lexington Ave. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

At its first meeting, the task force began to lay the groundwork for how to define homelessness in Astoria specifically and Clatsop County generally. Members spoke about several issues around homelessness seen by social workers, business owners, soup kitchens, shelters, police officers, educators and residents. Mayor

Arline LaMear has said she hopes to see concrete actions and partnerships result from the meetings.

A previous task force led by former police chief Brad Johnston identified a strong need for more public restrooms and established portables along the Astoria Riverwalk to keep people from defecating or urinating in public areas, city parks or near businesses.

## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

• Kathleen Sue Graham, 75, of Beaverton, was arrested Friday on U.S. Highway 26 near milepost 14 by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

• Esther Larita Charlotte Morton, 39, of Seaside, was arrested Sunday near 5th Avenue and Necanicum Drive by the Sheriff's Office on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

• Andrew Edward Richardson, 30, of Astoria, was arrested Sunday on U.S. Highway 30 near milepost 88 by the Oregon State Police on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

### Assault

• Urian Lewis Robinson, 43, of Seaside, was arrested

Saturday by the Seaside Police Department on one count each of fourth-degree assault and strangulation after police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at 1703 12th Avenue.

• Braddy Ryan Lundberg, 22, of Warrenton, was arrested Sunday by the Sheriff's Office on one count each of fourth-degree assault, harassment and strangulation. Lundberg had been brought in for questioning regarding an earlier alleged assault of a woman at 92294 Whiskey Lane in Warrenton.

• Edna M. Viles, 51, of Seaside, was arrested Sunday by the Sheriff's Office on one count each of fourth-degree assault, harassment and violation of a release agreement. Viles was originally arrested for assaulting a roommate at 1111 Broadway in Seaside,

and later re-arrested for violating a no-contact order after returning.

• Layna Ashley Scarborough, 28, of Seaside, was arrested Sunday by Seaside Police on one count each of fourth-degree assault and harassment. Scarborough had allegedly been in a physical disturbance and caused an injury to her mother's arm.

• Justin Jose Escalante, 24, of Portland, was arrested Tuesday by Seaside Police on one count each of fourth-degree assault, felony hit and run, reckless endangerment, third-degree robbery and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Escalante allegedly stole a vehicle, knocking down the owner in the process, and later surrendered in the parking lot of the West Lake Chinese Restaurant.

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