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Snow kept most people away from the downtown district in Astoria.

Night falls and so does snow

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Astoria and other communities in the area were subjected to not one but two days of snowfall this week. There were only a few people walking Wednesday night around downtown Astoria to witness the visual phenomenon that can happen when large, slow falling snowflakes pass near artificial light sources. During the day, snow falling from the sky typically does not show up well in photographs. But at night, it can be a different story. If photographed at the correct angle to a street light or neon sign, each snowflake captures the light and can show up brilliantly in the frame. So, the next time it snows and night starts to fall, take out the smartphone and see if the camera can capture something similar. Just remember to bundle up, stay warm and be safe.



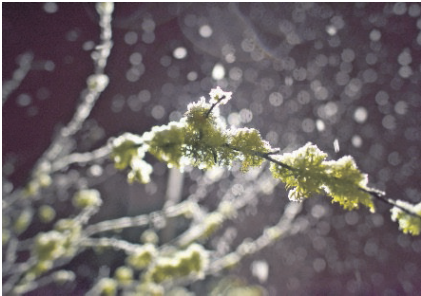
A pedestrian braves the cold and falling snow in downtown Astoria.



There were several cancellations, closures and school delays due to weather last week.



A bus arrives at the station in Astoria.



Snow clings to the branch of a tree.



A vehicle drives through snow last week near the riverwalk.



People walk through the downtown district as snow begins to fall.