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Riverfront hotel planned near downtown

Buoy Beer and Adrift Hotels partner on project

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Developers behind Buoy Beer Co. and the Adrift Hotel want to open a hotel in a former seafood process-

ing plant on the Columbia River near downtown Astoria.

The partnership has applied for a conditional use permit from the city and the project could go before the Planning Commission as early as December. If approved, the hotel may open sometime late next year.

The project comes at a time when some residents and political candidates have spoken out against more hotels along the river. The city is also

in the process of drafting land use standards for the Urban Core between Second Street and 16th Street, the final section of the Riverfront Vision Plan that guides development on the river.

The hotel — described as a boutique hotel with luxury amenities — would occupy a long building on the river next to Buoy Beer between

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Developers are planning to turn a building near Buoy Beer Co. into a hotel.

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Housing, growth shape Warrenton mayor's race

Balensifer challenged by Washington

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**
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WARRENTON — Housing, managing future growth in Warrenton and development in Hammond top the list for the mayoral candidates in Warrenton.

Mayor Henry Balensifer, communications manager for Lektro Inc., faces challenger John Washington, a retired automotive technician and commercial truck driver, in the November election.

Balensifer has served on both the Planning Commission and the City Commission. He was appointed as mayor last year to serve out what remained in former Mayor Mark Kujala's term after Kujala stepped down.

Washington is a political newcomer who was inspired to run by what he believes is a lack of transparency in city leadership.

Housing has dominated political debates leading up to the November election, with many candidates linking an apparent rise in homelessness with a lack of affordable and workforce-priced housing.

In Warrenton, preliminary results from a countywide housing study suggest there is not a lack of apartments in the city, said

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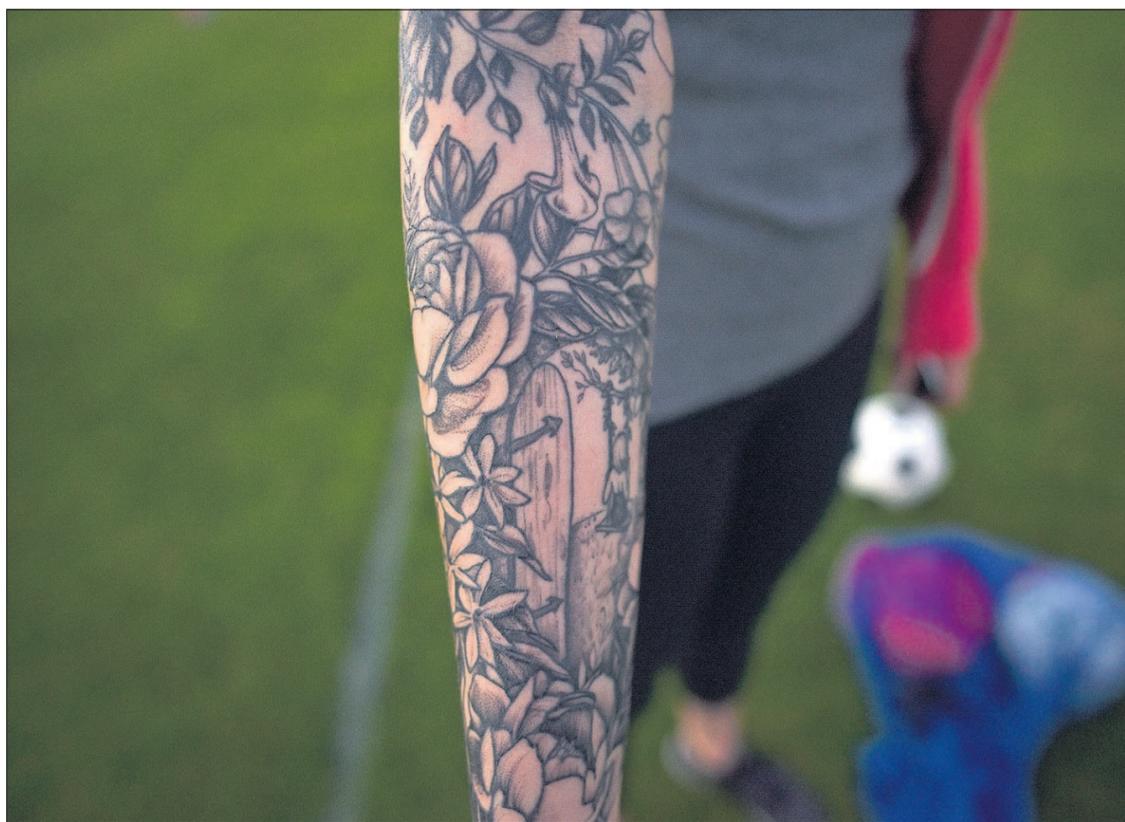


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Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer, left, and John Washington take part in a candidate forum at Astoria High School in early October.

'HE'S GOING TO KILL ME'

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS FACE BARRIERS TO RECOVERY



Photos by Colin Murphey/*The Daily Astorian*

A tattoo on Brooke Lilley's arm has special significance to her as a survivor of domestic violence.

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Sitting in the driver's seat of her car, Brooke Lilley was in a daze as her 2-year-old daughter cried in the back and an emergency dispatcher repeatedly asked "Hello?" through her cellphone.

Lilley had pulled off U.S. Highway 101 near Camp Rilea and stopped on Patriot Lane, upset after her husband called her yet another derogatory word. After he was told to get out and walk home, the man pulled the keys from the ignition and stepped out as Lilley phoned for help. She contacted dispatchers as the man reached through the window, grabbed her neck, pushed her head against the headrest and threatened to rip off her face.

"I remember thinking, like, 'OK, like, it's over,'" Lilley said. "He's going to kill me."



Brooke Lilley stretches with the soccer team she coaches in Warrenton.

Lilley said the 2013 attack was the climax of 2 1/2 years of domestic abuse.

While exact data does not exist, roughly 5 percent of Clatsop County residents seek domestic violence services each year.

Victims, who are often reluctant to report abuse, often must clear hurdles to recovery years after the violence stops.

CRISIS LINE

• Free 24-hour domestic violence crisis line: 503-325-5735

"It takes a lot of work to get there. It takes a lot of community support to get there," said Ben Bradshaw, the victim's services coordinator with the district attorney's office. "Domestic violence is its own sticky wicket."

Fear

The average domestic violence victim is assaulted several times before the abuse is brought to light.

Fear of retaliation, self-blame, family pressures and a wariness toward the criminal justice system can all be factors that

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Mayor Barber withdraws from Seaside debate

Decision is 'ridiculous,' opponent says

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SEASIDE — Mayor Jay Barber has dropped out of a debate with his opponent, John Chapman, that was scheduled a week before the November election.

Barber said he accepted an invitation from the Seaside Public Safety Association for a debate at the Bob Chisholm Community Center on Oct.



Jay Barber



John Chapman

29 conditionally upon the co-sponsorship of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce. When the mayor learned that the chamber pulled out, he decided not to participate.

Barber sent an email last week to the public safety association withdrawing from the event.



A debate puts incumbents in a "defensive mode," the mayor wrote. "Coming just a few days before the election, most people will have already voted and voters have already had a good opportunity to contrast our styles and our leadership. I don't need to defend my record of service on the council and my two years as mayor. But

that is clearly what the debate would be."

Chapman called Barber's email "ridiculous."

"What's he want to do?" Chapman asked. "Only accepting accolades? What is he going to do under pressure? Is he going to crumble and go hide? That's not what a leader of a city does. If he's better than me, beat me in the public view. Prove that you're a better leader."

Barber called Chapman's remarks "comments from somebody who is desperate to win this role. He doesn't have the beginning knowledge of what it takes to be the mayor of the city."

Det. William Barnes, president of the public safety association, planned the mayoral debate earlier this month, intending to co-sponsor the event with the chamber.

He and Brian Owen, the chamber president, "connected and got the ball rolling," Barnes said.

Owen set up the debate time in conjunction with Skyler Archibald, executive director of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, who had already planned an Oct. 29 presentation on the rec district's bond for a new aquatic facility.

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