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Acting troupe turns the table on its beloved play

Astor Street Opry Company presents "Shanghaied in Astoria - Topsey Turvey!" next weekend.

The show, directed by Jason Hippert with Choreography by Carleta Lewis-Allen, has the males playing the female roles and women playing the men.

It's a cross-dressing extravaganza meant to lampoon the company's much-loved show, "Shanghaied in Astoria."

Admission is \$10, with all proceeds going toward building projects.

Shows are at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 and 15, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

For tickets, call 503-325-6104 or go online to astorstreetoprycompany.com.

Renewal: Lot by City Hall could be low-income project

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harbormaster's office and shower building stands at the entry and new lights and other improvements have been made.

"OK. What is the dream? This town has changed and this is not a realistic assessment of what we should do," Mayor Henry Balensifer said, pointing to the urban renewal master plan created a decade ago. "We need to plot a new path."

The entire county is short on housing, especially low-income housing, he pointed out. Putting that housing in an area that's a short stroll to parks, the library, city services and a struggling albeit tiny downtown is ideal.

"That's what urban renewal is all about -- increasing that livability."