Family displaced by fire in Hamlet home

By BRENNA VISSER The Daily Astorian

HAMLET — Two adults and three children lost their Hamlet home after a nearby generator caught fire on Tuesday afternoon.

At about 2:30 p.m., neighbors reported a fire burning in the home at 79721 Hamlet Rd. and used fire extinguishers to slow the flames until firefighters could arrive. No one was in the home at the time.

About half of the house was on fire by the time crews arrived, said Matt Verley, the chief of the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department. A generator near the house appeared to catch fire, which then spread into the house.

Weather conditions and the structure of the home made it particularly hard to fight the fire, Verley said. Because the fire was trapped in a part of the attic difficult to access, it took firefighters almost six hours to put out the flames.



Matt Verley/Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department Fire crews work to put out a house fire in Hamlet in wintry conditions.

"With 6 inches of snow on the ground, getting on the roof to ventilate was difficult," Verley said. "Before

others got there I was using fire hoses to clear off the snow so we could work." The house is considered

a total loss, but crews were able to retrieve some personal items for the family after the flames were put out.

Many of the lots avail-

able for new development

are smaller and will not be

available to big box stores

that could draw more traf-

fic, Yuill added. The appli-

cations that do come in will

all likely have to go through

a public vetting process in front of the Planning Com-

But for Balensifer, who

wants the commission to

consider ways to encourage

livability in Warrenton, "just

because the carrot is dan-

gled doesn't mean we have

tabled, Yuill said.

mission, he said.

Warrenton zone change could spur development

New apartments are possible

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — A 19-acre wedge of residential properties between U.S. Highway 101 and Spur 104 in Warrenton is now open for commercial development.

The City Commission approved a zone change for the area in a 4-1 vote Tuesday night. The change will allow for the development of high-density housing, such as apartments, as well as office and business projects.

Mayor Henry Balensifer voted against the change because of concerns about what develop-

protections

clear state

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ment could mean for traffic. The properties are near the city's busy shopping area of Ensign Lane that includes Home Depot and other big box stores where residents already complain about traffic congestion.

Balensifer was also concerned about a lack of planning for what kind of development and design would be encouraged. He hoped, at least, that the commission would ask property owners to create some kind of master plan to guide future development decisions. He wondered if the reclassification of the existing residential zoning to commercial mixed use was too broad.

Official discussion of the Spur 104 zone change began in earnest last summer. But the move was delayed, first to amend an initial traffic impact study to incorporate concerns from the Oregon Department of Transportation, and then tabled until the city's new Transportation System Plan was adopted.

Proponents of the zone change, including Planning Commissioner Ken Yuill, who estimates he owns 20 percent of the property in the area, said the commission needed to move forward. Businesses that had been interested in building at Spur 104 last summer the issue was mov









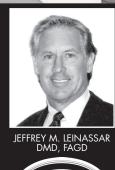
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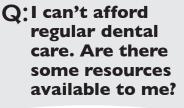
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