

Facelift of Seattle's Space Needle nears completion

A \$100 million renovation

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SEATTLE — Tourism is booming in Seattle. Just take a look at the Space Needle.

The family-owned landmark is set to unveil the biggest renovation in its 56-year history next month, a \$100 million investment in a single year of construction that transformed the structure's top viewing level with floor-to-ceiling glass.

Seattle and King County benefited from \$7.4 billion of spending by a record 40 million visitors last year, a number that has grown annually since the 2008 recession, according to Visit Seattle, a nonprofit advocacy group for the tourism industry.

Dozens of cranes that have become a mainstay of the city's skyline over the past decade aren't just building apartments and offices, but hotels to absorb the flood of arrivals at Seattle Tacoma International Airport.

"The environment is friendly with this type of investment. It wasn't a difficult thing at all to obtain financing," said Ron Sevart, president and chief executive officer at Space Needle LLC. "What we like



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Workers climb atop the roof of the Space Needle, where most of the top is surrounded by a massive work platform, scaffolding and protective covering, as work on a major remodel of the iconic observation tower continues.

to say is trends last 50 years. What this investment is more about is the next 50 years, and making sure the space needle stays relevant."

Hyatt Hotels Corp. is building a 1,260 room tower that's set to become the biggest hotel in the Northwest when it opens in the fall. In 2017, SeaTac Airport bucked the second year of declines in international arrivals to the U.S., posting a 5 percent increase, according to Visit Seattle.

Seattle's Wright family, which built and owns the Space Needle, is also installing glass in the observation deck's rotating floor and remodeling the restaurant in the first phase of the renovation.

Repainting the exterior of the 600-foot structure and replacing its three elevators will follow, according to Karen Olson, chief marketing officer at Space Needle. The project is being financed with a commercial loan, she said.

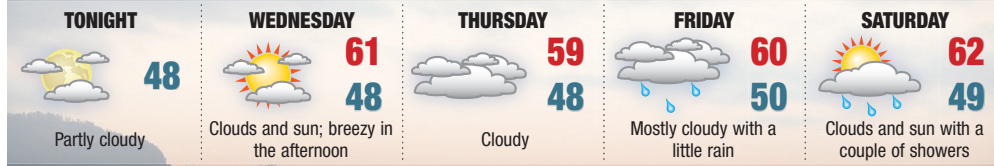
"Keeping your product well maintained and 'fresh' increases desirability," said Jeanne Liu, senior vice president of research at Longwoods International USA Inc., a consultancy that compiles tourism industry statistics for Visit Seattle. "There are a lot of places to visit in this world, and those destinations with a solid tourism infrastructure that is well maintained can use that as a competitive advantage."



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Scaffolding remains on the Space Needle.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	High/low	65°/52°
	Normal high/low	62°/48°
	Record high	81° in 1922
	Record low	38° in 1973
Precipitation	Monday	0.00"
	Month to date	0.42"
	Normal month to date	3.02"
	Year to date	33.12"
	Normal year to date	33.06"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:57 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:29 a.m.
Moonrise today	9:05 p.m.
Moonset today	5:57 a.m.

Full Last New First

May 29 June 6 June 13 June 20

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Full 'Flower' moon (07:21 a.m. PDT).

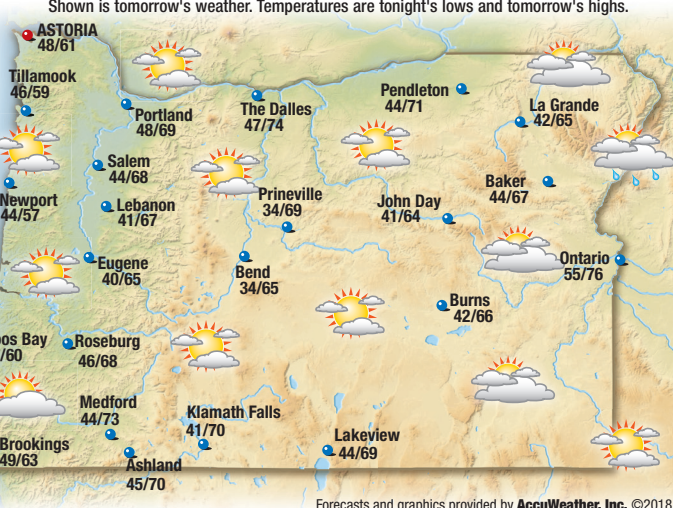
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	Low
2:01 a.m.	9.0 ft.	9:03 a.m.
3:26 p.m.	7.5 ft.	8:51 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	80 71 r	82 71 t
Boston	81 58 pc	67 53 s
Chicago	88 68 s	77 68 r
Denver	73 50 t	81 53 pc
Des Moines	91 67 t	86 69 t
Detroit	90 67 s	85 70 t
El Paso	98 72 s	99 71 s
Fairbanks	68 46 pc	64 43 c
Honolulu	85 75 t	85 73 sh
Indianapolis	89 70 pc	78 69 t
Kansas City	90 66 pc	87 68 t
Las Vegas	97 77 s	100 74 pc
Los Angeles	75 59 pc	71 59 pc
Memphis	83 70 t	88 74 c
Miami	82 76 t	85 76 t
Nashville	80 70 r	86 70 t
New Orleans	91 74 pc	91 73 t
New York	87 66 pc	75 60 pc
Oklahoma City	90 68 s	92 72 pc
Philadelphia	86 68 pc	77 64 c
St. Louis	84 69 t	86 72 t
Salt Lake City	78 58 s	85 64 s
San Francisco	73 55 s	64 55 pc
Seattle	64 49 c	66 48 c
Washington, DC	84 71 pc	78 70 t

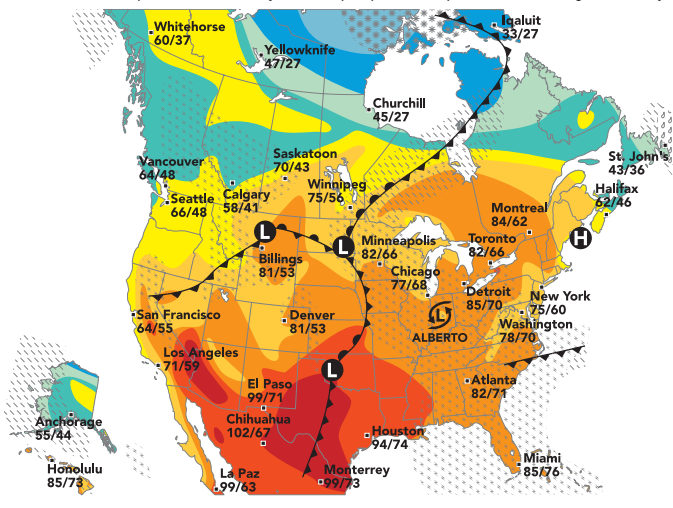
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baker City	78 44 s	67 45 c
Bend	69 34 s	65 42 pc
Brookings	63 47 s	61 47 pc
Eugene	65 40 pc	65 44 pc
Ilwaco	59 50 c	59 50 c
Klamath Falls	76 41 s	70 41 pc
Medford	74 44 c	73 48 pc
Newberg	66 42 c	67 45 pc
Newport	58 44 c	57 46 pc
North Bend	61 47 pc	60 49 pc
Olympia	65 39 c	66 41 c
Pendleton	74 44 s	71 48 pc
Portland	68 48 c	69 50 pc
Roseburg	69 46 pc	68 49 pc
Salem	68 44 c	68 47 pc
Seaside	60 49 c	61 49 pc
Spokane	70 43 s	66 46 c
Springfield	67 41 pc	66 46 pc
Vancouver	66 45 c	67 47 pc
Yakima	73 41 s	74 47 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Oregon recreational pot growers scale back

Associated Press

BEND — State regulators say Oregon produced enough recreational cannabis last year to supply every adult resident with more than 5 ounces of legal marijuana.

The Bend Bulletin reported there were more than 1 million pounds in the state's sup-

ply chain.

Data provided by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission says only 108,330 pounds of usable recreational marijuana were sold last year at the retail level, leaving 891,670 pounds in the pipeline to be stored for later sales or used in the manufacture of concentrates and edibles.

With more cannabis being grown than consumed, growers have dropped wholesale prices and some are scaling back production or getting out of the market.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will evaluate the supply and demand from July to June in a report for state lawmakers.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• At 3:43 a.m. Sunday, Heather A. Williamson, 19, of Ocean Park, Washington, was arrested by Warrenton police on Ninth Street and Main Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• At 11:46 p.m. Saturday, Charles James Gordon, 20, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on US Highway 101 Business and charged with DUII.

• At 8:16 p.m. Saturday, Michael Royall, 53, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on 17th Avenue and charged with DUII, reckless driving and hit and run.

• At 12:56 p.m. Saturday, Zachary Forsythe, 32, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on Holladay Drive and charged with DUII and driving while suspended.

• At 7:34 p.m. Friday, Mirenda Jane Murphy, 35, was arrested by Oregon State

Police on U.S. Highway 26 and charged with DUII. Her blood alcohol content was 0.22 percent.

Assaulting a public safety officer

• At 6:30 p.m. Friday, Darrell Sutton, 23, of Warrenton, was arrested by Seaside police on the 130 block of Holladay Drive and charged with assaulting a public safety officer, resisting arrest, escape and interfering with a police officer.

DEATH

May 25, 2018

PAINTER, Blake Charles, 38, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

Clatsop Community College, 6:30 p.m., special meeting for student complaint, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.

THURSDAY
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-0-7-7
4 p.m.: 3-2-8-9
7 p.m.: 0-9-6-5
10 p.m.: 2-6-8-5
Monday's Lucky Lines: 01-07-12-14-17-24-27-31
Estimated jackpot: \$31,000

Monday's Megabucks: 2-4-12-16-28-44
Estimated jackpot: \$6.6 million

Estimated jackpot: \$220,000
Monday's Keno: 11-12-13-16-20-21-23-24-27-32-39-40-44-46-52-60-66-69-78-79
Monday's Lotto: 03-14-20-38-41-49
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million
Monday's Match 4: 05-11-20-21

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