

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Oregon Spring Cleanup volunteers needed

Registration for SOLVE's statewide volunteer event, the Oregon Spring Cleanup on April 17, is now live.

There are over 70 participating volunteer projects, ranging from beach cleanups and inland cleanups to restoration projects and native tree and shrub plantings.

While most projects are happening April 17, volunteers can get involved the week before and the week after.

Interested volunteers should visit solveoregon.org for a full list of projects happening as part of this statewide event.

Those who know of an area that needs a litter cleanup or invasive species pull can host an Oregon Spring Cleanup project. Project ideas can be emailed to info@solveoregon.org

Red Cross needs blood donors

The American Red Cross urges individuals who are healthy to make an appointment to donate blood. More donors, especially those with Type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and everyday medical treatments.

A blood drive will take place from noon to 5 p.m. March 30 at the Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive. Schedule an appointment to donate by downloading the Red Cross blood donor app, going to RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-733-2767.

United Way seeks volunteers for Day of Caring

The United Way of Clatsop County is calling for volunteers to sign up for Day of Caring from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 17. Volunteers will receive water and a light lunch; social distancing and mask wearing will be observed. The event takes place at three locations:

- Hilltop Apartments, Niagara Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets, 30 volunteers needed. Project includes planting flowers and trees, gardening, yard maintenance, sign installation and other landscaping tasks.
- Camp Kiwanilong, 595 S.W. Ridge Road, Warrenton, 50 volunteers needed. Project includes skimming the lake to remove Styrofoam and debris, collecting storm debris and clearing trails throughout camp, power washing docks and buildings and cabin spring cleaning.
- Seaside community gardens, 1001 to 1099 S. Irvine Place, Seaside, 30 volunteers needed. Project includes various gardening opportunities, garden box rebuilding, paver and fence installation.

For information, and to sign up, go to ClatsopUnitedWay.org and click on "Events."

Washington State Parks are free Friday

ILWACO, Wash. — Washington State Parks invites visitors to help celebrate the agency's 108th birthday on Friday by enjoying a state park for free. Visitors to state parks will not need a Discover Pass for a day-use visit that day.

The free days only apply at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources lands. For information, go to parks.state.wa.us

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Alan Isaksen, of the Astoria Co+op, presents a check to Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association representatives Judi Lampi, left, and Janet Bowler.

Nordic park receives \$3K from Astoria Co+op program

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The Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association, the nonprofit building the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park on the Astoria Riverwalk, received \$3,179.19 from the Astoria Co+op during its Change for Community program in February.

During the program, shoppers can round

up their purchases to the nearest dollar or donate pocket change to local nonprofits. The co-op has raised more than \$70,000, including this latest donation.

The association hopes to start construction on the park, a permanent tribute to Astoria's Nordic roots, this year. For information, and to follow the project's progress, go to AstoriaNordicPark.org

Job corps center holds book drive

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Tongue Point Job Corps Center is completing a service project to improve literacy in the community by collecting new books for the students of Lewis and Clark Elementary School during March.

Lisa Reid, owner of Lucy's Books, 348 12th St., is offering a discount on books purchased at her shop for the drive. Books can be selected from a dedicated display of wish list items, then left there for pickup.

Book drop-offs are located at Lucy's Books or the Administration Building at Tongue Point Jobs Corp Center. Books can be shipped to the center, 37573 Old Highway 30, Astoria, OR., 97103.

Donated books will be delivered to the school on March 31. For information, contact Katrina Morrell Gasser at 503-338-9220.



Olivia Gasser, a third grade student at Lewis & Clark Elementary School.

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.

TOPS (Seaside) — For information, call 509-910-0354.

TOPS (Warrenton) — For information, call Cheryl Nitz at 503-338-2132.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Astoria Christian Church

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

Astoria First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St., holds an in-person worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Social distancing is practiced, face coverings are required and hand sanitizers are available. The service is also broadcast at fb.me/astoriafirstbaptist

Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. There is no child care, but children are encouraged to join the service. For information, call the church office at 503-325-1761.

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

During Lent, Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., offers contemplative music by local musicians from noon to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Ray Utterback is the guest musician on Friday.

The entire schedule, which runs through Good Friday on April 2, can be found on the church website, graceastoria.org. These offerings will also be livestreamed and can be found online and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.

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 the church's website or fb.me/GraceAstoria

Peace First Lutheran

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 and leave a message.

Pioneer Presbyterian Church

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

St. Brendan the Navigator Eastern Orthodox

St. Brendan the Navigator Eastern Orthodox Church, 820 Alameda Ave., holds Catechism, which is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Eastern Orthodox faith, at 4 p.m. Saturday. Great Vespers follow at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, Rev. Kevin Lien, priest-in-charge, leads the congregation through Matins, starting at 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy is at 10 a.m.

For questions, contact Rev. Lien at 503-467-8360.

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

GRADUATES

The following students have graduated from college:

University of Wyoming Laramie, Wyoming

Astoria: Amber R. Moore, Bachelor's of Science degree

Western Governors University Salt Lake City, Utah

Astoria: Matthew Woodside, master's degree, teaching, mathematics education (secondary).

Gearhart: Timothy Brannigan, master's degree, information technology management.

Hammond: Benjamin Bergerson, master's degree, special education.



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Working with Heather has really been a pleasure - she has been responsive, thoughtful and very helpful as the Museum has worked to keep our members, community and visitors up to date through our weekly print and digital ad programs. Heather really helped CRMM stay on track in 2020, and is continuing to assist us as we navigate the waters of 2021. *Thanks Heather!*

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