

Rentals

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There are more than 200 vacation rental permits in the unincorporated parts of the county. Of those, more than 50% are located in Cove Beach and Arch Cape. Clatsop Plains also makes up a large share.

Host Compliance, a company that provides vacation rental monitoring and enforcement services, found that the median nightly rental rate for vacation rentals in the unincorporated parts of the county is \$277. More than 75% were for single-family homes. The others were for a single room or portions of a home.

A housing study conducted by the county in 2019 found that while there is technically an oversupply of housing, much of the housing is eaten up by vacation rentals and second homeowners.

The situation is most pronounced in beach communities in the southern part of the county.

Commissioner Lianne Thompson, who represents the southern part of the county, said she wants the board to set a collaborative tone as the process rolls ahead.

Thompson, who has lived in Cove Beach since the late 1990s, said she has had concerns about vacation rentals for nearly two decades.

"What I saw was that the character of a neighborhood was changing, and I wanted to do something about it," she said. "We've all been working — I want to say, groping — toward a solution since then. I've



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Vacation rentals have caused divisions in communities such as Arch Cape and Cove Beach.

seen some things that have given me hope. I've seen some things that have given me cause for concern. I think there is no doubt that county government in Astoria and the commissioners all around Clatsop County understand that there's an issue with transient occupancy. That gives me hope.

"What gives me enormous concern is that the character of the interactions that I see in my neighborhood are heartbreaking to me," she said.

"We live in a beautiful place. We are privileged to live part time, full time as owners, as renters in a beautiful place. But here's the thing about Oregon law. Everybody can come and visit that place. They are public beaches. With the increase in

population, we are going to see more and more people coming to the coast.

"We're going to see them coming to state parks. We're going to see them coming all over the place. So they're going to be coming to our neighborhood. To the idea that we can control other people's access to our little piece of paradise and make whatever our opinion is into law just doesn't work. And I've seen that become what I think is an increasing dynamic. What also gives me cause for concern is I would say the cruelty, the malice that has been involved, the idea that if someone is unkind enough to another human being they can work their will on them. That's not positive."

Jobs

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Medline will be holding an outdoor hiring fair on June 23 at the Redmond facility, 1500 NE Hemlock Ave. Employees hired before Aug. 31 will be eligible for a \$1,000 signing bonus, said Jesse Greenberg, Medline Industries public affairs director. Salaries begin at \$14 an hour, he said.

The goal of the in-person and drive-thru job fair at Walmart is to hire 400 workers. The job fair is in partnership with Express Employ-

ment and Bigfoot Beverages. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Bend Walmart parking lot, 20120 Pinebrook Blvd.

Express Employment will be taking applications for office services, light industrial, skilled trades and professional positions.

"The well of people looking to hire right now is at an all-time high," Petty said. "I'm usually looking for more companies to sign up, now I'm looking for workers. For every one person looking for work right now, there are 20 jobs available."

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Federal COVID-19 safety rules exempt most employers

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Biden administration has exempted most employers from long-awaited rules for protecting workers from the coronavirus, angering labor advocates who had spent more than a year lobbying for the protections.

The Labor Department included only health care workers in its new emergency temporary standard published Thursday.

The rules require employers to draw up a virus protection plan, and tighten requirements for recording and reporting COVID-19 cases among workers. They also require employers to provide workers with paid time off for COVID-19-related absences, including getting vaccinated and recovering from the shot's side effects.

Rather than issue mandatory rules for other workplaces, the Biden administration released new

nonbinding guidance that relaxed some recommendations. Most workplaces where people are fully vaccinated no longer need to provide any protection from the coronavirus, according to the guidance issued by Occupational Health and Safety Administration, the federal agency responsible for protecting workers.

In separate order, the government also lifted a 25% cap of employer capacity inside federal buildings, though it kept in place flexible remote work policies.

The decision comes as many stores and other companies are already relaxing mask and other protection policies in response to new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But it also represents a step back from President Joe Biden's earlier indications that he would reverse the Trump administration's refusal to issue mandatory protection rules for workers.

Homes

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Single-family homes spent an average of four days on the market in Bend, a trend that has been consistent since December.

Nationally, housing inventory levels increased in April to 4.4 months, the highest level since May 2020 when it was 5.3 months, according to the Federal Reserve economic data. Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 2.96%.

In Central Oregon, prices have marched up higher month over month due in part to low supply and competition among buyers, according to the report.

The median sales price in Sunriver was \$907,000 in May, according to the report. The average number of days on the market was four in May, according to the report.

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July 1, 1953 - June 3, 2021

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