

Food parade set for next week

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The Astoria Fire Department's 30th annual Christmas Food Parade will wind through neighborhoods next week.

Fire engines will parade through neighborhoods in the city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Firefighters and other volunteers will be picking up non-perishable food items and donations for needy families this holiday season. The fire engines will be decorated with lights and playing Christmas music. Santa Claus will also be making an appearance.

In recent years, the food has collected an average of 4,500 pounds of food. The

Fire Department's goal this year is to collect over 5,000 pounds of food.

The parade will start in at Emerald Heights through Alderbrook and Uppertown on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the parade will start at 8th Street and Franklin Avenue and continue through the upper hills of Astoria. On Thursday, the parade will start at Columbia Street and

move through the south hills of Astoria.

People who will not be home during the parade can still drop off a bag of non-perishable food items at the Astoria Fire Department at 555 30th Street or call ahead at 503-325-2345 to arrange to drop off food outside of regular business hours.

The lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ABATE holds Holiday Run, Chili Feed Saturday

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The North Coast Chapter of ABATE of Oregon holds its 30th annual Holiday Run on Saturday, rain or shine. Sign-up is at 10 a.m. at The Relief Pitcher, 2795 S. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside, with kickstands up at 11 a.m. Stops include Buoy 9, 996 Pacific Drive in Hammond; Taps, 34635 U.S. Highway 101 Business in Astoria, and Workers Tavern at 281 W. Marine Drive.

The ride ends at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St., at about 3 p.m., with Pastor Bob Hutson's famous chili feed, 50/50 and raffle. The cost is \$15 for the run and chili, or \$5 for chili only. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank.

For information, go to northcoastabate.com or email info@northcoastabate.com



Pastor Bob Hutson's famous chili is a highlight of the ABATE of Oregon's 30th annual Holiday Run on Saturday.

4-H Aerospace Club looks for members

Young people will learn the science behind flight

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A new Aerospace and Electricity 4-H

Club is forming in Warrenton for youth ages 9 to 19 (as of Sept. 1). The groups will start meeting after the holidays.

Members will learn about electrical circuits, conductors, magnets, etc.

In aerospace, they will learn the science behind planes, rocketry, hot air balloons and more.

A dog club is also looking for mem-

bers, and there are youth interested in photography and art who are without a club leader.

People who are interested in joining this new club, another club or who want information about becoming a club leader, should call Sandra Carlson at the Clatsop County Extension Office at 503-325-8573.

SENIOR NOTES

Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter — Information, referral and counseling services for families and caregivers of people with Alzheimer's, dementia and other related disorders. For information, call 800-272-3900 (24 hours a day).

Astoria Alzheimer's & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m. third Monday, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 216, or email support@clatsopcare.org

Clatsop Behavioral Health After Hours Crisis Line — 503-325-5724.

Clatsop Community Action — 503-325-1400. Respite care services, low-income energy assistance, emergency food assistance, housing information, emergency personal care items.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Cost is \$6. For information, call 503-325-9693.

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) — 503-338-2408. Provides a wide assortment of educational experiences for individuals older than 50.

Elder Friendship Line — 800-971-0016. Available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; crisis calls taken 24/7.

Food Pantries — 503-325-1400. Clatsop Community Action serves six food pantries in Clatsop County. Call for locations and hours.

Grief Support Group, Seaside — 2 to 4 p.m. first Thursday, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.

Lifespan Respite — 503-325-1400. Provides information, referral, training and paid respite for family caregivers.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-TALK (8255). A 24-hour, toll-free suicide preven-

tion service for anyone in a suicidal crisis. TTY users should dial 800-799-4TTY (4889).

National Alliance on Mental Illness — 800-950-NAMI (6264) or locally, 503-717-1835. Separate support groups for people with mental illness and families of those with mental illness are available.

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority — 503-861-0119. Rent assistance based on income.

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services — 503-861-4202 or 800-442-8614. Medicaid services, food stamps, information, family caregiver support services, Medicare choice assistance, home delivered meals, senior meal sites and senior peer counseling.

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection — 855-ORE-ADRC (673-2372), www.adrcforegon.org. Information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and families.

Oregon Home Care Commission Registry and Referral System — 877-867-0077, https://www.or-hcc.org. Provides lists of home care workers available to hire.

Oregon Law Center — 877-296-4076. Provides free services in civil cases to low income people with in-person clinics in Astoria, Tillamook and Seaside each month.

Partners for Seniors — 503-717-7174. Serves South Clatsop County seniors with volunteer visits, transportation, light housekeeping, yard work, minor home repairs, daily phone calls.

Senior Center, Astoria — Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St., 503-325-3231.

Senior Center, Seaside — Bob Chisholm Community and Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Senior Center, Warrenton — Warrenton Community and Senior Center, 170 S.W. Third St, Warrenton, 503-861-3502 Mondays and Thursdays.

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