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## WEEKEND BARK

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL DOG DAY, TAKE A LOOK AT SO MANY GOOD DOGGIES FROM THE NORTH COAST WHO FILL OUR LIVES WITH FUR, FUN, LOVE ... AND MUDDY PAWS IN THIS WEEK'S EXPANDED WEEKEND BREAK SECTION



Carleton Hart Architecture

The new design for a waterfront hotel removes the former Ship Inn restaurant.

## Developers revise plans for new waterfront hotel

New design will undergo city review

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
*The Daily Astorian*

The Astoria City Council expected to hear arguments Thursday that city boards were wrong to shoot down a proposed

waterfront hotel, but instead received an entirely new set of plans.

After some confusion and controversy, city councilors voted to send the redesign of Hollander Hospitality's four-story, Marriott-brand hotel back to the Design Review Committee for consideration. A majority of the council also reversed the decision by the Historic Landmarks Commission to deny the project.

Hollander Hospitality wants to build the hotel along the waterfront on lots that house two shuttered restaurants, The Ship Inn and Stephanie's Cabin. When the Design Review Committee and Historic Landmarks Commission denied the project in July, citing issues with the hotel's size, appearance and historical

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## Experts turn toward medicine in opioid fight

Treatment combines therapy with Suboxone

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WARRENTON — Looking to relieve the pain of withdrawal from heroin or prescription opioids, a new treatment option in Clatsop County blends behavioral counseling with medication to block the cravings that drive addiction.

The philosophy behind medication-assisted treatment is to reduce opioid abuse and lower the risk of relapse or overdose. Like needle exchanges or methadone clinics, the idea is to treat drug addiction as a disease, rather than a moral failing.

"We have to get past in our heads that this is a medical treatment, just like we treat diabetes," said Jeanette Schacher, the medical group director at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. "And you don't expect a diabetic to be treated for six months and be cured."

Doctors from Columbia Memorial visit a Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare clinic in Warrenton twice a week and prescribe Suboxone, a drug approved by the U.S. Food and

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## Homeless outreach in Uniontown takes shape



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Volunteers help clean up the kitchen of a new homeless project in Uniontown.

## New facility opens in October

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Verda Heilman realized she was kicking herself out of her own home when she voted with other members of the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board this year to sell a former boarding house in Uniontown to a nonprofit that plans homeless outreach.

Heilman was the last of the building's residents to find a place to live after the sale was finalized. But, she said in July even as she struggled to find a new home, "It's going to be a good project. ... As much as I didn't want to move, it's for the best of the community."

Helping Hands is expected to open



Volunteers move items out of the basement kitchen so it can be cleaned and prepared for tenants.

the new facility on Oct. 1. The nonprofit operates re-entry programs across four counties in Oregon for people trying to

get back on their feet after being homeless or struggling with addiction, and was looking to expand its reach in Clatsop County.

The nonprofit already maintains an office and housing in Seaside, but an Astoria location puts people closer to social services, county offices, Circuit Court and the transit center.

"We're actually a little bit ahead of schedule," said Alan Evans, the executive director of Helping Hands.

Still, the Uniontown project and the nonprofit have faced a few setbacks and surprises along the way.

Helping Hands had hoped to be able to provide detox beds in partnership with the county, but that plan is on hold because of funding and other issues.

"What we don't want to do is move forward without all the right funding and partners in place," Evans said.

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