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Da Yang discloses virus case

Seafood processor halts operations at Port

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Da Yang Seafood has temporarily closed processing operations in Astoria after a worker tested positive for the coronavirus, the Clatsop County Public Health Department reported Wednesday.

The worker is in his 30s and lives in the northern part of the county. He was reportedly recovering at home.

Da Yang closed processing operations on Pier 2 at the Port of Astoria on Wednesday for deep cleaning, according to the county. The company reportedly plans to remain closed until test results are received from the rest of the workforce.

The county is coordinating with Da Yang and the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory to test all 160 employees. The testing is planned for Thursday, according to the county, and the county hopes to receive results by Friday or Saturday.

Da Yang notified the county on Sunday that a worker was identified as a potential positive case through the company's daily health screenings.

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County invited to take part in virus research

A statewide look into spread

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People in Clatsop County have been invited to participate in Key to Oregon, a statewide research study designed to monitor the spread of the coronavirus.

Announced by Gov. Kate Brown in May, the study is being led by Oregon Health & Science University in collaboration with the state and the OHSU-Portland State University School of Public Health.

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Charter boats ready for halibut on the North Coast



Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian
Lorrie Watts cleans the Comanche after she and owner Tom Prozialeck took a group out fishing for coho salmon with Sea Breeze Charters on Sunday morning from Ilwaco.



Lorrie Watts lines up the fresh caught coho salmon from a charter trip with Sea Breeze Charters. The charter offers trips for salmon, halibut, albacore and other fishing throughout the year.

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Butch Smith had not planned to offer charter boat trips for halibut this year.

The owner of Coho Charters in Ilwaco, Washington, and a commissioner for the small Port of Ilwaco usually takes customers out for sturgeon, salmon and crab in the Columbia River and on the Pacific Ocean.

But then the coronavirus hit and many spring fishing opportunities disappeared.

State parks closed. Local governments sought to limit tourism. Both Oregon and Washington state asked people to stay home and passed restrictions on recreational activities and group sizes to try to slow the spread of the virus.

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Astoria leaves the toys at Birch Field

Volunteers will need a plan going forward

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Astoria City Council signed off on keeping the toys placed in Birch Field over the summer by volunteers, but want them to present the city a plan for the Alderbrook community park moving forward.

Friends of Birch Field and Park, a community group that adopted the ballfields in 2018 after the city considered selling off some properties, put out a collection of children's toys that has become popular with visitors. They have also put up canopies for children wanting to play out of the sun.

Most concerning to the city are larger slides and a swingset. Parks staff, fearing liability if someone gets injured on toys not meant for public use, recently asked that they be removed. The Friends had also violated an agreement to inform the city before putting items in the park.

Mayor Bruce Jones, acceding to the voluminous input the City Council was receiving about the



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Friends of Birch Field and Park placed plastic horses, minislides and push cars at the park in Alderbrook for people to enjoy.

toys, called for an informal hearing Monday where City Manager Brett Estes asked councilors if they were OK with the risk posed by private toys on public property.

Neighbors of the park came out in force to argue for the toys, which they say have driven more people to the park and provided children a creative, developmental outlet.

Neighbor Larry Bonduant brought up a petition to keep the toys he said had gathered nearly 100 signatures.

Lisa Morley, the leader of the Friends group, said the group felt victimized by the city despite the good work it has done at the park. She claimed parks staff had not been responsive to calls for improvements at Birch Field, and that the group had received a letter from an insurance company stating the city was not at increased legal risk because of the toys.

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Developer plans builders complex in Warrenton

Debate with the city over access design

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WARRENTON — Developer Ryan Osburn is planning a 40,000-square-foot builders complex on Dolphin Avenue. But the project is at odds with the city over whether access to the site, shared with Clatsop Care Health District's memory care center, should be designed like a street or a driveway.

Osburn plans to first move his plumbing and land development business north from Clatsop Plains, his planning consultant, Mike Morgan, recently told the Warrenton Planning Commission. The project would start with a 10,000-square-foot building for his business north of the memory care center, facing U.S. Highway 101 with access from a new alleyway branching off of the existing driveway to the memory care center.

A second phase would add a

4,500-square-foot building closer to Dolphin Avenue. A third phase would add 20,000 square feet of space fronting Highway 101 behind the memory care center.

"They're all hopefully going to be related businesses such as carpenters, builders, builders shops, wholesale supply for plumbing supplies and that sort of thing," Morgan said.

To reach Osburn's building and the buildings behind the memory care center, developers are planning a 600-foot alleyway, beyond the 400 feet allowed for such dead-end access points.

The additional length triggered concern from the city's Public Works Department that the access be built to city road standards, including 28 feet of width, lights, a sidewalk on the north side and more features to avoid driver confusion. Osburn has

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