

Marian Doumit Peterson Seaside Dec. 9, 1913 - Aug. 25, 2018

Marian Doumit Peterson passed away in Seaside, Oregon, on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. Marian was born in Cathlamet, Washington, on Dec. 9, 1913, to John and Helen Doumit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Peterson, and seven of her siblings.

Marian is survived by her sister, Helen Wampler, of Fresno, California; her daughter, Linda (Russell) Keizer, of Warrenton, Oregon; her son, Robert (Phyllis) Peterson, of Eagle, Idaho; four grandchildren, Douglas Sampson, of Warrenton, Oregon, Melissa Saul, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, Katie Dolby, of Boise, Idaho, and Rob Peterson,



Marian Peterson

of Lake Oswego; and 13 great-grandchildren. Marian was a past member of the Astoria Golf & Country Club, an avid bridge player and member of the American Contract Bridge Association. She spent over 5,000 volunteer hours at Providence Seaside Hospital, and was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

A memorial will be held on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. A rosary is at 10:30 a.m., and Mass is at 11 a.m.

A luncheon reception will follow at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Shirley Anne Richards Vancouver, Washington Feb. 8, 1935 — Aug. 4, 2018

Shirley Anne Hjorten Richards, known as "Miss Astoria" by her peers the past two years, has passed away Aug. 4, 2018, peacefully at home, at the age of 83. She was born to Inez Doyle and John Hjorten on Feb. 8, 1935, in Westport, Oregon, and raised in Astoria, Oregon.

She married Laverle "Rich" Richards on Nov. 18, 1955. They lived in Portland, Oregon, where they raised their three children, Randall Richards, Jan Richards Berndt and John Richards.

Shirley was a mother, grandmother and homemaker who loved her home, her garden, and all her roses. Raising their three children, she was very active with the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Portsmouth Little League. She managed the concession wagon for many years, and was the first female league president.

She was an active member of Portsmouth Trinity, and later St. John Lutheran Church, as the Sunday school superintendent and youth group leader for many years, and loved all

the little children that she watched grow into adults, and one day have children of their own. Shirley was the first female to assist with communion at St. John!



Shirley Richards

Miss Astoria had a passion for history, and spent 20 years at the Portland Urban Tour Group teaching others about Portland's history. Her urban tour group says she was an awesome mentor, and will be greatly missed. Other favorite pastimes were bowling in a league with her friends and painting ceramics. She was also active in the League of Women Voters.

Shirley is survived by her three children, Randall Richards, Jan Richards Berndt and John Richards; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and many people in the community.

If anyone wishes to donate in her name, please send contributions to her beloved church, St. John Lutheran Church, 4227 N. Lombard St., Portland, OR 97203.

Portland will not change anti-camping law after ruling

By DIRK VANDERHART
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Portland will not change how it enforces its anti-camping law, following a sweeping opinion by a federal appeals court on Tuesday that similar rules might violate the constitutional rights of homeless citizens.

Tracy Reeve, attorney for Oregon's largest city, said Wednesday morning her office had reviewed the opinion by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and believes Portland's rule outlawing camping on public property is still legal.

"When the ruling came down yesterday morning we immediately convened a team of lawyers in order to evaluate whether the City's current practices were in conformity with the decision," Reeve wrote in an email. "We determined that they were."

Meanwhile, advocates for the homeless cheered the ruling, predicting widespread changes in how cities in western states enforce anti-camping rules.

The 9th Circuit opinion puts into force a legal theory that has been argued for more than a decade by attorneys in Oregon and elsewhere. The circuit is com-

prised of nine states in the western U.S., including the entire West Coast, as well as two territories.

A panel of three appeals judges found that a camping ban in Boise could violate Eighth Amendment protections against cruel and unusual punishment if homeless people have no choice but to camp.

The ruling was similar to one the appeals court made in a case out of Los Angeles in 2006, but that opinion was vacated under a settlement between the parties. Now the legal precedent is back in force — with potentially large consequences for cities.

PacifiCorp, Sierra Club go to court over economic data on coal plants

Associated Press

SEATTLE — An electric utility is asking a Washington state judge to permanently block the public release of some economic information about its coal-burning units.

The Sierra Club says the public should have clear information about the financial risks of operating coal-burning power plants. It filed a public-records request seeking information that PacifiCorp had blacked out in a coal analysis it provided to

the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

PacifiCorp says that limited information is confidential and releasing it will put it at a competitive disadvantage. It released the redacted information to those who signed nondisclosure agreements.

In July, PacifiCorp won a temporary restraining order to prevent the release of that information.

A Thurston County Superior Court judge is scheduled Friday to hear whether to make that injunction permanent.

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Answers elusive for affordable housing in Cannon Beach

Fear of unintended consequences

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — The hope for the Cannon Beach City Council was to improve the housing stock, especially affordable or workforce housing. But before evening's end on Tuesday, city councilors shied away from adopting two measures, fearing unintended consequences.

The amendments would have raised the building height in commercial zones and reduced off-street parking requirements.

Robin Risley, a candidate for City Council, said that downtown density and parking could worsen if the amendments were adopted. "My suggestion is to really think about this," he said. "It will change the complexion of what is already a concern."

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, a resident, urged the council not to weaken height regulations.

"Why would we allow our city to lose its village character by allowing potentially every building in our C-1 zone to add potentially another story?" she asked. "This is not an acceptable risk. Please think of the

unintended consequences of loosening these regulations." The amendments sought to encourage the development of long-term rental housing. But city councilors said they feared the amendments would prove impractical.

"We're trying to create housing for the workforce," City Councilor George Vetter said. "I don't see where anyone is going to opt to put in workforce housing instead of commercial."

Adding another story to an existing building could be difficult. As a result, existing buildings would likely be torn down rather than expanded, further adding to cost. New buildings would hover over existing properties, blocking views or light, and would likely fail to meet the need for workforce housing.

"I don't see how a brand-new building is going to be affordable, either," Councilor Mike Benefield said.

The city would be unable to guarantee the apartments would be designated for affordable housing, Vetter said, and while use as a vacation rental would have been prohibited, owners could have used the homes "as their Cannon Beach getaway" rather than meeting critical housing needs. "Do we really gain anything with this? We're rolling

the dice," he said. Mayor Sam Steidel lamented a lack of options in meeting what has been the city's No. 1 focus for years. "There's nothing left," Steidel said. "We've argued every other point."

That leaves the city with few alternatives, Steidel said. "We have a difficult problem with affordable housing," he said. "My hope was that this one would allow for someone to do something who had some properties in the downtown area."

Along with city councilors, Steidel agreed the chances of getting affordable housing through the amendments were "very slim."

City Planner Mark Barnes suggested a review of the city's buildable lands inventory. "We're getting to the point where the number of vacant lots left and the lots suitable for multifamily housing is getting small," he said.

At some point the city will be faced with the choice of more density in town or expanding the urban growth boundary. "I don't want to see the city paint themselves into a corner with this," Barnes said.

Oregon hunter mistakes a pet pot-bellied pig for feral hog

Associated Press

PILOT ROCK — A bow hunter in Oregon mistook a pet pot-bellied pig that had escaped from its owners' home for a feral hog and fatally shot it.

The East Oregonian reported that Janet and Jerry McKague had cared for the pig named "Porky" for more than a year.

Porky escaped on Aug. 31 and the family searched for

him until they learned that a bow hunter had shown up at a local store claiming to have shot a 167-pound feral pig.

The McKagues contacted the Oregon State Police.

Authorities contacted the hunter, who was cooperative and said he thought the pig was wild.

Porky's carcass was seized as evidence.

The case will be forwarded to prosecutors but no charges have been filed.

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Thursday, September 13, 2018 6:30 – 8:00 PM
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Rosemary Johnson Project Manager rosemaryjcurt@gmail.com
Written comments may be sent to: Astoria Community Development Department, 1095 Duane Street, Astoria OR 97103

Please join us for a Town Hall meeting to discuss potential changes to Astoria's Development Code, zoning maps, and Comprehensive Plan policies aimed at implementing recommendations in the Astoria Riverfront Vision Plan. The meeting will focus on the "Urban Core" area located between 2nd Street and 8th Street, from the pierhead line to Marine Drive, and to Commercial Street between 8th and 16th Streets.

Development Code updates may address requirements associated with:
• Types of land uses allowed in different areas
• Building heights, building siting, and landscaping
• Requirements for access to the river
• Retaining views of the river and surrounding areas

City staff and consultants will make brief presentations at 6:45 pm, followed by questions, answers, and comments. Light refreshments will be provided.