

Homeownership and financial education workshops offered

The Daily Astorian

The Community Action Team is holding free educational workshops during January and February. Both are held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The First Time Homebuyer Workshop is Jan. 6 in Astoria and Jan. 20 in Tillamook; the Financial Education Workshop is held Jan. 13 in Tillamook and Feb. 3 in Astoria.

The First Time Homebuyer Workshop teaches

shopping for a home, financial readiness, understanding mortgages, the closing process and how to protect your investment. The Financial Education Workshop teaches budgeting, saving, goal setting, credit management and improving overall financial health. Preregistration is required. For information, and to register, contact Cindy Peake, lead homeownership specialist, at 503-325-8098 or cindkp@cat-team.org

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. The cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Astoria Kiwanis Club — noon, El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. For information, call Frank Spence at 503-325-2365 or Susan Brooks at 503-791-3026.

Astoria-Warrenton Duplicate Bridge Club — 12:30 to 4 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Anyone may play if they have a partner; to request a bridge partner, call 503-325-0029.

Bras2Moms Fitting — 1 to 3 p.m., Columbia Memorial Hospital Family Birthing Center, 2111 Exchange St. Bras2Moms provides free nursing bras and/or tanks to mothers, so women do not become discouraged with, or stop breastfeeding because they cannot afford a nursing bra. A \$5

donation is requested, but not required. For best fit, come for a fitting two weeks after giving birth. Sizes subject to availability. For information, call 503-338-7581.

North Coast La Leche League — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Blue Scorchers Bakery, 1493 Duane St. Pregnant women, mothers, babies and toddlers welcome. Topics: preparing for childbirth and breastfeeding, adjusting to motherhood, parenting babies and toddlers, benefits and challenges of breastfeeding, nutrition and weaning. For breastfeeding support, call or text Megan Oien at 503-440-4942 or Kestrel Gates at 503-453-3777, or send message on "La Leche League of Astoria" Facebook page.

Evergreen Masonic Lodge No. 137 — 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, 201 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside. All Masons and their families are welcome. For information, call 503-717-0808.

Authentic Spiritual Conversations — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Activity Center, first floor, CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative, 1905 Exchange St. Open dialogue about spiritual issues. Group supports participants in sharing their own understanding and putting their spiritual values into practice. All faiths, including "spiritual but not religious" welcome. For information, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

Tongue Point students deliver coats to CCA



Jennifer Holen/United Way of Clatsop County

During a coat drive organized and held by the Student Leadership Council at Tongue Point Job Corps, students and staff contributed more than 70 coats and donated them to Clatsop Community Action, to be given to their clients. The council plans to hold drives for different community needs every month. Pictured, from left, Jesse Gomez, Maria Mamburu, Taylor Dafferen, Viviana Matthews, deputy director of Clatsop Community Action, Michele Gipson, Jennifer Holen, director of United Way of Clatsop County, Brittany Campbell, Toni Lopez and Dylan Kohler.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. A participatory service takes place Sunday; the topic is "What Are You Going to Do in 2018 to Make a Better World?" Religious education for the children is available each week following the "Moment with the Children" near the beginning of the service.

Everyone is welcome to a social time in the Green Room after the service.

For information, call 503-325-5225, email pacuuf@gmail.com, or go to pacuuf.org

Common Ground Interspiritual

A Celebration of Spirit, sponsored by Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship, meets

from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Wesley Room at the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street building entrance. This morning gathering is not defined by any particular belief system, and is intended for the "spiritual but not religious," as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to cgifellowship.org

Religious Society of Friends

ILWACO, Washington — The Lower Columbia Quakers, also known as the Religious Society of Friends, meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ilwaco Community Center, 158 First Ave. N. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, go to lower-columbiaquakers.org

First Lutheran

A New Year's Eve worship service takes place at First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., at 10 a.m. Sunday.

For information, call the church at 503-325-6252, email flcastoria@gmail.com or go to astoriafirstlutheran.com

St. Catherine Episcopal

NEHALEM — St. Catherine Episcopal Church, 36335 N. Highway 101, holds a labyrinth walk from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday. For information call 503-457-5246.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Grand Ave., meets at 10 a.m. Sunday. Guest preacher Charlotte Mace delivers a sermon, "Anna's Story."

Guided meditation is offered every Thursday night

in the Marcotte Room (behind the sanctuary), led by Sumedha Murdock. Those new to meditation have an instructional session at 6:30 p.m.; meditation begins at 7 p.m.

For information, call 503-325-1702, email pastorbill@fpcastoria.org or go to fpcastoria.org

Grace Episcopal

The first Sunday after Christmas Day is celebrated at a single 9 a.m. service Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. It is a chance to sing Christmas carols one last time and, for those who usually attend either the 8 or 10 a.m. service, an opportunity to share worship, conversation and coffee.

For information, call 503-325-4691 or go to graceastoria.org

THANK YOU FOR READING THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Perhaps I see Astoria differently than you do.

Every morning I drive across the New Youngs Bay bridge on my way to work at The Daily Astorian. Every day is a different perspective: the sun emerging behind Saddle Mountain and leaking an orange shine into the bay. Or thick, blue-gray air punctuated with house lights, street lights, tail lights mounding on the hills of South Astoria like a pile of Christmas lights. Shiny puddles and silver rain. The fog enveloping the Astoria-Megler Bridge. Streaky sunshine and wispy clouds. Every vista inspires awe for me, a newcomer.

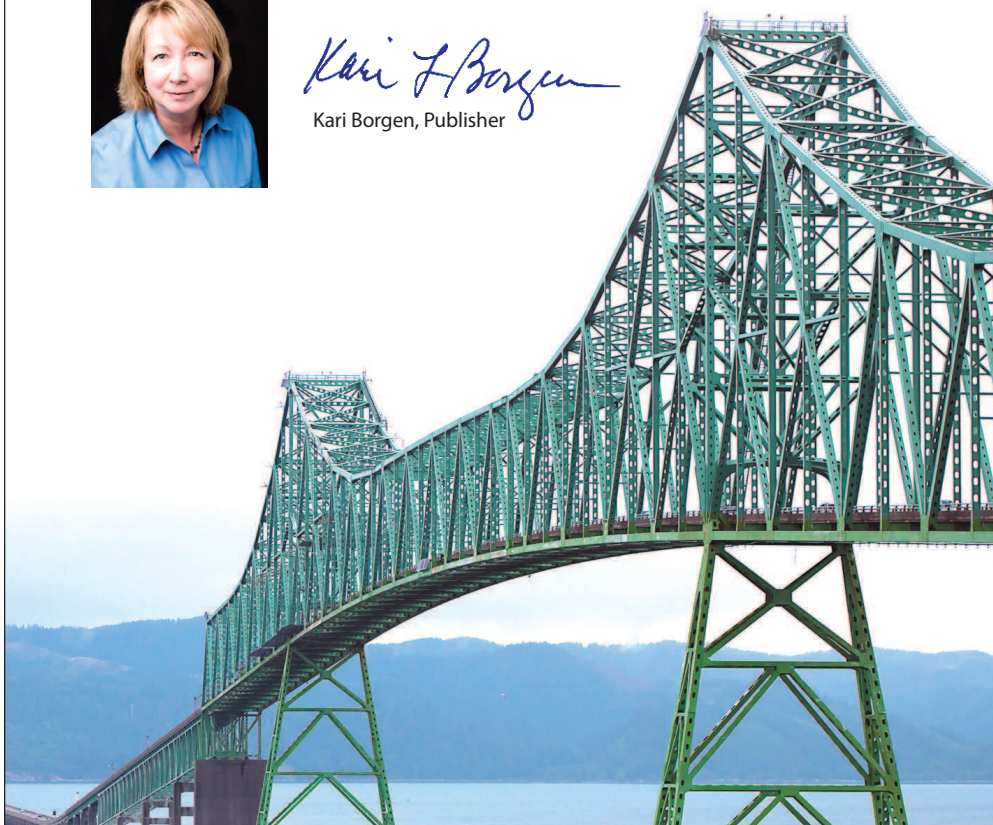
My perspective of The Daily Astorian is much the same. Every day is different, what I learn about my new community in our pages is extraordinary. What my colleagues accomplish daily reflects the bright lights, fog and color in our community.

As we begin a new year together, I hope you will see what I see — a unique and extraordinary community, landscape and newspaper. Look as I do and you will appreciate how lucky we are.

Thank you for reading The Daily Astorian. We appreciate every reader, advertiser and news maker and wish each of you a bright New Year.



Kari Borgen, Publisher



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