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MARITIME MUSEUM POND TAKES SHAPE

ABOVE: The new pond at the Columbia River Maritime Museum shines brightly at night with its blue lights. **RIGHT:** Bruce Holmes drives his hand-built model boat around the new pond outside the Barbey Maritime Center on Sunday afternoon. Holmes is a volunteer with the museum and has helped with the pond project.



Warrenton approves Chelsea Gardens

Project rebranded from Spur 104

By EDWARD STRATTON
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WARRENTON — The City Commission on Tuesday approved the creation of the Chelsea Gardens neighborhood and passed a host of other code changes meant to increase the region's housing stock.

Chelsea Gardens, formerly referred to as Spur 104, includes a wedge of land bounded by state Highway 104 and U.S. Highway 101 between Ocean Crest Chevrolet and Home Depot. Split between 19 property owners, it's seen as a prime area for development out of the tsunami zone and close to amenities.

"The City of Warrenton wants to strike a balance with the need to create new housing and business opportunities with development of common-sense regulations to protect neighborhood livability and mitigate traffic impacts

while supporting property owners' interest in redeveloping," according to a city ordinance creating the neighborhood.

The City Commission had previously approved a denser blend of commercial and residential development in the neighborhood. But commissioners, worried about the traffic impacts of unbridled development seen in traffic jams at the North Coast Retail Center, later voted to require a master plan paid for by

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Interest builds for housing project

Affordable units off Marine Drive

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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The Portland nonprofit redeveloping Astoria's former Waldorf Hotel into affordable housing may take on another building downtown.

Julie Garver, the director of housing development for Innovative Housing Inc., confirmed the nonprofit is discussing a partnership with congregants at First Presbyterian Church who purchased the large building on Marine Drive that houses Maltalternative last summer. The church

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Mitchell backs new cap-and-trade bill

Astoria Democrat appears at a digital town hall

By NICOLE BALES
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During a digital town hall on Tuesday night, state Rep. Tiffany Mitchell answered a variety of questions from constituents, but her support for cap and trade took center stage.

The Astoria Democrat appeared via Facebook Live while in Salem for the short session of the Legislature. She addressed several concerns about the cap-and-trade bill — Senate Bill 1530 — including fears that it would hurt local industry and jobs.

The bill would place a cap on greenhouse gas emissions that would diminish over time

to reach Oregon's environmental goals. Industry would acquire allowances for emissions that could be bought and sold at market, creating an incentive for converting to cleaner energy.

Mitchell's support for last year's cap-and-trade bill — HB 2020 — prompted a backlash on the North Coast and led #TimberUnity to launch an unsuccessful recall drive against her.

She said the new version of the bill has grown out of negotiation.

"I support SB 1530 as an important element to combating global climate change and investing in more resilient communities. I sincerely hope that it passes this year, as climate scientists have overwhelmingly told us that we have a very limited time frame in which to take meaningful action," Mitchell said in an email in response to questions from The Astorian.



Tiffany Mitchell



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Left to right, Portland State University student Rachel Rodri and Willamette University students Emily Grunken, Sonia Zand, Jamie Smith, Maggie Chapin and Samantha Smith demonstrate at the Capitol on Tuesday.

Climate activists swarm Capitol for cap and trade

Young people dominate rally for legislation

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SALEM — Activists seeking to clean Oregon's environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions turned out by

hundreds at the state Capitol on Tuesday, pushing legislators to move ahead with a cap-and-trade policy.

Demonstrators ranged from Salem-area teenagers who took time out from school to middle-aged Wasco County residents.

All told, organizers say that more than 1,000 people traveled

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Sullivan will run for reelection

A four-year term on the east side

By NICOLE BALES
The Astorian

Clatsop County Commissioner Kathleen Sullivan has announced she is running for another four-year term.

Sullivan ran uncontested and was elected in 2016 to represent District 4, which covers eastern Astoria to Westport, on the Board of Commissioners.

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