

Astoria discusses sale of Mill Pond Village lots

Difficult to develop

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Astoria leaders are looking again at selling overwater property the city can't afford to develop and has struggled to sell.

City councilors voted Monday to have staff hire a real estate agent to list 12 city-owned lots in Mill Pond Village, which are located over the pond.

Mayor Arline LaMear and City Councilor Cindy Price voted against the proposal, preferring instead to talk first with adjacent Mill Pond property owners and the homeowners association to gauge any interest in purchasing the lots.

While City Councilor Zetty Nemlowill said she could support that option as well, she felt the city would miss a big opportunity by not giving outside buyers a chance to purchase the lots. Councilors Bruce Jones and Tom Brownson voted with Nemlowill to bring on a real estate agent and list the properties.

The city has paid more than \$50,000 in homeowners association fees and other expenses since Mill Pond developer Art DeMuro

donated the properties to the city in 2012, City Manager Brett Estes said. DeMuro, who has since died, hoped the lots would fund development of Heritage Square, a city block in the center of downtown. The square is home to a city triumph, the Garden of Surging Waves, and another city dilemma: a large, open pit where a concrete pad caved in after heavy rains in 2010.

The city last listed the Mill Pond lots in 2013 as part of a program to sell excess properties and didn't receive any offers.

Since the lots are based overwater, they are tricky — and expensive — to develop. Any developer looking to build on the lots would need to construct piers first, an undertaking that could cost more than \$3 million per pier, according to some estimates.

"Individual construction of homes, as is done on the land portion of Mill Pond Village, would be unlikely since the entire pier would have to be built prior to the first unit," noted Mike Morgan, a contract planner for the city, in a memo to the City Council.

The lots are just as much a dilemma to the homeowners association.

"We don't know what to do with them either," Cheryl Storey, president of the of the Mill Pond Village Owners Association, told the City Council.

She believes it would be difficult, if not impossible, for a developer to follow the association's architectural guidelines when building homes on the pier lots. The association itself is interested in preserving views across the pond.

"We're interested in just how to get rid of this issue," Storey said. The association wants a "win-win" on both sides, she added, saying it doesn't make sense for the city to continue paying association fees.

"Make us an offer," Nemlowill suggested.

In other business, the City Council:

- Finalized an agreement with a group in Alderbrook to take over maintenance and care of Birch Field. City councilors had considered selling the underused ball field last year, but neighbors rallied in protest. They proposed caring for the park themselves and have since kept up on maintenance, made improvements and held community events.

- Heard a presentation from Craig Hoppes, superintendent of the Astoria School District, about a proposed \$70 million bond to modernize the district's five campuses. The bond will go to voters in November. The city councilors voiced their support of the school district's efforts.

County to reimburse gillnetters

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Clatsop County will soon offer \$500,000 in funding for local gillnetters affected by state regulations.

The state adopted a plan to phase out gillnetting on the Columbia River's main stem that required fishermen to either move to off-channel sites or

switch to alternative gear such as seine nets. The state established a fund in 2013 to compensate fishermen for direct economic losses and reimburse for equipment purchased to comply with the new policy.

Clatsop County applied for the funds, and 129 commercial salmon permit holders are eligible. Those eligible could

receive up to \$8,750 in one-time payments. Reimbursement amounts will be based on landing data provided by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife or the cost of replacing equipment.

Eligible fishermen will receive letters informing them of their individual compensation amounts.

Boater pulled from water near Florence dies

Associated Press

Siuslaw River.

FLORENCE — The Coast Guard says crews pulled an unresponsive person from the Pacific Ocean after a boat capsized on Monday near the

A helicopter crew was flying from North Bend to Newport when they saw an overturned boat outside the river's north jetty near Florence.

Crews searched the area for additional people who may have been aboard the vessel, but later confirmed only one person was aboard.

The Coast Guard says the person died.

Charlotte Ann Fitch

Astoria

Aug. 16, 1923 — June 23, 2018

Charlotte Fitch was born in Portland, Oregon, to George and Marie Feyerabend. The family, including her older sister, Virginia, spent years in Portland; Dayton, Ohio; and Southern California.

Charlotte graduated from Grant High School, completed business classes in Portland, and then went on to graduate in 1947 from Oregon State College in secretarial science. She married Dale Fitch that same year. They lived in Eugene, Santa Barbara, Salem and Coos Bay.

She enjoyed playing golf, sailing at the Coos Bay Yacht club, and traveling in the 1931 Model A with the

continued to tour in the car with the Eugene Model A club all over the Northwest.

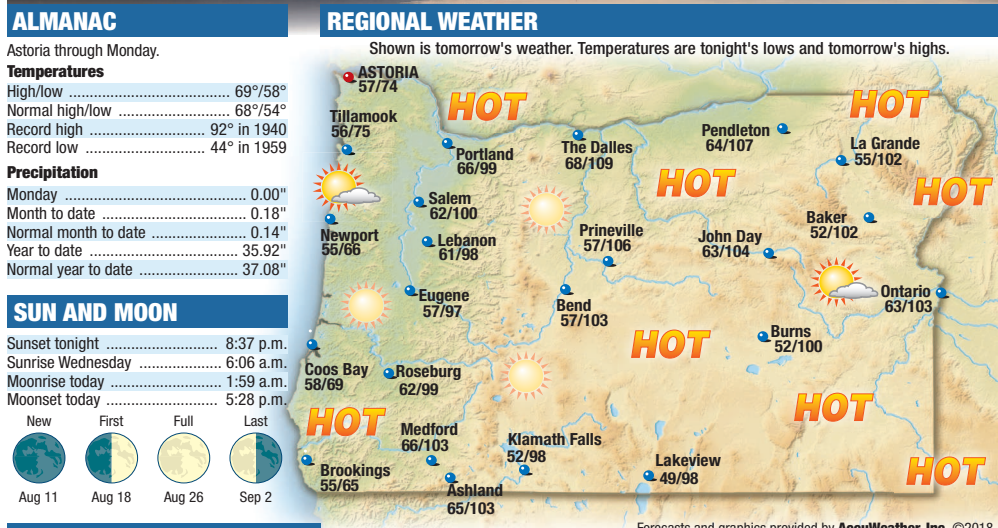
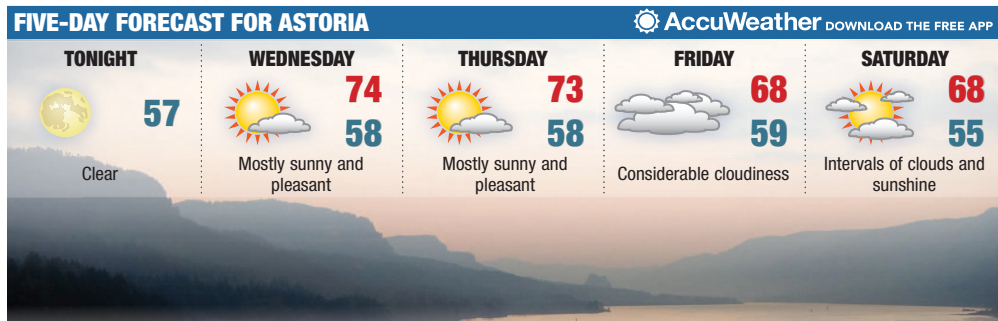
She worked for the Coos-Curry Council of Governments, Weyerhaeuser Springfield, and the University of Oregon. She was a student of Christian Science and of The Infinite Way.

She is survived by her sons, Bill and David, of Astoria; daughter-in-law, Beth Fitch; and grandchildren, Amelia and Tristan.

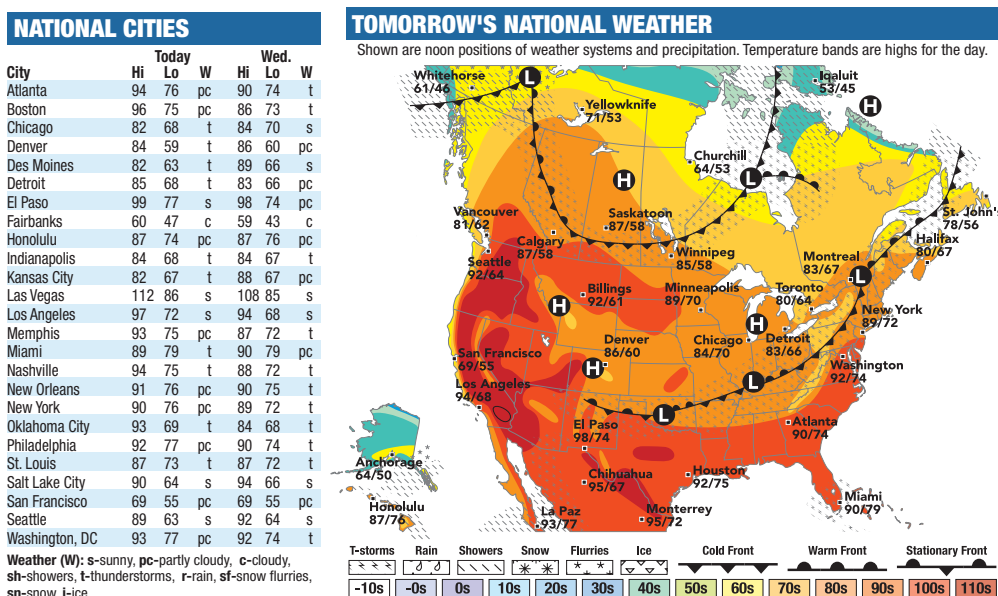
A small family service was held at the Columbia River near Mill Pond, where she liked to sit. She was grateful to remain in her apartment for the six years she lived in Astoria, and to watch the ships on the river.



Charlotte Fitch



City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	W
Baker City	96	52	s	102	54	Olympia	91	57	s	96	57
Bend	97	57	pc	103	59	Pendleton	100	64	s	107	67
Brookings	65	54	pc	67	54	Portland	95	66	s	99	67
Eugene	95	57	s	97	57	Roseburg	96	62	pc	99	64
Ilwaco	71	59	pc	71	59	Salem	98	62	s	100	62
Klamath Falls	95	52	pc	98	54	Seaside	74	58	pc	74	59
Medford	99	66	pc	103	69	Spokane	94	63	pc	99	67
Newberg	96	61	s	98	61	Springfield	95	59	s	98	59
Newport	65	55	pc	66	55	Vancouver	95	63	s	97	63
North Bend	67	57	pc	69	58	Yakima	100	61	pc	104	66



MEMORIAL

Thursday, Aug. 9

ORAND, Marjorie "Marge" L. (Jones) — Memorial at 11 a.m., Groulx Family Mortuary, 25381

Wonderly Road in Rainier, followed by a procession to, and brief committal service at Fishhawk Cemetery in Birkenfeld. Orand,

72, of Clatskanie, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Hammond. Groulx Family Mortuary in Rainier is in charge of the arrangements.

DEATHS

Aug. 5, 2018

WILSON, James, 99, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Aug. 3, 2018

LARSON, Dennis Arne, 77, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTH

July 27, 2018

AVEN, Addy and Brandon, of Astoria, a boy, Jack Andre Aven, born at Columbia Memorial

Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Patti and Michael Aven of South Ogden, Utah, and Charles and Susan Linford of Mountain Green, Utah.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• At 1:39 a.m. Tuesday, Jonathan Cody Myers, 32, of Warrenton, was arrested by Warrenton police on the 110 block of Main Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, reckless driving and reckless endangerment. Myers allegedly entered a car that was

not his while a 16-year-old boy, whom Myers knows, was sitting in the passenger seat. He then allegedly drove the car around the block and crashed into the back of El Compadre Restaurant. During the drive, the boy — who sustained minor injuries from the crash — allegedly tried to stop Myers from driving. Myers' blood alcohol content was 0.21 percent.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., special meeting on marijuana tax, 698 Pacific Way.
Astoria Planning Commis-

sion, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1800 S. Main Ave.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

WEDNESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-4-9-7
4 p.m.: 4-6-9-3
7 p.m.: 2-9-1-8
10 p.m.: 7-2-5-4
Monday's Lucky Lines: 03-08-09-15-17-24-25-31

Estimated jackpot: \$10,000
Monday's Megabucks: 20-25-27-31-43-44
Estimated jackpot: \$5.4 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 7-4-5
Monday's Hit 5: 02-09-17-27-37

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Monday's Keno: 07-10-12-14-25-26-31-32-33-38-40-48-50-58-61-62-69-70-78-80
Monday's Lotto: 02-03-09-14-16-38
Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
Monday's Match 4: 07-15-18-21

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