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## Bridge will close to cars during race

### Security concerns prompt change

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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Due to growing concerns about security, the Astoria Bridge will close to vehicle traffic during the popular Great Columbia Crossing in October.

The extra precautions come, in part, with the rise of vehicles being used as weapons to plow into crowds around the world. But there are other safety issues, as well. The narrow span provides little room for cars or people to get out of each other's way if a distraction or a medical problem causes a driver to lose control, said Lou Torres, a spokesman for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

It will be the first time organizers have completely closed the bridge to vehicles for the 10K event. The Great Columbia Crossing attracts thousands of runners and walkers each year and, last year, drew more than 2,000 participants. Already, the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, which coordinates the event, reports the number of people signing up early is ahead of last year.

Local law enforcement have pushed to close the bridge to vehicles during the event for a long time, Astoria Police Chief Geoff Spalding said.

"We understand the repercussions and the traffic backups and everything but for us, if there was a bad incident, we would have a hard time explaining why we didn't close the bridge," he said. The chamber is happy to comply. "There is a question of safety,"

David Reid, the chamber's executive director, said. "It's no longer safe for pedestrians and cars to be in the same place."

Reid said many cars drive back and forth during the event each year, restricted to a single lane and following a pilot car, but still in close proximity to participants.

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## MITCHELL'S BLUEPRINT

Cities, labor unions propel Mitchell to state House primary win

### Clatsop County results for District 32

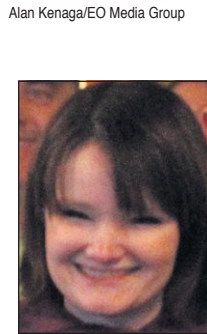
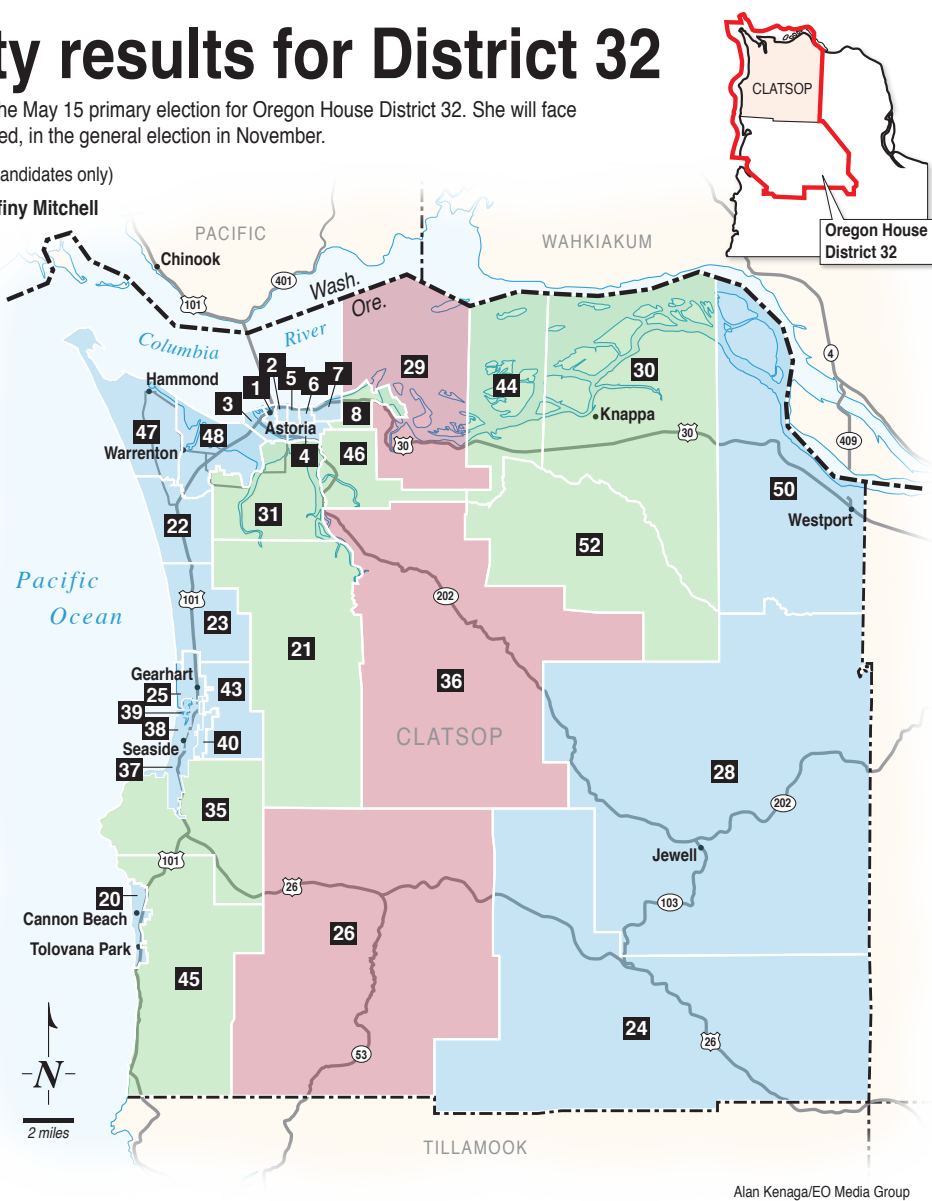
Tiffany Mitchell beat two other Democrats to win the May 15 primary election for Oregon House District 32. She will face Vineeta Lower, a Republican who was uncontested, in the general election in November.

Vote tally by precinct (Democrat candidates only)

Tim Josi John Orr Tiffany Mitchell

| Precinct/location | Josi | Orr   | Mitchell |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------|
| 1 Astoria         | 17   | 61    | 95       |
| 2 Astoria         | 44   | 102   | 125      |
| 3 Astoria         | 24   | 102   | 116      |
| 4 Astoria         | 20   | 50    | 64       |
| 5 Astoria         | 24   | 126   | 145      |
| 6 Astoria         | 15   | 69    | 79       |
| 7 Astoria         | 34   | 103   | 130      |
| 8 Astoria         | 14   | 62    | 53       |
| 20 Cannon Beach   | 26   | 125   | 133      |
| 21 Chadwell       | 31   | 41    | 25       |
| 22 N. Clatsop     | 30   | 38    | 63       |
| 23 S. Clatsop     | 51   | 64    | 80       |
| 24 Elsie          | 8    | 8     | 15       |
| 25 Gearhart       | 68   | 73    | 120      |
| 26 Hamlet         | 19   | 15    | 12       |
| 28 Jewell         | 14   | 19    | 23       |
| 29 John Day       | 23   | 20    | 17       |
| 30 Knappa         | 59   | 69    | 60       |
| 31 Lewis & Clark  | 46   | 72    | 43       |
| 35 Necanicum      | 14   | 17    | 14       |
| 36 Olney          | 18   | 17    | 10       |
| 37 Seaside        | 31   | 57    | 83       |
| 38 Seaside        | 32   | 43    | 111      |
| 39 Seaside        | 36   | 42    | 80       |
| 40 Seaside        | 44   | 53    | 79       |
| 43 Stanley Acres  | 4    | 10    | 15       |
| 44 Svensen        | 32   | 39    | 34       |
| 45 Arch Cape      | 10   | 30    | 15       |
| 46 Walluski       | 26   | 33    | 29       |
| 47 Warrenton      | 85   | 100   | 180      |
| 48 Warrenton      | 23   | 48    | 58       |
| 50 Westport       | 13   | 20    | 24       |
| 52 Hillcrest      | 25   | 30    | 24       |
| Total             | 960  | 1,758 | 2,154    |

Source: Clatsop County



Tiffany Mitchell

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
The Daily Astorian

Oregon Democrats will welcome a new face in Tiffany Mitchell, a case management coordinator and recent transplant from Utah.

In the May primary for state House District 32, Mitchell defeated Tim Josi, a Tillamook County commissioner and former state representative, and John Orr, an attorney and Municipal Court judge in

Gearhart. In her first run for elected office, she is the heir apparent to state Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach.

Mitchell's victory, in which she gathered 42 percent of the vote, is viewed as an upset and a win for progressives against moderates like Boone, who endorsed Josi. While some see the primary as evidence of a shift to the left during Boone's 14-year tenure, others are more hesitant.

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## Port seeks grant for marina

### East Mooring Basin is in need of repair

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria is applying for a state grant to fund a master plan for the East Mooring Basin, an ailing marina and popular tourist draw at the foot of 36th Street.

Kevin Cronin, the city's former community development director, was contracted by the Port to seek grant money. He is applying for a Transportation and Growth Management grant due Friday to the state Department of Land Conservation and Development.

In the application, Cronin called the east basin one of the best opportunities for redevelopment because of its waterfront location, access to the Astoria Riverwalk and recent inclusion in a federal opportunity zone offering investors an avenue for tax-free capital investment.

"It's vitally important that a master plan be in place to guide future development and investment in the area prior to receiving offers from developers and investors," Cronin wrote.

Astoria adopted building and height restrictions in the Civic Greenway portion of the Riverfront Vision Plan between 16th to 39th streets. The plan allowed for exceptions around the Port's mooring basin, provided the agency presents a master plan supported by the Astoria City Council.

The marina, built shortly after World II and designed for upward of 1,000 vessels, is mostly empty, save for two commercial docks near a riverfront breakwater built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and copious numbers of sea lions during fish migrations. Port staff have estimated \$4 million to replace the 70-year-old 36th street causeway running over the marina, shut down to vehicle traffic since 2014.

Jim Knight, the Port's executive director, has said the cash-strapped agency needs to seek out more public-private partnerships

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## Long Beach puts vacation rentals under microscope

### City looks to further license rentals

By PATRICK WEBB  
Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Should each vacation rental in Long Beach have a city business license?

That's the question under discussion by members of the City Council, who may tweak their rules because so many people want to make money on short-term rentals.

City councilors have made no decision, but are considering some changes. For example, right now, a property rental manager or company with multiple houses only needs to pay for one \$125-a-year business license. Some offi-

cials want a license for each property.

The discussion, during a workshop session on Monday, prompted a sharp exchange between Mayor Jerry Phillips and Councilor Holli Kemmer, who works for Pacific Realty Property Management.

The mayor noted that every house being used as a vacation rental was making money as a business. Companies which rent out multiple homes have an advantage, he said. "It should be fair across the board."

When Kemmer sought to ask a question, Phillips said she should not be involved in the discussion, citing conflict-of-interest laws.

"I'm not leaving the conversation," she said, reminding him it was a workshop. "I'm not voting on anything."

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Long Beach is looking into business licenses and other requirements for vacation rentals.



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