

## IN BRIEF

## Viewers can watch election forum online

An election forum on Tuesday night in Astoria can be viewed on Facebook Live and through the websites of The Astorian and Coast Community Radio.

The forum will feature candidates for state House District 32 and the Astoria City Council and will livestream from 7 to 9 p.m.

Viewers can watch via Coast Community Radio at:

- coastradio.org/electioncoverage2020
- facebook/clatsopcc

Viewers can watch via The Astorian at:

- dailyastorian.com/candidate\_forum

The forum will also be rebroadcast on the radio on Wednesday on KMUN 91.9 FM.

The forum is a collaboration between the American Association of University Women Astoria Branch, Clatsop Community College, The Astorian and Coast Community Radio.

## Kelez drops out of Astoria City Council race

Heather Kelez has dropped out of the race to replace Jessamyn Grace West on the Astoria City Council, leaving three candidates running to represent the east side of town.

Kelez, a director of support for online beer menu company DigitalPour who moved to Astoria in April, said she plans to focus on her training to be a court-appointed special advocate.

"Once I saw there were other candidates who are definitely more established in the community, then I knew it would be a long shot for me," she said.

Kelez is the second candidate in the Ward 4 race to drop out. Brook Boden, a special education teacher, said a new job offer had taken her time away.

Three candidates are still running to replace West in Ward 4, which includes Uppertown, Alderbrook, Emerald Heights and Tongue Point. They include Tom Hilton, owner of Hanthorn Crab Co.; Lisa Morley, head of the Friends of Birch Field and Park; and Joshua Conklin, an employee at Costco.

Kelez and Boden will remain on the Nov. 3 ballot.

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Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Caylee Marsch and Ryker Thornton paddleboard at Coffenburg Lake on Tuesday afternoon.

## Long Beach man arrested after fleeing police

By NICOLE BALES  
The Astorian

A Long Beach, Washington, man was arrested Thursday after leading police on a high-speed chase from Warrenton to Astoria.

Adam Wayne Fisher, 34, was arrested for two counts of reckless endangering, attempting to elude police, two counts of hit and run, reckless driving, robbery in the third degree, theft in the second degree, theft in the

third degree, criminal mischief in the third degree and escape in the third degree.

Warrenton police were called to Walmart in Warrenton at about 5 p.m. for a theft. Fisher was reportedly in the men's apparel section and possibly had a razor knife.

Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said that shortly after the call, officers Robert Wirt and Madysen Hanna arrived and found Fisher speeding away in a black 2003 Volkswagen

Jetta.

The officers pursued the Jetta northbound on U.S. Highway 101 toward Astoria at speeds between 50 and 63 mph.

An Astoria police officer set up spike strips by the roundabout and stopped all of the traffic in the area.

Fisher drove over the left side of the center island of the roundabout, police said, grazed two vehicles and drove onto the grass median that separates the south and

northbound lanes.

Fisher drove across the median and exited the moving vehicle to run east, police said. The vehicle crossed the northbound lanes and became centered on a curb.

Wirt and Hanna pursued the driver on foot. Both officers reportedly drew their guns, but Workman said Fisher entered blackberry bushes, stopped and surrendered.

Wirt reportedly sustained injuries during the pursuit.

## DEATHS

Sept. 30, 2020

**BRITTON**, Barbara Anne, 82, of Raymond, Washington, formerly of Nahcotta, Washington, died in Raymond. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 29, 2020

**MORRISSEY**, Robert Emmett Jr., 93, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

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Sept. 28, 2020

**CLABORN**, Jimmy Keith, 75, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**FARNSWORTH**, Diane "Sonny," 72, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## ON THE RECORD

Harassment

- Eric Brown, 28, was arrested Tuesday at Main Street Market in Warrenton for harassment.

Trespass

- Timothy Goza, 51, of Warrenton, was arrested Tuesday at Fred Meyer in Warrenton for trespass in

the second degree.

DUII

- Bradford Norman Kremer, 41, of Portland, was arrested Thursday on Lower Nehalem Road for driving under the influence of intoxicants and criminal driving while suspended.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

**Warrenton City Commission**, 5:30 p.m., special meeting, City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, noon, work session, (electronic meeting).

**Port of Astoria**, 4 p.m., workshop, (electronic meeting).

**Clatsop Care Health District Board**, 5 p.m., (electronic meeting).

**Astoria Planning Commission**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Astoria Library Board**, 5:30 p.m., Flag Room, 450 10th Street.

**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

**Seaside Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway

## Khan named board chair of state lodging group

Hotel, restaurant owner from Seaside

By R.J. MARX  
The Astorian

SEASIDE — The Oregon Lodging & Restaurant Association announced Masudur Khan as its new board chairman Thursday.

Khan helps Seaside Lodging and owns and manages 13 hotels and one restaurant on the Oregon Coast including the Inn at Seaside, the River Inn at Seaside, the Coast River Inn and the recently debuted four-story, 65-room Saltline Hotel.

Khan's wife, Taslema Sultana, operates The Gilbert Inn and the Inn at Haystack Rock.

"I like challenges," Khan said. "We have a lot of work to do in our industry, but I'm committed and excited."

A Seaside hotelier for more than a decade, Khan was named the state lodging association's 2015 lodging operator of the year.

Success during the coronavirus pandemic is not the same for everyone, he said.

Hotel or restaurant location, size and demographic are all concerns.

"Every property is unique, and it's going to come back slowly," Khan said. "There's a lot of uncertainty. We will have to work harder to survive. We have lots to do."

The lodging business is rapidly evolving, as some visitors are looking for private dining or meeting area options.



Coast River Business Journal

Masudur Khan recently opened the Saltline Hotel in Seaside during the coronavirus pandemic.



R.J. Marx/The Astorian

Seaside hotelier Masudur Khan has been named board chairman of the Oregon Lodging & Restaurant Association.

"Groups are renting whole floors even though they might need only 50% of the space so they can be safer," he said. "If you want to survive, you have to work around the customers' needs."

Khan said the Oregon

Coast is seeing visitor rates much higher than last year, booking at full price in

both August and September. "It's very strong. How long it is going to last, we do not know," he said.

A not-for-profit trade organization, the state lodging association represents approximately 2,600 members, and advocates for more than 10,000 food service locations and 2,000 lodging establishments in Oregon.

Khan said he is looking forward to his new role.

"My job now is not only Seaside, of course, but the whole state," he said. "As I am from Seaside, I will also focus on how I can help support the community and the business owners. I am hoping to make their voices heard."

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(Zoom Storytime 10:30 am)

Friday: 9-1 pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

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