

Astoria Co+op donates more than \$40,000 to nonprofits

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The Astoria Co+op raised \$40,347 last year for local nonprofits. Profits were raised by cashiers asking customers to round up purchases to the nearest dollar amount, through the store’s Change for Community program.

“While it’s certainly never expected, we’d like to relay a heartfelt thank you to our shoppers who have rounded up,” Matt Stanley, the grocery’s general manager, said in a statement. “The success of this program is a testament to their generosity and the passion our staff has for community.”

The program’s nonprofit recipient changes each month. Last year, the fundraiser benefitted Lighthouse for Kids, Astoria Warm-

ing Center, Beacon Clubhouse, United Way of Clatsop County, Clatsop Animal Assistance, Consejo Hispano, The Harbor, Astoria Parks, Recreation & Community Foundation, Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation, Astoria Senior Assistance Program, Clatsop County Historical Society and Northwest Coast Trails Coalition.

The Change for Community program has raised more than \$64,000 since its inception 32 months ago. Average monthly donations have tripled since the grocery moved to a larger location on Marine Drive about a year ago.

Local nonprofits can apply for the program at astoria.coop. Staff review applications and select recipients.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

- Al-Anon (Astoria)** — For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — For information, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-842-5094 or 503-730-5863.

Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to aa-oregon.org
- Celebrate Recovery** — Faith-based 12-step recovery from hurts, habits and hang ups. For information, call 503-738-7453.

Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Part of the Pure Life Alliance (purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voicemail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to na.org

Overeaters Anonymous (Astoria) — For information, call 425-287-0806.

Overeaters Anonymous (Seaside) — For information, call 503-738-0307.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria) — For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

RELIGION BRIEFS

- Astoria Christian Church**

For service information and updates, go to astoriachristian.org or bit.ly/AstoriaChristian, call 503-325-2591 or email Astoria-Christian@gmail.com

Astoria First United Methodist Church

For livestream service information and updates, email the church office at office@unitedmethodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Grace Episcopal Church

For updates, food pantry hours and in-person and livestream service information, call the church at 503-325-4691, email graceastoria4691@gmail.com or go to graceastoria.org or fb.me/GraceAstoria

Lighthouse Christian Church

WARRENTON — Manna House, the food bank at Lighthouse Christian Church, is open Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m., at 88786 Dellmoor Loop. Everyone is welcome.

For information, email lccoffice33@gmail.com, call 503-738-5182 or go to lighthouseofhope.org

Peace-First Lutheran

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Peace First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., is sponsoring a day of service, which includes a canned food drive through drop-off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Canned and other non-perishable foods may be brought to the portico at the church for pickup. Everyone donating is eligible to enter a drawing for prizes donated by local Astoria businesses.

The day of service events are a joint effort of the Peace First Lutheran Church Anti-Racism Team and the Confirmation Class.
- All donations will be given to the Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank.

For service information, go to astoriafirstlutheran.com under “Worship & Music/Videos & Resources” or bit.ly/FLCAstoria. To receive a DVD of the services and bulletin, call the office at 503-325-6252 and leave a message.

Pioneer Presbyterian Church

WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneerchurchpcusa.org

St. Brendan the Navigator Eastern Orthodox Church

St. Brendan the Navigator Eastern Orthodox Church is holding services this weekend at 820 Alameda Ave.

On Saturday evening, Catechism starts at 4 p.m., followed by Great Vespers at 5 p.m. Rev. Kevin Lein, rector, will hear confessions following Great Vespers.

Sunday Matins begin at 8:30 a.m., and are followed by Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. A coffee hour follows.

Social distancing is required at all services and for coffee hour. Masks are required unless you have a condition that would keep you from wearing a mask, or if you are singing.

For information, go to orthodoxastoria.org or email stbrendan17@gmail.com
- St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish**

For information about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry hours, and service and livestreaming information at both the Astoria church and Hammond mission, call 503-325-3671, email office@stmaryastoria.com or go to stmaryastoria.com or bit.ly/stmaryastoria

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

- Student essay winners announced**
- SALEM — The Secretary of State recently unveiled the cover of the 2021-2022 Oregon Blue Book, and announced the winners of the biennial photo and student essay contests. The photos are featured on the front and back covers of the Blue Book, and student essays are included throughout the book.
- Seven students from across Oregon in kindergarten to eighth grade wrote essays and illustrated stories about their favorite state parks. Winners include Jacob Hurd (Cove Palisades State Park) and Lucas Hurd (Fort Stevens State Park).
- For information, go to bit.ly/2Gp74E1
- DAR announces Good Citizen Award recipients**
- The Astoria chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has announced the winners of the 2021 Good Citizen Award, which is given to one graduating high school senior chosen by their school’s faculty and classmates.
- Writing an essay is optional. Recipients can earn a monetary award at each level. Following non-DAR judging, first place went to Sarah Rose Pullen, of Tillamook High School. Second place went to Lillie C. Meier, of Jewell High School.
- Pullen’s essay also won first place at the district level and will be entered to compete with winners from the other six districts for state recognition. The state level winner is then entered into the national competition.
- Astoria offers grants for arts, community service groups**
- Application forms and information are available online at bit.ly/39iCVSG for arts and community service groups in Astoria who wish to apply for grant opportunities.
- Prior recipients who have not submitted required status and financial reports for fiscal year 2021-2022 must provide them for grant funds distributed. Failure to provide the required documentation for current or prior awards may jeopardize consideration and the opportunity to receive a future distribution.
- Questions may be directed to sbrooks@astoria.or.us or by calling 503-298-2433.
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The following student has qualified for the honor roll by earning a 3.5 grade point average or higher at school.

Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico

Astoria: Clayne Williams.

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