

IN BRIEF

Governor's debate will be livestreamed by The Astorian

The three leading hopefuls in the race to become Oregon's next governor will appear live at a forum at 2 p.m. Friday from the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort in Welches.

Republican nominee Christine Drazan, Democratic nominee Tina Kotek and unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson are all scheduled to debate.

The forum is hosted by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. Questions will come from editors of newspapers across Oregon. The forum will be moderated by Pamplin Media Group President Mark Garber.

The debate will be livestreamed at www.dailyastorian.com

County offers online dashboard on housing

Clatsop County has set up an online dashboard dedicated to providing information on housing in the area.

In addition to reports and studies about housing on the North Coast, the dashboard features web apps:

- The Affordable Housing Web App lists existing housing options in incorporated and unincorporated areas, the county said.

- A Housing Development Web App shows housing projects — from affordable and workforce to market rate — in development throughout the county, the county said.

The dashboard is available via the county's website at: www.co.clatsop.or.us/county/page/clatsop-countys-housing-dashboard

County unemployment rate unchanged in June

Clatsop County's unemployment rate was 3.9% in June.

The seasonally adjusted rate was the same as May and down from 6% in June 2021.

The state unemployment rate was 3.6% in June, according to Oregon Employment Department, the same as the national rate.

Warrenton police chief appointed interim city manager

WARRENTON — Police Chief Mathew Workman was appointed to take over as city manager on an interim basis.

The City Commission voted unanimously on Tuesday night to have Workman take over for Linda Engbretson, who is retiring, until a full-time city manager is hired.

The city is expected to choose its next city manager on Friday. Engbretson's last day is Aug. 5.

— *The Astorian*

Design changes for new Ilwaco community center

ILWACO, Wash. — Design plans for the Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center at the Port of Ilwaco have changed.

The community center will now consist of one large building rather than four smaller ones.

Previously, the community center had been designed to be a campus-style facility with four buildings that housed educational services, a gymnasium, a swimming pavilion and a multiuse fieldhouse.

— *Chinook Observer*

MEMORIALS

Saturday, July 30

CAMPBELL, Barbara Ann — Celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

- Steven Lawrence Alvarill, 39, of Hammond, was arrested on Monday at W. Marine Drive and Hume Avenue for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

- Eric Charles Banfield, 55, of Longview, Washington, was arrested on Friday for DUII, attempted assault in the second degree, reckless driving and a hit-and-run related to property. The hit-and-run allegedly

occurred at the Mini Mart on Marine Drive. Banfield was arrested near the intersection of W. Marine Drive and U.S. Highway 101.

- Trina L. McDonald, 55, of Vancouver, Washington, was arrested on July 21 on U.S. Highway 30 west of the border between Clatsop and Columbia counties for DUII, reckless driving and fourth-degree assault. McDonald allegedly caused a three-vehicle crash.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., 900 Marine Dr., Astoria.

Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce Council, noon, (electronic meeting).

Port of Astoria Marina Advisory Committee, noon, El Tapatio restaurant, 229 W. Marine Dr.

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower Ave.

the Astorian

Established July 1, 1873
(USPS 035-000)

Published Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by EO Media Group, 949 Exchange St., PO Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103 Telephone 503-325-3211, 800-781-3211 or Fax 503-325-6573. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Astorian, PO Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103-0210

DailyAstorian.com

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMBER CERTIFIED AUDIT OF CIRCULATIONS, INC.

Circulation phone number:
800-781-3214

Periodicals postage paid at Astoria, OR

ADVERTISING OWNERSHIP

All advertising copy and illustrations prepared by The Astorian become the property of The Astorian and may not be reproduced for any use without explicit prior approval.

COPYRIGHT ©

Entire contents © Copyright, 2022 by The Astorian.



Printed on recycled paper

Subscription rates
Effective January 12, 2021

MAIL

EZpay (per month)	\$10.75
13 weeks in advance	\$37.00
26 weeks in advance	\$71.00
52 weeks in advance	\$135.00

DIGITAL

EZpay (per month)	\$8.25
-------------------	--------



Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

Onlookers admire a sand sculpture by Lisa Donze at the Sandsations event on the Long Beach Peninsula.

Seaside extends length of stay for homeless camping

Permits available for a six-day span

By R.J. MARX
The Astorian

SEASIDE — The City Council extended the length of stay as part of the city's program for temporary homeless camping.

Campers will now be able to receive permits for a six-day span, eliminating a requirement for the daily move-in at 8 p.m. and move-out at 8 a.m.

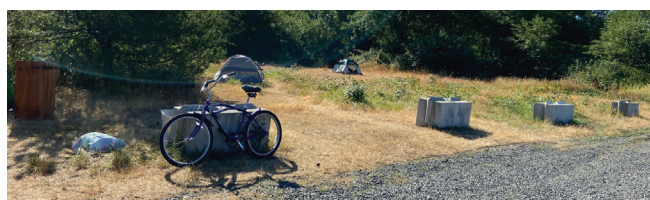
"If they're abiding by our rules and regulations, why should we keep making them move in and out?" City Councilor Dana Phillips said Monday.

Homeless campers at the designated city-owned lot off Alder Mill Lane described the difficulty of unpacking and breaking down tents only to pitch them hours later. Having to move vehicles and seek parking only to have to move again proved expensive and unnecessary.

There's nothing reasonable about asking people to move their home every single day, City Councilor Tita Montero said.

Montero proposed a six consecutive day stay.

"Then we can measure who is living there in a reasonable fashion," Montero said. "We can define what 'doing it right' means. Doing it right means you throw your garbage in the bins we provided. It means you don't leave garbage behind when you check out. It means that you don't do drugs or alcohol. It means you are not offensive or dangerous. Rather than penalize



R.J. Marx/The Astorian

Seaside has made changes to homeless camping rules.

25 people for the actions of two, we can just say to those two people, 'You have lost the ability to live in the camp.'"

Elizabeth Davis, who described herself as a resident and RV camper at the site experiencing temporary homelessness, said the policy limiting stays to one night has negatively impacted her family's life.

"The gas required to constantly move our RV in order to comply with the ordinance is an undue burden, about the cost of renting a house by the end of the month," Davis said. "That actively thwarts my ability to save or get into a place."

Wear and tear on her vehicle leads to expensive mechanical problems not easily fixed, which occur more often and sooner, Davis said.

"Certainly the instability created by the current ordinance and the way that it is enforced makes it inherently difficult to have a normal household stability or routine that most people take for granted in their daily lives," she said.

Mill Ponds camper Michael Howard said that despite working 30 hours a week, he could not afford housing. He, like others, sought a longer length of stay.

"I'm on a three-year waitlist for housing," Howard said.

Camper Jeanne Faller said she was homeless as a result of COVID, mold exposure and osteoporosis.

"I'm too sick to get up every single day and walk," Faller said. "I can try, but I end up back in the emergency room."

The overnight limits had come in an effort to prevent a repeat of an encampment at the city-owned lot at 10th and Necanicum, Mayor Jay Barber said.

"We had people moving in and the first six or seven campers really self-governed themselves, kept the place clean," he said. "Within weeks, there were 20 campers, and then 30 campers, then 40 campers in chaos. And our concern was that we don't want to see that happen. You have to move out so that we don't see an RV park and a 10th and Necanicum established in the neighborhood where the problems would come again."

Extending the length of stay for homeless campers is the least burdensome enforcement approach, Community Service Officer Paul Knoch said.

"I think one day out is critical, though, because it's a temporary camping program," he said. "Public works needs to clean up the area. We don't want a 10th and Necanicum-type setup."

According to the new policy, participants must check out on Thursday by 10 a.m. and are allowed to return after 4 p.m. when the gates are reopened. Those who do not comply with camp rules may be denied entry or issued a citation to appear in court.

Campers found to be repeatedly in violation of the ordinance and deemed to be a nuisance will be excluded from camping in the city.

"I'll be going into Mill Ponds every single day to make sure campers are tidy," Knoch said. "I know what a clean and tidy camp looks like. If there's trash just starting to spread out, I can have contact with that individual. Our presence won't change even if they don't have to move out every day. We just won't be having these daily fights and struggles. And I also believe we'll have more people who are currently not participating in the program."

Barber, Phillips, Montero, City Councilor Steve Wright, City Councilor Tom Horning and City Councilor Randy Frank approved the policy, which went into effect immediately on a temporary basis.

Additional tweaks to the camping ordinance included a prohibition on camping in aquatic or wetland areas, as well as wording that would have permitted homeless camping on private property in residential areas.

Camping on nonresidential private property camping requires property owner permission and participation in the permit process.

Lot-size requirements will be a topic of future policy discussions.

'Murder hornets' get a new name

Entomologists suggest northern giant hornet

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

The Entomological Society of America has asked scientists, government officials, media and the public to call Asian giant hornets, popularly known as "murder hornets," by a new name.

The society adopted northern giant hornet as its common name for the world's largest wasp. Washington State Department of Agriculture entomologist Chris Looney proposed the name.

"Northern giant hornet is both scientifically accurate and easy to understand, and it avoids evoking fear or discrimination," Jessica Ware, the president of the Entomological Society, said in a statement.

Until now, the hornet, scientifically known as *Vespa*



Karla Salp/Washington State Department of Agriculture

An Asian giant hornet, now known as a northern giant hornet.

mandarina, has not had an official common name, though Asian giant hornet has long been established in scientific papers.

Entomologists have generally shunned "murder hornets," saying the name's sensationalistic, though the name has caught on.

The society has been reviewing names of insects. The society's guidelines discourage names linked to geography or ethnicity, or that would make people view the insect as loathsome.

Last year, the society dropped gypsy moth in favor of spongy moth, the first

product of its Better Common Names Project.

The society also accepted Looney's proposal to name *Vespa* soror the southern giant hornet. It does not have a popular name, though it is also described in scientific papers as a giant hornet.

The two large hornet species overlap in southern China.

The northern giant hornet ranges north to Japan and the Korean Peninsula. The southern giant hornet ranges south to Vietnam and Cambodia.

Northern giant hornets have been found in north-west Washington state and just across the border in British Columbia, but nowhere else in North America.

Officials in both countries are trapping for the invasive species and hope to keep it from being established. The hornets swarm bee hives during what scientists call their "slaughter phase."

Efforts to reach Looney for comment Monday after the announcement were

unsuccessful. In an earlier interview, he said that he proposed northern giant hornet to avoid confusion with yet a third hornet species, *Vespa velutina*.

That hornet has reached Europe and is commonly known there as the Asian hornet.

The similarity between Asian giant hornet and Asian hornet apparently led a Washington resident to report an Asian giant hornet sighting on a United Kingdom website.

The confusion delayed finding and eradicating a nest in Whatcom County in 2020, according to the state agriculture department.

The society accepted a third proposal from Looney to call *Vespa velutina* the yellow-legged hornet for a distinguishing anatomical feature.

All 22 species of hornets are from Asia. Looney said using the term "Asian" to describe any one of them was not distinctive.