

# SCRATCHPAD

## Reflecting on last year

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Last month, we hit the one-year anniversary of the coronavirus pandemic. This past year has brought a variety of changes to North Coast residents, ranging from wearing masks while grocery shopping to spending more time than ever at home.

It's no surprise that the pandemic left many people feeling like they're stuck or that their lives have been paused.

But for some local residents, the pausing effect of the pandemic led to

major life changes. Residents opened new businesses like restaurants and art galleries. People moved from their homes to the North Coast for the first time. Others moved away. Some people started new jobs. People started new relationships. Others ended relationships. Many others made different life changes.

An upcoming edition of Coast Weekend will recognize readers who made life changes during the pandemic. If you are interested in sharing your story about a life change you made during the past year, send an email to [aevans@dailyastorian.com](mailto:aevans@dailyastorian.com). Entries should be limited to 400 words. Please include your name and town of residence in your email.



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