



Firefighters worked to contain a house fire off N.E. First Court in Warrenton on Tuesday afternoon.

Fire: Might have been caused by a heat lamp

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Secord said her daughter was home when the fire started but was able to get out safely. She said she is thankful her children are safe, but her Great Dane, “Lola,” did not make it out. She believes her cats may have been stuck inside, as well. Warrenton Fire Chief Brian Alsbury said the evi-

dence suggests the fire was accidentally caused by a heat lamp in the garage used for baby chickens. An account for the family has been opened at Lewis and Clark Bank. People can drop off donations at the bank’s Astoria or Seaside locations. Checks must be made payable to Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids. The family name may be added to the memo line.



Christina Secord hugs Rachel Williams as firefighters worked to extinguish the flames of her home of 17 years.

Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Warrenton: Mayor says city has to focus on raising revenue locally

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for a fact that Walmart sure as hell didn’t pay for the police force to be out there,” Commissioner Rick Newton said. The Municipal Court has been at capacity because of Walmart, Fred Meyer and other retail stores referring shoplifting cases, along with increased caseloads related to the region’s homeless population, Workman said. He asked for an additional 1 1/2 positions on the administrative side to help with increased caseloads, the replacement of at least three aging police cruisers removed from service and a remodel of the cramped police station inside City Hall. Kevin Cronin, the community development director, called for a surcharge on planning applications to help pay for a new part-time permit technician to handle more basic development review tasks. “That’s 75% of my time,” he said. “That’s not where I want to be, because that does not help us achieve your strategic priorities.”

Mayor Henry Balensifer and Commissioner Mark Baldwin called for Cronin’s department to be made self-sustaining by looking at the fee structures. The department only took in \$30,000 in fees over the past year even after an increase in fees, while his salary alone is nearly \$150,000, Cronin said. “That department should pay for itself, considering the growth of the city,” Balensifer said. Collin Stelzig, the public works director, asked for two additional part-time employees to help maintain the city’s 27 buildings, 11 parks and other land holdings. “We own these properties,” Stelzig said. “We should be looking at them. Are there homeless people (living there)? Is somebody dumping stuff on them?” The City Commission agreed that the city’s Parks Board would come back with a list of recommendations on how to better monetize the city’s public spaces. Newton pointed out Carruthers Memorial Park, where an off-leash dog park is heavily utilized and the

city suspects many users are coming from Astoria. April Clark, the city’s finance director, asked to make a part-time accounting clerk full time to accommodate growth, along with a new phone system, carpeting and painting inside the 20-year-old City Hall. She also cautioned that the city budgeted to end this fiscal year in June with \$345,000, about half of the two months of operating expenses recommended that governments keep on hand. And the asks from city staff don’t include the Warrenton Fire Department, which only recently added a new fire chief, nor expected increases in pension and health care costs. Warrenton has prided itself on serving residents with one of the lowest property tax rates in the region. But with property tax rates controlled by state law and unlikely to go up significantly, the city has to focus on raising revenue locally, Balensifer said. “Much of the growth going on isn’t paying for itself,” Newton said. “It’s eating us all the time.”

OBITUARIES

Mark Moreland ‘Marty’ Gill Vancouver, Washington Feb. 13, 1939 — Dec. 5, 2019

Mark Moreland “Marty” Gill, lifelong Oregonian, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, after the last few years of failing health. Marty is survived by his sisters, Janet Kram, Mary MacDonald and Anne Kornemann; children, Amy Rose, Susie Costa and Mark Gill; and grandchildren, Matt and Hailey Rose and Jake, Ethan and Naomi Costa.



Mark Gill

Marty was born in Portland on Feb. 13, 1939, to Mark and Elizabeth Gill, and lived in the Northwest his entire life. Marty attended Central Catholic High School, and graduated from the University of Oregon. He decided to work in the family business, JK Gill, for a few years until going out on his own with friends in the insurance business, and later a mortgage company. Marty lost his wife, Jean, just over a year ago. They would have celebrated 55 years together last October. They raised their children in Portland, and eventually moved down to the Oregon Coast, where they would retire, although their version of retirement was buying and running a business in Seaside for many years called Rascal’s, which they loved, as did their grandchildren, with all the sweets and fun beach shirts.

Their other love was travel. Marty was either planning a trip or talking about their adventure. He loved everything about a big trip and was able to experience all his favorite places around the world. Marty’s favorite things: family and lifelong friends, his home in Gearhart, the Astoria Golf & County Club, Central Catholic memories and childhood friends, Europe trips, Costco trips, clamming, “secret missions,” Ilani Casino Sundays with his daughters, singing to Frank Sinatra, dancing to Frank Sinatra and talking about Frank Sinatra. Marty lived the past three years in Touchmark at Fairway Village in Vancouver, Washington, to be close to his daughters and receive the care he needed. If he couldn’t be in Gearhart, where he loved, being close to family and receiving such amazing care and support from the wonderful staff was comforting for him. He loved talking to people, giving advice and telling stories of his travels. He will be missed by many. A celebration of Marty’s life will be held after the holidays in January. His daughters will confirm the date and location after the first of the year on Marty’s Facebook page.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
51 47	50 44	50 39	48 38	48 35	47 34	47 35
Occasional rain	Heavy rain	Periods of rain	A couple of showers	Chance of a shower	A shower possible	Showers possible

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	48/37
Normal high/low	48/36
Record high	60 in 1979
Record low	13 in 1924

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	3.26"
Normal month to date	5.56"
Year to date	44.21"
Normal year to date	62.93"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Last quarter moon (8:57 p.m. PST).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:08 a.m.
Moonset today	1:04 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 18	Dec 25	Jan 2	Jan 10

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:05 a.m.	8.0	12:28 a.m.	0.8	
7:02 p.m.	6.8	1:25 p.m.	2.6	
Cape Disappointment	6:45 a.m.	7.7	12:44 p.m.	2.7
6:38 p.m.	6.3	none		
Hammond	6:55 a.m.	8.3	12:00 a.m.	0.6
6:50 p.m.	7.1	12:59 p.m.	2.8	
Warrenton	7:00 a.m.	8.4	12:12 a.m.	0.9
6:57 p.m.	7.2	1:09 p.m.	2.7	
Knappa	7:42 a.m.	8.2	1:29 a.m.	0.7
7:39 p.m.	7.1	2:26 p.m.	2.2	
Depoe Bay	6:01 a.m.	8.1	12:13 p.m.	2.9
5:49 p.m.	6.6	none		

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	51/33/s	55/42/c
Boston	27/17/s	31/22/s
Chicago	37/27/pc	40/30/c
Dallas	57/39/s	49/40/sh
Denver	47/25/pc	49/31/pc
Honolulu	83/72/s	82/72/r
Houston	60/42/s	55/44/sh
Los Angeles	66/48/s	72/50/pc
Miami	74/68/c	76/71/c
New York City	27/20/s	32/24/s
Phoenix	63/38/s	67/43/s
San Francisco	59/47/pc	60/51/c
Wash., DC	35/25/s	42/28/pc

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